



**2015 STATE  
CONVENTION**

# **CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**FIGHTING FOR A  
BETTER WISCONSIN**

Thank you,  
Wisconsin Democrats,  
for standing up for our  
shared progressive values!



Join U.S. Senator  
Tammy Baldwin in her  
hospitality suite in the  
Harmony Room!

Paid for by Tammy Baldwin for Senate

# WELCOME TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN'S 2015 STATE CONVENTION

Democrats have a lot to accomplish this year. The progressive spirit we've seen flaring up recently has taken hold in our Party, imbuing it with new energy and spirit. We are now more dedicated than ever to ensuring that Wisconsin and our country remain places of opportunity for every single American, no matter their race, gender, socioeconomic status, religious affiliation, or sexual orientation.



As our governor's attention is increasingly turned away from Wisconsin, we must focus on righting the wrongs he has foisted on Wisconsin. We must rebuild our state's unions stronger than ever, so they can stand as a bulwark, protecting Wisconsin's middle class against corporations who care more about profits than people. We have to invest in our public schools, not spend precious resources on unaccountable private institutions. We need to honor Wisconsin's rich heritage of environmental conservation, not cede power to oil and mining companies.

That's why the theme of this year's convention is "Fighting for a Better Wisconsin." By carrying this theme forward in all we do this year, we can make our great state the envy of the entire country once again.

During this convention, we will share our Party's vision for the electoral future. The historic gains of the Obama Administration will be in jeopardy if we allow Republicans like Scott Walker to capture the White House. We must take back Russ Feingold's Senate seat from the Tea Party's Ron Johnson, who in just five years has become beholden to special interests at the expense of Wisconsin families. And we must make gains in the state legislature.

The resolve and dedication I have seen from Democrats all across the state, who have refused to give up in the face of Republican opposition, tell me we can do this. The energy and enthusiasm I have seen from each and every candidate for office tell me we can do this. The passion and commitment demonstrated by each and every person attending this convention tell me we can do this. As we ready ourselves for the coming challenges, I ask you all to join us in Fighting for a Better Wisconsin.

Thank you and enjoy the convention

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Tate'.

Mike Tate  
Chair, Democratic Party of Wisconsin



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# **CONVENTION AGENDA**

## **Friday, June 5**

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| 2:00 PM | Democratic Unity Fair Begins   |
| 3:00 PM | Registration Opens – Woodland Dreams<br>Women’s Caucus Meeting – Harmony Room<br>Rural Caucus Meeting – Serenity Room  |
| 3:30 PM | Veterans Caucus Meeting – Prosperity Room<br>Labor Caucus Meeting – Inspire Room<br>LGBT Caucus Meeting – Clarity Room   |
| 4:30 PM | County Chairs’ Association – Serenity Room<br>New Delegate Orientation – Harmony Room  |
| 5:00 PM | Convention Hall Doors Open – Event Center<br>Latino Caucus Meeting – Prosperity Room<br>Black Caucus Meeting – Inspire Room<br>American Indian Caucus – Clarity Room |
| 6:00 PM | Convention General Session begins with the<br>Call to Order, Presentation of Colors, Pledge of<br>Allegiance, Invocation, and National Anthem                        |

## Friday, June 5 Continued

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| 6:05 PM | Speeches and Reports by Democratic Party of Wisconsin Officers, Local Elected Officials, State Legislative Leaders, Congressional Delegation Members, Statewide Leaders, and Special Guest Speakers |
| 8:00 PM | Registration closes – Woodland Dreams   |
| 9:00 PM | General Session Ends and Hospitality Suites Begin   |

## Saturday, June 6

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| 7:00 AM  | Morning Hospitality Suites Begin   |
| 8:00 AM  | Registration Opens – Woodland Dreams   |
| 8:30 AM  | Convention General Session Reconvenes with Resolutions Debate – Event Center |
| 9:30 AM  | Speeches and Reports by Elected Officials                                    |
| 10:00 AM | Speeches by Candidates for State Party Office                                |
| 11:00 AM | Registration Closes  |
| 11:30 AM | Raising Alternates to Delegates – Woodland Dreams                            |
| 12:30 PM | Voting for DPW Officers Begins – Woodland Dreams                             |
| 2:00 PM  | Voting for DPW Officers Ends and Results Tabulated                           |
| TBD      | Results of DPW Officer Elections Announced                                   |

# MILWAUKEE: A GREAT CITY ON A GREAT LAKE

Milwaukee began with a bang. In the early 19th Century, two towns formed on either side of the Milwaukee River, Kilbourntown and Juneautown. Their close proximity sparked tension, with each town competing for dominance. Byron Kilbourn, the leader of Kilbourntown, was known to distribute maps that omitted Juneautown entirely. He also worked to ensure that his town's roads

did not line up with those in Juneautown.



