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Washington County Republican Women

Every 2nd Saturday – Breakfast and political talk. Programs several times a year. Held at restaurants around the county as well as several members' homes 9:00-10:30am. Locations listed in monthly newsletter.

Monthly Executive Board Meetings – 1st Wednesday of the month 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.

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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

August 25, 2019 – Richfield Parade

**September 21, 2019 – WCRP Birthday Party for
the Republican Party Fundraiser
Columbian Banquet Hall**

**October 10, 2019 – Pints & Politics
Location TBA**

**Oct. 25-27, 2019 – Bob & Rocco Gun Show
Washington County Fairgrounds**

**February 9, 2020 – Lincoln Day Brunch and Caucus
Columbian Banquet Hall**

**March 27-29, 2020 – Bob & Rocco Gun Show
Washington County Fairgrounds**



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Summer 2019

Chairman's Corner



Despite being a non-election year, the enthusiasm level at the Farmers Market and the Washington County Fair is quite high. Visitors to our booth at the county fair are getting amped up already for the 2020 presidential election. We had hundreds of folks sign our Secure the Border petition and vote in our straw poll, both of which showed overwhelming support for President Trump and his top issue of securing the border. Each day at the county fair, we gave away our daily allotment of Trump 2020 buttons in only a few short hours. So what does all this mean? Well, I think it means that people are paying attention to the Democrats message of socialism, open borders, free health care, free college loans, abortion on demand at any time (including after the baby is born), income redistribution and climate change. Furthermore, I sense that the general public has grown quite weary of the never-ending Russian collusion story and the Democrats insistence on bringing impeachment hearings to the floor. We are on the winning side of the above referenced issues. For now, let's remain vigilant as the president's conservative agenda has truly Made American Great Again!

I hope that everyone plans to attend our fundraiser on September 21 at The Columbian Banquet Hall. Our theme this year is Happy Birthday to the Republican Party! This year is the 165th year since the GOP began at the white schoolhouse in Ripon, WI. We are having conservative talk show host James T. Harris fly in from Arizona to be our special guest for the evening. For those of you who remember the 2012 fundraiser, James T. Harris was our special guest that night and gave an unforgettable speech. I still remember looking at Kathy at the end of the event and saying, "How are we ever going to top this?" So I hope to see you all on the 21st, and if you are able to donate a raffle prize for the Chinese Raffle, please contact myself, Kathy or leave a message at the office (262) 334-4150. We are looking for gift baskets, gift cards or cash with which to purchase prizes. This is our only fundraiser this year, and it is vitally important that it be successful as the WCRP has an annual budget of \$22,000.00 - \$25,000.00.

I'd like to say welcome to two new WCRP executive board members – John Schodron and Jean Merry. John will be an at-large member who will report on county government. Jean will be our new Program/Events chairman. I look forward to working with John and Jean as we move forward. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer!

Jim Geldreich, Chairman • Washington County GOP

WCRW Report



I hope everyone has enjoyed summer. It is hard to believe it is August already. We, the Washington County Women have been busy with our monthly breakfast, walking in parades, volunteering at the county fair, and the farmers market. At the events that I have been able to attend we have had a great welcome from the community. It has been good to receive a lot of support, and people thanking us for what we are doing. I always say we cannot do it with out them. The same goes to all of our members. With out you we cannot have an office to meet and provide the community with a central location to pick up signs, meet candidates, and elected officials. I am looking forward to what we as a team can do in 2020. There will be a lot of work to re-elect Justice Kelly in spring, then re-elect President Trump next November.

I look forward to the upcoming events, the WCRW meet the second, Saturday of each month for a breakfast and update from our local representatives. The County Party fund raiser on September 21.

Thanks all of you for your commitment and support to the Washington County Republican Women, with our you we could not be the strong club that we are. It is through our hard work that we keep Washington county the reddest county in the state.

