

Winnebago County



Democratic Party

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

**March 14th**

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***The Delta***

515 N Sawyer Street  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

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

*Topics to be discussed  
this month:*

*Local Election Forum*

*Candidate Endorsements*

*Resolutions for the 6<sup>th</sup> CD &  
State Party Conventions*

*Local Issue Updates*

*Other Business*

# ***March '07 WCDP News***

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**Winnebago County Democratic Party  
Celebrates Electoral Successes at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Indigo Dinner, Looks Forward to 2008 with  
Wisconsin's First Presidential Straw Poll**

**When: March 24th, 2007**

Social Hour Begins at 6:00 PM

Dinner and Program Begins at 7:00 PM

**Where: La Sure's Banquet Hall**

3125 S Washburn St – Oshkosh

The Winnebago County Democratic Party invites members and friends to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Indigo Dinner. Speakers will include:

- Lt Governor Barbara Lawton
- Congressman Steve Kagen
- State Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass
- Representative Gordon Hintz
- Representative Tom Nelson
- DNC Member Stan Gruzinsky
- Supreme Court Candidate Linda Clifford

**Also featured will be Wisconsin's first straw poll of the 2008 electoral season.** Come out to support your early favorite in the race to repair eight years of Bush!

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and can be by contacting Barb at 920-734-1105 or Mike at 920-426-1051.

### **Dinner Menu:**

Baked Haddock, Garlic Chicken Breast, Stuffing, Glazed Carrots and Desert!

Bring an item for the silent auction! Bring money for the raffles!

**See you there!**

Please join or renew your membership!

***Join the Party***

Send Check for \$25 to: Evelyn Rieckmann Treasurer

9680 N Oakwood Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956-9337 920.757.5751

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

# **Winnebago County Democratic Party to Host Oshkosh Council/Mayor Forum**

**Forum will take place before the March 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting, beginning at 6:00PM  
Public is Welcome**

Before the regular meeting of the WCDP Monthly meeting, we will be hosting an informal forum for the candidates.

We have received confirmation of attendance from most of the candidates. We expect a lively yet respectful debate of Oshkosh city issues that reflect the interests of our members.

Candidates will be given two minutes to make an opening statement, order to be drawn from a hat. Questions from the audience will be taken either by paper submission or being recognized by the moderator.

There will be no strict time limit, but the moderator will require fairness in time and manner.

The public is welcome for this forum, as well as to the membership meeting that follows. We will be offering endorsements. You must be a member to vote.

The forum will be at 6:00PM – Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Delta Family Restaurant, 515 N Sawyer St.

Please contact Jef Hall, Chair with any questions – [jef@jefhall.com](mailto:jef@jefhall.com) or 920-203-6883.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Winnebago County Democratic Indigo Dinner March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 - La Sure's Hall 3125 S Washburn St –Oshkosh**

For tickets or information, contact:  
Mike Norton – Oshkosh – (920) 142-6105  
Barb Mittlestadt – Appleton – (920) 734-1105

### **6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Convention Apr 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM VFW Hall - 136 N Farmer St - Princeton, WI**

9:00 AM: Registration Opens  
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Invited Speakers  
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM: 6th CD Officer Nominations  
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM: Lunch  
1:00PM to 4:00 PM – Elections & Resolutions

### ***Upcoming Monthly Meetings:***

#### ***Winnebago County Dems:***

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
*The Delta – 515 N Sawyer St  
Oshkosh – 7:00PM*

#### ***Outagamie County Dems:***

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
*Columbus Club - 2531 N Richmond St  
Appleton – 7:00PM*

#### ***Fox Valley Dems Unity Breakfast***

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
*BJ Clancey's – 331 S Oneida St  
Appleton – 7:00AM*

### **Democratic Party of Wisconsin State Convention – June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Hilton City Center - 509 W Wisconsin Ave – Milwaukee**

The 2007 Democratic State Convention will be held on Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30 at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center located at 509 West Wisconsin Avenue.

Democratic activists with questions concerning the event should contact Mary Triick at 608-255-5172 or [maryt@wisdems.org](mailto:maryt@wisdems.org) for more information. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 414-271-7250.

**You must be a paid member of the DPW to be a delegate at the conventions and have a part in the party's future.  
If you would like to be a delegate, contact: Jef Hall – [jef@jefhall.com](mailto:jef@jefhall.com) or 920.203.6883**

## ***WCDP Endorses Linda Clifford for WI Supreme Court***

At the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 membership meeting, the WCDP endorsed Linda Clifford for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. In doing so, we joined the ranks of Sen Russ Feingold, Former Gov's Lee Sherman Dreyfus, Patrick Lucey (her campaign co-chairs), Martin Schreiber and Tony Earl.

Linda's background is uniquely suited to the Supreme Court. Her father was a union steward and tool and die maker. Linda herself held a Steelworkers union card in the same plant to work her way through college.

Linda graduated Phi Beta Kappa cum laude from Beloit College and worked in Washington D.C. for a year before working her way through law school at UW-Madison clerking at the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

After law school, Linda accepted a position as Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice, serving under Attorneys General Robert Warren, Victor A. Miller and Bronson C. LaFollette. There she enforced Wisconsin's environmental protection laws, wrote legal opinions for the Attorney General, and defended state employees sued in their official capacities.

Linda then moved into private practice after the birth of her daughters, joining the the Madison law firm of LaFollette Sinykin (now LaFollette Godfrey & Kahn).

Linda has been president of the Dane County Bar Association, received the President's Award for Excellence in 1997, served on the boards of the Friends of WHA-TV, the Beloit College Board of Trustees, Wisconsin Historical Society and has contributed substantial hours pro bono assisting asylum seekers fleeing from political, ethnic, and religious persecution in Iraq, Ethiopia, and Kazakhstan.

***The Winnebago County Democratic Party encourages your vote for Linda Clifford April 4<sup>th</sup>!***

### ***Winnebago and Outagamie Democratic Parties Issue Resolution on Bush's Iraq Surge***

The parties, in a joint resolution resolved: "The Winnebago and Outagamie County Democratic Parties support our troops, therefore we stand opposed to President Bush's proposed escalation in Iraq because we have seen it fail before."

During discussions preceding the vote on the resolution, many reasons for sending this message were discussed. These included the fact that President Bush's surge attempts have failed in the past, a recommendation that Congress cease funds for escalation if President Bush refuses to listen to the will of the American People in this matter. The Winnebago and Outagamie Democratic Parties stand firmly behind the troops in Iraq, and hope President Bush makes the proper decisions in keeping them safe and equipped both at home and in the field.

## ***Time to Protect SeniorCare is Now***

Because of the conflict with Medicare's Part D Program, Wisconsin's successful SeniorCare Program will expire June 30. Gov Doyle, Sen Feingold and Democrats across Wisconsin are trying to save this program. In the last year, as thousands of Wisconsin seniors chose SeniorCare over Medicare Part D, SeniorCare's enrollment surged by more than 25 percent.

According to analysis by AARP Wisconsin, more than 94 percent of seniors are better off on SeniorCare than they would be under Medicare Part D because the co-payments are lower and the coverage is more comprehensive. In addition, the state uses its bargaining power to negotiate the lowest prices for prescription drugs, while Congress made it illegal for the federal government to bargain for lower prices.

***Renew your membership! Send the form to:***

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

