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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

**Dec. 4, 2009**

Pints & Politics, Scenic View CC, Slinger

**Feb. 21, 2010**

Lincoln Day Brunch & Caucus, Quilted Bear, Germantown

**May 21-23, 2009**

State GOP Convention, Hyatt Convention Center, Milwaukee

**June 27, 2010**

Summer Campaign Event, Columbian Banquet Hall, West Bend



### Chairman's Corner

The year 2009 was a very busy one for the WCRP, despite it being a non-election year. We had two very successful events this fall – our Reagan Day Picnic in September, and most recently our first Pints and Politics event. Attendance at both events was heavy, which is further

proof of the energy being shown by Republicans and our distaste for the socialization of our beloved country.

Our Republican representatives are waging a continuous battle on our behalf both in Madison and in Washington. They deserve our praise and support. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts. Being in the minority is a thankless and frustrating position to be in, but they haven't raised the white flag and never will.

I often hear people say to me that the Republicans are just as bad as the Democrats when it comes to where we are as a state and country. My response is that is simply not true. You cannot paint all politicians with the same brush. And certainly not politicians from different parties. It's becoming quite clear to all of us that both the Doyle and Obama administrations have taken the results of the 2008 election as a mandate to raise taxes, raise fees, and to infect this country with their socialistic programs and policies. Our only defense is to get more Republicans back in Madison and Washington next year. I assure you we have already started down that path. Early in 2010, we will begin to assemble campaign strategies here in Washington County and will coordinate our efforts with our candidates' campaigns. Washington County has been historically looked upon as one of the leading campaign counties in Wisconsin.

I truly believe the only solution to what's happening in our country is the strengthening of the Republican Party and returning to the conservative ideals which had us in the majority for so many years. We have strong candidates in several key areas of the state who will carry our winning message of lower taxes and limited government to the voters. Please continue to be proud you are a Republican and spread the message to your family, friends and neighbors. We can and will take our state and country back again.

Best wishes to everyone this holiday season from all of us at the WCRP. As always, keep our brave soldiers in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim Geldreich, Chairman  
Washington County GOP



### Calling all Republican Women!

The last couple of months have been a whirlwind of great conservative activities!!!! A few of us were at the National Federation of Republican Women Convention in Orlando. Wisconsin was definitely on the map for Republican Women!!! Wisconsin's own Sue Lynch

was voted president of the NFRW which is a first!! Never in the history of the NFRW have we had a president from Wisconsin.

Then we had the Wisconsin Federation of Republican Convention in October. The workshops were fabulous and the speakers were great!! The WFRW also had elections and now have a new president – Char Rasmussen of Clark County will serve a two year term.

In November, the WCRW will be hosting the Greater Milwaukee 5th District Brunch. The Brunch will be held on Saturday, November 14th at The Quilted Bear and our guest speaker will be Alexandria Graber, the wife of former U.S. Ambassador Rick Graber!!!! In September of 2006 Rick was appointed Ambassador to the Czech Republic by President George W. Bush! On September 23, 2006, Rick, Alexandria and their family arrived in Prague. You will want to hear Alex's account of their family's life in Prague. It will be fascinating listening to her recount her experiences living in the American Embassy with her family!!!!

Then on November 19th, we hold our Annual Meeting with election of officers. Following our meeting we will have a program featuring State Representative Jim Ott.

And of course we must remember our favorite program - "Support our Troops". We send care packages to seven (7) soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are looking for

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### WCRP Executive Committee

<b>Chairman:</b>	Jim Geldreich
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Kathy Kiernan
<b>Secretary:</b>	Carolyn Turner
<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.



## Legislative Report

### A New Time for Conservatives

From the Tea Parties to the town hall meetings, people are awakening to a new era of politics. The revival of conservatism is here (once again 40% of Americans consider themselves conservative, only 20% consider themselves liberal). For those of us that comprise the conservative wing of the Republican Party, that means we have yet another chance to recapture the spirit that has brought America to the forefront of the civilized world in a short 200 or so years. Let's prove that Reagan's shining city on the hill is not a lost Atlantis as some hopeful but out of touch democrats would wish.

Now that Americans across the country are paying attention, let's go out there and remind them the United States of America was not built upon catchy slogans, fancy speeches or sitting around hoping for a handout. It was built upon liberty, freedom and opportunity.

