



# browncountydemocratic newsletter

**GENERAL MEETING**  
Thursday, Nov 29, 2018  
7:00 pm  
118 S. Chestnut Ave.  
Green Bay

## NOVEMBER 29 GENERAL MEETING



**Jon Shelton, Associate Professor of Democracy and Justice Studies at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay**, will address our members at our General Monthly Meeting. His subject will be a history of Wisconsin Elections with a discussion of the 2018 elections.

In addition we will sum up election results and nominate Party Officers (see below).

**Next Meeting**  
December 20—7:00 pm  
**Following Holiday Party**

**January General Meeting**  
Thursday, January 31

## NOTICE OF ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICERS

Notice of Election for Democratic Party of Brown County Officers and Administrative Committee for 2019 and 2020.

All meetings will be held at 118 N Chestnut St. Green Bay at 7pm.

**November 29:** Nominations Meeting for the Posts of Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Second Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer and one District Representative from each of the following geographic districts in the County : 1) East Green Bay, east of Fox River; 2) West Green Bay, west of Fox River; 3) Allouez or East DePere, east of Fox River; 4) Ashwaubenon or West DePere, west of Fox River; 5) Howard or Suamico; and, 6) Remainder of County not previously listed. Note “Green Bay” refers to the City, not Zip Code.

Nominations must be made at this meeting. Floor nominations at the election meeting in December are not permitted. Note other officers are functional positions and are appointed by the Chair. Nominees and nominators MUST be a CURRENT MEMBER on NOVEMBER 29.

**December 15:** You must be a current member on this date to be able to vote in the election. It is the member’s responsibility to ensure they are current. If you are in any doubt as to your membership status contact Frank Ingram info@browncountydems.com, (preferred) or call 920-445-3758).

Note postal ballots will not be issued to anyone who will not be current on December 15 until after they pay their membership dues. It is the responsibility of the member – not the County Party – to ensure that they are current. Note that sending you this notice is NOT confirmation of your membership status.

**December 20:** Election meeting. You can vote in person on the night or apply for an absentee ballot.

**Absentee Postal Ballots-**You may request an absentee ballot by email (preferred) to info@browncountydems.com, or by mail to PO Box 11291 Green Bay WI 54307. Requests by phone will not be accepted. If you request an absentee ballot you WILL NOT receive a ballot at the meeting. There is no in-person absentee voting before the meeting.

- Postal ballots must be RECEIVED by mail on or before December 20 or hand delivered to the meeting no later than 7.30 pm.

- Election of a County Party officer shall require a majority of the members voting.

- Contested elections require a secret ballot.

- The elected positions for Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice-Chair must be a combination of either 2 males and one female or 2 females and one male.

## EVENT NOTICES

**Valley Victory Heritage Dinner 2018:** Friday November 30th, 2018 at the Fox Valley Area Labor Temple, 157 S. Green Bay Rd, Neenah, WI  
Door open at 4:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00

**Letters to the Editor** meets on First Wednesday of month at 4:30 at the office

**Welcome & Volunteer Celebration Meeting:** Watch for meeting to be scheduled in January to celebrate our new leadership in Wisconsin and the House. Come celebrate with fellow campaign volunteers and find out how you can stay involved.

**Outreach Team Meeting:** Watch for meeting to be scheduled in January.

**Young Dems Book Club:** The Young Dems invite all to read “Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms” by Adam Winkler. Join the discussion December 7th, 5:30-7pm the Reader’s Loft (2069 Central Ct., Green Bay). Copies are available at the Reader’s Loft, call 920-406-0200 to reserve, and the Brown County Library Central Branch.

All are welcome to participate in the book club discussion.

For more information contact [youngdems@browncountydems.com](mailto:youngdems@browncountydems.com)

## Jingle & Mingle Holiday Party

**Thursday December 20th**  
**Doors open at 5:00 PM**

**For a \$5 donation you can  
celebrate the election & the  
holidays with good friends and  
wonderful Italian food**

**Desserts to share would be appreciated**  
**Non-perishable food will be collected  
for local food pantries.**

**Kindly RSVP to**

**Events@browncountydems.com or  
call 920-405-0455 and leave message**  
**Democratic Party of Brown County**  
**Office at 118 S Chestnut Ave**

By Laura Kiefert

Democrats throughout the country did very well, but we didn't get the tsunami we had hoped for. Here in Brown County we lament that our candidates for the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly did not prevail as we know those friends to be persons of integrity who would have served us well but we celebrate the diligence and hard work of those candidates, as well as the efforts of all the dedicated organizers and volunteers who helped.

