

Winnebago County



Democratic Party

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

**Feb 11th, 2009**

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***The Delta***

515 N Sawyer Street  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

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

### ***Topics for Discussion:***

*Indigo Dinner (March 7<sup>th</sup>)*

*Spring 2009 Elections*

- ✓ *Candidate Statements*
- ✓ *Endorsements*

*2009 Membership Recruiting*

*2009 Budget & Activities*

*2009 Committees*

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## ***Feb'09 WCDP News***

Winnebago County Democratic Party 920-203-6883

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

### ***2009 Indigo Dinner – March 7<sup>th</sup>***

*5:00PM Social Hour – 6:00PM Speakers/Dinner  
LaSure's Banquets - 3125 S Washburn St, Oshkosh  
Tix: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door*

Hello Winnebago Dems! We will once again be gathering for a night of Democratic Fellowship, celebrating our November 2008 victories as well as looking forward to this spring's elections.

Come out to hear invited speakers Sen Russ Feingold, Rep Steve Kagen, Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson and DPI Superintendent Candidate Tony Evers.

Local speakers include County Executive Mark Harris, Rep Gordon Hintz and local candidates for spring elections.

We will also have a remembrance of Past WCDP Chair Don Wyman.

There will also be a silent auction, if you have an item to donate, please contact Marcia Steele at [mlsteele1@charter.net](mailto:mlsteele1@charter.net) or 920.426.4036.

We will need a number of attendees. If you are planning on attending, please let Jane Spietz know: (920) 410-3373 - [jspietz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jspietz@sbcglobal.net)

If you can sell tickets, let me know and we will get you some.

#### **Meet and Greet with Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson**

George Curtis will be hosting a meet and greet Saturday, Feb 7th at 11 a.m. for Justice Abrahamson. Please forward to those you think may be interested.

Curtis Law Office - 2905 Universal St Oshkosh, WI

Support Justice Abrahamson at <http://abrahamson2009.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

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# WCDP Events!

**Wed Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Sen Feingold Steering Committee Meeting**  
6:30PM – Steelworkers Hall - 1244A Midway Rd, Menasha  
Paula Zellner – 715.735.7811 – [zellner@russfeingold.org](mailto:zellner@russfeingold.org)

**Sat Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – Meet Chief Justice Abrahamson**  
11:00AM – Curtis Law Office - 2905 Universal St, Oshkosh  
[www.abrahamson2009.com](http://www.abrahamson2009.com)

**Wed Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant - 515 N Sawyer St, Oshkosh

**Sat Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Primary Election Lit Drops**

**Tue Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – Spring Election Primaries**

**Fri Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Fox Valley Dems Unity Breakfast**  
7:00AM – BJ Clancy's - 3341 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Sat Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Indigo Dinner**  
5:00PM - LaSure's Banquets - 3125 S Washburn St, Oshkosh

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**Sat Apr 4<sup>th</sup> – Spring Election Lit Drops**

**Tue Apr 7<sup>th</sup> – Spring General Election**

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

**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**

***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)

## Winnebago County Democratic Party Members Endorsed for Spring Elected Offices:

**There are several party members running  
for elected office. If you would like to help  
out, please contact them individually:**

**Mark Harris**  
Winnebago County Executive  
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[www.harris4exec.com](http://www.harris4exec.com)  
(920) 232-8688

**Dennis Kavanaugh**  
Oshkosh School Board  
[dkavanaugh@ntd.net](mailto:dkavanaugh@ntd.net)  
(920) 231-3397

**Jessica King**  
Oshkosh Common Council  
[jking@oshkoshlawyers.com](mailto:jking@oshkoshlawyers.com)  
(920) 424-3938

**Travis Swanson**  
Oshkosh Common Council  
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[www.travis-swanson.com](http://www.travis-swanson.com)  
(608) 792-6662

## Current DPI Superintendent Libby Burmester Endorses Tony Evers

“Tony has unparalleled experience at all levels of public education and has the leadership qualities we need to address the current challenges facing the state’s public education system. He has built a reputation as a unifier and a hard-worker. He will bring parties together to bring about the innovation we need.”

