

Winnebago County



Democratic Party

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

December 14th

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The Delta

**515 N Sawyer Street
Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics to be discussed this month:

Medicare Part D Presentation

*Presentations for Winnebago
County Judge*

*2006 Winnebago County
Candidates*

City Offices

County Board

School Boards

County Partisan Offices

State and Federal Offices

2006 Election Planning

Ward Captains

What Works

December 05 WCDP News

Winnebago County Democratic Party 920-203-6883

www.winnebagodems.org

We are having a special presentation before the next meeting, here are the details (this is the press release we sent out)

Spread the word! We are inviting the entire community!

WCDP Announces Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage) Community Forum

OSHKOSH – Before the regular December meeting, the Winnebago County Democratic Party will host a community forum covering the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage.

“We are pleased to announce that Candice Corbett, Benefits Specialist for Winnebago County, has agreed to present.” Jef Hall, WCDP Chair said.

“This is a non-partisan community forum. We feel, while we may disagree with the details of the program, it is important to inform the community on their options.” Hall continued. “We hope to help cut through the confusion in the multiple offers and help community members find their best options.”

The forum will be on December 14th, 2005. It will begin at 6:00PM at the Delta Restaurant, 515 N Sawyer St. in Oshkosh.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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We want to keep the presentation non-political; there will be a short time after to discuss the politics of the program. But for the most part, it is to be an informational meeting for the community.

Please join or renew your membership!

Join the Party

Send Check for \$25 to: Jef Hall, Chair
224A Scott Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spring Election Ward Leader/Candidate Organization Meeting

Monday, December 12th, 6:00PM – New Moon Café – 401 N Main St – Oshkosh

Signature gathering has begun! Come on out if you are interested in being a candidate or helping getting Democrats elected this spring!

Annie from the DNC will be there helping put together the program!

Medicare Part D Informational Session/December Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, December 14th, 6:00PM – Delta Restaurant – 515 N Sawyer St – Oshkosh

Candice Corbett, Benefits Specialist for Winnebago County will do a presentation on the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program. It will be followed by discussion. The public is welcome, and encouraged, to come. Please pass it on.

The regular monthly business meeting will follow.

Calumet County Democrats Winter Dinner

Thursday, December 14th, 7:00PM – Eagle's Club – 1041 E Chestnut – Chilton

Join our fellow Democrats and guest speaker Peg Lautenschlager – dinner is \$15

Contact Pat Laughrin for information: 920-989-2002

Free Community Film – Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices

Friday, December 16th, 7:00PM – Oshkosh Public Library – 106 Washington Ave – Oshkosh

The Winnebago Labor Council is presenting this to the community.

Fox Valley Democrats Unity Breakfast

Friday, December 30th – 7:00AM – BJ Clancey's 331 S Oneida St – Appleton

Fox Valley political discussion at it's finest

January Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th, 7:00PM – Delta Restaurant – 515 N Sawyer St – Oshkosh

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Do you want to run or volunteer for races this April?

We will be having an organizational meeting this Monday, December 12th, at New Moon Café in Oshkosh. Please make plans to attend if you are interested in running or helping with this spring's campaigns. We are going to bring back last year's Ward Leader Program.

It is at a local level that we can demonstrate our Democratic Party values. With the limits put on local government through revenue caps and the cuts in funding provided by the state and federal governments, we need dedicated Democrats making these decisions more than ever.

The local government is the final arbiter of care for the defenseless, safety for the populace and responsibility in budgeting. There will be tough choices made in the next 2-3 years – wouldn't you like to know the people making these choices share your values?

I encourage you to get involved – please come to this meeting – if you are unable to, contact me – jef@jefhall.com or 920203.6883 to sign up.

As Republicans in the House of Representatives Sell Out Poor People for Tax Cuts for the Wealthy... Again, the WCDP Stands Ready to Defend Those Most in Need!

Recently, the House of Representatives passed (by two votes) a huge cut in social programs. The \$50 billion in cuts to the poor and middle class is expected to be offset by \$70 billion in tax cuts – 40% of which is expected to go to capital gains taxes on people earning over \$1 million per year.

