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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

Oct. 18, 2008

Super Saturday Campaign Event,
Victory Center Germantown

Oct. 27, 2008

Washington County Business Expo,
Washington Co. Fairgrounds

Nov. 1-4, 2008

72 Hour Get-Out-the-Vote
Campaign Rally

Nov. 4, 2008

Election Day!

Feb. 8, 2009

Lincoln Day Brunch, Cedar Lake Inn



Chairman's Corner

The 2008 presidential campaign is now in full gear. Business has been brisk at our two campaign offices in Washington County – the main headquarters office in West Bend and our Victory Center in Germantown. We feel we have balanced

out the county this way and hope you visit the location closest to you. The McCain campaign has dedicated a great deal of resources in Wisconsin. Recently, we finally received a large batch of yard signs, bumper stickers and other campaign collateral. If you still need a yard sign, please pick one up at either of our campaign offices. Thanks to everyone for your patience in waiting for these materials.

Wisconsin is a battleground state again, and it is our duty to get all of our Republican voters to the polls. The most effective way to accomplish this goal is through Get-Out-the-Vote calling. These calls are the way we win elections. Please help us make these calls by volunteering a little time over the next few weeks at either of our campaign offices. These calls are very easy to make. Kudos to our top phone callers so far: Anne Doran, Raymond Zalewski, Bill Collins, Matt Ciriacks and Marcia Haase.

The McCain campaign was recently electrified by the brilliant selection of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin to be our vice presidential nominee. Governor Palin has injected a renewed enthusiasm into the campaign. She has shown leadership in her state of Alaska by taking on the long-standing establishment there and getting the state back on the right track. Gov. Palin is reaching out to a diverse base of voters across the country and is an exemplary role model for young women. She has actual executive experience, which our opponent lacks.

As we ramp up our campaign in these final few weeks, I hope to see many of you at our campaign offices. Thank you in advance for all the volunteer work! It will all pay off when we elect McCain/Palin in November.

*Jim Geldreich, Chairman
Washington County GOP*



Calling all Republican Women!

Our annual Fall Gala that was held on September 17th was a great success!! Our many thanks to all that helped make it special evening and especially to Major Scott Southworth who spoke of the importance of a GOP win in November.

2008 of course is a critical election year and we cannot sit back and think we will win. We need everyone to help out with the **GOTV**. Many of our members are helping in both offices – the Victory Center in Germantown and our headquarters in West Bend. We have members making phone calls, doing doors, baking, cleaning and much more. But we can always use more help. Please consider helping us make this a GOP Win!!!

The WCRW has a continuous program that we are always working on. It is also one of our favorite programs and that is our **“Support our Troops”**. We send care packages to our local soldiers that are stationed in either Iraq or Afghanistan. We currently are looking for monetary donations. This is used to pay for the postage to send these packages. Starting in November we will be looking for more holiday items to send to them. We are currently sending to two (2) Washington County soldiers stationed in Iraq. Remember the success of this program depends on the generosity of so many. 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 at Carolyn Turner's (Support Our Troops Chairperson) home. Carolyn's address is 619 N. 18th Avenue, West Bend, 53090, 262/337-3688.

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*

WCRP Executive Committee

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

Meetings are held monthly on every third Tuesday at 7 pm at county party headquarters, 519 Hickory St.,



Legislative Report

The Campaign season is beginning to heat up. We in the Assembly are working hard to maintain the majority. We have some excellent candidates this election season and feel confident that we can gain seats in the House. We have 74 Republican Candidates running to fill seats of a retiring member, running for re-election, or trying to retake a long-standing Republican district. We even found a candidate to run in the 67th District, Don Moga, having gathered enough write-in signatures at the Primary Election.

This fall, while the national environment changes from day to day, one thing has remained constant: POCKET Book issues continue to be a family's top political concern. From the uncertainty of the economy to the increasing cost of gas, energy and groceries, families are pinching pennies more and more. They are looking for candidates with an agenda focused on protecting their pocketbook. The Assembly Republican Candidates are focused on this major priority.

The top three issues facing Wisconsin families have consistently been the slow economy, the cost of energy and gas and the increasing cost of health care.

The difference between Wisconsin Democrats and the Republicans on how to address these issues is simple. Democrats want to increase taxes and Republicans want to control spending. Democrats support Healthy Wisconsin which would raise taxes of Wisconsin Families by \$510 per month. Democrats also support the Wisconsin Safe Climate Act, which would increase energy costs by 20% according to the Public Service Commission. Democrats in Madison support a plan called HOPE. The truth is that HOPE is a tax increase of over \$800 million per year to pay for a risky and illegal property tax gimmick. To pay for their plan, they say they will "close sales tax loopholes," or put plainly they will start taxing items that are currently not taxed such as farm equipment, food, wheelchairs and even prescription drugs.