**Milwaukee Bridge War**

dependence on his town, and he eventually destroyed part of the bridge. In retaliation, angry members of Juneautown burned down two smaller bridges in an attempt to isolate Kilbourntown. Following that, groups of townsfolk from both sides fought a minor skirmish that became known as the Milwaukee Bridge War. Cooler heads prevailed in the end, and no lives were lost in the fighting. The two towns agreed to cooperate further, and the city of Milwaukee was formed a year later.

This tension came to a head in 1845 when the Milwaukee Territorial Authority ordered the construction of a bridge across the Milwaukee River. Kilbourn opposed this, as it reduced Juneautown's

One of the most unusual developments in Milwaukee's history was its status as a socialist bastion in the early 20th Century. Decades of corruption in the late 1800s left many Milwaukee residents frustrated with the amorality of their city officials. This led to the landslide victory of Socialist Emil Seidel, making him the first Socialist mayor of a large American city. While mayor, Seidel established the first public works department, a department which functioned so well that Milwaukee Socialists were known to boast about it vigorously. This earned them the derisive nickname Sewer Socialists.

The Sewer Socialists were known for their efforts to clean up Milwaukee and right some of the wrongs of the Industrial Revolution. Education was expanded, sanitation systems were implemented, and many new regulations were imposed to prevent the corruption and abuse that ran rampant in previous years. Socialists controlled Milwaukee for a total of 38 years, from 1910-1912, then again from 1916-1940, and finally from 1948-1960. The party fell from power and prominence due to the onset of the Cold War and the rise of the “red scare.”



**Mayor Tom Barrett**

Following the decline of the Sewer Socialists, the Democratic Party has governed Milwaukee from 1960 onward. Currently, the city is governed by Mayor Tom Barrett. During his tenure as Mayor of Milwaukee, Barrett has practiced responsible budgeting, cutting spending by \$30 million after the recent financial crisis threatened the city's pensions. He has also dramatically reduced the city's crime rate, improved Milwaukee's public school system, and worked to create green jobs in the city.



**Wisconsin Street, Milwaukee, 1900**

In many ways, the political history of Milwaukee is representative of Wisconsin as a whole. It's colorful, quirky, and full of interesting and memorable characters. At times it's divided, but those divisions have been and will continue to be overcome.

**Thank you for attending this year's convention, and welcome to the wonderful city of Milwaukee.**

# VISIT THE DEMOCRATIC UNITY FAIR

Exhibitors from various progressive organizations are assembled outside of the ballroom. Participants in this year's Democratic Unity Fair include:

- College Democrats of Wisconsin
- DPW Raffle Table
- DPW Women's Caucus
- Gwen Moore for Congress
- Jason Rae for Chair
- Jeff Smith for Chair
- Joe Wineke for Chair
- Martha Laning for Chair
- Milwaukee Legislative Democrats
- One Wisconsin Now
- Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin
- Progressive Democrats of America
- Radio Row
- Ready for Hillary
- Russ for Wisconsin
- Tammy Baldwin for Senate
- Tom B 4 House
- Wisconsin Association of Railroad Passengers
- Wisconsin Grassroots Network
- WisPolitics

## And More!

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# COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRS

Adams - Harry Davis	Menominee - Diana Miller
Barron - Gerry Lisi & Tim Schultz	Milwaukee - Marlene Ott
Brown - Mary Ginnebaugh	Monroe - Mary Von Ruden
Buffalo - Craig Brooks	Oconto - Marta Roszak
Burnett - Emily Nehring	Oneida - Paul Knuth (Co-Chair)
Calumet - Ron Gruett	Oneida - John Langeland (Co-Chair)
Chequamegon - Kelly Westlund	Outagamie - Dottie LeClair
Chippewa - Allen Holle	Ozaukee - Bridget Moen
Clark - Peter Hellios	Pepin - Bruce Johnson
Columbia - Mary Arnold	Pierce - Jim Camery
Crawford - Bob Welsh	Polk - Ann Turner
Dane - Mike Basford	Portage - Gary Hawley
Dodge - James (Jim) Zahn	Price - Harvey Bilz
Door - Garrett Cohn	Racine - Meg Andrietsch
Douglas - Rick Arnold	Richland - Ernie Wittwer
Dunn - Kelly Holzer	Rock - Mark Fuller
Eau Claire - Beverly Wickstrom	Rusk - Al Manson
Florence - John Fox	Sauk - Bob Johnson
Fond du Lac - Paul Czisny	Sawyer - Waldo Asp (Co-Chair)
Forest - Shirley Mills	Sawyer - Paul DeMain (Co-Chair)
Grant - Carol Beals	Shawano - Jan Koch
Green - Phil Fransen	Sheboygan - Anita Klein
Green Lake - Bob Schweder	St. Croix - Rebecca Bonesteel
Iowa - Susan Gereau	Taylor - Marvel A. Lemke
Iron - Robert Traczyk	Trempealeau - Deanna Matchey
Jackson - Gaylord Oppegard	Vernon - Dennis Brault
Jefferson - Tom Chojnacki	Vilas - Judy Groh
Juneau - Sarah Ann Shanahan	Walworth - Tom Spellman
Kenosha - Mary Jonker	Washburn - Paul Johnson
Kewaunee - Mary (Mimi) Dobbins	Washington - Tanya Lohr
La Crosse - J.D. Wine	Waukesha - Scott Trindl
Lafayette - Mike Gallagher	Waupaca - Patricia DuChene
Langlade - Anna Wheelock	Waushara - Karen Harvey
Lincoln - Melissa Schroeder	Winnebago - Marcia Steele
Manitowoc - Anne Flynn	Wood - Thomas Duncan (Co-Chair)
Marathon - Andrew Benedetto	Wood - Steven Okonek (Co-Chair)
Marinette - Tom Faller	
Marquette - Margarete Worthington	

# RAFFLE

**BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR A CHANCE TO  
WIN ONE OF OUR GREAT PRIZES!**

📱 **Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Tickets**

*Courtesy of Jeff Christensen, DPW 2nd Vice Chair*

📱 **Senator Tammy Baldwin Basket**

*Courtesy of Tammy Baldwin for Senate*

📱 **Assorted County Party Prize Baskets**

*Courtesy of local county parties*

**And more!**

**Tickets at 2 for \$5, 5 for \$10**

- The winning ticket must be presented in person on Saturday afternoon following the raffle drawing to redeem a prize
- All proceeds go to the Democratic Party of Wisconsin

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### *Welcome to Milwaukee*

***Greetings to Delegates and Guests,***

*I am pleased to welcome you to the 4th Congressional District for the 2015 State Democratic Convention on June 5 and 6.*

*I proudly represent the following communities:  
Bayside, Brown Deer, Cudahy, Fox Point, Glendale,  
Milwaukee, Saint Francis, South Milwaukee,  
Shorewood, West Milwaukee and Whitefish Bay.*

*We must continue the fight for progressive values.*

*Congresswoman Gwen Moore*

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## ***You're Invited!***

Please join

*assembly*  
**DEMOCRATS**

 **STATE SENATE**  
**DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE**

on the Serenity Patio following the speeches  
for drinks, dancing, and fun!

Authorized and Paid for by the Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee, JoCasta Zamarripa and Robb Kahl, Treasurers  
And by the State Senate Democratic Committee, Mark Miller, Treasurer.



**We're ready to work with you to strengthen our county parties, support our candidates, and win elections in Wisconsin again.**

**We'd be honored to have your vote to be your next State Chair and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair.**

***-Jason Rae & Penny Bernard Schaber***

## **Experience matters.**



**JOE WINEKE** has years of legislative and recruiting experience, Democratic political involvement, and is an experienced debater. These are all important elements to being a successful DPW Party Chair.



**DOTTIE LECLAIR** has served as Chair of the Outagamie County Democratic Party for over 20 years. Until recently, she also was the elected Chair of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Party. She is the former Chair of the County Chairs Association and is currently the longest serving member on the State Party Administrative Committee.

