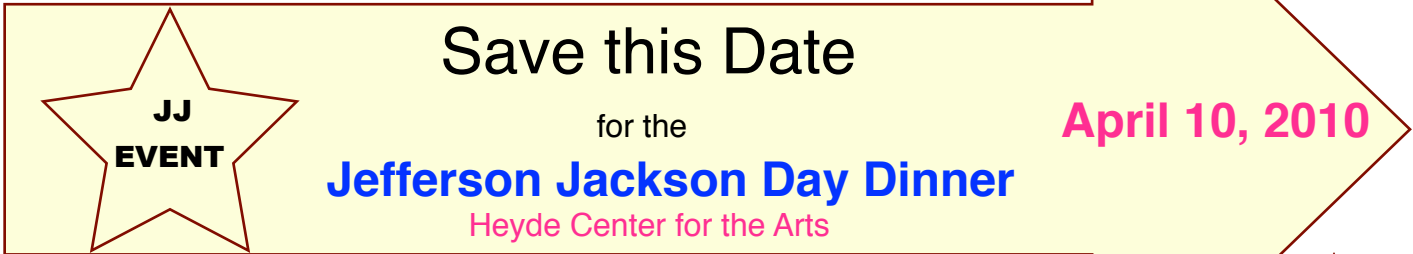


# NEWSLETTER

**Jefferson-Jackson Day** is the most common name given to the annual fundraising celebration (dinner) held by Democratic Party organizations in the United States. It is named for Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.



**Save this Date**  
for the  
**Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner**  
Heyde Center for the Arts

**April 10, 2010**

**Membership Info**

We have reached about 50% of our 2009 membership (including some new members). So, thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership and, of course, we encourage those who have not yet joined this year to do so. It is going to be an interesting and telling election year. A membership form is attached to this email or you can go to our website at ([www.chippewademocrats.com](http://www.chippewademocrats.com)) to download a membership form.

**Monthly Meeting**  
619 North Bridge St., Suite 100  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
February 11, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order
2. Attendees/Guests
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Chair's Report
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee
  - b. Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner Committee
7. Legislative Updates
  - a. State Senate
  - b. State Assembly
  - c. 67th Candidate
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Other

**Newsletter**

For the past few years Renee Fontaine-Ebel has been the volunteer editor of the Newsletter for the Democratic Party of Chippewa County. She has spent countless hours gathering information, reading emails, and receiving releases from various legislators, political groups, conservation groups, peace groups, women's groups, candidates, and others. It was not an easy task. But painstakingly each month she would put together an interesting and informative Newsletter.

Several weeks ago Renee asked if someone else could take over as editor. While that's not exactly what I wanted to hear, I could certainly understand.

I hope you will join me in thanking Renee for the superb job she has done with our Newsletter. Her dedication to getting that Newsletter out was a huge factor in keeping progressive ideas at the forefront of local politics. Thanks Renee!

Al Holle  
Chair  
Democratic Party of Chippewa County

Calendar

February 11, 2010

Monthly Meeting

February 15, 2010

President's Day

February 16, 2010

Spring Primary Election

February 27-28, 2010

Officer Training

March 11, 2010

Monthly Meeting

March 17, 2010

St. Patrick's Day

April 4, 2010

Easter

April 6, 2010

Spring Election

April 8, 2010

Monthly Meeting

April 10, 2010

Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner

April 17 or 24th

7th CD Convention

Senator Pat Kreitlow announced that Stanley Boyd High School student Matthew Steinmetz has been chosen to participate in the 2010 Senate Scholar Program. The best high school juniors and seniors from around the state of Wisconsin will be participating in a week-long, intensive program at the State Capitol in April. Congratulations, Matthew.

NEW REPORT: Wall Paid No State Income Taxes 12 of Last 15 Years

Wall also refuses to provide documentation for tax-dodging practices

Madison, WI – When multimillionaire, real estate magnate Terrence Wall officially launched his Republican primary campaign for U.S. Senate the week of January 18, news reports revealed that he didn't pay any state income taxes for four of the last five years. That same week, a second report surfaced showing Wall didn't pay any state income taxes for nine of the last 10 years. Now, a follow-up report by Wispolitics.com has revealed that Wall hasn't paid any state income taxes for 12 of the last 15 years.

According to the Department of Revenue, Wall only paid state income taxes in 1994, 1996 and 2005. While Wall has not denied the fact that he has repeatedly paid no state income taxes, his reasons and answers for why he doesn't pay, and doesn't owe state income taxes has changed over the last two weeks.

According to the latest Wispolitics report, the Wall campaign was given the opportunity to provide supporting documentation that explains Wall's tax avoidance but "Wall's campaign turned down [those] requests..."

