

# March 2010 Now News



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## A Word From Our President

Hi all. The year is starting out busy and I know the pace will only pick up as campaign season heats up. We're planning some interesting programs for this year so stay tuned in upcoming Now News communications for information. One thing to keep in mind is the Spring Election on April 6<sup>th</sup>. There are seven contested County Board races, Hartford Mayor's Race, Village President Race in Germantown, Town Board elections in Addison, Barton, Erin and Jackson, Village Trustee Races in Jackson, Richfield, Kewaskum, Slinger and Newburg, City Alderperson races in Hartford and West Bend. And don't forget all of the local School Board Races. It's very important to research your local candidates and vote on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the above Spring Election races, there is also an important Appeals Court race with Linda Van De Water facing off against Paul Reilly on the April 6<sup>th</sup> ballot. There is a candidate forum featuring these two Appeals Court candidates on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the West Bend City Council Chambers @ 1115 S. Main St. The Forum begins @ 6:30 pm. The Forum will also feature County Supervisors @ 7:30 pm. The moderator is Randy Melchert, Political Analyst for WCVY-TV.

The County Clerk's office has a list of all candidates for the Spring election in Washington County, <http://www.co.washington.wi.us/departments.iml?Detail=264>. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events this year.

## February Business in a Nutshell

At our February meeting Denise Schramm reported that we have 84 members. Rebecca and Denise are developing a plan for programming in 2010-2011. Jennie announced that the GOP is procuring auction items for the June 26<sup>th</sup> fundraiser. Diane reported that she is looking for hosts to have our Saturday breakfast. She needs hosts for the months of August, November and December. Stay tuned to your Now News for more information.

## WCRP Fundraiser- June 26, 2010

The annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, June 26 at Columbian Hall (KC Hall) in West Bend. Our theme this year will be "Liberty on the March". We are in the beginning stages of planning and would welcome anyone who would like to help. This is the event where we hold a wonderful silent auction and have a live auction. We are looking for donations of silent auction items or cash to purchase items. For the live

auction, we would welcome things like, Brewer tickets, golf outings, event tickets, etc. Rep. Jim Ott has agreed to be our auctioneer this year. If you are new to our club, this event is hosted jointly by Washington County Republican Party and Washington County Republican Women. It is a very fun event. We have a buffet dinner, cash bar, a keynote speaker and probably many other speakers and candidates this year. We rely on this fundraiser to help pay the rent for our office in West Bend. Contact Kathy if you would like to be involved...628-3500.

## Help Build a Fisher House at the Zablocki VA Center in Milwaukee

Fisher Houses are equivalent to "Ronald McDonald Houses" for VA Centers. They house family members of veterans receiving treatment at major military and VA centers worldwide. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are 43 Fisher Houses, with several under construction.

Typically, the houses are 5,000+ to 16,000 square foot homes donated by the Fisher family and Fisher House™ Foundation. Each house is designed to provide eight to 21 suites. All are professionally furnished and decorated in the tone and style of the local region. The houses can accommodate 16 to 42 family members. They feature a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with library, and toys for children. A Fisher House™ is a temporary residence and is not a treatment facility, hospice or counseling center. The program began in 1990, and has offered more than three million days of lodging to more than 120,000 families. Fisher Houses™ are given to the U. S. Government as gifts. Military service secretaries and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the homes. The Fisher House™ Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, builds new houses, and assists in the coordination of private support and encourages public support for the homes. Families do not pay to stay at a Fisher House. Fees at Army, Navy, and Air Force Fisher Houses are underwritten by Fisher House™ Foundation.

Help us help the Fisher House Foundation build a Fisher House at the Clement C. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. We want to pool individual donations from our members to the Fisher House and send them together along with a cover letter expressing our support. **Please make your**

**check payable to The Fisher House Foundation and mail it to WCRW, P. O. Box 316, Hubertus, WI 53033.** Your donation is tax deductible.

Fisher House™ Foundation does not disclose the names of its donors to any other individuals or organizations.

[www.FisherHouse.org](http://www.FisherHouse.org)

**Saturday Morning Breakfasts**

March's breakfast will be hosted by Melissa Mortenson on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Melissa's address is N108W12729 Coneflower Circle, Germantown, WI 53022.

From Hwy 45, get off at the Exit 54 (Lannon/Mequon Rd), toward Mequon Rd. If coming from the north, turn left onto Mequon Rd. Continue on Mequon Rd to Wausaukee Rd (approx. 4.5 miles) and turn right onto Wausaukee.

Take the next right onto Trillium Way into Prairie Glen subdivision. When Trillium ends, turn left onto Strawgrass, then continue straight onto Coneflower. Melissa's house is the third on the left, it is in a group of five houses that do not have anything built directly across from them. Melissa's phone number is 262/623-2433.

April's breakfast will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Sharon Ellefson's home. Sharon's address is 8688 Hwy W, Allenton, WI 53002. Sharon's phone number is 262/629-5670.

Go west on Hwy 33 to Co. Hwy WW (about 1 mile East of Hwy 41). Turn right (north) on WW about 6 miles – going through Kohlsville, continuing North on W;

8688 Co. Rd. W. Sharon's home is on the east side of the road, about ½ miles South of Hwy H.

Remember, breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 10:30 a.m. It is a great way of meeting other like-minded Republican women and discussing current concerns and issues. Many of our legislators come and give updates on what is happening in Madison. We welcome you and encourage you to join us.

We still have a couple of months open on our 2010 Breakfast Calendar – August, October, November and December. Please call Diane at 262/306-7535 if you would like to host a breakfast!!!

**Caring For America**

Thank you again, and as always, for your support of our military members via your donations of items to send to them and money to help defray the costs. Right now we have the names of three military members and are always looking for more, so please let me know of anyone that you would like to have included in our list (contact Carolyn Turner, 262-334-3658). Our Washington County Heroes appreciate all that you do for them.

*-Carolyn Turner*

**Web Site Information**

**National Federation of Republican Women**

www.nfrw.org user name: federation password: 1938nfrw

**Wisconsin Federation of Republican Women**

www.wifrw.org Click on counties...click Washington County to see our group's spot

**Republican National Committee (RNC)**

www.rnc.org To find Party Rules & Platform – click on "About the GOP"

**Republican Party of Wisconsin (RPW)**

www.wisgop.org To find information about state officials and legislators

**Washington County Republican Women...Remember, We Are Not Politics As Usual**

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| March 13 9:00 AM | Breakfast at the home of Melissa Mortenson         |
| March 12 6:30 PM | Pints and Politics, Cedar Lake Inn                 |
| March 25 6:30 PM | WCRW Business Mtg., GOP Office, West Bend          |
| April 10 9:00 AM | Breakfast at home of Sharon Ellefson               |
| May 21-23        | Wisconsin GOP State Convention, Hyatt in Milwaukee |
| June 26          | WCRP Fundraiser, Columbian Hall (formerly KC Hall) |