



The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

**Nov 14th**

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**The Delta**

515 N Sawyer Street  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

***Topics to be discussed  
this month:***

*Forum on Health WI  
Healthcare Plan with State  
Sen Kathleen Vinehout*

*2008 WCDP Officer Elections*

*Indigo Diner Update &  
Organizing*

*2008 Candidates and Elections*

*Local Issues Updates*

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# ***November '07 WCDP News***

Winnebago County Democratic Party 920-203-6883

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## **WCDP Welcomes Sate Senator Kathleen Vinehout to Discuss “Healthy Wisconsin”**

Oshkosh – Before their Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting, the Winnebago County Democratic Party will welcome State Senator Kathleen Vinehout, who will discuss the details and benefits of the Healthy Wisconsin plan to provide affordable, quality healthcare to all Wisconsin residents.

“Wisconsin will lead the nation in providing real health care reform. Healthy Wisconsin is an innovative solution that expands coverage while reducing costs,” State Senator Kathleen Vinehout (D-Alma) has said about the plan. “Every man, woman and child who now lives in Wisconsin will have access to affordable health care.”

“I am happy to bring Sen. Vinehout to Winnebago County,” said WCDP Chair Jef Hall. “I am excited to start the discussion about healthcare reform locally.”

“It is the Democratic Party that is leading the healthcare discussion with real ideas. Sen. Vinehout is a great example of Democratic innovation for the benefit of all Wisconsin.”

Healthy Wisconsin is a plan that will guarantee access to affordable, high-quality coverage through a provider of your choice to every resident of Wisconsin, except those covered by public programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and Badgercare.

Healthy Wisconsin saves an estimated \$1.76 billion a year by:

- \* cutting waste and streamlining administration
- \* lowering drug costs through bulk purchasing
- \* discouraging inappropriate use of the emergency room
- \* rewarding healthy lifestyles and preventive care
- \* closely coordinating care for the chronically ill,
- \* rewarding providers who deliver the most efficient and highest quality care

Senator Vinehout’s presentation will begin at 6:00PM, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The regular meeting of the WCDP will begin after the presentation.

The public is welcome to both the presentation and the monthly meeting.

For more information, contact Jef Hall, Chair: 920.203.6883 or [jef@jefhall.com](mailto:jef@jefhall.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***

## ***Upcoming Events***

### **Thurs, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, Fond du Lac County Dems Lunch Meeting**

12:00PM – Ramada Inn – 1 N Main St, Fond du Lac

Info: Sue Reich – 920.251.1902

### **Sat, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – Green Lake County Dems Meeting**

10:00AM – Caestecker Public Library – 518 Hill St, Green Lake

### **Mon Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Outagamie County Dems Party Meeting**

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

Info: Lee Kasten & Diane Lang – 920.858.1039 – ffspreader1@yahoo.com

### **Wed, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Winnebago County Dems Monthly Meeting**

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

Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – [jef@jef4wi.com](mailto:jef@jef4wi.com)

### **Friday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> – Fox Valley Unity Breakfast**

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

Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – [jef@jef4wi.com](mailto:jef@jef4wi.com)

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

Info: Jef Hall – 920.203.6883 – [jef@jef4wi.com](mailto:jef@jef4wi.com)

## **Get Involved!**

### **2008 Pres. Websites:**

Joe Biden  
[joebiden.com](http://joebiden.com)

Hillary Clinton  
[hillaryclinton.com](http://hillaryclinton.com)

Christopher Dodd  
[chrisdodd.com](http://chrisdodd.com)

John Edwards  
[johnedwards.com](http://johnedwards.com)

Mike Gravel  
[gravel2008.us](http://gravel2008.us)

Dennis Kucinich  
[kucinich.us](http://kucinich.us)

Barack Obama  
[barackobama.com](http://barackobama.com)

Bill Richardson  
[richardsonforpresident.com](http://richardsonforpresident.com)

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

### ***Upcoming WCDP Monthly Meeting Programs:***

November 14<sup>th</sup> – State Senator Kathleen Vinehout discusses the Healthy WI plan guaranteeing healthcare to all WI residents.

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Members of the ACLU will discuss their efforts both locally and statewide.

January 9<sup>th</sup> – Members of local unions will discuss labor history.