"The tale of Terrence Wall's tax-dodging grows with every passing week," said Mike Tate, Chairman of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. "His many explanations as to why he gets away with not paying state income taxes don't add up - and when given the opportunity to set the record straight, he avoids doing that as well. Why does Terrence Wall believe there is one set of rules for him, and another for the rest of us?"

Wall's Tax Trouble Trail

On Friday, the Wisconsin State Journal independently confirmed that Wall had not paid taxes for nine of the last ten years.

Previous news reports indicate Wall has also dodged over a hundred thousand dollars in property taxes by claiming commercial land he owns in the Madison area is for "farming." The most infamous is a supposed "pumpkin patch" located in the heart of Wall's Middleton development projects.

As the Capital Times reported, "The law has shifted millions in property taxes from farms to other types of property, including homes and businesses. Wall has tried claim that it's the same thing as taking a "home mortgage deduction," but that's simply not true. Regular Wisconsinites don't have a loophole that allows them to take a property tax deduction for their backyard vegetable and Mr. Wall doesn't call a pumpkin patch "home."

In a recent interview with Wisconsin Eye, Wall claimed to have only four companies registered in Delaware when public records indicate that at least 16 of Wall's businesses are incorporated in Delaware, not Wisconsin. The media has reported that the practice is used "to help corporations avoid paying taxes in other states," and that it is "an alleged ruse," where Delaware acts as an "onshore Cayman Islands."

View this release online: http://wisdems.org/release\_details.asp?id=316

7th CD and State Convention
Platform and Resolution Process
Stay Tuned

## The Indictment of Scott Walker:

### *Devastating Report Spells Out Failed "Reform" and the \$2 Billion Walker County Crisis*

MADISON – Scott Walker has put Milwaukee County on a path to crisis and has saddled future generations with historic debt.

That grim reality is highlighted in a report released this morning by the nonpartisan Public Policy Forum – though Walker himself was too busy with his campaign for governor to bother attending the morning meeting to hear the charges read against him.

"The report released today is an indictment of the years of Walker rule and incompetence," Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Mike Tate said Wednesday. "I can understand why he would hide from the charges against him."

-The report concluded that the county has come closer to a "full-blown financial crisis" through his bungled budgeting.

-Though Walker came to power on the heels of voter anger over county pensions, it is staggering pension and health care obligations of \$2 billion that have left the county gut-punched, while Walker himself seeks to flee the scene and bring his inept management to Madison.

-Walker's budgets merely borrow from future generations and leave structural crises intact.

-The report released today makes clear that even if Walker achieved his risky profiteering plans to dissolve parts of county governments or transfer those duties to other local governments, bigger problems remain. Even transferring county services, a move long-sought by Walker, would merely kick the problem down the road and, "produce new government bodies with their own funding demands," according to the report.

Meanwhile, Walker's efforts to transfer county functions to politically-connected businesses would not solve the county's larger problems, chiefly \$2 billion in long-term pension and health care debt. The report also highlighted the "acrimony" that is the real legacy of Scott Walker.

"What the Public Policy Forum did today was show the dire consequences of having an inept manager like Scott Walker in power," said Tate. "'Lose Services, Keep the Debt, Kick the Problems Down the Road,' seem to be his operating plan, which is not a plan at all. Walker's inability to understand how efficient government works is matched only by his shameless ambition for higher office. We will pay now – and later – for his incompetence."

Executive Summary of Full Report: <http://www.publicpolicyforum.org/pdfs/ExecutiveSummary.pdf>

The Terrence Wall article and the Scott Walker article above are from press releases by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Republican Terrence Wall is challenging Russ Feingold and Republican Scott Walker is a Gubernatorial candidate.

## Senator Pat Kreitlow

While we make every effort to get information from Senator Kreitlow's office out to you as soon as possible, sometimes it just doesn't happen. The best way to remedy that is to add his sites to your preferences. To do that you may go to <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/senate/sen23/news/> (his legislative site) or <http://www.kreitlowforsenate.com/> (his campaign site). Both have important information.



President Barack Obama



Two speeches by President Barack Obama occurred recently, his State of the Union address and his visit with the House Republicans. Both are noteworthy because they renew the hope for change we worked so hard for in 2008.

If you didn't get a chance to hear the State of the Union address here is a link to it:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/2010-state-union-address>

President Obama also stood in front of a gathering of House Republicans and took questions for more than an hour, urging them to put aside partisanship and work together for the good of the country. MSNBC described it as going straight into "the lion's den."

He was inspiring.

Organizing for America highlighted some of the key moments. Check it out:

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/m/55c10686/6bf8c3dd/fa9dc2f7/11886c24/146574492/VEsH/>

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