The Republican Party must take this opportunity to remind America why we are referred to as the leaders of the FREE world, and not the leaders of the entire world. Although we need to be inclusive and not exclusive, we must preserve some basic principles that every elected Republican and party leader should embrace. These principles are already in the party platform, now we need to share them, tout them, explain them and convince those who have lost faith that we will obey them.

- The principles I am referring to are simple.
- Smaller government.
- Lower taxes.
- Personal responsibility.
- Traditional family values.

*State Representative Don Pridemore*

## Reagan Day Picnic



WTMJ's James T. Harris fires up the crowd at the Reagan Day Picnic.

Our annual Brat Fry, which is now called the Reagan Day Picnic, was a great success. There were 189 members in attendance on a perfect September Sunday in Jackson. The "Who's Who" lineup of guest speakers included Rep. Dan Knodl, Rep. Pat Strachota, Rep. Dan Lemahieu, Rep. Don Pridemore, Secretary of State Candidate Apostle David King, Lieutenant Governor Candidates Dave Ross and Brett Davis, U.S. Senate Candidate Dave Westlake and our keynote speaker Rep. Jim Ott. We also had special speeches from Scott Walker and WTMJ talk show host James T. Harris (see photo). The event was capped off with a great dinner buffet from Catering by Bryan and a Packers victory over the Bears later that evening.



## Guest Column

### Health Care Battle Lines

Our Founding Founders understood human nature and the need to limit the power of the government. In the name of "progress", those restrictions have been slowly but steadily removed...until we can now glimpse the dangerous, scary specter poised to be unleashed...we are one small step from allowing a cold, uncaring government bureaucracy into our most personal of decisions, those involving our health and bodily welfare, and eventually those of life and death.

What should Republicans fight for in our current role as the opposition party? Simple – stick to our First Principles and argue for solutions based on the free market, individual responsibility and a limited role of government. These principles have not been allowed to work in the health care industry, which is why it is in such a mess; more government control will only exacerbate the problems and destroy the system.

Almost from the inception of modern health care, the free market has been restrained from truly functioning. Early on, the shortage of doctors limited competition. With the advent of insurance, the patient was separated from the payment for services...attention, and competition, shifted to the premiums rather than the cost of the services. Without the consumer (patient) connected to the costs, the system runs virtually competition-free. Health savings accounts (HSAs) are one method of putting purchasing power back into the hands of the consumer. Artificial restraints, like rules limiting companies from selling across state lines, also inhibit real competition and should be removed.

Individuals also need to assume responsibility for the quantity of health care consumed. An informed patient can ask questions and avoid "defensive" medicine costs. Many tests are performed simply to cover all bases in the event of a lawsuit – an ever-present threat that is estimated to drive about a third of all health care costs. Comprehensive tort reform, with a method for compensating victims of true malpractice, is therefore another worthy goal in the effort to control costs.

So, as this reform legislation moves forward, we need to contact our legislators and try to limit this latest intrusion of government into our lives.

*Randy Marquardt*

## ...Calling all Republican Women!

various snack or sundry items or monetary donations especially with the Holidays coming up. You may also bring any 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. Membership is \$20. Checks payable to: WCRW...send to: WCRW, P.O.Box 316, Hubertus, WI 53033.

*Diane Ambroziak, President  
Washington County Republican Women*



## Vice Chairman's Corner

### Town Hall Meetings

One of the most important things we can all do is attend and support our representatives at Town Hall Meetings. Congressman Sensenbrenner holds many Town Hall Meetings and our State Representatives are also present for questions or information. The meeting at Menomonee Falls a few months ago was completely taken over by people bussed in from another district. There were about 100 people who were very rude to our Congressman and only about 24 people who were actually from the 5th district. Also, the MoveOn.org people were present in Hartford and Waukesha just a few weeks ago. Both Town Halls were very well attended by the local residents, so it was respectful and controlled. Everyone got to ask their questions or make their statements in an orderly fashion. However, we are encouraging everyone to attend these meetings and bring your friends and neighbors with you. The meetings are educational and you have the opportunity to ask questions as well. Our Congressman deserves and has earned our support. You can always check the Congressman's website to see the schedule of his next Town Hall Meetings. Just go to <http://sensenbrenner.house.gov> and look for the schedule.

