



# May '08 WCDP News

Winnebago County Democratic Party 920-203-6883

[www.winnebagodems.org](http://www.winnebagodems.org)

## Winnebago County Democratic Party Needs Your Membership and Support

As we look to fall elections, there is nothing more important than our volunteers, members and donors. **There is going to be a lot of work to do, and we will need the resources to get it done.**

In 2004, we saw over 300 volunteers work to change the country. While we did do the hard work of winning Wisconsin for John Kerry, we did not win the presidency.

In 2004, Kerry won WI by only 11,384 votes. It was the closest margin of any blue state. However, it was an improvement over Al Gore's WI win of 5,708 votes.

Had Florida not happened in Florida, 2000 would have been remembered for Wisconsin.

**It is up to us, locally, to continue to build on these margins.** This is the only way to ensure we do our part to change our country.

In 2006 we saw big Democratic wins by Gordon Hintz locally and Gov. Doyle statewide. Winnebago County Democratic Party members and volunteers rallied to the cause.

Lit drops organized out of our 100% accessible office, equipped with the computers, networking and phones we needed to get the job done helped ensure these wins. Several hundred volunteers put in time making sure we won.

Well, it is time to get to work again. We would like to ask for your membership and sponsorship of the office we hope to open in June.

**If you have not yet joined the Democratic Party, do so today.** Your membership dollars will fund the office, phones and heat that will power this fall's efforts. **If you are able, your donation of \$100, \$50 or another amount will ensure our ability to organize and make change.**

We will not win without you. And the best place to invest in the future is locally. We may not know how the national campaigns will come to Winnebago County, but we can be ready for them when they come.

Please fill out the membership info on the back, or use it to donate to support the office fund. Your support is needed to ensure Democratic victories this November.

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

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***The Delta***

**515 N Sawyer Street  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

### *Topics to be discussed:*

*Fall election Planning*

*DPW State Party convention*

*Winneconne School District Referendum*

*Parades for Summer '08*

*Office Fundraising*

*Local Issue Updates*

*Visit The Winnebago County  
Democratic Party On Line:  
[winnebagodems.com](http://winnebagodems.com)*

Please join or renew your membership! See the form on back.

**Join the Party**

Send Check for \$25 to: Evelyn Rieckmann Treasurer - 9680 N Oakwood Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956-9337

*Paid for by the Winnebago County Democratic Party - Jef Hall, Chair*

## ***Fall Candidate Needed!***

Want to run for office this fall? We are actively seeking candidates for the State Assembly District 53. We are hoping to field a full slate of candidates this fall.

If you live in the rural areas surrounding Oshkosh or Omro and are interested in running, please contact jef hall, Chair.

Signatures need to be gathered in June to be on November's ballot.

### ***Fall 2008 Candidate Websites***

***Roger Kittelson for Congress:***  
[www.kittelsonforcongress.com](http://www.kittelsonforcongress.com)

***Steve Kagen for Congress:***  
[www.kagen4congress.com](http://www.kagen4congress.com)

***Jess King for Sate Senate:***  
[www.jesskingforsenate.com](http://www.jesskingforsenate.com)

***Gordon Hintz for Assembly:***  
[www.hintzforassembly.com](http://www.hintzforassembly.com)

***Mark Westphal for Assembly:***  
[www.markwestphal.org](http://www.markwestphal.org)

[www.winnebagodems.com](http://www.winnebagodems.com)

## ***Upcoming Events***

**Mon, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Outagamie County Dems Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Stone Cellar – 1004 S Olde Oneida St, Appleton  
Info: Nancy Kuenster - [nancy@outagamiedems.org](mailto:nancy@outagamiedems.org) - 920.858.8825

**Wed, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Winnebago County Dems Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant – 515 N Sawyer, Oshkosh  
Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – [jef@jef4wi.com](mailto:jef@jef4wi.com)

**Tues, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Women in Good Government Event  
With Lt Gov Barbara Lawton and Penny Brenard-Schaber**  
5:00PM – Xtreme Bar – 2611 North Richmond Street, Appleton  
Info: Kathy Groat – 920.739.0464

**Fri, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Fox Valley Unity Breakfast**  
7:00AM – BJ Clancey's 3341 S Oneida St, Appleton  
Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – [jef@jef4wi.com](mailto:jef@jef4wi.com)

**Sat, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Fond du Lac County Dems Campaign Kick-off**  
4:00 PM Peg Lautenschlager's – 252 Sheboygan St – Fond du lac  
Info: Rich Mantz - [flddems@milwpc.com](mailto:flddems@milwpc.com)

**Mon, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Outagamie County Dems Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Stone Cellar – 1004 S Olde Oneida St, Appleton  
Info: Nancy Kuenster - [nancy@outagamiedems.org](mailto:nancy@outagamiedems.org) - 920.858.8825

**Wed, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Winnebago County Dems Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant – 515 N Sawyer, Oshkosh  
Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – [jef@jef4wi.com](mailto:jef@jef4wi.com)

**Fri & Sat, June 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> – DPW State Convention**  
Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Oshkosh  
Info: [www.wisdems.org](http://www.wisdems.org)

**Fri, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Fox Valley Unity Breakfast**  
7:00AM – BJ Clancey's 3341 S Oneida St – Appleton  
Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – [jef@jef4wi.com](mailto:jef@jef4wi.com)

## **Wisconsin Wants Meaningful Healthcare Reform!**

*According to the Badger Poll, we want Healthy Wisconsin*

\* Approximately 45% of Wisconsin residents feel that the health care system in the state has major problems, 44% say it has minor problems, 7% say it is currently in a state of crisis and just 2% say there are no problems.

