

## Candidate Spotlight: Lee Snodgrass



I've been proud to serve as the State Representative for the 57th Assembly District since 2020! Some of you may not know that I also served as Outagamie Democratic Party Chair from 2016-2019 and ran for State Senate in 2018. I also served with Ben Wikler in State Party leadership from 2019-2023! I have been a longtime volunteer and leader in state and local politics and love the opportunities to improve lives as a State Legislator.

In the Assembly Caucus, I was elected into caucus leadership in January 2021 as the Minority Caucus Sergeant At Arms. I also serve as the co-chair of the Trails Caucus and am the ranking member of the Assembly Committee on Campaign & Elections, and Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation. I am also a member of the Legislative LGBTQ Caucus and served as the chair my first term.

This past session I have been most proud of my bipartisan work on the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections. Working closely with my Republican colleague, I helped change Wisconsinites' perception of our elections by working on bipartisan legislation to improve how our elections in Wisconsin work and increase transparency. Rep. Krug and I were recently awarded the Quill Pen of Excellence from the Wisconsin County Clerks Association.

As a locally-focused state representative I have been most proud of the work I do in the community connecting with people on crucial issues. Affordable housing, child care, healthcare access, and public education are areas my office has focused our attention this session. The issue of access to childcare has become one where I am seen as a leader in solutions-based conversations. I look forward to continuing that work if I am re-elected.

I am also proud of my work in pollinator health and will continue to bring forward bills that protect our pollinators and provide incentives to make pollinator friendly choices in our landscaping. From bicycle infrastructure to pollinators, I am a member of the National Conference of Environmental State Legislators.

My current District 57 is now District 52 in the new maps. 53% of the district remains the same but 48% of it was formerly Represented by a Republican. This means I have a lot of new people to introduce myself to and share my strong record of fighting for the folks of the Fox Valley. The district is considerably more competitive and incumbency does not guarantee anything. Hard work and lots of help is the only thing that will help me get re-elected. I need you!

With so many new constituents to have conversations with, I need you to join Team Snodgrass campaign as one of my committed volunteers! Contact [fawn@snodgrassforassembly.com](mailto:fawn@snodgrassforassembly.com) to learn how to get involved today!



## OAT Relaunch: The First Step Toward November Victory!

It took a lot of hard work and nearly 15 years to win our battle to end gerrymandering. A lot of postcards, a lot of phone calls, a lot of lawsuits, a lot of knocking doors, a lot of determination.

*We* did that ... everyday Wisconsinites who were fed up with the GOP's unearned majorities in the legislature and the consequences it brought. We never gave in to the hopelessness and frustration that overwhelmed us at times. We took action instead.

How negligent would it be of us to fail to seize this new day and cash in on the grand opportunity we ourselves created?

We're not going to let that happen. The work of flipping the state assembly and state senate and of re-electing Joe Biden and Kamala Harris starts on May 4 and it starts with the [relaunching of our all-important Outagamie Action Team program](#) in preparation for the November election.

Whether you are currently an active member of an OAT, a formerly active member or someone entirely new to our action team program, we need you there, not only to provide your input but to learn about our strategies and find your roles in helping to implement them.

Please save the date for **May 4 from 9 to 1** at our county party office. Lunch will be provided.

With democracy under siege and with all the ugly consequences of getting this election wrong, no one can afford to sit this one out. If we win Outagamie County in November we are that much closer to winning the state for Joe Biden and with a victory in Wisconsin, Biden's path to re-election is all but assured. That's how much it matters what *you* do.

Don't look to your fellow Democrat to save us. Look within *yourself* and ask "How can I help?"

Because Our Democracy Depends on *You*.



## Putting Hope into *(Day of) Action!*

*By Trisha Kostelny, POC Chair*

I am filled with HOPE. I am so hopeful for the election season ahead of us. Our neighborhood action teams continue to grow – not just in numbers, but in abilities. Our candidates are skilled and thoughtful. We have so many accomplishments from the Biden Administration and Senator Tammy Baldwin to discuss with others.

AND each time we reach out to others via our teams or via knocking on doors, we spread this hope. We can listen empathically to others. Author and Psychologist, Dr. Mardy Grothe said, “Instead of talking in the hope that people will listen, try listening in the hope that people will talk.”