*Kathy Kiernan, Vice Chairman*

## New Website

In the coming weeks, the WCRP will be unveiling a brand new website. This website will be interactive and will allow our members to login and sign up for events, volunteer, view photo albums, and many other exciting new features. The site will also enable our members to pay online for our events with a credit card and make donations to the WCRP as well. We are very excited about the new website and urge everyone to make complete use of all the features it will provide. The more use we get out of our website, the more efficient we can become as an organization. Our website address is: [www.washingtoncountygop.org](http://www.washingtoncountygop.org). Please bookmark this site if you haven't already, and check in often. We hope to have the new site online in a few weeks. In the meantime, our current site will keep you up to date. Many thanks to our technology committee, which is chaired by Carrie Zylka.

## Membership

Our membership mailing for 2010 was sent out at the end of October. Please help our membership committee out by returning your renewal form promptly. Make sure all the information on your form is current and please list your employer if that field is blank. It is required that all delegates and poll workers be paid WCRP members. The year 2010 is going to be a pivotal year for us and we need everyone's financial help to conduct a successful campaign. We subsist mainly on our membership dues to operate our organization each year. If you know of any family, friends or neighbors who would be interested in becoming members, please let us know, or you can print a blank membership form from our website. Keep in mind that we do not sell our mailing list, nor share any of our information.



## Young Republicans

The Young Republicans have recently helped start a new student group, the Young Americans, at UWVC. Together we have united with the Student Veteran to celebrate Freedom Week. Throughout the week of November 9th - 13th students will commemorate the Nov. 9th anniversary of the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, remember oppressed people around the world, discuss the differences between democracy and communism, and explore the real definition of freedom.

These events are free of charge and are open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

- Nov 9th at 12:00 pm popular blogger, speaker and talk show host James T. Harris will help us celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Berlin Wall's destruction. He will recount his visit to the Wall and discuss the "wall" that threatens our freedoms today.
- Nov 10th, 12:00 pm– Pastor David King will speak on "A black man's view of freedom". Pastor King is CEO of a Milwaukee based ministry, The God Squad. He is also a candidate for WI Secretary of State.
- Nov 11th - We are celebrating Veterans Day with activities coordinated by the UWVC Student Veterans group.

• Nov 12th - A debate on global warming is being organized between State Representative Jim Ott and a UWVC professor soon to be announced.

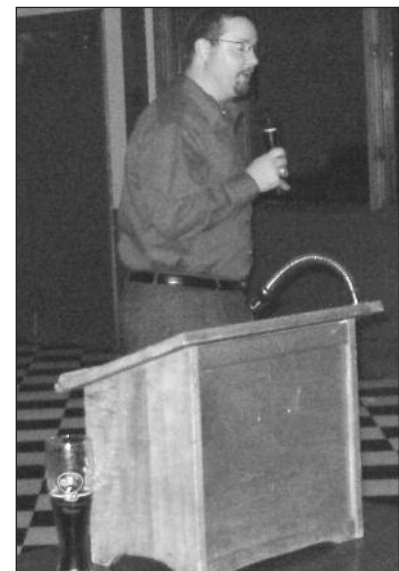
I hope you will join us for Freedom Week as we renew our love for America and increase our awareness of the current threats to our liberties.

For more details contact me at 262-355-6228.

*Josiah Cantrall, Chairman  
Washington County Young Republicans*

## Pints & Politics

Pints & Politics is a casual social evening with like minded people to discuss political issues of the day, ask questions and gather information. We held our first event October 23 at Wegner's on Cedar Lake. There were about 50 people in attendance. There was a small menu if you wanted to eat, but not necessary. We will attempt to move around the county for this event. Our next gathering will be held Friday, December 4 at Scenic View Country Club in the lower level pub...6:30-8:30 PM. There will be a small menu available if you choose to eat with the group. The Scenic View Country Club is located on Club Dr., just off Hwy 164 in Slinger. Please check our county party website [www.washingtoncountygop.org](http://www.washingtoncountygop.org). Also, if you have a location that you think would work for this event, please leave a message on our office phone 262-334-4150.



Owen Robinson from Boots and Sabers answers questions at Pints & Politics.



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