



Sauk County...and Beyond...

Ways To Be Involved!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

[Sauk County Drinks with Dems](#)

Community Event 1st Wed of the month 6:00pm

Gina Jenny's Wine and Full Bar (formerly Con Amici)

Officer Elections

IMPORTANT CHANGES to the SLATE!

Time to share your voice and show your support.

Office elections for the Democratic Party of Sauk County will be held at the next general membership meeting, November 20.

We have a new candidate for chair!

Due to unforeseen circumstances ZACH COMMONS decided to withdraw his name from consideration as chair.

Three volunteers have placed their names for chair and vice chair!

Please review the new slate.

Slate of officers at this time

- Chair: Judith Willink Grose, Baraboo
- 1st Vice Chair: Brad Horner, La Valle
- 2nd Vice Chair: Lisa Simonds, Baraboo
- Treasurer: Mary Friesen, Baraboo
- Secretary: Jocelyn Miller, Reedsburg

Floor nominations will be accepted at the general membership meeting. The person being nominated must consent to being nominated.

Voting

Voting will take place if at the time of the general membership meeting there are one or more contested officer positions. Only members in good standing may vote for officers. If voting for any position is needed, it will be by voice vote by members in attendance, either in person or using remote participation. The rules for voting may change if deemed necessary by the chair. (Example: if voice vote is inconclusive.)

If no races are contested and voting is unnecessary, those in attendance may move to accept the slate of officers as a whole.

From Judy Brey:

The first ever Wisconsin Senior Summit was held on Thursday, Nov. 6 from noon to 4 pm at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point. Tom Kriegl and I were part of the 5-county coalition that planned and hosted it. About 75 people attended, including 16 from our group! Thank you to Brad and Kim Horner, Ken and Sue Kidd, Joe and Jean Scolaro, Dick Anfang, Marilyn Kharbush, Dan and Cathy Holzman, Mary Friesen, Damian Barta, Joanne Bieseck, and Joice Meyer for participating! Topics covered included: the status of seniors and senior care in WI, the federal Budget Reconciliation bill and its consequences for WI seniors, how to be an ombudsman for your local nursing home, how to save your county nursing home from being privatized, and taking action regarding senior care in WI and our country.

As for THIS Tuesday's Sauk County Board meeting at 6 pm, here is the agenda:
https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_supervisors/meeting/131090/2025november11agenda.pdf

There are actually two meetings that night. The first meeting is consideration of the proposed 2026-2028 budget. There will be time for public comment. PLEASE attend, wear your Citizens for the SCHCC" t-shirt (I will also bring signs), and consider saying something to this effect:

"I strongly favor a county budget that fully supports our SCHCC, and I am totally opposed to a budget that continues to overstaff our jail. We cannot afford to do both. I urge the Board to vote accordingly."

The second meeting is the general meeting. At the end of the agenda, it states that the Board may go into closed session to consider a lawsuit filed against them by a group called Voces de La Frontera. This lawsuit was brought against the county because it is housing ICE detainees in our county jail. These detainees, under the Trump Administration, are not being provided due process rights when they are apprehended, rights which are guaranteed under our U.S. Constitution.

So, if that is of concern to you, please stay and you can speak to that issue during the public comment portion of that second meeting. I plan to do so, and others from our SCHCC group may do so as well.

I look forward to seeing you Tuesday night. We can gather on 3rd floor outside the Boardroom at 5:45. If you plan to speak during public comment for one or both meetings, you will need to complete a form just before the meeting and hand it to the County Clerk, Becky Evert, who is seated at the front of the Boardroom.

Thank you! See you Tuesday night at 5:45 pm!

Judy

Here are some ways to be involved:

EMPOWER The Grassroots

We're Starting to Recruit Poll Workers!

Calling all Democracy Defenders! We're helping recruit Democratic poll workers to be nominated as Democrats for the following election cycle (2026-2027). This is a great way to engage our communities in small-d democracy, civic participation, and ensure smooth and accessible elections across the state!

This opportunity is unique in that **Poll Workers are paid**, with daily pay between \$150-\$225 dollars each Election Day and additional opportunities of up to two weeks pay including in-person absentee voting.

In-person and online Poll Worker Info Sessions are weekly, we sincerely appreciate your support and encourage you to learn more about this wonderful opportunity! To attend an online Info Session register at wisdems.org/pollworker.

Weekly News From Your Wisconsin Democratic Party Chair

Follow this newsletter to keep current on the events shaping our state and the work our party is doing to win in 2025 and beyond.

My fellow Wisconsin Democrats,

What. A. Week.

From Abigail Spanberger in Virginia to breaking the super-majority in the Mississippi legislature (we know a thing or two about that in Wisconsin), Democrats from every corner of our party came together to deliver an extraordinary night of victories across the country.

In Georgia, we flipped two Public Service Commission seats, the first time since 2006 that Democrats have won a non-federal statewide race there. In Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Democrats flipped the Attorney General seat blue for the first time in county history. Even JD Vance's brother got pummeled in his Cincinnati mayoral election.

Across the country, voters turned out and sent a clear message to Republicans in Congress and the Trump administration: we are not backing down.

These victories didn't happen by chance — and they're not just a reaction to Trump and his failures. Democrats are winning because we're doing the work: talking to voters, listening to their concerns, and fighting for a better future for every American.

Just like we've been doing here in Wisconsin for years, we're seeing Democrats across the country ignoring the beltway BS and focusing on their own backyards.

Here in Wisconsin, we never have an "off year." A huge thank-you goes out to our incredible volunteers who showed up for our 5th One Year to Win Weekend of Action. We held 425 canvass launches, mobilized over a thousand volunteers, knocked on tens of thousands of doors across 115 municipalities, and hosted more than 55 food drives to support those impacted by the government shutdown.

This is why we win. Because we're in our communities listening, organizing, and delivering while Republicans keep cozying up to Trump and his billionaire buddies.

But the work isn't done. We have to keep this momentum going through 2026 and beyond. Keep volunteering. Keep talking to your neighbors. Keep showing up.

This week gave us hope. Let's turn that hope into lasting victory.

With gratitude,

Fact of the Week

[Every single county in Virginia and New Jersey shifted blue on election day.](#)

Governor Evers Response to the administration's directive on halting distribution of SNAP benefits:

"NO"

Dem. Party of Sauk Co. Gen. Membership Meeting

3rd Thursday of the month, agenda:

6:00 pm Potluck, 6:30 pm Speaker, 7:00 pm Business Meeting

Check your e-mail and our Facebook page for updates.

Questions? Call and leave a message 608.448.2127 or write
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Typical Week Office Hours (subject to change):

Tuesday 11 AM - 2 PM

Wednesday Noon - 3 PM

Thursday 2 Pm - 6 PM