### ***For more info on Healthy Wisconsin:***

[www.healthywisconsin.net](http://www.healthywisconsin.net)

### ***Roger Kittelson for Congress:***

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

### ***Gordon Hintz for State Assembly:***

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

### ***Mark Westphal for State Assembly:***

[www.markwestphal.org](http://www.markwestphal.org)

## **WCDP Election Notice**

At the next meeting (Nov 14<sup>th</sup>) the Winnebago County Democratic Party will hold it's 2008 Officer Elections.

Initial nominations were taken last month; there will be a second round of nominations and the election this month.

Current nominations:

Chair: Jef Hall

Vice Chair: Sara Stichert

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Don Winter

Treasurer: Evelyn Rieckmann

Secretary: Liz Swank

53<sup>rd</sup> District Chair: Steve Dedow

54<sup>th</sup> District Chair: Gordon Hintz

55<sup>th</sup> District Chair: Vern Rieckmann

56<sup>th</sup> District Chair: Mark Westphal

All are the current officeholders.

You must be a current member to vote.

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

Contact Jef Hall, Chair at 920.203.6883 or [jef@jefhall.com](mailto:jef@jefhall.com)

## **Renew Your Winnebago County Democratic Party Membership!**

You can now renew your membership to the Winnebago County Democratic Party for 2008! Membership dues are the most reliable income for the party. By joining the Winnebago County Democratic Party membership, you are also joining the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

Your Winnebago County Democratic Party will continue to focus on electing Democratic Candidates at all levels of government. And we rely on your support to do it. Your support has been directly responsible for our successes over the past few years. Together, we have elected local Democratic candidates to the WI State Assembly, county, city and other offices. We re-elected Gov. Jim Doyle and aided in turning the WI State Senate to a Democratic Majority.

Nationally, in 2006 Wisconsin sent Democratic Representatives to the House and Senate, beginning the national turn that will be complete when we paint the White House with a blue door in 2008.

Locally, 2008 will have campaigns to take the Assembly, make further gains in the State Senate, and Winnebago County, as key county in a key state will be the full focus for our efforts to change the direction of Wisconsin and America.

With your support, through volunteering and membership, we will be able to make sure Winnebago County holds up its part in these efforts. Please join today! There is a membership form on the back of this newsletter, or you can join online at [www.winnebagodems.com](http://www.winnebagodems.com).

## ***A Message from Senator Russ Feingold on Healthcare:***

Dear Wisconsin Progressive,

As you may remember, I made a campaign pledge back in 1992 to hold a Listening Session in each of Wisconsin's 72 counties every year. Over the past 15 years, I've held over 1,050 such meetings and traveled the equivalent of almost six times around the world—all within the state of Wisconsin.

A few issues consistently come up at these and other meetings; the unwise war in Iraq, of course, as does our nation's continuing fight against international terrorism. Earlier this summer, I heard numerous concerns about the USDA's failure to ensure accurate dairy price reporting, and I am increasingly reminded that our nation must end our dangerous addiction to oil and begin advancing renewable sources of energy to break this addiction.

All of these issues are very important. But the single most common issue that people bring up, the issue that really gets people talking is health care.

Everywhere I go, I hear about the rising cost of health care and the double-digit increases that small business owners must pay every year to continue providing coverage to their employees. I hear about the sacrifices that Wisconsinites are forced to make each year to ensure that they and their family members are covered.

Improving access to health care—and making health care coverage available to all Americans—has been one of my long-time goals. I support an overhaul of our current health care system, and I have recently introduced a new bill with Senator Lindsay Graham (R-SC) which will move us toward health care for all Americans.

Our bipartisan bill -- the State-Based Reform Health Care Act -- offers an American-style approach to health care reform. Under our plan, the federal government would help states provide health insurance to all their residents, but leave it to those individual states to decide how to go about it.

This legislation starts us down the road of health care coverage for all Americans by giving funding and authority to a select number of pilot states to provide health care coverage for all of their citizens, and encourage a flexible approach that allows each state to come up with innovative ways of achieving universal coverage. Our plan makes fiscal sense—providing \$40 billion in funding that would be entirely offset—and would stipulate that all citizens must be covered and that the coverage be at least as good as the health care that members of Congress receive.

It's time to break the logjam and I'm going to continue my efforts to give everyone affordable, quality health care.

With high hopes,

Russ Feingold - United States Senator - [www.russfeingold.org](http://www.russfeingold.org)