In the past week alone, I have had two hopeful conversations - one with a person at church who is a Republican and doesn't know what happened to her party, and one with a person at my fitness center who is feeling threatened by the GOP and their stance on LGBTQ issues. I listened and reflected back their concerns. Just by listening and being curious we are giving permission to people to talk politics with others. You too have an opportunity to listen on May 18th when we venture out into our communities and ask questions of voters about their concerns.

We have a unique opportunity this election. With new maps, our elections are fair again. Our work will actually reap benefits!

**Please join us on Saturday, May 18th at either 10 am or 1 pm** to talk to people in our community about things that concern them most. We have 3 staging locations in Appleton, Kaukauna and Grand Chute. And best of all- we train you and can send you out with someone experienced if you've never done this before. Once you start having these conversations, you too will feel hopeful. Please sign up at one of these links: [APPLETON](#), [GRAND CHUTE](#), or [HEART OF THE VALLEY](#).



## Sarah Godlewski to be our keynote speaker!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our annual fundraising dinner on May 2 at Poplar Hall. Our original speaker, former Obama Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, has to be in Washington, D.C., and will unfortunately have to miss our dinner. But we are happy to announce that Wisconsin Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski will be there in her stead!

Just a reminder: Gathering begins at 5:30 with the buffet, by Stone Arch Catering, at 6:15. The bar and silent auction require payment by card. Of course, the 50/50 raffle is cash. Your contribution will be used to support local candidates seeking office, to reach out to voters in the Fox Valley, and to keep our office on College Avenue up and running. Thank you for your generosity!

See you then!



## Wisconsin Grassroots Fest this weekend

Don't miss the [15th Annual Grassroots Festival](#) on May 4! There will be several keynote speakers, live music, and lunch provided, plus lots of other Democratic and progressive organizations from around the state. It's shaping up to be a super cool event!



## Emily Tseffos for WI AD56

In case you missed it ...

Emily Tseffos is off to a roaring start to her campaign to flip 56, already out talking to stakeholders and voters. Check out her website [here!](#)



## Parades, Festivals ... and other stuff

Let's turn out at the [Memorial Day Parade](#) on May 27 and show our pride for those who served. If you can't make that one -- or even if you can -- we'll need those of you not attending the state convention that day to march in the [Flag Day Parade](#)! Check here for more parades and tabling opportunities coming in the near future, including [Juneteenth](#) on June 9. Also consider working a shift or two at the [county fair](#) starting June 26.



## Big Turnout for Signature Saturday

A big thanks to the nearly one hundred citizens who turned out to sign the nomination papers of our local Democratic candidates. A big thanks as well to all those candidates. We encourage you to visit our website to [find out more about each of those candidates](#) as well as take a look at the new districts they will represent. While on our page you can access [important fall election dates](#) as well as access all the [voter resources](#) you need. Not sure what district you're in? [Find out here](#)



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## Talking Points: The Environment

Talking Points Tuesday: How do we talk about Joe Biden's clean energy record

[Read More](#)

### Talking Points: We arm you with the right messages!

Just a reminder that every Tuesday we will provide either brand new talking points on a brand new topic or will be recycling and tweaking old talking points with updated information. Check your [Facebook page](#) on Tuesday morning for links to the latest. Or drop by our website for ideas about how we [talk about the issues](#) this election!





## Sign, Sign ... Everywhere a sign

Stop by the office to pick up a sign for President Biden or your favorite candidate or our DPOC-created Our Democracy Depends on You sign. Suggested donation: \$5

# Upcoming Events

See above for details on the following or visit our website at <https://www.outagamiedems.org/>

## **Monthly Meeting**

May 13

Meeting starts at 7

## **Oat Relaunch**

May 4 from 9 to 1

## **Day of Action**

May 18, June 1

## **County Caucus**

April 28 from 1-4 at our party office

## **Safeguarding our Democracy Dinner**

May 2 5:30-8:30

Poplar Hall, Appleton

## **Memorial Day Parade**

May 27 from 9-11 a.m.

## **State Convention**

June 8-9 in Milwaukee

## **County Fair**

June 26-30

[Sign up for shifts!](#)

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