

# The Barron County Democrat



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## Run, Democrats, Run!

As you talk with your friends, neighbors and relatives about current events, you know that these are no ordinary times. Those of us who share strong Democratic values also recognize how important it is in these times to get involved in politics and rebuild our party to reflect the wants and needs of the American people. And so the Barron County Democrats have been regrouping, rebuilding, and preparing for the privileges and challenges of election and governance that lie ahead.

Before anything else, we need to elect more good Democrats. As we head into 2006, the Democratic Party of Barron County is preparing to meet the challenge of re-electing Democrats like Dave Obey and Mary Hubler and unseating some entrenched Republicans. Two Republicans facing strong challenges this year are Dave Zien of the 23rd State Senate district, opposed by Democrat Pat Kreitlow, and Jeff Woods of the 67th Assembly district, opposed by Democrat Roberta Rasmus. And Barron County Democrats are preparing as never before to help Rasmus and Kreitlow in their quests, organizing neighborhood communications networks, voter registration, publicity, public forums and other election-year projects.

But sending Kreitlow and Rasmus to Madison is just the beginning. Frankly, we need more good Democrats to step forward and offer their time and talent in the name of public service. Offering help and encouragement to such public-spirited people is exactly why the Barron County Democrats are here; whether it be running for County Board Supervisor, town board member, city council, mayor or elected county officer, no project is too small for our help. We are here to help you.

Find out more about Democratic candidates in 2006. Go to [www.BarronDemocrats.com](http://www.BarronDemocrats.com) and click on "Election 2006" for candidate lists and web sites.



## John "Blackie" O'Brien Dies

Long-time Barron County Democrat John "Blackie" O'Brien passed away February 19<sup>th</sup> in Sarasota, Florida. He was 89.

Blackie is survived by his wife, Dolores. The O'Briens spent the summers in Rice Lake and helped a great deal at the party HQ during the 2004 election season. Our condolences go to the O'Brien family.

A funeral service for Blackie was held Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rice Lake.



## Barron County Democrats Host 7<sup>th</sup> CD April 22<sup>nd</sup>

The 2006 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Convention will be held at the Rolling Oaks Supper Club on Hwy 8, west of Barron, on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by the Barron County Democratic Party.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and costs \$10.00 per person. The convention convenes at 10:00 and runs until about 3:00 p.m. Lunch is available on-site for \$10.00 per person.



Barron Co. delegates to the 2005 7<sup>th</sup> CD pose with Rep. Dave Obey

Since this is an election year, we expect to have a long roster of speakers. Congressman Dave Obey will deliver the keynote address.

If you are interested in being a delegate, alternate or worker at the 7<sup>th</sup> CD, telephone Chairman Kippenhan at 458-0340. Party memberships must be paid and in Madison by April 7<sup>th</sup> for someone to be a delegate. You may pay using the form on the back of this letter, or the form on the [BarronDemocrats.com](http://BarronDemocrats.com) web site, where a tentative agenda and additional 7<sup>th</sup> CD information is posted.

We are looking for donated items for a silent auction to be held that day.



## Resolutions

At the 7<sup>th</sup> CD, we will take up resolutions to be submitted to the state. The Barron County party has already passed one resolution on health care and will consider other proposals. If you would like to propose a resolution, it must be fewer than 100 words and contain at least one *whereas* clause and one *therefore be it resolved* clause.

We will take up any proposed resolutions at our March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please get them to Lizbeth Ager prior to that meeting or bring 10 copies to the meeting.





**Barron County Democratic Party**

**Lizbeth Ager, Secretary**

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The next meeting of the Barron County Democratic Party will be **Thursday, March 16, at the Rice Lake Public Library, at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited to attend.

Please try to bring a food donation with you to the meeting, where we will vote to send the donations to a local food pantry in need.



Congratulations to Dr. Fred Bannister on the completion of his book, **Health Security America: Fixing the health care crisis.** The book mirrors the health care resolution of the same name, to be presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> CD.

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- \$10.00**/Person limited income (Seniors, students, unemployed)
- \$ 60.00** Family membership

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