

Winnebago County



September 05 WCDP News

Winnebago County Democratic Party 920-203-6883

Upcoming events!

Soup Kitchen Chili Feed

a variety of homemade soups, chili's, and fresh breads

Sunday, October 16, 2005

Noon to 2:30pm

Union Station - 157 S. Green Bay Road - Neenah

\$5 per person - all-you-can-eat and beverages

Are you willing to cook or bake:

Call Hazel at 920-722-8856 or email paulettefeld@aol.com

Bring your family, friends and appetite!

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

September 14th

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The Delta

**515 N Sawyer Street
Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Topics to be discussed this month:

2006 Winnebago County Candidates

- *City Offices*
- *County Board*
- *School Boards*
- *County Partisan Offices*
- *State and Federal Offices*

Fundraising and Event Planning

- *Indigo Ball*
- *T-Shirts/Bumper Stickers/Etc*
- *Parades & Tabling*

2006 Election Planning

- *Ward Captains*
- *What Works*

Nominations for 2006 Officers

6th CD JFK Dinner

November 6th, 2005

5:00PM Fellowship

6:00PM Dinner

Ramada Inn, 1 N Main St - Fond du Lac, WI

Please join guest speaker, Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager and other Democrats in celebrating our activism.

We will also be awarding the annual John Race award to a local, deserving activist.

This is the 6th CD's major fundraiser for the year.

Please join or renew your membership!

Join the Party

**Send Check for \$25 to: Paula Rouse, Treasurer
839 West 17th Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902**

Other Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, October 12th – General Meeting, Delta Restaurant, Oshkosh – 7:00PM

Friday, October 28th – Democratic Unity Breakfast, BJ Clancy's, Menasha, WI

Friday November 4th thru Sunday November 6th – Advanced DLI Training

Wednesday, November 9th – General Meeting, Delta Restaurant, Oshkosh – 7:00PM

Friday, November 25th – Democratic Unity Breakfast, BJ Clancy's, Menasha, WI

Wednesday, December 14th – General Meeting, Delta Restaurant, Oshkosh – 7:00PM

Friday, December 30th – Democratic Unity Breakfast, BJ Clancy's, Menasha, WI

Want to get more involved?

We will be nominating officers for 2006 at both the October and November meetings.

- *Voting will take place at the November meeting.*
- *You must be a paid member to participate.*

These are the offices we will be electing:

- *Chair*
- *First Vice-Chair*
- *Second Vice-Chair*
- *Secretary*
- *Treasurer*
- *41st Assembly District Vice-Chair*
- *52nd Assembly District Vice-Chair*
- *54th Assembly District Vice-Chair*
- *55th Assembly District Vice-Chair*
- *56th Assembly District Vice-Chair*

We will also be putting together 2 new committees:

- *Events Committee: Members will handle scheduling and co-ordination of dinners, rallies, fundraisers, etc.*
- *Promotion Committee: Members will handle public relations, parades, newsletters, etc.*

Please let Jef Hall know if you are interested in being a member of either committee if you cannot make it to the October meeting: 920.203.6883 or jef@jefhall.com.

Message From the Chair

On the next page you will find recent press releases from the 6th CD Democrats and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin on the DeLay indictments and how they apply to our local Congressional delegation. Along with the DeLay problems, there is also an investigation into Sen. Frist's Martha Stewart style insider trading, Republican Lobbyist Jack Abramoff's shady dealings, Karl Rove's CIA agent leak, illegal golf outings...

Put this together with the lies and misdirection that lead us to war, the cronyism, greed and waste that are characterizing the rebuilding in both gulfs and we see 2006 primed for Democrats.

But it will not be without you. Without your voice and work, we will not be able to communicate to voters our stands on a sane foreign policy, support for working families and healthcare for those in need, a balanced budget that fully funds the social security safety net.

Please get involved, speak with your neighbors and if you feel confident enough, run for something. Add your voice, ideas and energy. In 2006, people will want to be Democrats, we need to all give them a reason

Rep. Petri, Does Tom DeLay's Behavior Still Resemble a Traffic Violation?

