



January '08 WCDP News

Winnebago County Democratic Party 920-203-6883

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Welcome to 2008!

Landmark Year for the Democratic Party *Local, State and National Change Coming!*

By the time this is mailed, the Iowa Caucuses results will be in and we will be in the first steps of nominating our party's next Presidential candidate.

This marks the official start of the 2008 political year. This is a year that could see the most important elections of our lifetime.

After 8 years of George W. Bush we will see a new President elected in November.

After an historic state budget dispute that included a proposal to cover all Wisconsinites with high-quality healthcare lost, we will see a chance to take the Assembly along with the Senate and Governor's office.

It is up to us to make sure the next President will NOT continue Bush policies. It is up to us to make sure that the White House sees a Democratic President move in January 2009.

Closer to home, we need to make sure we preserve the majority that we secured in the Wisconsin Senate, and we need to make sure we deliver a Democratic majority to the State Assembly.

To do this, we need volunteers and members. Please join the party today. Remember, by joining the Winnebago county Democratic Party, you are also joining the Democratic Party of WI.

On the back of this newsletter you will find a membership form. Please fill it out and send it in! Your membership will go directly to electing Democrats in Winnebago County and Wisconsin.

Joining the local party is the best way to ensure that your resources are used locally. Your membership dollars go to renting and opening your local office. It ensures that candidates local, statewide and nationally have the resources they need to win in Winnebago County.

Take the first step to making a difference today by joining your local party. Take the next step by volunteering for a campaign, we will make sure you have all the info you need to get involved in 2008.

Join Today - Fill Out the Form on Back!

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

Jan 9th

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The Delta

**515 N Sawyer Street
Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Topics to be discussed this month:

Presentation on Union History

*Indigo Diner Update &
Organizing*

2008 Candidates and Elections

Local Issues Updates

Member Recruiting

2008 Calendar & Planning

*Visit The Winnebago County
Democratic Party On Line:*

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

Kittelson for Congress – It's time to lead, not follow!

Lomira resident Roger Kittelson is running for Congress in the 6th District on a platform of ending the War in Iraq, developing a healthcare system that covers all of our citizens, fiscally responsible budgeting and improving fairness in the dairy industry.

Roger's professional and personal backgrounds are well suited to the Sixth Congressional District. Roger grew up on a small dairy farm. He attended the University of Minnesota, graduating with a double-major in Agricultural Economics and Political Science. Roger later earned a Masters of Science Degree in Technical Communications with emphasis in Agricultural Economics and Statistics.

During his tenure at the University of Minnesota, he served three internships: two at the State legislature and one in Washington, D.C. After college, Roger Kittelson was the DFL - Democratic Farmer Labor - endorsed candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives.

He has spent the past 26 years in Agricultural business, two years in rural banking, and 24 years as a dairy marketing specialist with the USDA-Dairy Division and several private agricultural businesses. His private and government career have given him useful associations with many domestic and international companies.

For more info and to donate/volunteer for Roger's Campaign, go to www.kittelsonforcongress.com or call 920.979.7919

www.winnebago Dems.com

Fall 2008 Candidate Websites

Roger Kittelson for Congress:

www.kittelsonforcongress.com

Jess King for Sate Senate:

www.jesskingforsenate.com.com

Gordon Hintz for State

Assembly:

www.hintzforassembly.com

Mark Westphal for State

Assembly:

www.markwestphal.org

Upcoming WCDP Monthly Meeting Programs:

January 9th – Members of local unions will discuss labor history.

February 13th – Representatives presidential primary campaigns will be invited to present

Upcoming Events

Wed, Jan 9th – Winnebago County Dems Monthly Meeting

7:00PM – Delta Restaurant – 515 N Sawyer, Oshkosh

Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – jef@jef4wi.com

Mon Jan 14th – Outagamie County Dems Party Meeting

7:00PM – Columbus Club - 2531 N Richmond St, Appleton

Info: Lee Kasten – 920.858.1039 – ffspread1@yahoo.com

Friday, Jan 25th – Fox Valley Unity Breakfast

7:00AM – BJ Clancey's 3341 S Oneida St – Appleton

Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – jef@jef4wi.com

Sat, Mar 8th – 4th Annual Indigo Dinner

6:00PM – La Sure's Hall – 3125 S Washburn St– Oshkosh

Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – jef@jef4wi.com

Mon Feb 11th – Outagamie County Dems Party Meeting

7:00PM – Columbus Club - 2531 N Richmond St, Appleton

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Wed, Feb 13th – Winnebago County Dems Monthly Meeting

7:00PM – Delta Restaurant – 515 N Sawyer, Oshkosh

Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – jef@jef4wi.com

Friday, Feb 29th – Fox Valley Unity Breakfast

7:00AM – BJ Clancey's 3341 S Oneida St – Appleton

Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – jef@jef4wi.com

Do you have question or suggestions for the Winnebago County Democratic Party?