*Maryann Rathke, President
Washington County Republican Women*

GOP BIRTHDAY PARTY FUNDRAISER

As mentioned in the chairman's article, our annual fundraiser is Saturday, September 21 at the Columbian Banquet Hall. We will be recognizing the 165th birthday of the Republican Party. Our special guest will be former WTMJ conservative talk show host James T. Harris, who also appeared at our 2012 Take Back Our Country fundraiser and our 2009 Reagan Day Picnic. As in the past, we will have a Chinese raffle and a live auction with the legislators. Rep. Dan Knodl will be our guest auctioneer, and we may also have a few surprises in store as well. Please plan on spending part of your evening with us on September 21, as this event is of critical importance to the financial well-being of the WCRP. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Invitations were sent out in early August.

WCRP Executive Committee

Chairman: Jim Geldreich **Vice-Chairman:** Randy Marquardt
Secretary: Helen Trudeau **Treasurer:** Diane Ambroziak

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.



The WCRP parade float for 2019



The 2019 WCRP county fair booth

Straw Poll Results			
Most Important Issue in 2020 Election -			
7/24 6 PM	Immigration Reform & "Build the Wall"	362	
7/24 10 PM	Protecting Life		119
7/25 Noon	Strong Economy & Jobs	139	
7/25 10 PM	Judicial Appointments		61
7/26 Noon	Reduce Health Care & Prescription Cost	66	
7/27 10 PM			
Is Pres Trump Doing a GREAT Job?			
	Yes	No	So-So
	754	6	18
Who Do You Plan to Vote for in 2020?			
	Trump	Dem	Other
	667	9	11

Unofficial final straw poll results at the county fair



New RPW Chairman Andrew Hitt joins the WCRP at Pints & Politics



James T. Harris will be joining us at our September 21 fundraiser!



RNC NATIONAL CONVENTION

The RNC national convention for the 2020 presidential campaign will be held in Charlotte, NC from August 24-27, 2020. The WCRP is allowed to send up to three national convention nominees to the 5th CD caucus, where they must campaign to against other county nominees to represent the 5th district at the national convention. Three delegates and three alternate delegates for the 5th congressional district will be chosen at the 2020 5th CD Caucus. The WCRP has a policy for who is eligible to run for national delegate. An eligible candidate MUST: be a current WCRP delegate for at least one year and a WCRP member in good standing for at least two years. They must be willing to attend and be prepared to give a campaign speech at the WCRP caucus on Feb. 9, 2020 at the Columbian Banquet Hall. If they are chosen at the WCRP caucus, they must be willing to attend and give a campaign speech at the 202 5th CD caucus. If they are chosen there, they must sign an affidavit and commit to attending the RNC national convention, which includes financial responsibility for convention registration fees, airline transportation fees, hotel expenses, meals and all other miscellaneous expenses. All national delegates must stay at the hotel designated by the Republican Party of Wisconsin. Expenses can be expected to be in the range \$3000.00 - \$4000.00 per person. Finally, all WCRP national delegates must support the 5th CD's nominated presidential candidate. Anyone who meets the above requirements and is interested in running for national delegate, please contact Chairman Jim Geldreich by no later than November 30, 2015 at (262) 707-6686 or jgeld@charter.net.



Vice Chairman's Corner

After talking to people during my shifts at the fair booth a few weeks ago, I have some observations and advice to share. First, I observed that most of the people passing by were at least courteous – of course where we live, that is expected. One uncouth young lady did inform me about where she stood, with a vulgarity thrown in, but then simply hurried away – very typical of liberals today: no interest in discussion of issues, just anger and reaction. From many other young people, though, there were statements of support for our President, even if just a quick “love Trump”, said as they walked by. For those who stopped to talk, the overwhelming theme was frustration in nothing getting done in our hyper-political world.

We're told that people's views are becoming increasingly more extreme on both sides of the political spectrum. In my opinion, that conclusion is simplistic and vastly overstated – what is refers to is a loud, vocal minority and the overexposure of what passes for news across the internet and social media. Most people go about their lives, with only limited exposure to these arguments – they pick up the major news stories from various sources, but then get back to work and other activities.

