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Washington County Republican Women

Every 2nd Saturday – Breakfast and political talk. Round Robin at our members' homes from 9 – 10:30 A.M. See Republican Women Now News (newsletter) for schedule of hostess locations.

Monthly business meetings – Every 4th Thursday of the month followed by a program (if scheduled). Meetings at GOP office – 519 Hickory St., West Bend.

For updated information and events please go to the Wisconsin Federation of Republican Women's website – www.wifrw.org. Click on counties, then click on Washington to see our site information.

The GOP Report is a quarterly publication of the Republican Party of Washington County. Its purpose is to publicize the actions of the executive committee and upcoming events and activities of the party as well as to provide a forum for elected officials to report business and inform members of pertinent issues.

Please forward any comments, articles or upcoming events to Jim Geldreich jgeld@charter.net with a subject line GOP Newsletter or leave a message at our office phone 262-334-4150

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6, 2007
Election Day

February 10, 2008
Lincoln Day Brunch and Caucus, Linden Inn

June 7, 2008
Summer Campaign Celebration, KC Hall

WINTER SOCIAL EVENT

The WCRP executive board has decided to move the annual winter social from its usual January date to June 7, 2008. This event will be much the same as in the past, however we will have a "campaign" theme, and it will kick off our 2008 presidential campaign. More information on this unique event will follow in early 2008.

Chairman's Corner



The year 2007 seems to be quietly slipping away. However, it was an action packed summer for the Washington County GOP, as we participated in six parades, had a double booth at the Washington County Fair, worked a day at the State Fair Republican Party booth, and we closed out the summer with our successful Brat Fry. These events gave us the opportunity to connect with our GOP members, local communities and the entire county. My thanks to all of you who were involved in those activities.

I recently attended the Republican Leadership Conference. Among the many workshops and seminars, was a presentation by Chris McNulty of the Republican National Committee. He revealed that in 2008 Wisconsin will again be among the five targeted states for the presidential campaign. Since the past two elections in Wisconsin have been only very narrowly won by the Democrats, the Republican Party will be focusing a lot of effort and energy in our state. I would expect many visits by GOP dignitaries and likely visits by our presidential candidate. And don't look now, but in a matter of 90 days we will most likely know who our presidential candidate will be.

I'd like to briefly touch upon the state budget. Our local GOP representatives, as well as our state GOP leaders deserve our support in their efforts to save us from further tax burdens proposed by the Democrats in this budget. Please let them know you support what they're doing for us.

*Jim Geldreich, Chairman
Washington County GOP*

WCRP Executive Committee

Chairman:	Jim Geldreich
Vice-Chairman:	Kathy Kiernan
Secretary:	Jim Benware
Treasurer:	Jennie Frederick

Meetings are held monthly on every third Tuesday at 7 pm at county party headquarters, 519 Hickory St., West Bend. Any party member is welcome to attend.

Calling all Republican Women!



Our Saturday morning breakfast is a great place to meet other like-minded Republican Women. We currently are doing a Round Robin at various members' homes. Our breakfasts always well attended. Very often, our legislators come to give us an update on what is happening in Madison. It is very informative! Our breakfast is held every second Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Our programs and various events are also fascinating and informative therefore make sure you mark your calendar. Our program for October will be on 10/25/07 and will be held at the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Dale Schmidt has invited us to enjoy a tour of the Sheriff's Dept. The tour will include the Detective Bureau, Booking room, Garage and a special video of the Jail and their procedures. This will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

Another worthwhile program that we are actively working on is "Support our Troops". We are looking for items and/or money that can be sent to our troops in Iraq or Afghanistan. If you are interested in participating, you may bring your donated items to any of the Saturday Morning Breakfasts. You can also drop off items either at Carolyn Turner's (Support Our Troops Chairperson) home or Kathy Kiernan's home. Carolyn's address is 619 N. 18th Avenue, West Bend, 53090, 262/337-3688. Kathy's address is 1751 Scenic Road, Richfield, 53076

Remember to look at our website. We are connected to the Wisconsin Federation of Republican Women's website. Go to www.wifrw.org. Once there, click on County Clubs, then click on Washington. We will keep this updated with upcoming events and other items of interest.

