

A recap of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign's summer meeting this week and more on the Walker follies in Madison.

MADISON - In case you couldn't make our annual meeting on Monday night, I'd like to give you this recap of the inspiring event.

Longtime members Roger and Kristi Williams provided a tremendous testimonial about our work, and urged everyone to consider doing as they have done: leaving something for the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign in their planned giving.

Then Kim Wright of Midwest Environmental Advocates spoke, noting that "the same money that is clogging the arteries of our democracy" is also imperiling our clean water future. She added: "We really rely on the Democracy Campaign to give us the information that we need."

Deshawn McKinney, president of the UW-Madison Wisconsin Union and a spoken word artist, performed a couple of his powerful poems and urged people to get out of their silos and their comfort zones and to lift up those from marginalized communities.

Kevin Kennedy, former head of the Government Accountability Board, denounced the "quagmire of selfishness" that the current leaders in our state capitol have fallen into. He also gave a short history of Wisconsin's efforts to ensure clean and transparent government. "Recently, we've taken more than a step backwards," he noted. He urged us to "persist like Sisyphus."

The question and answer period was lively, and everyone had a good time, and we hope you can make the event next year. In the meantime, you can view this year's event in its entirety on WisconsinEye.

Meanwhile, we've continued to crank stuff out this week.

We noticed that Walker again has gone on public visits to companies whose employees just happened to have showered him with a lot of dough:

Walker celebrates with donors who gave him $100K+

We also noted that the DNR just gave a permit to an out-of-state company, Meteor Timber, to destroy rare wetlands in our state:

Approved sand plant will destroy rare wetlands

And we posted a speech I gave recently on the threat that Donald Trump poses to our democracy:

Video of WDC Executive Director Matthew Rothschild on Trump and fascis m

I'll be giving another talk on this same urgent topic on Memorial Day at 1:00 at the Gates of Heaven, in James Madison Park in Madison. View our
calendar
of speaking engagements and other WDC related events for more information.

Hope to see you there.