My advice to most people has been to “ignore the noise, pay attention to results”. For one thing, the words of today are forgotten and replaced with something else tomorrow. Those who spend time parsing what somebody meant, by this word or that, lose sight of the big picture. With President Trump, many of us appreciate the fact that he fights back, not letting liberal attacks go unchallenged, but realize that oftentimes the specific wording is not perfect. Those words quickly fade away – the only thing that matters is results, and there is a growing list of accomplishments we can use to remind voters of the dramatic turnaround in our country and why we need to keep on the current path.

*Randy Marquardt, Vice Chairman
Washington County GOP*



Campaign Report

The Trump campaign has named a Trump Victory Director for Wisconsin. His name is Andrew Iverson. He is from Wisconsin. He worked on Senator Johnson's first senate campaign and also ran Bryan Steil's campaign for replacing Paul Ryan in the First Congressional District. The Trump Campaign is working in conjunction with the RNC – so everyone will be on the same page and there will be one team. We're going to be recruiting volunteers for all kinds of tasks. Another campaign we'll be working on is the election of Justice Daniel Kelly. Kelly was appointed by Governor Walker and his election will be in the spring primary in February. Justice Kelly will be running to hold his position on the State Supreme Court. He has attended several events in Washington County and we'll be inviting him to our other events. Anyone who is willing to help with campaigns – please let me or Chairman Jim know. A big thank-you to everyone who volunteered at our county fair booth!

Kathy Kiernan, Campaign Chairman

Assembly Report

In the state budget, Republicans made significant investments in all areas of our criminal justice system, improving the process from start to finish. We know that in order to be effective policy makers on this issue, we need to look at what can be improved upon from once someone enters our system to when they transition back into society. Our ultimate goal is to keep our communities safe: locking up offenders and rehabilitating individuals to become successful, contributing members of society. Nationally, over 95% of individuals who enter the prison system will return back into our communities. That's why Republicans supported initiatives that help them transition back into society. In order to eliminate delayed court dates, Republicans provided funding to increase the private bar rate to \$70 an hour. The lack of private attorneys willing to represent indigent defendants has led to individuals sitting in jail for weeks and even months waiting for their day in court. It is so important that we protect the Sixth Amendment and ensure that the accused have access to counsel. We also approved a request from District Attorneys across the state to fund an additional 64.85 Assistant District Attorney positions. These additional positions will make sure our prosecutors are able to effectively and efficiently enforce the law. Lastly, we allocated additional resources to the counties to make sure they can appoint attorneys for those who need them. Last summer, the Wisconsin Supreme Court raised the rate for court appointments made by counties to \$100 hour. The additional funding provided by the Legislature will help counties with these court-appointed cases, with 75% of them being guardian ad litem that provide representation for children.

Rep. Mark Born

State Senate Report

Did you know?

- Our last budget started with a surplus of more than \$1 billion.
- We've cut taxes by more than \$8 billion since 2011.
- Wisconsin is finally out of the top ten highest taxed states in the nation.
- Wisconsin's GDP was 2.9% for the first quarter of 2019 That's higher than Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, and Michigan.
- For all of 2018, Wisconsin's economy grew 2.5%, the best year of growth for the state since 2010.
- The property tax bill on a median valued home is lower now than it was back in 2010.
- For the last 17 straight months, Wisconsin's unemployment rate stayed at 3% or lower. Unemployment has never been this low for this long since records were kept.
- Our labor force participation rate is five points higher than the national average.
- WalletHub ranks Wisconsin as the 6th best state to live in.
- Wisconsin ranks number one in the Midwest for Health Care Access and Patient Safety.
- CNBC ranks Wisconsin as the 17th best state in the nation for business.
- According to the Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy , the income for a median family of four in Wisconsin grew 13.1% since 2010. Nationally, incomes grew 10.7%.

Senator Alberta Darling, 8th Senate District