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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](http://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](mailto:jgeld@charter.net) with a subject line GOP Newsletter or leave a message at our office phone 262-334-4150.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 9, 2008** Victory Center Grand Opening Germantown

**July 22-27, 2008** Washington County Fair

**Aug. 17, 2008** Allenton Parade

**Aug. 24, 2008** Richfield Parade

**Sept. 7, 2008** Annual GOP Brat Fry Jackson

**Sept. 9, 2008** Primary Election Day

**Sept. 17, 2008** WCRW Fall Gala

**Nov. 4, 2008** Election Day

### Chairman's Corner



I hope everyone had an enjoyable July 4 holiday. Let's hope for some stable weather the rest of the summer, as the recent flooding has taken its toll on many folks throughout the state.

As I briefly mentioned in the last newsletter, we need to do everything within our power to be sure that Sen. John McCain becomes our next president. I have spoken with several of you the past several weeks concerning our party's imminent nomination of Sen. McCain. We are all aware of Sen. McCain's "maverick" nature and his tendency to occasionally break ranks with the Republican Party. That said a closer look at his record shows obvious strengths in most of the core conservative issues. Sen. McCain is pro-life, pro second amendment and supports tax cuts. He has never voted for any earmarks. Sen. McCain will continue to keep this country safe and secure. He understands the threat that Islamic fascism presents to our country and will deal with it in a strong and effective manner. The inexperienced Barack Obama would rather talk to our enemies, even though history has repeatedly taught us that doesn't work. Sen. McCain has recently spoken in favor of domestic oil drilling, which will reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Lastly, in light of the recent Supreme Court ruling on the Second Amendment, rest assured Sen. McCain will appoint strict constructionist judges to the Supreme Court. These are excellent talking points to share with your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Sen. John McCain is a tried and true American patriot and deserves our wholehearted support for president. The thought of Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid running this country is a truly frightening thought.

Many of our local elected officials have opponents this fall. These include Congressman Sensenbrenner, Sen. Alberta Darling, Sen. Glenn Grothman, Rep. Pat Strachota and Rep. Dan Lemahieu. Please consider helping these folks who represent us so well in Washington D.C. and in Madison. Let's keep Washington County the barometer by which all other counties measure themselves.

I hope to see many of you at our county fair booth later this month!

Jim Geldreich, Chairman  
Washington County GOP

### Calling all Republican Women!



Our annual Fall Gala will be held at the Scenic View Country Club on September 17, 2008 – Save that date!!! Our guest speaker will be Major Scott Southworth. If you went to the WFRW luncheon at the RPW State Convention, then you know what a great and moving presentation he gave!!! He will discuss the "Importance of GOP Victories in 2008"!!! He will also discuss his story. He is truly an American Hero. Since September 2006 the Dept. of Defense has highlighted military men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the Global War on Terror. Major Southworth is listed on this website for all that he has done (<http://www.defenselink.mil/heroes/>).

In September, 2003, he was Capt. Southworth and this is when his story began. He was the commanding officer of the Wisconsin National Guard's 32nd Military Police Company. His unit was responsible for training local police officers in northeast Baghdad. It was exhausting work – working in triple-digit heat, dangers at every turn and setbacks such as a car bomb which destroyed one of the police stations that his unit operated.

Aside from their mission, his unit also wanted to help Iraq's needy orphans. On Sept 6, 2003 they visited a nearby orphanage. Southworth's life changed when a young boy named Ala'a – unable to walk, abandoned in the Baghdad streets likely due to his cerebral palsy – pulled himself across the floor and greeted Southworth with a smile and a few English words. If you want to hear the rest of this amazing story – please come!!! Aside from meeting Major Scott Southworth, you will also be able to meet his adopted son, Ala'a!!!!

In 2005, Southworth received the US Army's Gen. MacArthur Leadership award, recognizing his commitment to "duty, honor and country." See you in September!!

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### WCRP Executive Committee

<b>Chairman:</b>	Jim Geldreich
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Kathy Kiernan
<b>Secretary:</b>	VACANT
<b>Treasurer:</b>	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.

