

# Eau Claire County Democratic Party Coffee Klatch Notes

Thursday, September 26, 2019

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Present: Marjorie Bunce, Carol Craig (facilitator), Carolyn Dunning, Bonnie Golden, Ann Heywood (recorder), Gloria Hochstein, Linda Lodolce, Bob Matthews, Ann McKinley, Linda Norton, Connie Russell, John Sandquist, Liz Spencer, Kathy Tuttle, Charlie Warner, Pat Williams, Eleanor Wolf, Pam Lee, Lee Beier, Jan Frase, Jean Glanzman, Ray Hilfiker, Noah Reif, Breanna Stanley, Pat Reinardy, Dave Reinardy, Carole Spencer, Mike O'Brien

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next Coffee Klatch** -- Thursday, October 3; 10 a.m. – 12 Noon; Resource Center, 440 Broadway St.

Come join a lively conversation about current events – share opinions, experiences, resources with a progressive-minded community. Come when you can, leave when you must. The coffee will be on and the treats will be out. Encourage your friends, neighbors, and others to join us for respectful conversation leading to constructive action.

**Patty Schachtner Fundraiser** – Friday, October 4; 5- 7 p.m., 200 Main Gallery, corner of Main and Graham, downtown Eau Claire. Support Patty for reelection to the legislature in Senate District 10. How do we in Wisconsin get traction when the majority leadership come from the wealthiest counties in the state? It's really important to have Democrats running and Democrats supporting the candidates in gerrymandered districts because the maps may be redrawn in the future. Focus is needed on District 10 where Patty Schachtner is running for reelection.

**JONAH's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration** – Sunday, October 27, 4 – 6:30 p.m., The Oxford, 1814 N. Oxford Ave.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door.

JONAH is accepting paid ads in its next yearbook. The deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> to submit an ad.

**Homeless Veterans** – Thursday, November 21; 5:30 p.m., Democratic Resource Center. At this monthly party meeting, several speakers will talk about efforts to address housing challenges affecting veterans.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**John Oliver on Immigration** will be viewed at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Klatch. It is a dive into the extremely difficult process of immigrating legally to the US, a process John Oliver is personally familiar with.

**Seeking farmers to interview** – Charlie Warner is helping a beginning writer find a farmer to interview for an article. Contact Charlie if you know of a farmer who voted for Trump in 2016, but is not planning to vote for him again in 2020.

**Noah Reif, Citizens Action Coordinator** for our area will be leaving at the end of this week to serve another area of the state. He expressed his appreciation for the collaborative relationships and initiatives he formed with EC Dems/Progressives. Noah introduced Breanna Stanley as the replacement Citizen Action Coordinator for this area. Breanna is well known by C Dems/Progressives and was welcomed into her new role.

## **DISCUSSION**

**Get out the Vote** [National Voter Registration Day](#) was Tuesday, September 24, 2019. [Chippewa Valley Votes](#) volunteers engaged over 400 citizens regarding the importance of registering and then voting. As a result of this initiative 75 eligible citizens registered to vote and 145 secured their registration with an address/name change. Be sure to recommend neighbors, friends, co-workers go to the [My Vote](#) website. It is simple and efficient in assisting with voter registration questions. Explore it! Try it! Note: in Eau Claire County, there are 25,000 people eligible to vote who have NOT registered.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote , 1920-2020-** Jean Glanzman shared plans for local activities and celebration in the making for next year. She would like to develop a traveling exhibit and seeks resources from the area. Various ideas included: Jane Peterson, UW-EC Study Center, League of Women Voters, CVLR Speaker's group, Chippewa Valley Museum, UW-EC archives. This could be a great way to get involved with civic activities that promote democracy – stay tuned.

**Whistle Blower's Report –** Much discussion on the implications for current administration AND current congressional members. Will we finally follow the laws governing constitutional integrity? This likely will take center stage for next several months; questions about how this will impact Democratic presidential candidates – especially Joe Biden's candidacy- discussed the potential fallout for him...

**Sen. Elizabeth Warren** plans to introduce legislation this fall to rescind 20 Medals of Honor awarded to U.S. soldiers who slaughtered hundreds of Lakota Indians — mostly women and children — in the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890. The bill, the Remove the Stain Act, was introduced in the House in June; Warren said she'll introduce a Senate version in the coming months.