



The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

**May 13th, 2009**

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***The Delta***

515 N Sawyer Street  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

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

***Topics for Discussion:***

*AFS Student Exchange Presentation*

*2009 Membership Recruiting*

*2009 Budget & Activities*

*2009 Committees Meetings*

*Legislative Updates*

*Local Issue Updates*

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# May '09 WCDP News

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## May 13<sup>th</sup> WCDP Presentation from AFS Students

Abdelrahman Ayad from Egypt and other students will present on their experience with a State Department sponsored student exchange program through the AFS organization at our May meeting.

These students are part of Oshkosh's over 60 year tradition of hosting AFS students from around the world. The students will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation.

### THURSDAY MAY 14th

## HOW TO WIN THE FIGHT FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM IN 2009

The event will focus on the upcoming debate over President Obama's initiative to reform the health care system including an update on the major issues in the debate and the legislative process. The event will also provide health care reform advocates with the key message points that advocates will need to carry this historic battle. Robert Kraig, Citizen Action of Wisconsin Program Director, will be presenting.

**6:30 pm - Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall**

**311 Division St, Oshkosh**

For more information, please call Dan Wadle at 920-676-2028 or e-mail at [daniel.wadle@citizenactionwi.org](mailto:daniel.wadle@citizenactionwi.org) or call Tina Haffeman at 920-235-5918 or e-mail at [thaffeman@new.rr.com](mailto:thaffeman@new.rr.com)

## UW Oshkosh College Dems Elect New Officers:

Position	08-09	09-10
Chair	Nick Janis	Amy Gearhart
Vice-Chair	Steve Greene	Travis Swanson
Membership	Amy Gearhart	Alan Kania
Sec/treasurer	Madeline Wirtz	Madeline Wirtz
OSA Rep	Rebecca Mathes	Martin McGee

Please extend a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing leaders and wish the best of luck to the incoming officers. The UW Dems were a huge part of our successes this year.

We look forward to organizing on campus next spring and into the fall 2010 cycle!

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

## WCDP Events!

**Fri Apr 24<sup>th</sup> – Fox Valley Dems Unity Breakfast**  
7:00AM – BJ Clancy's - 3341 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Wed May 13<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant - 515 N Sawyer St, Oshkosh

**Fri May 29<sup>th</sup> – Fox Valley Dems Unity Breakfast**  
7:00AM – BJ Clancy's - 3341 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Sat Jun 6<sup>th</sup> – Town of Algoma Parade**

**Wed Jun 10<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant - 515 N Sawyer St, Oshkosh

**Jun 12-13<sup>th</sup> – DPW Annual Convention**  
Convention will be hosted in Green Bay

**Sat Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – Claytonfest Parade**

**Fri Jun 24<sup>th</sup> – Fox Valley Dems Unity Breakfast**  
7:00AM – BJ Clancy's - 3341 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Sat Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> – Neenah/Menasha Light Parade**

**Sat Jul 4<sup>h</sup> – Oshkosh & Omro Parades**

**Wed Jul 8<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant - 515 N Sawyer St, Oshkosh

**Sat Jul 18<sup>h</sup> – Winneconne Sovereign State Days  
Parade**

**Aug 4-9<sup>th</sup> – Winnebago County Fair**  
Volunteers needed to staff the booth!

**Wed Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant - 515 N Sawyer St, Oshkosh

**Sat Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Annual Corn Roast**  
1:00PM – Winnebago Community Park - Oshkosh

**Mon Sep 7<sup>th</sup> – Neenah/Menasha Labor Day Parade &  
Celebration**

**Mon Sep 7<sup>th</sup> – Oshkosh Labor Day Celebration & Car  
Show**

### *Have an event the WCDP should know?*

Contact Jef to get it on the schedule!  
920.203.6883 – [jef@jefhall.com](mailto:jef@jefhall.com)

### *Is your membership paid?*

*Look at the address label on this newsletter.  
If there is an asterix "\*" before your name,  
then you are not currently a 2009 paid  
member of the DPW – please join today!*

## DPW Founder's Day Event

Featuring

## Rep Dave Obey

Sat, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Midwest Airlines Center,  
400 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee

Congressman Dave Obey will keynote the Party's annual Founders Day Gala on Saturday, May 16 at the Midwest Airlines Center in Milwaukee. During the event, Democrats from across the state will gather to honor and celebrate Obey's 40 years of service in Congress.