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One of our very favorite programs that we are actively working on is **“Support our Troops.”** We are currently sending care packages to two (2) Washington County soldiers stationed in Iraq. Remember the success of this program depends on the generosity of so many. We currently are in need of money. The money is used for postage in order to mail the packages that we send to our troops in Iraq or Afghanistan. If you are interested in participating, you may bring your donations to any of the Saturday Morning Breakfasts or call me at 262-306-7535 or call Carolyn Turner (Support Our Troops Chairperson) at 262/334-3658. (Please note that sometime this fall when our current supply of donated items runs out, we will start to take in other donated items as in the past).

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

Membership is \$15. Checks payable to: WCRW; send to: WCRW, P.O.Box 316, Hubertus, WI 53033.

*Diane Ambroziak, President  
Washington County Republican Women*



## Legislative Report

### **Tax Cuts are not a “Public Enemy”**

*by Senator Ted Kanavas*

For the last several months, the buzz has been building around the filming of a movie about the infamous bank robber John Dillinger. The movie, *Public Enemies*, directed by Wisconsin native Michael Mann and starring Johnny Depp began filming earlier this year in Oshkosh and Columbus and hit the streets of Milwaukee last week.

While visiting the downtown location, I was told by a publicist for the film that the cast and crew have been very well received and we have shown the folks from Hollywood that we appreciate their business. We certainly appreciate the money they are spending all over Wisconsin, but why are they here and not Minnesota for example?

The answer is simple: Tax cuts. It was no coincidence that location scouts for *Public Enemies* began scouring Wisconsin in January of this year. Why? Because January 1st, 2008 was the first day film production companies were able to receive tax credits for doing business here. The film industry tax credit legislation that I authored, known as Film Wisconsin, passed the Legislature with overwhelming bipartisan support in 2006, creating a brand new stream of revenue for our state. Film Wisconsin provides a refundable tax credit of 25 percent on direct production expenditures and a 25 percent investment tax credit for investing in Wisconsin-based productions. In addition, production companies doing business in Wisconsin can get a 15 percent film production investment credit on expenditures for property and equipment.

Businesses need to make money to exist. Hollywood studios and production companies are no different. Passage

of Film Wisconsin sent a clear message to those companies that we wanted them to come here and we were ready to compete for their business.

For too long Wisconsin failed to compete for entertainment industry dollars, even though it's one of our country's largest export markets. For twenty years we've referenced the same handful of films shot in Wisconsin like *The Blues Brothers* and *Major League*; all the while states like North Carolina, New Mexico, Louisiana and even Illinois cut taxes on film productions and made millions upon millions of dollars.

Without passage of Film Wisconsin we would still be hoping that Hollywood would bring its money here instead of being proactive and grabbing our share. Tax cuts and tax credits work. They create jobs, they increase revenue, and they have the ability transform an old economy like Wisconsin's into a modern, vibrant one.

When we cut taxes on film productions, films companies started doing business here. It's a simple cause and effect relationship and the lesson can be applied to several different situations. If we cut taxes on wages, you would have more money in your pocket to save or spend. If we cut taxes on retirement benefits, our retirees think twice about leaving Wisconsin and flocking to Arizona or Florida. Cut taxes on businesses and they flourish putting more money back into the economy and hiring more employees, both of which are good for the overall growth of Wisconsin's economy.

As a state, we have to learn from our experiences. Tax cuts should not be public enemy number one. They work and we need to keep cutting taxes to get our economy growing again.



## A Chat with...

### **Marine Cpl. Colin Turner**

*by Owen Robinson*

Last month brought a welcome respite for one Marine. Corporal Colin Turner, son of Washington County Republican Party fixtures Tony and Carolyn Turner, returned home for a few days of leave. Colin works as an intelligence analyst in the 2nd Intelligence Battalion, which returned to Camp Lejeune in early April after a seven month deployment in Fallujah supporting operations in Western Iraq.

I had the opportunity to speak with Colin about being a Marine, family, and Iraq. Perhaps it goes without saying that Colin was thrilled to have a few days back in Wisconsin with his family. The time spent with his parents, two sisters, and friends is never enough.

When I asked Colin about what he thought about being a Marine, he was a bit reflective. He said that it wasn't what he expected, but that he enjoys it. He does not know if he will make a career out of the Marine Corps, but is very proud to be serving his country in uniform.

Colin said that he was proud of what America was doing in Iraq. He said that we were helping rebuild a country whose people had been brutalized for decades. When I asked Colin if he had anything to tell the readers of this newsletter, he said, "We're winning. Don't pull out too soon."

Colin is headed back to Iraq in the fall. When I asked him how he felt about returning to Iraq, he said, "It's my job."

