



The Manitowoc Progressive

The Voice of the Manitowoc County Democratic Party

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May 2010

May Membership Meeting



Ted Zigmunt

2nd Assembly District Representative

**Monday, May 24th
7:00 PM**

**Manitowoc Senior Center
3330 Custer Street**

Public Invited – Free Admission

Off to an excellent start in his first year as representative of the 2nd Assembly District, Ted has taken on his job as a full-time legislator. Authoring an impressive 8 pieces of legislation, 6 of them passed in his first term of office. Ted will give us an update on what is happening at the State level. He serves as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, and as a member of both the Corrections and Courts, and Energy and Utilities Committees. He is running for re-election this fall. Business Meeting to follow.

Bear with our schedule of events as it shifts to accommodate the candidates of the upcoming elections. Monk Elmer will be our guest speaker for the June meeting to be held at Francis Creek Sportsman's Club. He is running for State Senator of the 1st District.

Note: Previously scheduled Tony Zielinski has dropped out of the race for Lt Governor.

ACTION ALERT

Support the Disclose Act

Call your federal legislators today and tell them to vote for the **Disclose Act**. In an attempt to bring some sort of legitimacy to our election process, it is critical this Act is passed in time for the Fall Elections.

Following the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court – any semblance of a democracy has been flushed, granting unlimited corporate funding in our election process. This bill will mandate the disclosure of the people behind the ads, which might have the effect of curbing those who would contribute more if their anonymity could be assured. There is a chance for bi-partisan support on this bill, what with the 60% disapproval rating of the Court's decision.

A project of Senators Russ Feingold, Patrick Leahy and Chuck Shumer, [they] are part of a group of senators fighting to rein in the increased influence of special interest money this decision will unleash and save our electoral process.

Senator Herb Kohl – (202) 224-5653
Representative Tom Petri – (202) 225-2476

"I welcome the introduction of this strong bi-partisan legislation to control the flood of special interest money into America's elections. Powerful special interests and their lobbyists should not be able to drown out the voices of the American people. Yet they work ceaselessly toward that goal: they claim the protection of the Constitution in extending this power, and they exploit every loophole in the law to escape limits on their activities."

President Barack Obama

Call your legislators today - and sign the petition at:

<http://discloseact.com/>

Organize For America . . . You are invited . . .

Linda Gratz is spearheading a movement in Manitowoc to mobilize people on progressive issues. Here is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor on work that will help lead Manitowoc out of its doldrums. Looking to Obama's organization for structure, show up for the first meeting, an Open House, to discuss current issues and develop an action plan to move the community forward. *Note: You do not need to be a member of MantyDems to join this group.*

Organizing for America

Tuesday, June 8th

7-9:00 PM

The Gratz Home

1624 S. 10th Street

Manitowoc

Soda, Beer and Chips will be provided

RSVP by May 28th (for planning) to

llgratz@comcast.net or

(920) 682-8373

BOOK REVIEW:

The Death and Life of the Great American School System
How Testing and Choice are Undermining Education

By Diane Ravitch

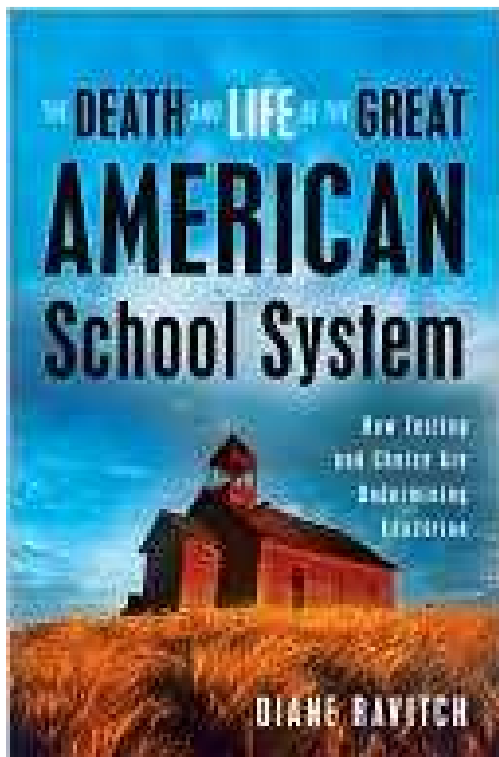
It will come as no surprise to educators and progressives that siphoning off money from the public school system and pouring it into religious and private schools would undermine the education system. Now we have confirmation that not only 'choice', but 'testing' as well, are instrumental in the 'dumbing' of our children. Not surprising until you learn that this pronouncement comes from none other than the conservative Diane Ravitch - a historian of American education and Assistant Secretary of Education under the first George Bush.

'Ravitch now supports ideas associated with the left not because she is on the left. She does so for the simple reason that choice and testing had their chance and failed to deliver', says Alan Wolfe, book reviewer for *The New York Times*.

A must read for those who can use this information to strengthen our public school system, and for all who realize that the education of our children determines the direction of our nation.

See Wolfe's review in the May 16, 2010 issue of *The New York Times*.

Better yet – read the book.



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Calendar of Events

- Mon, May 24th Membership Meeting – Ted Zigmunt, Incumbent and Candidate for 2nd District Assemblyman 7:00 PM.
Manitowoc Senior Center
- Mon, Jun 7 MantyDems Executive Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM.
Pizza Garden
- Tues, Jun 8th Organizing for America – Open House and first meeting
The Linda and David Gratz Home, 1624 S 10th St, Mntwc
7-9 PM -
- Jun 11-12th DPW Convention – Middleton
- Sat, Jun 12th Think Tank – Newsletter Committee – 9:30 AM, Perkins
- Mon, Jun 28th Membership Meeting – Monk Elmer, Candidate for
1st Senate District. 7:00 PM Venue TBA
- Mon, Jul 5th MantyDems Executive Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM.
Pizza Garden
- Sat, Jul 10th Think Tank – Newsletter Committee – 9:30 AM, Perkins
- Mon, Jul 26th Family Picnic, Lincoln Park Cabin 2. 5:00 PM

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\$1,200 Investor* \$35 Pairs

\$600 Patron* \$25 General

\$240 Friends* \$10 Limited Income

\$120 Supporter* Other _____

\$75 Family *

*includes all family members

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