It is what I call “Dooh Nabor” politics – (Robin Hood in reverse). Republicans are truly taking from the poor and giving to the rich.

However – the Winnebago County Democratic Party is not letting them get away with it! We have 3 units of the Democratic Party here in Winnebago County, the 6th District Democrats, the Winnebago Democrats and the UWO College Democrats. Together, we released three statements on different consequences of this action. Here are some excerpts:

UW-Oshkosh Dems: Rep. Petri's Holiday Greeting to College Students: Enjoy the Largest Cut to Student Loans in U.S. History

Last Friday, Representative Tom Petri cast one of two deciding votes in support of the budget reconciliation bill that includes the largest cuts to federal student loan programs in U.S. history. Last week’s budget reconciliation bill includes \$14.3 billion in cuts to federal financial assistance to college students over five years while paving the way for at least \$70 billion in new tax cuts targeted at the wealthiest Americans. The budget bill passed including the future tax cuts will increase the federal deficit by \$20 billion.

6th C.D. Dems: Rep. Petri's Thanksgiving Present to Wisconsin's Working Poor: Cut to Food Stamp Program by \$700 Million

Last Friday, Representative Tom Petri cast one of two deciding votes in support of the House Budget Reconciliation bill that cut \$700 million from the food stamp program. The Food Stamp program is the major U.S. anti-hunger initiative to help poor people buy food. Some 25.8 million Americans received food stamps in a program run by the U.S. Agriculture Department. Rep. Petri’s vote to make cuts to the food stamp program come just months after the U.S. Census update reported that the number of residents living below the federal poverty threshold in Wisconsin increased to 11% in 2003-2004, the largest increase in poverty of any state in the country. In addition, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the provisions in the Petri supported House Budget Reconciliation bill will require many low-income Medicaid beneficiaries to pay more out-of-pocket for health care and reduce their health care services, representing cuts of nearly \$30 billion over ten years.

Winnebago Co. Dems: Rep. Petri: Child Support Enforcement Not Important in Winnebago County

Last Friday, Representative Tom Petri cast one of two deciding votes in support of the House Budget Reconciliation Bill. This cut federal funding for child support enforcement by \$5 billion over the next five years (nearly 40 percent in the fifth year), and \$15.8 billion over the next ten years according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. For Winnebago County, already facing significant cuts to human services, it means a loss of up to \$1.5 million in federal assistance.

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) expects these cuts to significantly reduce efforts to collect child support owed by non-custodial parents. They estimate \$24 billion in child support legally owed to children will go uncollected over the next ten years as a consequence of Rep. Petri's vote. The consequence of these lost child support payments will be to push significant numbers of children into, or further into, poverty.

The New Year is upon us! Time to renew your membership! An updated membership form is on the back – please fill it out and sent it in (make copies for friends!).

Remember – when you join the Winnebago County Democratic Party, you are also joining the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

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It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

***Join the Winnebago Democratic Party
and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin – in one step!***

Membership form

- New Member
- Renewal
- General** (\$25) add just \$10 each for up to three additional members in your household
- Family** (\$60) includes all family members + bumper sticker
- Special** (\$10) Senior Citizen, Student, Unemployed
- Cash in the amount of \$ _____
- Check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ members enclosed.
Make check payable to: **Winnebago County Democratic Party**
- Please charge/deduct \$ _____ from the account below (one time charge)
- Please charge \$ _____ to my:
 - Visa
 - Master Card

Exp Date _____

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Date _____ County _____

No. of members joining: _____

Congressional district: _____

**Please send form to:
Winnebago County Democratic Party
224A Scott Ave
Oshkosh, WI 54901**

Signature _____

About Our Organization...

The Winnebago County Democratic Party is committed to seeking out and helping to elect Democrats to office at all levels of government, working to have Democrats appointed to boards and commissions at all levels of government, developing and working for the adoption of progressive positions on political and public policy issues, and working to keep our organization vibrant and in touch with its members and the community as a whole. At a minimum, we need every Democratic-minded person's membership.