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Next meeting: 10:30 a.m. March 18, 2023 (one-time change to 3rd Saturday)

Progressive Protasiewicz advances to court vote

Progressive Janet C. Protasiewicz has won a spot in the April 4 general election for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. She will face conservative Dan Kelly, a former justice who lost reelection in 2020 to progressive Justice Jill Karofsky.

The April election, which is getting national media attention for its campaign spending and potential change in ideological balance, will decide whether the Wisconsin Supreme Court maintains its 4-3 conservative balance or flips to progressive.

The winner in April will take the place of retiring conservative Justice Patience Roggensack. A progressive court might bring rulings in favor of abortion access and the chance to redraw legislative maps that currently skew in favor of Republicans.

In Waupaca County, unofficial results of the Feb. 21 primary show Kelly getting the most votes, 3,013, of the four candidates. (Election night results are always unofficial, according to myvote.wi.gov. The Board of Canvassers will meet to verify the results on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023.)

Protasiewicz (say *pro-tuh-SAY-witz*), a Milwaukee County circuit court judge, came in second in the county with 2,472 votes.

The other conservative in the primary election, Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer R. Dorow, got 1,479 in the county, and progressive Dane County Circuit Court Judge Everett Mitchell received 332.

Locations in Waupaca County where Protasiewicz got more votes than Kelly include the Waupaca area (City of Waupaca and adjacent Towns of Dayton and Farmington), Town of Iola, Town of Scandinavia, City of Clintonville, and five of the nine wards in the City of New London.

myvote.wi.gov; ballotpedia.org; wispolitics.com; elections.wi.gov; docs.legis.wisconsin.gov



Janet Protasiewicz
Protasiewicz campaign

23,400 are missing

For the state Supreme Court primary, about 7,300 registered citizens voted in Waupaca County. But — 30,763 voters are registered in the county.

Where were the other voters? About 23,400 were missing.

Habush Sinykin in vital race

Electing Democrat Jodi Habush Sinykin in Wisconsin State Senate District 8 “will stop Republicans from getting a supermajority in the Wisconsin state Senate,” said Ben Wikler, chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

“If Republicans get a 2/3 supermajority in the state Senate, they’ll have the votes to override Gov. [Tony] Evers’ vetoes,” Wikler said in a statement from the Wisconsin State Senate Democratic Committee. “At that point, our only defense is the state Assembly — where the GOP is only two votes short of a supermajority. *That’s too narrow a margin,*” he said.

Waupaca County Dems can help

Waupaca County Democrats can help by talking about the crucial vote with friends, business associates, and relatives in such cities as Germantown, Grafton, Menomonee Falls, Mequon, and Richfield.

Also, money can be donated in several locations, including at ssdc-wi.org and Women Win Wisconsin, the Sarah Godlewski PAC.

GOP-rigged maps

In the redistricting process before the 2022 midterms, the GOP rigged the maps so they could win a 2/3 supermajority despite losing statewide, Wikler said. Republicans picked up the rigged Senate District 25, Wikler said, but then GOP Sen. Alberta Darling in Senate District 8 resigned effective Dec. 1, leaving the GOP with only 21 of 33 seats.

Thus, the special election on April 4 “could shape decisions on voting rights, election subversion, legislative district lines,” and more, Wikler said, “... and determine whether or not Republicans have absolute power in Wisconsin [despite] Governor Evers’ veto pen.”

Denier drama in the GOP

The GOP primary drew national attention because state Rep. Janel Brandtjen of Menomonee Falls, an election denier, had been endorsed by former President Donald Trump. She lost, receiving about 5,000 votes to about 10,000 votes for the winner, fellow state Rep. Daniel Knodl, Germantown.

Habush Sinykin — a Whitefish Bay attorney, business owner, and mom — was unopposed in the Democratic primary. Her website says she will work for affordable reproductive health care; funding for community and law-enforcement programs; safeguarding the environment; safe, well-resourced schools; and an expanding local economy.

ssdc-wi.org; ballotpedia.org; nytimes.com; jodiforsenate.com; apnews.com



Jodi Habush Sinykin
*Habush Sinykin
campaign*

Poll workers needed

In Scandinavia and other small municipalities in Waupaca County, registered Democrats are scarce. If you will have time on April 4, ask your local clerk if poll workers are needed.

The requirements, from myvote.wi.gov:

To be a poll worker, also called an election inspector, a person must:

- Be a qualified elector of the county in which the municipality is located (that is, an adult citizen of the United States who has resided in the election district for 28 consecutive days and is not otherwise disqualified to vote)
- Be able to read and write fluently in the English language
- Not be a candidate for any office to be voted on at the polling place at that election.

The site continues: “Poll workers do everything from check in voters, help people register to vote, check photo IDs and process absentee ballots. Your local clerk will provide you with training prior to election day for the job you will be doing. This is a great opportunity for high school and college students to get involved with the democratic process!”

myvote.wi.gov

The needs are great; generosity can be greater

The donation bin — At the county-party headquarters in Manawa, the bin needs shelf-stable food items, hygiene supplies, and cleaning products for area food pantries.