Contact Jef Hall, Chair at 920.203.6883 or jef@jefhall.com

Rep. Hintz Sponsors Bill to Fund Supreme Court Elections Sen. Feingold Urges Support for Justice Butler

In the wake of last year's filthy Supreme Court race (that is still sorting itself out with the conservative winner waiting for ethics violation punishments), Rep. Gordon Hintz has sponsored legislation to remove conflicts-of-interest by capping donations and creating public financing for these races. Individual donations would be limited to \$1,000 (down from \$10,000 currently) and public financing of \$100,000 would be available for the primary and \$300,000 for the general election.

After WMC and other GOP interests purchased a Supreme Court Seat for Annette Ziegler last year, it is up to us to make sure that we re-elect Justice Butler this spring. As Feingold said in a recent message:

If last year's volatile State Supreme Court race was any glimpse of things to come, outside special interests will do everything they can to unseat Justice Louis Butler.

Justice Butler is a highly regarded legal scholar who attended Lawrence University in Appleton and law school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For the last 11 years, he has served with distinction as a faculty member of the National Judicial College, where he teaches criminal law to judges from across the country and around the world. Justice Butler has spent the last 15 years as a judge, building a record we can all be proud of as he's worked to make our state stronger and safer.

There are so many important issues that the Wisconsin Supreme Court rules on every year, and the Justices that serve on the Court make decisions that can have a dramatic influence on our state for generations to come. We need leaders like Justice Butler to continue to bring his values, experience and independence to the highest court in Wisconsin.

Oshkosh Northwestern Sidebar Unnecessary: County/City Taxes Provide Needed Services

Alongside a recent Oshkosh Northwestern story about tax bills, they included a sidebar informing people of the consumer purchases they could have made with the tax bill on a \$100,000 home rather than paying taxes.

Things such as (directly from the story):

What you could buy

- For 2008, the property tax bill for a homeowner with property worth \$100,000 is \$2,208. But there are a number of other things people could get for \$2,208:*
- A Dell XPS Computer with 20" widescreen display, a high-speed processor and Microsoft Office: \$1,999 total plus tax.*
- A five day, four night trip for two to West Palm Beach Florida from Appleton, Wisconsin on Priceline.com: Total \$1,875 plus which means you'd have \$333 left for spending money.*
- Five 8 GB iPhones at \$399 each: \$1,995 total plus tax*

What the Northwestern leaves out of the story is the services you receive for your tax bills. Things such as:

Plowed Roads
Fire and Police Protection
Garbage Collection
Care for Indigent Elderly
Jail Services
Public Education

To see a list of services provided by the county, go to: http://jef4wi.com/winnebago17_county_overview.html.

I personally feel that the ability to safely traverse your community, live in your home, educate and prepare your children, know you will be safe in retirement and have access to aid in any disaster is a much better deal than a Dell PC or a few I-Phones.

I would hope in the future, the Northwestern would consider what you receive for your tax dollar. Not just deliver hype in numbers.

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Join the Party!

Please fill out the form below, attach your payment and return to:

Evelyn Rieckmann Treasurer 9680 N Oakwood Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956-9337

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter - \$120.00 (includes all family members) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pairs - \$35 (includes 2 memberships) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family - \$75 (includes all family members) | <input type="checkbox"/> General - \$25 (single membership) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activist - \$45 (includes up to 3 members) | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Income - \$10 (single membership) |

Along with my membership, I am including a contribution to the Winnebago County Party:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> other amount \$ _____ |

Name: _____ I have included a check in the amount of \$ _____

Address: _____ Please Bill my Credit Card

City: _____ Type: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Number: _____

Email: _____ Exp Date: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

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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.

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