**Eau Claire County Democratic Party Coffee Klatch Notes  
Thursday, May 16, 2019**

**Present:** Ann Heywood, Marjorie Bunce, Carol Craig (facilitator), Carolyn Dunning, Gloria Hochstein, Bob Matthews, Ann McKinley, Darla Sorenson, Eleanor Wolf, Charlene Warner, Bonnie Golden, Sally Lee, Liz Spencer, Mike O’Brien, Robert Wojnowski, John Sandquist, Rollie Hicks, Carlyn Conway, Kathy Tuttle, Chris H-Boyle, Linda Norton, Carole Johnson, Donna Fortin, Constance Heffernan, Pat Williams

***There was no one taking notes. Here are some of the relevant issues discussed and announcements:***

* Discussed ways we can collaborate with Chippewa County Dems – to form a more citizen engagement initiatives in rural America. If individuals took a little time to explore their values (what it means to have “quality of life”) many more would support Democratic public policies.
* Participants who signed up to do an interesting perspective of the many Democratic Presidential Candidates (23 and counting) should bring their ‘rough draft’ of the candidate next week – May 23. The information should be why/how candidate is different than other candidates –
* Chippewa County Fair - July 10-14th. This is a great opportunity to connect with citizens and share Information/activities relative to Public policies that work for all. EC Dems and Chippewa Dems will staff a booth --- there is a need for EC Dems and Chippewa Dems to sign up for a couple hours (or more if you are so inclined). Everything will be setup for you – games, brochures, issue information, etc. EC Dems will cover the admission costs, in appreciation for your willingness to ‘make a difference’ and staff the booth.
* View the DVD “ Fix It” - it explores why many corporations in United States support universal health care coverage. We did not have time to watch it – here is the link for anyone interested: <https://vimeo.com/163514012>
* **WEAR ORANGE WALK to End Gun Violence on June 8th**  
  The Gun Violence Prevention Faith in Action Group of First Presbyterian Church is organizing a Wear Orange Walk to observe **Wear Orange Day** on June 8th at 10am. We will gather in Wilson Park in downtown Eau Claire at 10am to hear a few words about the toll gun violence continues to take on our country. Then local religious leaders will lead us in pausing to remember those affected by gun violence and encourage us in creativity and steadfastness in the work to end gun violence. At 10:30am we'll take ACTION as we become a sea of orange and walk to Phoenix Park and return to Wilson Park to write postcards to our representatives.

On Wear Orange Day, people across the U.S. are invited to wear orange to raise awareness of the seriousness and the pervasiveness of gun violence in America and to demonstrate their support for gun violence prevention measures. We would love for you and your friends to wear orange and join us!

For questions contact Sara Gannon at [cedir@firstpres-eauclaire.org](mailto:cedir@firstpres-eauclaire.org).

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