*-WI Department of Instruction  
Superintendent Libby Burmaster*

There is a contested Primary for DPI Superintendent on February’s Ballot

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# Good-Bye to Two Great Fox Valley Dems: Don Wyman and Ken Flood

**Donel H. Wyman**, 82 of Oshkosh, died early Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the Aurora Medical Center. He was born in Freeport, IL on December 22, 1926 son of Charles and Lola Mae Doty Wyman. On December 26, 1975 he married Joan Kaeding in Green Lake, WI.

He was a carpenter by trade. A member of Union Local 252 (now Local 955) since June of 1956. He served the Local as Secretary, Vice President, and District Council Delegate. He was instrumental in forming the Fox River Valley Building Trades Council out of three other councils, and became their business manager in 1973. In 1979, for three years, he was the Assistant Coordinator of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Comprehensive Employment Act (CETA) program and as Apprenticeship Coordinator, he instituted an Ironworkers apprenticeship program with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin in Keshena. He became a blood brother of the tribe for his efforts. He was the secretary of the Winnebago County Labor Council, and then from 1979 to 2000 he was the President of the Winnebago County Labor Council. He served as the Executive Director and chief lobbyist of the Wisconsin State Council of Carpenters in Madison until his retirement from that position in 1990. As a drummer, he was also a member of Musicians Union Local 205.



He was a lifelong Democrat. He is a past chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the Winnebago County Democratic Party. And in 1979 was the Vice Chair of the 6th Congressional District Democratic Party. As a college student he was one of the organizers of the first University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh College Democrats. He was also an early member of the modern Winnebago County Democratic Party, DOC (Democratic Organizing Committee). He ran for public office on the Democratic ticket for the office of Wisconsin State Assembly in 1984 and 1988 and earlier for Winnebago County Clerk, and City of Oshkosh Alderman. He assisted many others in their campaigns for public office. In 1996 he was a delegate for President Bill Clinton to the Democratic National Convention representing the Sixth Congressional District.

He was a decorated U.S. Navy veteran of the Pacific theater in World War II, including the Battle of Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and the Battle of the Philippines, where he served aboard a minesweeper as a member of the underwater demolitions team. He was awarded the Navy Cross and the Purple Heart.

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**Ken Flood**, age 68, passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at Cherry Meadows Hospice. Ken was born in Stevens Point on December 6, 1940, son of the late Kenneth E. Flood, Sr., and Thelma (Hansen) Flood who resides in Stevens Point. In 1958 he earned his Eagle Scout award with the Boy Scouts of America and graduated from P.J. Jacobs High School in 1959. From 1964 until 1966, Ken served in Lagos, Nigeria, as a member of the United States Peace Corps. Upon his return he married the former Janet Mayes in Plover, Wisconsin; she survives. Ken received a bachelor degree in education from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and in 1975 also earned a master degree in social studies there. From 1968 until 2000, Ken was a well-respected member of the faculty at Appleton East High School where he taught social studies and also had been the head swimming coach for the boys' swim team for over twenty years. Ken was very active in the Appleton Education Association, having served as membership chairman, treasurer, was a delegate to the national meetings, and served as treasurer and past president of the Wisconsin Retired Teachers' Association.

He was also politically active, working on the board of canvassers for many years, as well as acting as treasurer for the Outagamie County Democratic Party as well as the 8th Congressional District Democrats. He also worked as treasurer for Congressman Steve Kagen from 2006 to the present time.

Memorial services for Ken will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Wichmann Funeral Home, 537 N. Superior Street in Appleton with Rev. Nolan Gnewuch officiating. Friends may call from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM Friday, February 6 at the funeral home. There will also be gathering time again Saturday morning from 10:00 AM until the hour of the service.

The family has suggested that memorials for Ken be directed to the Appleton Education Foundation.