Republicans support reducing the tax burden, lowering the cost of energy and making health care more affordable by controlling costs.

The Choice could not be clearer this fall and the Assembly Republicans are fighting to remain the last line of defense for tax-payers pocketbooks.

McCain Campaign Welcome

With the Election Season officially upon us, it is a good time to re-welcome all of you to our efforts in electing John McCain the forty-fourth President of the United States. As the Republican Party of Wisconsin's Victory Coordinator for Washington County, I have had the pleasure to work with many of you over the last few months, and I am looking forward to continuing our efforts as November 4th approaches.

As in past elections, Washington County is expected to bear the burden of being one of the most successful GOP counties in Wisconsin. Washington County's efforts are truly not only the backbone of our efforts, but also the hinge upon which the rest of our state swings in determining whether our state will be blue or red come Election Day. I am asking for your help to turn out Wisconsin for McCain. We are always looking for volunteers to assist us with our phone banks every day from 10 until 8:30 in Germantown, and from 9-8 in West Bend. Join us for Men's Night with Chairman Jim Geldreich on Thursdays, or Women's Night with Kathy Kiernan on Wednesdays at the Victory Center.

You can also help us to conduct door surveys, literature drops, and to help out around the office. Elections are won by the passion with which volunteers embrace the cause and the candidate, and if we are going to stop the Democrats from taking our nation down the slippery slope of higher taxes, weak foreign policy, and socialized medicine we are all going to have to work hard for a Republican victory.

Again, many thanks to all of you who have come out to work with us in the past few months. The response from so many of you has been outstanding, and I am confident that given the importance of this election to our nation's future, we will continue to make Washington County a standard by which Wisconsin's other counties are measured.

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Republican National Convention

First, I want to say it was a privilege representing all of you at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul from September 1st - 4th. You may recall that the session on the first day of the convention was abbreviated due to Hurricane Gustav. We convened on September 1st at approximately 2 pm and normal convention business was conducted in an efficient manner. Delegates voted to pass the Convention Rules and the Platform. I was honored to be asked by the McCain campaign to offer a resolution from the floor of the convention. I offered the resolution just before Laura Bush spoke.

The remainder of the convention was conducted according to schedule and I'm sure you saw all of the great speeches. Wednesday night was very special when Sarah Palin spoke. There was a great deal of excitement as the delegates anticipated Sarah's speech and when she spoke the mood was electrifying. One drawback of being a delegate though was that when Sarah spoke, the media all rushed to the front and the only way for us to see was to view the jumbo-trons in the arena.

The lead up to John McCain's speech on Thursday was also very exciting. Cindy McCain did a great job introducing her husband and Senator McCain's was very well received. The room exploded into applause on several occasions and the finale was very exciting.

Throughout the convention, there were media from all over the world asking delegates for comments. Some of the Wisconsin delegation spoke to French television and Swedish television as well as the Voice of America. I was interviewed by Dubai TV.

And now, a few words about the platform. Each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and all U.S. Territories has one man and one woman that serve on the Platform Committee, 112 members in all. I had the honor of serving on the Platform Committee. There were 6 sub-committees and I served on the Economy sub-committee that was chaired by former RNC chairman, Governor Haley Barbour of Mississippi. Steve King was the other committee member from Wisconsin. Steve co-chaired the Health Care & Education sub-committee. The other sub-committees were National Security, Government Reform, Energy, and Crime & American Values.

I proposed several amendments and they were all being voted down, sometimes with Governor Barbour breaking the tie vote to defeat my amendments. It was great fun! Finally, I had 2 amendments pass in the Economy sub-committee and both survived and are a part of the platform. One of the amendments was prophetic and ironic at the same time:

"We do not support government bailouts of private institutions. Government interference in the markets exacerbates problems in the marketplace and causes the free market to take longer to correct itself. We believe in the free market as the best tool to sustained prosperity and opportunity for all."

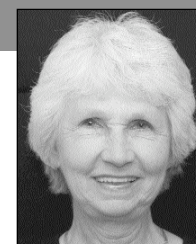
The other amendment generated some debate on the floor of the full committee but ultimately remained in the platform.

"The U.S. government should end mandates for ethanol and let the free market work."

I also proposed the following amendment in full committee and it passed (for obvious reasons) without any opposition.