We celebrate that Tammy Baldwin will continue as our Senator, Tony Evers will be our Governor, Mandela Barnes our Lt. Governor, Josh Kaul our Attorney General, and Sarah Godlewski our Treasurer. Brown County Democrats should be proud of their efforts towards these victories.

Although Brown County has been deeply rooted in Republicanism for decades, we can have plenty of hope for the future as the demographics throughout the State and the U.S. are beginning to shift. In Waukesha County, party control didn't change, but Republicans saw drops in margins in important suburban areas. Walker carried that county in this election by 34 percentage points. Four years ago, he won it by 46 points.

Not only can we celebrate taking control of our State capital, nationwide we celebrate Democrats regaining control of the House, but that's not the only good news coming out the 2018 midterm results. There are some other notable glimmers of hope resulting from months of hard work from organizers and millions of voters turning out to the polls.

In Michigan, Rashida Tlaib became the first-ever Muslim woman elected to the U.S. Congress. In Florida, voters passed Amendment 4, which was a ballot measure to restore the voting rights of people who were convicted of felonies in the state and In Key West, Teri Johnston was elected mayor, and is the first openly lesbian woman in the state to be elected to the position.

In Virginia, Democrat Jennifer Wexton will replace incumbent Republican Barbara Comstock for the U.S. Congressional Tenth District, who had an "A" rating from the NRA. Democrat Jared Polis won the governor's seat in Colorado, becoming the first openly gay governor in the history of the United States.

Democrats Sylvia Garcia and Veronica Escobar were elected the first Latina congresswomen in the state of Texas and Democrat Sharice Davids became the first Native American woman elected to Congress, and is the state's first openly gay representative.

Ayanna Pressley officially became Massachusetts' first black woman elected to Congress and an anti-discrimination ballot measure was passed by voters in Massachusetts that explicitly protects transgender people from discrimination in public spaces.

As anticipated, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez won her election to the House in New York's 14th Congressional District, becoming the youngest woman ever elected to Congress.

In Illinois' 14th District, Lauren Underwood, the youngest black woman running for Congress this year, beat the Republican incumbent.

Democrat Laura Kelly beat Trump-endorsed Republican Kris Kobach in Kansas with a seven-point lead and Georgia's Lucy McBath, a gun control activist whose son was shot and killed in 2012 by a racist motorist who said his music was too loud won a House seat in the state's 6th Congressional District, one that was represented for two decades by Newt Gingrich.

Kim Davis, the Kentucky clerk who made national news in 2015 when she refused to sign marriage certificates for same-sex couples, lost her bid for reelection in Rowan County.

Of the 50 new House Democrats declared winners after the election, 24 campaigned on a promise to provide Medicare for all, or at least allow people the option of buying into the government health program for the elderly, and 22 new incoming House Democrats called for expanding Social Security.

Where do we go from here? Some number crunching and a non-judgmental "what worked, what didn't" analysis. We must be progressive thinkers and refuse to play the blame game. Well, when we finish celebrating, we'll dust ourselves off, get some rest, and start gearing up for the next election. That's what Democrats do.

Join with fellow concerned progressives to discuss and take action on issues as well as to reach out to others.

Our goal is to eliminate the "dead zone" of inactivity that commonly occurs between campaign seasons so that we can stay engaged and active in our communities year-round. Our Outreach Team should be a welcoming port of entry for anyone interested in getting involved!

Specific Engagement Groups (EG) will reach out to focus communities, issue-based organizations and neighborhood teams to build coalitions that support our progressive platform here in Brown County as well as support our legislators in Madison and Washington.

#### **Engagement Groups:**

**Multicultural Outreach**—building bridges with members of our diverse community

**Issues**—Activism on issues as determined by interested volunteers such as Environment, Gun Safety, Social and Economic Justice, Prison Reform, etc.

**Rural Outreach**—build bonds between rural and city folks with emphasis on listening and understanding issues facing our rural neighbors.

#### **Outreach Short Term Goals**

- Recruit members to build capacity
- Build networks to issue organizations, minority communities and rural communities.
- Determine Engagement Team leaders and members
- Form Action Team for rapid response to current issue
- Determine what events or presentations could be attempted.

## TECHNICAL PROGRESS

Thanks to new volunteer, Mike Moran, we have a new website on WordPress which will be easier to maintain. Just like a new house, it is not yet fully furnished. Watch it change! It also shows what a difference it makes when volunteers come forward with what they do best!