*Diane Ambroziak, President
Washington County Republican Women*



Legislative Report

Rep. Pat Strachota

For several weeks the media has blasted Wisconsin for being the last state in the country without a budget. This week the drumbeat calls for docking legislators' pay and to lock up conference committee members until a budget is passed. This makes for great headlines and has focused a national spotlight on our state.

However, there is little scrutiny or debate over why Wisconsin's budget is so late in comparison to other states. A major reason other states have beaten us to the budget finish line comes down to their ability to pay. According the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) 42 states had higher-than-expected revenues and stable funding needs for their budgets.

By comparison, the budget proposed by the Senate Democrats increased spending by \$18 billion dollars. Their idea of negotiating is after two months of no movement they agreed to drop the \$15 billion dollar government-run health care plan, Healthy Wisconsin, from the budget in exchange for \$1.05 billion in other increased spending and taxes. However, linking the removal of a \$15 billion dollar tax increase that was never going to pass in the first place with \$1 billion in other tax increases is not negotiating; it is game playing.

Although Wisconsin government does not shut down if a budget is not passed by the July 1st deadline, we must still tell our school districts what their funding levels will be by October 15th.

As I write this, it is the afternoon of October 12th and yesterday Governor Doyle chose to walk away from negotiations to call the legislature into Special Session for Monday, October 15 to take up a modified version of the state budget he introduced back in February.

This new budget bill is not even out of the drafting process, even though we are hours away from having to cast our vote on it. However, if it is consistent with Democrats' most recent offer it is likely to include an increase of more than \$1.1 billion in government spending and new taxes. Governor Doyle has indicated he wants to pass the state's Transportation Budget separately. The irony is that Governor Doyle dismissed the Assembly Republican Education and Shared Revenue budget saying the budget should not be "piecemeal" and should be passed as a whole.

It is unfortunate our great state has become a national embarrassment when we are usually looked to as a leader. However, the solution is not to ram through a budget just for the sake of finishing. It is our job as elected officials to craft a fiscally responsible budget that taxpayers can afford. The lasting impact of over a billion dollars in new spending and taxes on Wisconsin taxpayers' pocketbooks now and in future generations is too high of a price to pay.

The Assembly passed the most critical and immediate funding needs weeks ago. If Senate Democrats and Governor Doyle are serious about passing a budget taxpayers can afford, then they need to pass the two bills the Assembly sent them. After that, they need to come back to the Conference Committee with realistic proposals.



Legislative Report

Sen. Glenn Grothman

I've just gotten off the Senate Floor after debating a new budget compromise put forth by Governor Doyle and Senate Democrats that was rejected by Republicans.

A few observations: general purpose spending in this budget is \$27.7 billion. When I first got to the Legislature, in the 1993-95 budget it was \$15.2 billion. Last fiscal year (ending June 30, 2007) sales tax paid in the State of Wisconsin went up .6%. (That's point six as in one-half of one percent.) The amount Wisconsin citizens are able to spend on cars, clothes, and other discretionary items is virtually stagnant.

The budget Republicans rejected does not reflect the difficult choices Wisconsin's families are making. It includes a new program to encourage more 4 year old kindergarten, a new \$10 million a year grant for Milwaukee schools (which already spends more money per pupil than the statewide average), fancy new college dormitories (while college admissions are expected to sink in the next few years,) a 15 percent increase in student scholarships, a 50 percent increase in anti-smoking program spending, a 75 percent increase in Stewardship funding, and a future commitment to a Wisconsin Covenant that implies no tuition for many of Wisconsin's students currently in middle school. We did not get to see the 1,625 page document until five hours before the vote, but you get the idea.

The Democrats claimed to care about property taxes and schools, but refused to deal with these problems. Instead, they held up the entire budget for many of the above spending items. The final action of Senate Democrats was to offer an oil franchise fee -- in essence a 7.5-cent gas tax hike that not even Governor Doyle was in favor of at this time.

The difference between the parties was never greater. Many of the Democrats are enjoyable people to work with, but they uniformly believe that the future of the state revolves around a larger and more expensive government.