Thank you for your service, Colin. Semper Fi.



## Vice Chairman's Corner

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY VICTORY CENTER**

**Please join us for our  
“Grand Opening” – July 9 • 6:30 p.m.**

Come and visit our new campaign office in Germantown. The address is N112 W15800 Mequon Road. We are located in the new Sendik's Market Center just west of Pilgrim Road...directly behind McDonalds. We are inside the mall next to George Webbs Restaurant. We are sharing the office with Senator Alberta Darling's campaign.

We'll be making all our phone calls from there, as well as most of our campaign work. We need all kinds of help. We need callers to contact our members and volunteers. We need general office help. We need help cleaning. It's nice to have home made treats when we are working. We need people to make signs, put signs together and all things relating to campaigns. Senator Darling's campaign would also welcome volunteers.

Please come and help us on our road to Victory. Volunteers are our most important asset in these campaigns. Together, we can make Wisconsin a **“red state.”**

Please contact either Chairman Jim Geldreich 262-707-6686 or Kathy Kiernan 262-628-3500 if you can help or want to get involved.

## McCain Campaign 2008

The McCain 2008 campaign team is now organizing in Wisconsin. Many of us remember Mike Duffey from the 2004 Bush/Cheney campaign. Mike has been named state director for the McCain campaign and will be working out of the Waukesha County Victory Center. Vince Trovato has been named field director for Washington, Ozaukee and Waukesha counties. Wisconsin will be a targeted state for the McCain campaign, and the RNC will be investing a great deal of effort in our state. Turning Wisconsin into a red state could put Sen. McCain into the White House. Here in Washington County, I am pleased to announce that our McCain campaign co-chairmen will be Kathy Kiernan and Randy Marquardt. Kathy and Randy bring a unique blend of skills and experience to this position. We have a great team in place with the aforementioned folks and look forward to working together with our members toward a big victory in November.

## From the Courthouse

This fall, a number of county partisan offices will be elected to their first 4-year terms: Register of Deeds, District Attorney, County Treasurer and County Clerk offices will all be on the ballot. Sheriff and Clerk of Circuit Court elections for 4-year terms were held in November, 2006. Washington County Treasurer Janice Gettelman, County Clerk Brenda Jaszewski, District Attorney Todd Martens and Register of Deeds Sharon Martin have all announced their intention to run for re-election.

To get our names on the ballot each election, we need to submit between 500 and 1000 signatures of adult Washington County residents on nomination papers. In early June, we sent out papers to many of you to fill. To those of you who returned completed sheets of nomination papers to us, thank you so much for your help! If you didn't receive blank nomination papers this year but would like to help in the future, please contact any of us and we will get you on our list.

We courthouse incumbents are all proud of the work we do and the services our offices provide to the citizens of Washington County. We are all proud to be elected as Republicans and to be members of one of the strongest county Republican parties in the State. To paraphrase the question Tommy Thompson asked us so many times: "Isn't it great to be a Republican in Washington County?"

Thank you again for your support!

## Victory Starts Here

Thanks to all of you who dodged the heavy storms on June 7 and attended our "Victory Starts Here" event at the KC Hall in West Bend. It was another successful and fun-filled evening amongst our Republican friends. The event was highlighted by entertainment from the University of Wisconsin band (pictured below), as well as appearances by Congressman Sensenbrenner, Scott Walker, and a surprise visit by Republican Party of Wisconsin Chairman Reince Priebus and his family. The evening featured great food, a silent auction and our now infamous live auction with auctioneer Dan Ritger at the microphone.



## Primary Election

We cannot lose sight of Primary Election Day, Tuesday, September 9. First and foremost, Congressman Sensenbrenner needs our support that day as he is facing a primary challenger. Endorsed by the 5th Congressional District at caucus, Congressman Sensenbrenner has a 30 year record of distinguished service representing the voters of Washington County and the rest of his district. Let's be sure we keep him in Washington working for us. Don't let get September 9 get lost in the shuffle and urge your friends to vote that day.

## Top County Award

The Washington County Republican Party won the prestigious Top County Award at the state GOP convention in May, 2008. To be named the top GOP County out of 72 counties is a testament to all the grass roots efforts, hard work and dedication of our staff and membership here in Washington County. This was truly a team effort in every sense of the word.

Pictured below: Jim Geldreich and Kathy Kiernan with the Top County Award.