**\* Purchase your Founders Day  
tickets online – [www.wisdems.org](http://www.wisdems.org)**

Founder's Day is the Party's signature event and primary annual fundraiser for Democrats in Wisconsin. This year, Founders Day will help the Party build on the success of the 2008 presidential and state elections and ensure continued Democratic victories in 2010 and beyond. Event details follow:

For ticket information, visit our website or contact Mary Lang Sollinger at 608.260.2408 or [maryls@wisdems.org](mailto:maryls@wisdems.org). All tickets include a copy of Congressman Obey's book, *Raising Hell for Justice*.

### **About Congressman Obey:**

Obey, of Wausau, is a progressive in the tradition of Robert La Follette. He has been a Democratic Member of Congress since 1969, representing Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District. Obey was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1962 and served until 1968, when he was elected to the House to replace eight-term incumbent Melvin R. Laird.

Obey, only 30 when he was elected, became the youngest member of Congress upon taking his seat. He has been re-elected 18 times and is the third-longest serving member of the House. In Congress, Obey chaired the commission to write the House's Code of Ethics. Among the reforms he instituted was one requiring members of the House to disclose their personal financial dealings to reveal potential conflicts of interest. Obey currently serves as chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

**Join the Winnebago County Democratic Party Online:**

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## DPW State Convention 2009

*June 12-13, 2009 - Radisson Hotel - 2040 Airport Drive - Green Bay*

2008 was a great year for Democrats! State Convention is a great way to meet with Democrats from across the state, celebrate our shared victories, and learn what we can look forward to in the years to come. We will hear from a wide variety of elected officials, Party Leaders, and a Keynote speaker. Whether you attend Convention every year or it's your first year, there is something for everyone. We hope you can join us!

Stay tuned to [www.wisdems.org](http://www.wisdems.org) for updates on speakers, special opportunities, and everything you need to know about attending State Convention.

### ***Where to Stay:***

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin has blocked rooms at the Radisson and several other hotels for Friday night. We also have a very limited number of rooms at the Radisson blocked for Thursday and Saturday nights. We highly recommend you stay at the Radisson or one of the nearby hotels, to enjoy the evening entertainment and socializing.

To book your room, contact the Radisson at 920-494-7300 and ask for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin room block.

### ***DPW Officers Elections:***

This year, we will be electing Democratic Party of Wisconsin officers. The elected officer positions are:

**\* Chair      \* 1st Vice Chair      \* 2nd Vice Chair      \* Secretary      \* Treasurer**

To run for a DPW officer position, please submit the Candidate Statement of Intent form by Friday, May 22, 2009 at 5:00pm. Forms are at [www.wisdems.org](http://www.wisdems.org).

### ***How to Attend:***

The easiest way to attend Convention is to sign up with your County Party as a delegate or alternate. Just email, call, or talk to your County Chair to sign up. Delegate/alternate lists are due by 5:00pm May 22<sup>nd</sup>, so sign up before May 18<sup>th</sup>! Being a Delegate allows you to vote on DPW Officers, Resolutions, and all other votes taken at Convention.

To be a Delegate, you must also be a current Party member. Joining the Party is quick and easy join online at [http://www.wisdems.org/membership\\_sign-up.asp](http://www.wisdems.org/membership_sign-up.asp), or call the Democratic Party of Wisconsin at 608-255-5172 to request a membership form. If you aren't sure if you are a current member or not, please call the Democratic Party of Wisconsin at 608-255-5172 or email [jamiieg@wisdems.org](mailto:jamiieg@wisdems.org).

If you don't sign up in time as a Delegate or Alternate, you can still attend as a guest! Guests get to hear all the speeches and enjoy all the socializing and activities of Convention.

**Pre-Register Now and Save \$10!**

Pre-registering for Convention before May 29, 2009 allows you to pay the \$20 pre-registration fee. Registration fees are \$30 after May 29, so register today!

Questions? Contact the Democratic Party of Wisconsin at 608-255-5172 or email [party@wisdems.org](mailto:party@wisdems.org).