**2016 is going to be a very important election.** It is imperative that we have experienced leadership at the top of the party. **Wineke** and **LeClair** have proven themselves to be leaders. ***They can hit the road running on day one.***



# MARTHA LANING



Our party's greatest asset has always been you, the members. My vision is simple: **A party that listens, brings everyone to the table, and is willing to share responsibility, resources, and information with all of its members.** Only together, can we create an unbeatable team that will deliver our progressive message to every corner of Wisconsin and help Democrats win up and down the ballot.

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Learn more about what Martha really stands for at

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

Please join

# Thomas Nelson and the Northeastern Wisconsin Democrats



for breakfast on  
Saturday, June 7th  
7AM

in the Woodlands Dreams Ballroom B

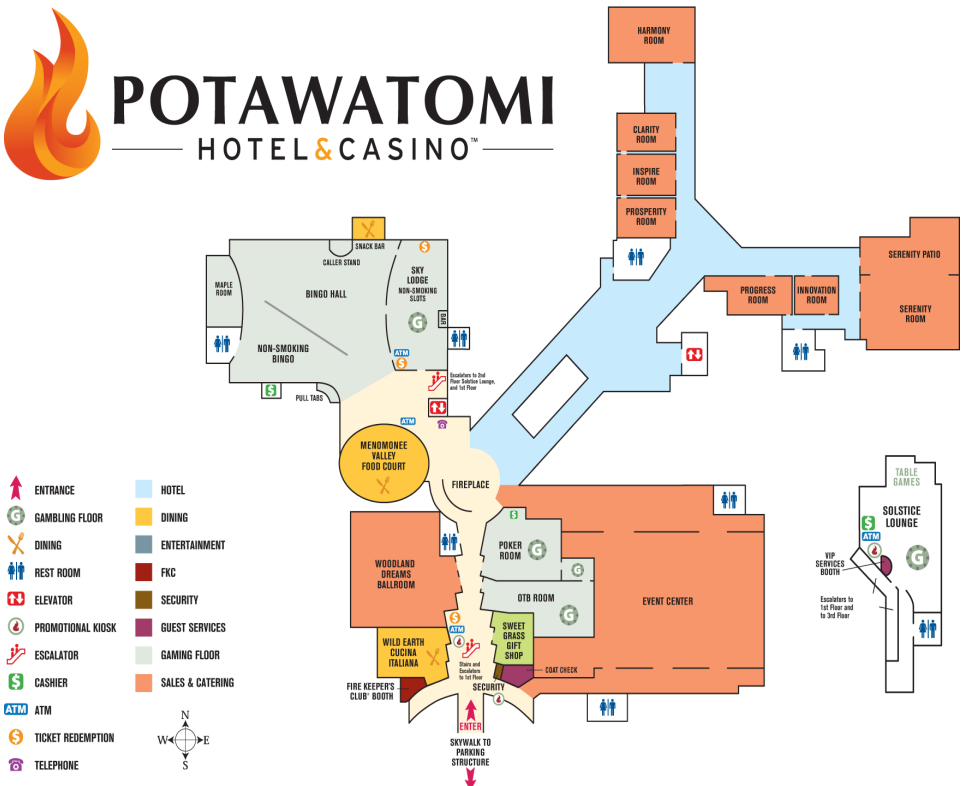
Hosted by the Outagamie County Dems  
Brown County Dems  
Representative Eric Genrich  
Senator Dave Hansen  
and  
County Executive Thomas Nelson

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## CONVENTION CENTER MAP



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*"Independence, integrity,  
and commitment; three  
reasons why I support  
Randy Udell for DPW  
Treasurer."*

Michael Childers  
DPW Treasurer, 2007-2015

## Qualified to lead

- During the 2014 campaign cycle assisted the DPW Compliance Department with report preparation for both the FEC and Wisconsin Government Accountability Board.
- Appointed as an At-Large Member to the Democratic Party of Wisconsin Administrative Board (2013 – Present).
- Past Treasurer of the 2nd CD Democratic Party (2008 – 2013).
- Past Chair of the 2nd CD Democratic Party.
- Worked for Congressman Les Aspin through college in Washington, D.C, his campaign, and district offices.
- President of Young Democrats and Student Senator at the UW-Whitewater.

**Randy**  
**Udell**  
**For DPW**  
**Treasurer**

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