*As many of you know, our Chair, Mary Ginnebaugh is under medical care at this time. Mary is surrounded by family members who are taking good care of her. To keep up to date regarding her condition, please see [caringbridge.org/visit/maryginnebaugh/journal](http://caringbridge.org/visit/maryginnebaugh/journal).*



## WISCONSIN'S BLUE WAVE

By Jory Yuenger

Yes Wisconsin did have a Blue Wave. People are aware that we took all the seats in the executive branch: Governor, Lt Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Secretary of State. You may not realize that we also voted by an 8% margin (54% of all votes) for Democratic Assembly candidates - a landslide. Due to gerrymandering we only got 35% of the seats.

Brown County DID move the needle pretty far to the left - we increased Democratic votes by 10,972 or 27% over 2014 Walker vs Burke (4th biggest county shift in the state - Walker only increased by 3,016). Evers won by 30,576 - Brown County's increase delivered a third of those votes!

It is disappointing that many of our wonderful candidates for the House, State Senate and Assembly didn't get elected. They did prove however that Democrats have a very steep hill to overcome due to gerrymandering which may help to get Fair Maps.

We did prove that we can substantially increase our Democratic voter base here in Brown County, thanks to all our dedicated volunteers and organizers. We CANNOT sit back on our heels until the 2020 campaign ramps up. We need to support our new Democratic executive branch and legislators in Madison and in Washington. We need to make phone calls and write emails/letters on issues. We need to continue to reach persuadable people in our communities and build bridges with multicultural and rural communities and organizations. We need to support activists in other organizations that are working on progressive issues.

Please take a look at the Outreach Corner and join our Outreach group to work on the issues close to your heart. Send e-mail to [outreach@browncountydems.com](mailto:outreach@browncountydems.com) if you want to help us move forward on Progressive issues and fight back against the Red Tide that is holding us back.

This win shows how important the Democratic Party is to Wisconsin. Without our party and the support we get from our membership, we would not have gotten the votes we needed to turn over Wisconsin's executive branch. Please become a member of the Democratic Party of Brown County (joint with the state party) at [www.wisdems.org/membership-2](http://www.wisdems.org/membership-2).

### ELECTION THANKS!

## Thank you to all our great volunteers!

We could not have increased Brown County's Democratic votes by 27% without a huge effort by our dedicated volunteers and organizers. We also could not have supported this effort without the many donations of not only money but of food, drink, and supplies of all sorts.

Thanks also to everyone who put up signs in their yards (warmed my heart every time I saw them!) which brought visibility to our candidates! A special shout out to Nancy Wakefield who cheerfully kept the food table organized. Remember to pat yourself on the back when you see progress in Madison and Washington.

This Wisconsin win also brings hope across the US that change is possible.

### TOOLKIT FOR ACTION

Volunteer information:

<http://brown.wiscdems.com/index.php/volunteer>  
Contact [Outreach@browncountydems.com](mailto:Outreach@browncountydems.com)

Become a member of DPW & BCDems:

<http://brown.wiscdems.com/index.php/join-the-dems>

### YOUNG DEMS CHAIR

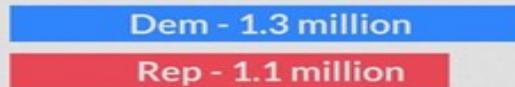
Renee Gasch is stepping down from the local Young Dems Chair at the end of the year to join a local nonpartisan commission and to make way for new leadership.

If you are interested in being chair of the Brown County Young Dems and/or the 8th CD Young Dems, contact Vice Chair Becky Rasmussen at [youngdems@browncountydems.com](mailto:youngdems@browncountydems.com) to submit your name before January 1, 2019.

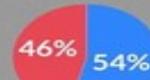
## 2018 Wisconsin

### Votes vs Seats

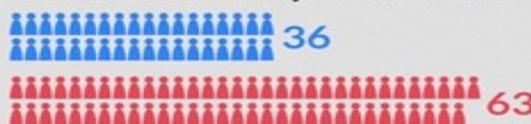
#### State Assembly Popular Vote



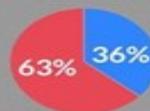
#### Votes



#### State Assembly Seats Won



#### Seats



#### Popular Vote for Statewide Offices



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**OFFICE WISH LIST:**

Folding chairs

Lightweight banquet tables  
(to replace our heavy banged up ones)

Desserts and Appetizers for the Holiday Party

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