

Winnebago County



Democratic Party

Jan '07 WCDP News

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WCDP 2006 Year in Review!

First, I would like to thank all of you for your support, efforts and votes in 2006. We have seen an historic year for the Winnebago County Democratic Party. Let's take a moment to review 2006 in WCDP history:

We fielded or endorsed candidates throughout the county in the April elections. Of the seven endorsed, five were elected. These included WCDP member and new President of the Oshkosh School Board, Dennis Kavanaugh and WCDP endorsed candidate for Judge Karen Seifert.

But your Winnebago County Democratic Party did not stop there. We then shifted gears and went full force into the fall election cycle without missing a beat. We recruited great candidates in all but one of our Assembly Districts as well for Winnebago County offices, opened a high-profile downtown Oshkosh office in July and started talking to voters about how important it was in 2006 to support Democrats across the board.

And in Winnebago County, they did vote for Democrats!

Through the efforts and support of hundreds of party members and volunteers, we won Winnebago County for Gov. Doyle, Sen. Kohl and Sec. of State LaFollette. And in Oshkosh, we elected Gordon Hintz as the first Democratic Representative in over a quarter of a century.

In contested races, 50.28% of all votes cast in Winnebago County were for Democratic candidates. Only 47.57% were for Republicans!

The margin may seem close, but the message is clear:

Winnebago County is a Blue County!

Thank you for your efforts over the past year. It is truly paying off. We are changing Winnebago County, and as an extension of our efforts, are changing the political map of Wisconsin and the USA.

We cannot let it stop here. We have reached the tipping point, but we need your help and support to push the balance all the way over.

The first step is to re-join the Winnebago County Democratic Party. You will find a membership form in this newsletter as well as some other ways to support the party in 2007! Jump in!

The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

January 10th

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The Delta

**515 N Sawyer Street
Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

*Topics to be discussed
this month:*

March Fund-Raiser Dinner

Membership Drives

Spring Elections

Report from Madison

2007 Schedule of Events

2007 Budget / Fundraising

Please join or renew your membership!

Join the Party

**Send Check for \$25 to: Jef Hall, Chair
224A Scott Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901**

Upcoming Events

Winnebago County Democratic Party Spring Dinner March 24th, 2007 - La Sure's Hall - 3125 S Washburn St –Oshkosh

For tickets or information, contact:

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Winnebago County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting Schedule 2007

*All meetings are held at:
The Delta Family Restaurant
515 N Sawyer St – Oshkosh
from 7-9:00 PM*

January 10th, 2007
February 14th, 2007
March 14th, 2007
April 11th, 2007
May 9th, 2007
June 13th, 2007
July 11th, 2007
August 8th, 2007
September 12th, 2007
October 10th, 2007
November 14th, 2007
December 12th, 2007

Winnebago County Democratic Party Monthly Unity Breakfast Schedule 2007

*All breakfasts are held at:
BJ Clancey's
331 S Oneida St – Appleton
from 7-9:00 AM*

January 26th, 2007
February 23rd, 2007
March 30th, 2007
April 27th, 2007
May 25th, 2007
June 29th, 2007
July 27th, 2007
August 31st, 2007
September 28th, 2007
October 26th, 2007
November 30th, 2007
December 28th, 2007

Two Friends and Fellow Democrats Lost :

I am sad to report that longtime Democratic activists Forrest "Woody" and Dale Weber were killed in an automobile accident in Missouri.

Woody served as Winnebago County Chair, 6th CD Chair, Administrative Committee Rep and as a member of the Menasha City Council. He presently was serving on the Winnebago County Board.

Dale organized poll workers and served on the Board of Canvass.

They will both be greatly missed. Our sympathies go out to their family and friends.

Democrats Fight For Ethics Reform In Madison:

Before they were even sworn in, the message of November's Democratic victory has been heard:

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin is not letting people who violated election rules during the November elections go just because we won:

Democratic Party of Wisconsin Statement on Complaint Against All Children Matter

Complaint: Shady Republican Front Group Laundered Corporate Money, Violated Wisconsin Election Law

MADISON – Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Joe Wineke issued the following statement today regarding an election complaint filed against All Children Matter, alleging the group laundered money and failed to register as required under Wisconsin law:

“The actions of this shady Republican front group are a clear and shameful example of illegal money laundering and a slap in the face to Wisconsin’s election laws. All Children Matter’s use of illegal corporate cash to run negative campaign advertisements against Wisconsin Democratic candidates shows the depths the Republicans and their allies were willing to go to in order to stem the Democratic tidal wave that swept Wisconsin this November.

“As this complaint shows, All Children Matter violated Wisconsin election law three times: first, when the group failed to report who had paid for negative mailings against Democratic candidates; second, when the group laundered corporate cash into Wisconsin to fund these negative attacks; and finally, third, when the Virginia All Children Matter PAC that laundered the money into Wisconsin failed to properly disclose its own finance reports here in Wisconsin.

“These are serious violations of our election laws. The State Elections Board must hold All Children Matter accountable for its illegal election activities at its January meeting, and uphold our long-standing tradition of clean and fair elections.”

All Children Matter was a Republican front group who sponsored negative mailings against Democratic Candidates such as Gordon Hints, Penny Bernard-Schaber and Gov. Jim Doyle.

Governor Doyle Announces Agreement on Ethics Reform - Creates Independent, Non-Partisan Government Accountability Board and Independent Authority for Investigations and Prosecutions

"This agreement is not only a major breakthrough on significant ethics and elections reform, it's a very hopeful sign that Republicans and Democrats can work together," Governor Doyle said. "This reform is strong, far reaching, and most importantly, bipartisan. It is a great step forward for Wisconsin, and I look forward to signing it into law."

Under this agreement:

- The State Elections Board and the State Ethics Board will be merged to create an independent non-partisan Government Accountability Board, free from political appointees. Instead of the members being selected by politicians and political parties, a panel of Court of Appeals judges will select a pool of retired judges. The Governor will make appointments from that list and be confirmed by the Legislature.
- The Board will be given the necessary resources to conduct any investigations it authorizes. The board will not need approval from the Legislature or the Governor to proceed with any investigation it authorizes.
- The Board will have the authority to investigate criminal and civil matters. The board will be able to prosecute a civil matter itself while criminal matters it investigates can be referred to a District Attorney for prosecution.
- The Board will be empowered to review existing Ethics and Election Board rulings and opinions in order to provide clear, consistent guidelines. The Board's mandate will be to ensure the effectiveness and independence of our ethics rules and election practices.
- The Board will oversee both a Division of Ethics and Integrity and a Division of Elections, with campaign finance matters now being handled by the Division of Ethics and Integrity. The staff of the Division of Elections will now be able to focus exclusively on managing, monitoring and administering elections, while campaign finance and ethics matters will be handled together. Right now, campaign finance issues are handled by the State Elections Board while ethics matters are handled by the Ethics Board.
- Governor Doyle will call a Special Session for January for the Legislature to act on the bill. The Legislature will hold hearings on the bill and will vote in January.

U.S. Sen. Feingold: Statement on the President's Failure to Create a New Strategy for Iraq

“It has been six weeks since Americans overwhelmingly called for a change in our Iraq policy through the ballot box. The President continues to ignore this demand for change from the American people as well as from members of both parties. Instead of continuing with an Iraq-centric policy that is hurting our national security and straining our military, the President should announce a timetable for the redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq so we can refocus on the global fight against terrorist networks.”