"We acknowledge and appreciate the significant contributions of all of America's First Responders, who keep us safe and secure and who are ever ready to come to our aid."

This was my first time at the convention and also my first experience on the Platform Committee. I very much appreciated the opportunity to attend and to represent all of you. If you have any questions or want to talk about the convention, please give me a call @ 262-677-1388 or email me @ jcfrederick@ameritech.net. Thank you!



Vice Chairman's Corner

McCain / Palin Campaign

Washington County has two office locations this campaign season. Our **West Bend GOP Headquarters** at 519 Hickory Street remains our headquarters and is open six days a week for business. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM until 8 PM and Saturday from 9 AM until 4:30 PM. The office phone number is (262)334-4150. We have signs, bumper stickers and are making phone calls at this location. We need everyone to **volunteer at least two hours once a week** either making voter identification phone calls (there is a script) or knocking on doors. The same questions are asked at targeted doors. This work is very important to identify our fellow Republicans so we can push our voters to the polls on Election Day. Please call the office to sign up for a shift of volunteering. We also have a Washington County **Victory Center in Germantown**. We are located on Mequon Road in the new Sendik's Village Shopping Center. This is just west of Pilgrim Road. Turn into the shopping area at McDonalds...we are right next door to George Webb's Restaurant. We have 20 phone lines at this location and need many more callers. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 8 PM and Saturday from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Our office phone number is (262) 251-0300. Please call and sign up for a shift of calling or knocking on doors. Please come and visit our office. We will only be at this location through the November 4th election.

We need all kinds of help besides the phone callers. There are other office duties, such as receptionists, helpers for special projects, people to run errands, help with cleaning. It's also nice to have donations of food, snacks, water or soda, candy, etc.

72 Hour Program - We are looking for people to sign up for shifts of phone calling, door knocking, Election Day off for poll watching, runners, office help, etc. This big push will take place Saturday, November 1 through Election Day on November 4. Please contact either office to sign-up.

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have been helping with the offices and phone calls so far. Without you, we would not be successful. We're looking for Washington County to push our voter turnout to a new record this election. Together, we win.

Kathy Kiernan, Vice Chairman &
Randy Marquardt, Co-Chair
McCain / Palin Campaign

2009 Membership

Membership renewals for 2009 will be sent to you in a few weeks. If you would promptly return them, it would be greatly appreciated. Membership dues will remain the same. For those of you who signed up during the campaign, your membership is good through the end of 2009. If you don't receive a renewal form and feel you should have, please contact the GOP office at 334-4150.

Congressional Candidate Forum

The Washington County Republican Party organized and hosted the only Congressional debate forum between Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner and candidate Jim Burkee on August 27, 2008. The forum was held at the Germantown Village Hall and was attended by a capacity crowd of 165 people and several media outlets including Wisconsin Eye. The moderator for the forum was Owen Robinson. Questions on current issues were submitted by party members and forum attendees. The candidates alternated their answers in giving the audience their views on current issues.

Election Day is Nov. 4, 2008 • Vote McCain/Palin!

McCain/Palin Rally

Several hundred Washington County Republicans were among the 12,500 supporters who crowded the streets of downtown Cedarburg to welcome Senator John McCain and Governor Sarah Palin to Wisconsin, just a day after the end of the national convention. A message of strong leadership and new ideas resonated with the energized crowd resulting in numerous raucous ovations. Governor Palin electrified the crowd with her vibrant speech which paralleled her VP acceptance speech at the convention. The Washington County Republican Party had 17 volunteers working the event and Jim Geldreich and Kathy Kiernan were chosen for the airport departure team, enabling them to personally meet Sen. McCain and Gov. Palin. See photo below.



Kathy Kiernan gets a hug from Gov. Sarah Palin.

Primary Election Wrap-up

The September 9, 2008 primary was a great day for our GOP incumbents in Washington County. Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner was victorious against challenger Jim Burkee by a 56 point margin, 78%-22%. Thanks to everyone who assisted in Congressman Sensenbrenner's campaign. In the other contested primary in Washington County, 59th District Rep. Dan LeMahieu easily defeated his challenger Karl McCarty, 71%-29%. These two decisive victories illustrate that constituents in these districts are pleased with the job our elected GOP incumbents are doing. The other primary campaign of interest was the race in the 24th Assembly District, where Rep. Sue Jeskewitz is not running for re-election. Congratulations to Dan Knodl who won a four way race to go onto the general election. Please help Dan in his campaign to win that seat Nov. 4.