SERVING PROUDLY

Please keep our brave and honorable Washington County Republicans who are serving our country in Iraq in your thoughts and prayers:

Corporal Colin Turner

United States Marine Corps
Air/Ground Intelligence Analyst and Arabic Linguist
2nd Intelligence Battalion

Colin entered Iraq in late September and is the son of Tony and Carolyn Turner of West Bend

Specialist Jacob Buth

United States Army
504th Military Police Battalion
28th Military Policy Company

Jacob left for Iraq on September 12 and is currently in the northern section of the country. Jacob is the son of Randy and Mary Buth of Hartford.



Vice Chairman's Corner

November 6, 2007 Election

Be an informed voter. We have several referendums on our ballots on November 6. Please read the sheet enclosed with this newsletter for referendums in your voting area.

Kathy Kiernan, Vice Chairman

Republican Women Gala Dinner

It was another wonderful evening with friends. There were 125 guests in attendance at the Annual Fall Gala Dinner at Scenic View Country Club. J.B. Van Hollen shared social time and spoke to the crowd before we sat for dinner. Jay Weber started the evening off with a talk about the importance of the 2008 elections in our state. Our new RPW Chairman, Reince Priebus also addressed the guests. All of our Washington County legislators attended and shared a few minutes of mic time. Our anchor speaker was Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker. The evening was absolutely delightful and everyone had a great time.

Kathy Kiernan, Gala Chairman

Amanda Johnson earns White House internship in Washington DC

Many of you may know Amanda Johnson. She has worked in our GOP office in West Bend for campaigns the last few years. A year ago, she worked with Chirag Shaw who was the field director for the Green Campaign in Washington County. He suggested that she apply for an internship in Washington DC. She filled out the forms along with about 2000 others and was 1 of 100 who was chosen. Her top choice was to be a "White House Intern". She was chosen and was assigned to work with President Bush's "Advance Press Team" both domestic and international. She is having a great time and loves her assignment. She started on September 4 and will work until December 14. Her office is in the Executive Office Building. When Amanda returns, we will feature a story written by her about her experience.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

GORDON SAILER

Our member spotlight this month falls on Gordon Sailer. Gordy has been a longtime Washington County resident and first joined the Washington County Republican Party back in 1983. He became involved with county GOP activities and campaigns beginning in the mid nineties and served as vice-chairman from 1998-2002. Since then, he has continued to serve on the board as the County Fair chairman. He was instrumental in the acquisition of the large blue backdrop that is used at many of our GOP events, and is directly responsible for the success of our county fair booth each year. Beyond that, Gordy is also our designated GOP event photographer, and recently teamed up with Del Ellefson to construct the large elephant for our 2007 parade float.

Gordy joined the Air Force in 1951 and served four years of active duty, mostly in Texas. He began as a supply clerk, and after a promotion to staff sergeant, ran a large supply warehouse at Gary Air Force Base in Texas. But civilian life beckoned, and he returned to Wisconsin. Gordy's sons Daniel and Greg have also served time in the military. His daughter Victoria is a teacher in Utah.

In the current field of GOP presidential candidates, Gordy likes Fred Thompson and is encouraged by his support of second amendment rights. Kudos to Gordy for his many years of dedication and commitment to the Washington County Republican Party!

BRAT FRY WRAPUP

Last month's Brat Fry turned out over 100 of our WCRP members. Foremost on people's minds was the annual state budget. All our Washington County elected officials echoed the importance of not bending to the Democrat's tax increases. Then there was keynote speaker WISN's Vicki McKenna, who preached about Wisconsin's already bloated tax structure. Vicki's spirited and informative speech, which was laced with an element of humor, was one of the highlights of the afternoon. The Brat Fry also drew media attention as the Hometown News and WBKV radio had reporters in attendance. Thanks to all those who made this a successful event again.



Diane Ambroziak, WISN's Vicki McKenna and Kathy Kiernan at the Bratt Fry.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals for 2008 will be sent to you in a few weeks. If you would promptly return them, it would be greatly appreciated. If you don't receive a renewal form, please contact the GOP office at 334-4150.

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