Yesterday, a Texas grand jury indicted House Republican Majority Leader Tom DeLay on charges of conspiracy in a campaign finance scheme, after earlier this month indicting DeLay's Texans for a Republican Majority PAC (TRMPAC) for illegally accepting a \$100,000 contribution from special interests. DeLay, who was forced to step down today from his leadership post, also faces serious ethics charges that have been filed in Washington, D.C.

During a debate last October at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Reeve Memorial Union, Representative Tom Petri was asked whether he believed DeLay — a Texas Republican rebuked for raising campaign funds from a company standing to gain from an energy bill and other well-documented ethic violations — should resign as majority leader.

"I don't think so," said Petri, a former House ethics committee member. When asked about the ethics reprimands DeLay had received at that time, Petri responded, "It's a little like a traffic violation. You can get arrested for things, but it's not like it's murder."

"It is exactly the type of attitude that Mr. Petri displayed at last year's debate - that corruption and ethic violations are no big deal - that allow people like Mr. DeLay to run our political system with illegal corporate money," said Gordon Hintz, 6th CD Democratic Chair. "The truth is, Republicans like Tom Petri and Mark Green have continued to stand by Tom DeLay despite serious criminal and ethics charges, further eroding the faith the American people have in honest government and a clean political process.

"People in Wisconsin deserve someone representing them who will stand up to the Tom DeLays. Representative Petri continues to be a rubber stamp for the Republican Party and scandal plagued politicians like Tom DeLay."

Second Round of Indictments for Tom DeLay Means Second Chance for Mark Green, Paul Ryan

With a second round of indictments leveled against former House Republican Majority Leader Tom DeLay, Congressmen Mark Green and Paul Ryan have a second chance to do the right thing and return the more than \$55,000 in tainted money they've taken from DeLay. DeLay, who was indicted by a Texas grand jury last week on criminal conspiracy charges, was indicted again yesterday by a different grand jury on a new charge of money laundering.

Since DeLay's first indictment, Republicans throughout the country have said they will return the cash they received from DeLay's political slush funds. Rep. Jeb Bradley of New Hampshire and Rep. Heather Wilson of New Mexico have said they will return the \$25,000 they received from DeLay's political action committee, while Rep. Kenny Hulshof of Missouri has said his campaign donated more than \$14,000 in DeLay money to the George Bush-Bill Clinton hurricane relief effort.

"Now that Tom DeLay has been indicted on a new charge of money laundering, Mark Green and Paul Ryan have a second chance to wash their hands of this dirty DeLay money," said Joe Wineke, Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. "They should stop delaying, and follow the examples of Republicans across the country who have gotten rid of this questionable cash."

Green has repeatedly tried to mislead the public and the press by claiming there is no way he can get rid of the more than \$30,000 he's taken from DeLay. But according to Wisconsin State Statutes 11.25(2)(b), Green could give the money to a nonpartisan campaign to increase voter registration or participation. Green has also claimed there is no money to return, despite the fact that he is sitting on a campaign war chest of \$1.3 million - including the DeLay money - that he laundered into Wisconsin earlier this year.

Ryan, who has taken more than \$25,000 from DeLay, could return the money back to DeLay, according to the Federal Elections Commission (FEC), although Ryan has tried to claim it would be illegal. According to the FEC, a refund to DeLay's committee would not be considered a contribution, so it would not be subject to federal PAC limits candidates must otherwise abide by during a calendar year.

"Mark Green and Paul Ryan know they could get rid of this tainted money today if they wanted to," Wineke said. "They just have to want to do the right thing."

Green has a long cozy relationship with DeLay, and has repeatedly stood beside DeLay despite serious ethical questions and criminal charges against the Texas politician. Both Green and Ryan have even contributed \$1,000 each to DeLay's Legal Defense Fund.

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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 Democratic Party of Wisconsin
- Please charge/deduct \$ _____ from the account below (one time charge)
- Please charge/deduct \$ _____ monthly/quarterly – circle one (A total of \$ _____
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 - Master Card

Exp Date _____

Signature _____

Name (s)

Address

City

Zip

Phone (day)

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E-mail

Fax No.

Date _____ County _____

No. of members joining: _____

Congressional district: _____

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About Our Organization...

The Democratic Party of Winnebago County 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.