

The Columbia County Democrat

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Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin to address annual Columbia Dems dinner

Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin will highlight the Columbia Dems annual Jefferson--Jackson dinner/fundraiser on Saturday March 20 at The Northern Edge restaurant in Lodi. "Our nation has faced tough times before and come through stronger than ever. It's up to us, Democrats, to fight for our children's future as the Greatest Generation did for us. I look forward to spending time with my friends in Columbia County to plot the course ahead," Baldwin said.

Join us for an evening of fun, political conversation and excitement for the benefit of the Columbia County Democratic Party. Bring the family.

The cost is \$30 per person (hey, it's a fundraiser) but most of that goes to the cost of food and other expenses. To make it a real fundraiser we will have

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Tammy Baldwin represents Wisconsin's second congressional district including all of Columbia County and extending south to the Illinois line including Beloit and Monroe. In the 111th Congress, she serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, its Subcommittee on Health and its Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.



She also sits on the Judiciary Committee and its Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. She is a leading advocate for universal health care and a proponent of energy independence and renewable fuels. Baldwin also is a forceful supporter of civil rights and an advocate for those in our society whose voices, too often, are not heard.

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By Ray Frey, Chair

We're here to stay and we're not giving anything back. 2009 didn't see much election activity (though we were glad State Supreme Court Justice Shirley Abrahamson was reelected and to see her visit Portage) but we've been busy getting ready for this year's full slate. Your Columbia County Democrats continued with our public forums on issues that matter to local voters: an environmental forum in February, Sheldon Rampton from the Center for Media and Democracy helping us sharpen our message, a visit from state party Chair Mike Tate in November, and an inspiring talk from John Nichols of *The Nation* at last year's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. And of course you found us at the Columbia County Fair and at Fighting Bobfest.



Our successes in the 2008 election got us talking about making changes at the local level and we've seen an unusual number of county board seats being contested in this spring's election. We've been working hard with our strategic planning group on building a well-organized party that doesn't doze between elections. We've also been doing everything we can to make sure President Obama's program for change on critical national issues

dodges the opposition of obstructionist Republicans and entrenched special interests.

If you want to see this country and this state turn around, you want to be a Democrat. There's a lot at stake this year at every level of government with this year's elections. The Columbia County Democrats will be in the middle of it. We'll continue holding forums on important issues. The next one this spring will be on the challenges Columbia County faces in building a healthy economy with good jobs and the changes we'll need to make this county a good place to live and work in coming years. We'll also be getting involved in lots of campaigns: for local and county offices, for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, for the U.S. Senate and for the U.S. House.

If you hope to see this country and this state move in the right direction, you'll need to have the audacity to help make it happen. Work to support as many candidates as you can—they need both your money and your time. Get to this year's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, meet the candidates and visit with your Democratic friends. Make your voice heard wherever you can and make sure you're a signed up, paid up Democrat.

Together, we'll get it done.

2009 review

Woman power: Cathie O'Brien, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, Anne Zimmerman, Dr. Linda Farley, an unidentified Democrat and Blanche Murtagh at the Second Congressional District Convention in Portage in April. Farley had given us a spirited presentation on single payer health coverage at the Lodi library two days earlier. She died of cancer in June.



Tim Henney and family enjoyed the Democratic Fathers Day event at Noah's Ark in the Dells.



Former Chair Sarah Lloyd tests the corn-on-the-cob at a fundraiser for Fred Clark at Sky-High campground atop the Baraboo Hills in Caledonia Township in August.



State Senator Mark Miller spoke to the 2009 Jefferson-Jackson dinner in Lodi and introduced the keynote speaker, John Nichols, front row.

in pictures



Chair Ray Frey recognized the contributions of Anne Zimmerman and Charles Bradley Jr.



Trish O'Neil with Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson in Portage.

Dems discussed member involvement in local government races with experienced supervisors in September. And what better place to talk about it.



He was only a paper doll but he provided great photo opportunities at the Democratic Party booth at the Columbia County Fair in July.



Sheldon Rampton explains political blogging and twittering at our May meeting.

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a silent auction again this year. We are depending on you to donate fun and valuable stuff. For example, last year someone pledged an airplane ride around the area. Others contributed professional services (housepainting), antiques, homemade toys, political memorabilia and lots of fun stuff. Check the ColumbiaCoDems.com web site for more ideas. Or, come bid on stuff. Or come just to have fun. If you can contribute something to the auction, please contact Charles Bradley at (608) 742-7644 or cbradley@palacenet.net

The event is open to the public – you do not need to be a party member to attend. Please RSVP with the card below. It is a fundraiser so additional donations are greatly appreciated. We need to tell the restaurant how many guests to expect so please respond as soon as possible.



Congresswoman Baldwin with Chair Ray Frey and Vice Chair Chuck Goranson

Paid for by the Democratic Party of Columbia County, Charles Bradley Treasurer

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

Saturday, March 20
Northern Edge Restaurant, Hwy 113 at Hwy J
on the north side of Lodi.

5:30 Cocktail and social “hour”
Sign in
Auction set up and open silent bidding

7:00 Buffet
Dessert served

7:30 Program
Welcome -- Ray Frey, chair
Awards and acknowledgments -- Ray Frey
Hello from statewide candidates
Rep. Fred Clark
Sen. Mark Miller to introduce Baldwin
Keynote, Congresswoman Baldwin

9:00 Break, refill, more auction bidding
Auction results



The Democratic Party of Columbia County
invites you to our
Jefferson-Jackson dinner/fund raiser

Featuring
Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin

Saturday, March 20, Northern Edge
Restaurant, Hwy 113 at J on the north side of
Lodi. Cocktails start at 5:30, buffet 7:00.

Silent auction with lots of fun stuff

Awards

Meet Democratic legislators and candidates
for state-wide office

Open to the public. Bring family and friends.
\$30 per plate for a great cause.

RSVP on other side

RSVP

Yes, we will come to the Jefferson-Jackson
fundraiser/dinner with Tammy Baldwin
on March 20.

Number attending ___ times \$30 = \$ _____

Yes, I think Columbia County politics
are important and I want to help

EXTRA contribution \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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