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PD gets matching grants! You can help!

BY JASON HAAS, MARY ANGLIM AND STEPHANIE REARICK

PD has two new opportunities to raise the money we need to ease our financial strains. An anonymous donor has offered to contribute \$500-but only if three other people do the same. Your \$500 match is welcome either in one lump sum or in monthly deductions from a checking or savings account.

Another anonymous benefactor offers PD up to \$1,000 to match the annual value of new or increased sustainer donations. If you increase your sustainer donation by \$2.00 per month, PD will collect an additional \$24.00 from the matching funds. Or, if you begin sustaining at \$5.00 per month, PD will get not only your \$60.00 annual gift, but a \$60.00 match from the donor. The catch: to qualify for the match, new pledges must be received by **September 1**.

If you are able to contribute \$500 or you think that someone you know would be interested in doing to, call Stephanie Rearick at 259-1030. To become a monthly sustainer or to increase your contribution, use the membership form in this newsletter or call the PD office at (608) 257-4985.

We thank all present and future donors, and the anonymous individuals who have offered these generous matching gifts.

PD's Environmental Task Force: Planting raingardens

PHYLLIS HASBROUCK



Did you miss the last Raingarden Workshop? Do you want to jump on the bandwagon and participate in the loveliest way to stop algae blooms in our lakes?

Find out why raingardens are the solution to so many water problems, and how you can make one in your yard, at your place of worship, or at your business or school! Attend a how-to workshop on Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Sonderegger Science Center of Edgewood College. (Enter the campus off of the 2200 block of Monroe St., and look for the big metal sculpture to the left of the fountain.) This event is co-sponsored by PD's Environmental Task Force and Friends of Lake Wingra.

There will be a meeting of the Environmental Task Force on Wednesday, August 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the PD office.

Attention aspiring media moguls!

PD Media Training

Sunday, June 23,

3-6:30 p.m.

PD office,

200 N. Blount St.

*Learn how to
get your
message across.*

*Do a practice
media
campaign.*

*Fun and
educational!*



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Forward is the local chapter newsletter of the New Progressive Party in Dane County, Wisconsin.

Progressive Dane is a democratic, membership-run organization with the following committee structure: (all meetings are held at the PD office, 200 N. Blount St., unless otherwise noted.)

Steering Committee coordinates major activities, oversees the progress of other committees, and sets the agenda for the general membership meetings. Meetings are open to all PD members.

Co-chair: Stephanie Rearick (255-1092)

Co-chair: Brenda Konkel (251-2412)

Next meeting: Wed., July 10, 7-9 p.m.

Diversity Committee

Contacts: Carrie Bormann or Ginny Bormann

Elections Committee

Chair: Michael Jacob (245-0894)

Fundraising Committee

Chair: Richard-Marie Commander (251-7424)

Leadership Development Committee

Chair: Kathy Schroeder (242-8368)

Newsletter Consortium

Contact: Chris Babiarz (257-3288)

Outreach Committee

Contact: PD office (257-4985)

Policy Committee

Chair: Ron Richardson (256-7144)

Citizen Initiative Task Force

Contact: Morgan Sharpe (259-2594)

Clean Government Task Force

Chair: Michael Jacob (245-0894)

Drug Policy Task Force

Chair: Stephanie Rearick (255-1092)

Environmental Task Force

Chair: Phyllis Hasbrouck (223-9571)

Next meeting: Wed., Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

Housing Task Force

Chair: Joe Lindstrom, 345-6026

Smart Growth Task Force

Chair: Sheila Guilfoyle (244-7534)

Progressive Dane has a new Co-Chair

BY BEN MANSKI

PD Co-Chairs are elected by the Steering Committee following SC elections each October, or to replace outgoing Co-Chairs.

Congratulations to newly elected PD Co-Chair Stephanie Rearick! Rearick has of late served effectively as Chair of the PD Drug Policy Task Force and with the PD Leadership Development Committee. Many of you may also know her not only for her PD work, but also as an owner of Mother Fool's Coffeehouse, a member of the bands "The Coma Savants" and "Your Mom," and as a former director of Madison Greenpeace. Stephanie Rearick joins Ald. Brenda Konkel in the position of PD Co-Chair.

Deep thanks to outgoing Co-Chair Tom Running, who decided to step down from the SC Co-Chair position after a distinguished tenure. Running's infectious good-humor and even-keeled perspective on politics will be missed from the Co-Chair position but will still be present on the Steering Committee and at PD meetings and events. Next time you see Tom Running, slap him on the back, or offer him a handshake, and thank him for his leadership in recent years.

