

# NEWSLETTER

## Democratic Party of Chippewa County Monthly Meeting August 10, 2017

**In conjunction with our regular meeting in August we will be having a work session of sorts to hopefully develop a plan to reach out to Chippewa County residents to find out what their political priorities are, and to see if we, together, can find solutions to those concerns. We will be joined by Chelsea Hall, a DPW political coordinator, who will talk about what's happening in surrounding counties and what we can do here in Chippewa County to reach out to those who seem to be disenfranchised while at the same time building a strong base for the elections in 2018.**

**Several counties around the state have begun various activities to engage more people in the political process, and having read and talked to other chairs about these activities, it has really piqued my interest in doing something here. Their successes are something we can incorporate into our own unique plans.**

**Here is an example of what can be done:**

*At the Barron County Fair, Democrats asked folks to fill out a short survey to enter to win a \$25 gas card. (The survey asked them to check off the most important issue that affected their family and neighbors, did they see themselves as a democrat, republican, or independent, and it asked for their name, address, and phone number). They were able to gather about 300 responses. The survey was based off the script the DPW organizer's developed. They also talked to folks as they were filling it out and asked how they felt about Sen. Tammy Baldwin and tried to make a judgement call on "persuadability." They highly recommend this for Fairs and other events.*

**These names and contacts can then be entered into the VAN and used in 2018 to seek volunteers and people who may support Democratic candidates in the election. It will give Barron County a much better view of what's happening in their district and make projecting of the outcome of a campaign more accurate. Obviously, the goal is to persuade more people to go to the polls and vote for Democrats. This ground work now is crucial to having a good voter turnout in 2018.**

**Unfortunately, this info came too late for us to use at the NWSF, but we can do similar voter contact with other methods. That's what we need to get started at.**

**I want to encourage everyone to try to make it to our meeting/work session on August 10th to hear about the exciting activities going on around us and how we might become part of the action. It is an opportunity for us to do something positive amidst all the political chaos we hear about.**

## Pure Water Days Parade

**The Pure Water Days Parade is Saturday, August 12. Is there any interest in doing something different - a float, decorating an antique car, a song and dance show, or whatever? It would be nice to have a strong Democratic presence at the parade. People are looking to Democrats for leadership now and a good showing at the Pure Water Days Parade would be a very positive experience, both for the spectators and for those of us walking! The parade starts at 1:00 pm and we are #30 in line. It begins in the parking lot of the County Courthouse and ends on Spring Street and Rushman Drive.**

**An easy Saturday stroll!**

**Notes**

I realize the newsletter and my regular emails have been rather few and far between the past few months. Let's just chalk that up to summer relaxation! There has been a lot going on around us locally and, of course, nationally the rhetoric never stops. Much thanks goes to all of you who have participated in contacting your Congressman and Senators about the Affordable Care Act and other issues, too! This is going to be an ongoing struggle as our President and Congressional Republicans try to figure out how to actually govern. It is foreign to both after eight years of just saying no to everything. Unfortunately for Democrats we will need to continue to resist the terrible direction they are taking our country while at the same time finding our own voice and what we stand for. I'm confident the latter will happen. I'm not very confident the current leadership will ever get its act together.

In Wisconsin, I'm feeling good about the Democratic candidates stepping forward to challenge our Governor. It is a diverse group and will garner a lot of attention throughout the primary. Senator Tammy Baldwin, a main target of the right, has strong early support, but will need our best efforts to keep her in the Senate.

This is what we have to look forward to, and I am hoping everyone will come together to do all they can to help Democrats have a successful 2018 election cycle!

**Al Holle**  
**Chair**  
**Democratic Party of Chippewa County**

**Monthly Meeting**

**Democratic Party of Chippewa County**  
**August 10, 2017**  
**6:30 pm**

**Agenda:**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 3. Secretary's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Chairs Report**
- 6. Other - Work Session - Chelsea Hall, DPW Political Coordinator**

**Calendar of Events 2017****August 10, 2017**

**Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm at the Office**

**August 12, 2017**

**Pure Water Days Parade**

**September 14, 2017**

**Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm at the Office**

**October 12, 2017**

**Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm at the Office**

**Executive Committee for 2017**

**Al Holle - Chair**  
**Carol Gehl - 1st Vice Chair**  
**Sherry Jasper - 2nd Vice Chair**  
**Dawn Totzke - Secretary/Treasurer**

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