Volunteers are needed to deliver the next binful to one of these locations: Bear Creek (Outagamie County), Clintonville, Dale (Outagamie County), Iola, or Scandinavia. Deliveries since 2021 have gone to New London, Manawa, Marion, Waupaca, and Weymont.

A list of pantries is being reviewed for accuracy, but it is available at waupacademocrats.com — click “give back.” For a list of pantries and requested items, see waupacacounty-wi.gov — click “community resources.”

Ink and toner — Empty printer cartridges donated at Dems HQ in Manawa will be recycled at Staples for \$2 per cartridge, which is used to pay for office supplies.

Needs of the world — and of U.S. troops — From earthquakes in Turkey and Syria to wildfires everywhere to the year-long grind of war in Ukraine, citizens of the world are in need, and we can help. Among the many charities that offer aid are several well-established ones — Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, and World Food Kitchens. The nonprofit USO serves U.S. troops, which, according to thesoldiersproject.org, are at about 750 bases in 80 nations around the world.

A note about how to donate money — Many charitable and political websites with donation buttons available might charge a fee of several dollars or simply request extra money to cover the fees for running the website. It might be cheaper to write a check and use a 60-cent stamp to mail your donation.

Poem of the month — EEO series

Any woman who was a girl in the 1950's remembers the situation: A woman's place was in the home. Very few female doctors or lawyers. College was for earning an Mrs. degree.

What happened next: The Women's Movement, also known as Women's Liberation. Overthrowing the oppression of females became one of the tumultuous causes of The Sixties, along with the movements for civil rights, disability rights, and religious reform, and the movement against the Vietnam War.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Special Emphasis Programs recognizes March as Women's History Month — a celebration of the economic, political, and social contributions of women. Through a series of steps, March was chosen because on March 8, 1908, women workers in the needle trades marched through New York City's Lower East Side to protest child labor and sweatshop working conditions and to demand women's suffrage.

Honor Moore (1945-), teacher, editor, playwright, and poet, collected verses of rage, determination and redemption in *Poems from*

the Women's Movement (2009). In this fragment from her contribution, “Polemic #1,” she exhorts women to tell their stories (line breaks could not be reproduced exactly):

*This is the poem to say “Write poems, women”
because I want to
read them, because for too long, we have had
mostly men's lives
or men's imaginations wandering
through
our lives, because even the women's lives we
have details of
come through a male approval desire filter
which diffuses
imagination, that most free part of
ourselves.*

*... I have seen you watching, holding on and
watching, and
I see your lips moving. You have stories to tell,
strong stories;
I want to hear your minds as well as
hold your hands.*

archives.gov

Salute to service members

Navy Reserve Birthday, March 3 — The Navy Reserve was officially established March 3, 1915, in preparation for America's likely entry into World War I, which came in 1917. Reserve sailors have been called up in nearly every global conflict since then — Korea, the Cold War, and the Global War on Terror following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

history.navy.mil, allhands.navy.mil

K-9 Veterans Day, March 13 —

Although it is not a federal holiday, the date was declared annually as K-9 Veterans Day in 2015 by the Wisconsin Legislature. Assembly Joint Resolution 4 mentioned Cairo, a military working dog in the operation that killed Osama bin Laden on May 2, 2011. The Army's K-9 Corps was established during World War II on March 13, 1942.

docs.legis.wisconsin.gov; kcfadogs.org; dailyunion.com

National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29 — On this date in 1973, the last American troops left Vietnam. Nearly 50 years later, in 2012, President Barack Obama signed a proclamation designating the annual observance of Vietnam War Veterans Day.

On March 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed into law the Vietnam War

From the minutes, Feb. 11

—Treasurer Tracy W. reported 96 members currently. The Democratic Party of Wisconsin raised its contribution to the county party to \$420 monthly. The new form for membership is updated and on the website; property taxes have been paid for the year, and the county party is now a member of the Manawa Chamber of Commerce.

— 16 members from WCDP can attend the convention of the 8th Congressional District April 29 in Sturgeon Bay. The state convention is June 10-11 in Green Bay.

— Chairman Stu wants volunteers for a committee to focus on local candidate recruitment. A one-hour training video is available from the Milwaukee-based nonprofit Wisconsin Progress.

— Secretary Barb K. asked members to sign up for staffing the office on Saturdays, 11-2.

Summarized from minutes by secretary Barb Kobs



Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, which named March 29 as the date of recognition and amended the U.S. flag code to include it as a day on which the flag should be flown.

defense.gov

Cultural days

Daylight Saving Time Begins, March 12 — Yes, it's still in effect in March 2023. Sleep and medication cycles will be disrupted, as clocks "spring ahead" one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 12, though it's fine to reset your clocks when you go to bed on Saturday. The U.S. Senate last year passed the Sunshine Protection Act, which would have made Daylight Saving Time permanent. The House didn't act on it.

Reuters.com



Then: Waupaca County Student Democrats rode in the 2016 Fourth of July Parade in Waupaca; up top was Collin McNamara, then a student at Iola-Scandinavia High School.

Now: The 2023 parade is being considered by the planning committee for WCDP participation. Recommendations will be made at a meeting of the committee. *Volunteer photo*