

Eau Claire County Democratic Party **News** May 2010

Democratic Party Resource Center

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Democratic Party General Meeting

Thursday, May 20., 7 p.m.

Democratic Resource Center,
405 South Barstow

General party meetings are open to the public. Only members may vote.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 20	General party meeting, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 22	Fighting Bob Fest Northfest, 2–7 p.m.
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day Parade

Office Fund Matching Gift

The Democratic Party Office and Resource Center has served as the cornerstone of our efforts to “right the ship” of state after years of Republican mishandling. The office is essential as we work to maintain Democratic majorities at the state and federal levels this year. You can help keep the dream alive. If you haven’t yet given to the Office Fund in 2010 and you make a contribution by May 31st, it will be matched by a small group of generous donors.

Fighting Bob Fest Northfest!

You are invited to Fighting Bob Fest Northfest, a fun, fund-raising event for progressive coalition-building. It will be held on Saturday, May 22, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Chippewa Falls. Ed Garvey, the founder of Fighting Bob Fest, will be master of ceremonies for Bob Fest Northfest. Those who have heard him can verify his entertaining political commentary. There will be live music by popular local bands including The Jones Tones, Left Wing Bourbon and the Evergreen Grass Band, which will guarantee a combination of rock, blues, boogie and bluegrass—something for nearly every music lover.

Buy your tickets in advance by email (FightingBobFestNorth@gmail.com) or at the Democratic Resource Center, 405 S. Barstow. The recommended donation for the day is \$10. Dinner is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Regionally raised charcoal chicken, barbeque pork and locally brewed beer on tap will be featured. (Never been to the Fair? Get directions at <http://norwisstatefair.com/maps.htm>.)

Memorial Day Parade

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, Eau Claire Dems in blue shirts will be in the parade, as always. Join us at 9 a.m. on the Barstow side of Wilson Park to march at 9:30. If you don’t have a blue shirt, email or call the office to buy or borrow one, 715-852-0330 or ecdems@charterinternet.com.

The mission of the Eau Claire Democratic Party is to promote democratic and progressive principles and to elect Democratic and progressive candidates—from town halls to the White House.

Russ Feingold's "May 500" Saturday, May 22nd

Russ needs **your** help to continue serving us in the United States Senate. Please join us for our "May 500" statewide door-to-door canvass on Saturday, May 22nd, at 10 a.m.

No experience is needed. Meet at the Eau Claire Democratic Resource Center, 405 South Barstow Street, where the campaign will provide training, literature and walk lists. We will pair you up with a canvass partner. The only requirement (in addition to being an enthusiastic supporter of Russ!) is a three-hour time commitment.

Russ has always run grassroots campaigns, fueled by dedicated volunteers like you. It's because of your continued support that we're able to go door-to-door so early and often. Thanks in advance for your participation and support.

Call Kyle at 715-836-7915 or email him at Hartman@russfeingold.org to let him know you'll be there.

By-Laws

Your hard-working Executive Committee (otherwise known as "The Board") has painstakingly developed By-Laws to be presented to the membership at the May general membership meeting and voted on at the June meeting. This, along with our previously ratified Constitution, will be the full framework for our functioning as the Eau Claire Democratic Party. (No absentee ballots.

Vinehout Office Now Open

Catherine Emmanuelle has joined Senator Kathleen Vinehout's team as their campaign coordinator. "I'm really excited to be working together with the Eau Claire County Dems to get our dedicated representatives re-elected this fall." The Vinehout campaign office at the Resource Center is now open, and Catherine invites you to stop in and say hello. Catherine shared that their campaign will have an emphasis on establishing personal contacts with voters: "Kathleen would enjoy the opportunity to meet your friends and neighbors. Consider hosting a coffee or house party this campaign season." Please email or call Catherine to set up a date to host a Vinehout event or to help out with the campaign. Catherine may be reached at catherineemmanuelle@gmail.com or (715) 831-5953.

Office Needs

Brown paper grocery bags. Office paper will now be recycled at no cost. Brown paper grocery bags will be needed regularly. Each time you attend a meeting or other function at the office bring PAPER BAGS for holding our recycled office paper. The recycler will not accept plastic bags.

Paper Shredders. A great deal of office paper must be shredded in the course of political campaigns. Each candidate's office needs a shredder, which means many shredders are needed in the next few months. If you have an unused shredder of any type or size, the Resource Center will be happy to use it.

Can crusher of any type for beverage cans, to save space.

What's a CALL TO ACTION? It's an email from EC Dems asking you to contact a legislator or other official to express your opinion in a timely fashion. Watch for the next CALL.