\* 76% favored expanding the eligibility of existing government programs such as BadgerCare and Medicaid to provide coverage for more people without health insurance.

\* 65% favored requiring every resident of Wisconsin to attain health insurance, either from their employer or another source, with government subsidies to low-income residents to help them pay for it

\* 61% of residents favored replacing the current health care system with a new system administered entirely by state government that covers all Wisconsinites.

\* When it comes to how responsible the State of Wisconsin and the Federal Government should be in making sure that all state residents have access to both high quality and affordable health care 44% said the State of Wisconsin should be extremely or quite responsible and 55% said the Federal Government should be extremely or quite responsible.

## *Vote Yes for Winneconne Referendum Facts:*

- There is no increase in the money being requested over what was spent (and approved) for the last two years, so there will be no tax increase as a result of this referendum if it is approved.
- The school board has made \$310,000 in cuts for the 2008-2009 budget including eliminating two full-time counselors and one elementary teacher, reducing Building and Grounds projects by \$47,000, reducing the textbook budget by \$13,675, and funding one custodian position through non-property tax sources.
- If the referendum is not approved, the school board has voted to eliminate a further \$880,000 from the budget, including the elimination of five additional teachers and one administrator, an additional custodian, Middle School sports and forensics, High School spirit squad and powerlifting, the entire tutoring program, and drastically reducing the technology and textbook budgets.

If you would like to get involved, contact Kathy Schultz – 920.582.3263 or [kschultz5457@charter.net](mailto:kschultz5457@charter.net)

## *Democratic Party of WI State Convention*

The DPW State convention will be June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn & Convention center in Steven's Point. If you have not made your reservation yet, please do so soon. According to the DPW, the Holiday Inn is fully booked. I have included the most recent listing of hotels from the state party below. Make your reservation today!

If you plan on attending, let me know ASAP. I need a complete list of delegates to the state party in Madison by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Let me know immediately if you want to be a delegate – [jef@jefhall.com](mailto:jef@jefhall.com) or 920.203.6883.

To be a delegate, your membership will then also need to be paid and into the state party by May 30<sup>th</sup>. To join, go to [www.winnebagodems.com](http://www.winnebagodems.com) or fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send it to Evelyn!

This should be a great convention, leading into these historic elections. We will also be electing a new slate of delegates to the DNC, who will be our super-delegates in 2012!

Registration for the convention is \$20.

### Stevens Point Area Lodging Information

Name	Address	Phone	Email & Website	Rate
<b>AmericInn</b>	PO Box 248 -1501 American Dr. Plover, WI 54467	342-1244 800-634-3444 FX: 342-1325	<a href="http://www.americinn.com">www.americinn.com</a>	\$69.95- \$79.95
<b>Blue Top Motel</b>	3425 Church Street Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-344-3434 FX: 715-344-4081	<a href="http://www.bluetopmotel.com">www.bluetopmotel.com</a>	\$45-\$55
<b>Comfort Suites</b>	300 Divison St. N. Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-341-6000 800-228-5150 FX: 715-8908		\$89.99
<b>Country Inn &amp; Suites</b>	301 N. Division St Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-345-7000 800-456-4000 FX: 345-7008	<a href="http://www.countryinns.com/stevenspoint">www.countryinns.com/stevenspoint</a>	\$99-\$129
<b>Fairfield Inn &amp; Suites</b>	5317 Hwy 10 East Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-342-9300 800-228-2800 FX: 715-342-9300	<a href="mailto:stevenspointff@tharaldson.com">stevenspointff@tharaldson.com</a> <a href="http://www.marriott.com/stefi">www.marriott.com/stefi</a>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
<b>Hampton Inn</b>	3090 Village Park Drive Plover, WI 54467	715-295-9900 FX: 715-295-0991	<a href="mailto:stvpt_hampton@hilton.com">stvpt_hampton@hilton.com</a>	\$109-\$119
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	1100 Amber Ave Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-344-0000 FX: 715-341-8120		<b>SOLD OUT</b>
<b>Holiday Inn Hotel &amp; Convention Center (main convention site)</b>	1001 Amber Ave Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-344-0200 FX: 715-344-0202		<b>SOLD OUT</b>
<b>La Quinta</b>	4917 Main Street Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-344-1900 800/301-0200 FX: 715/344-1254	<a href="mailto:lq1038gm@laquinta.com">lq1038gm@laquinta.com</a>	\$76.50- \$85.50
<b>Stay Inn &amp; Suites</b>	159 Division St. Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-341-9090 FX: 715-341-8367	<a href="mailto:stayinn159@gmail.com">stayinn159@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.stayinn.us">www.stayinn.us</a>	49.95- \$59.95