THE JOURNAL OUT-TO-TACT

VOLUNTEER NIGHT

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 5:30-7 P.M.

Help with newsletter mailing and other easy yet very important tasks...

And enjoy the added bonus of catching up with other PD members and talking progressive politics.

As always, there will be snacks to munch on.

Where is it? The PD office: 200 N. Blount St.

(between E. Washington Ave. and Johnson St., 1 block east of N Blair St.)

Progressive Dane Office: 257-4985 | Web Site: <http://www.prodane.org/>

Submit articles, meeting times and announcements for the July newsletter to Chris Babiarz (257-3288 or babiarz@cae.wisc.edu) by Noon, Tues., July 9.

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S O S ! Help wanted for pro-active goal-oriented work

Dare to get politicians off "contributions" - join the **Madison Clean Elections Coalition** (which began as a project of the PD Initiatives Task Force), and work for public funding of city elections.

We need researchers, writers, schmoozers, computer geeks, public speakers, event organizers, signature gatherers, and leafleteers for **any amount of time you can give in the next six months**. No meetings are required. This fun campaign can only happen with lots of volunteer work.

Contact:
madison_clean_elections@yahoo.com
or 259-2594.

The 2002 People versus the State softball game

Sunday, July 28, 3 p.m.
Demetral Park shelter
(parking lot on N. Sixth St.)

Call 332-2095 to sign up to play or bring food.

The first pitch will be at 4 p.m. (after Brenda leads us in a rousing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.)

Join us all for a good time and cheer on fellow PD members as they trounce elected officials.

We need fans - and hecklers - just as much as players!



Save the date:

Champagne, Chocolate & Change

...a fundraiser for Progressive Dane, will be held on August 9. Enjoy sumptuous desserts and great company!

Progressive Dane is hiring!

PD needs a half-time staff organizer to replace fabulous Ben Manski, who begins law school this fall.

Good pay, great opportunities. Please submit resume, cover letter, and references by June 30. Mail to:

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P.O. Box 1222
Madison, WI 53701

Or present them in person to Brenda Konkel or Stephanie Rearick. PD is an equal opportunity employer.



Take Note: Summer Break for the Newsletter

This newsletter will not be published in August, though members will receive a postcard with the General Membership Meeting agenda. If you want to publicize any events that are happening between July 21 and September 22, submit announcements by Tuesday, July 9, to Chris Babiarz at 257-3288 (babiarz@cae.wisc.edu). We will print them in the July newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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Next Meeting

7 o'clock p.m.
June 26, 2002

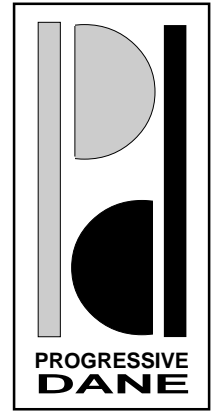
Madison Public Library
201 W. Mifflin St.

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If you need an interpreter, materials in alternative formats, or other accommodations, please contact the PD office, 257-4985, one week in advance of the meeting.

The Agenda

- Educational: "Feminism in Progressive Politics Today" - Lisa Rainwater van Suntum, Co-President Madison NOW
- Hiring New Staff
- Elections Policy in Partisan Races
- Elected Official Report - Ald. Kent Palmer
- Report on Mayors' Conference and Cities for People Project

Chair: Megin Hicks (279-2659)



If your renewal date is 6/01/02 or earlier, this is your last newsletter. Please renew.



Volunteer Night
 Help with vital yet easy tasks (labeling newsletters, writing thank-yous, etc.) Chat with Progressive Dane members. Refreshments provided.
 Tuesday, July 16
 5:30-7 p.m.
 PD office, 200 N. Blount St.

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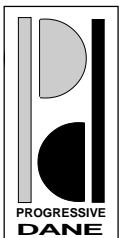
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- Please renew my membership** in Progressive Dane.



Sustaining membership: Amount: \$ _____ /month (minimum \$5/month)
 To pay via bank draft, please attach a voided check, or the 1st month's check payable to Progressive Dane.

OR

- Annual membership:**
- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Regular | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250+ Benefactor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Supporting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Contributing | <input type="checkbox"/> \$36 Basic | <input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Low Income |

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