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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 Wednesday 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

September 11, 2016
Reagan Day Picnic,
Jackson Village Park

October 13, 2016
Pints & Politics

November 8, 2016
Election Day

January 29, 2017
Lincoln Day Brunch & Caucus



Chairman's Corner

It has been a very hectic summer on the political scene here in Wisconsin and nationally. AS of the last newsletter, we seemed to be heading for a contested convention. Obviously that didn't happen, and we now have Donald Trump as our presidential nominee. Mr. Trump did not poll well in Washington County during the Wisconsin primary, but I am very pleased with how our county has shifted gears and supported him. During the county fair in July, there was overwhelming support for Mr. Trump at our fair booth, and hundreds of people wanted their photo taken with the Trump cutout. We received many positive comments from fairgoers, which shows me people are not going to sit back and allow Hillary Clinton be elected. In addition, there has been heavy traffic at our campaign office in West Bend as well as heavy support shown at our recent Farmers Market in West Bend. As we count down the last 75 days of the campaign, it is our duty as WCRP members to educate the masses about Donald Trump and Ron Johnson. I realize that Trump wasn't the first pick of the presidential group for most of us, but seeing his VP pick of Gov. Mike Pence, his short list of US supreme court nominees, his corporate tax cut plan, his proposal to strengthen the military and secure the border, and his willingness to work with Speaker Ryan and the national party platform, I hope we can all become comfortable with his candidacy and support the GOP ticket. I'm sure we all know a few skeptics or "Never Trumpers", but please remind them what's at stake here. We cannot allow Hillary Clinton to get to the white house, overload the supreme court with activist liberals and to continue weakening, unraveling and dividing our country. It would be a tragedy of biblical proportions, and one that would have far-reaching negative effects for the rest of our lives and beyond. The only way to prevent that is to vote for Donald Trump. He is the only alternative to stopping Hillary. Skipping the presidential vote, or only voting down ballot, makes it that much easier for Hillary to claim victory. In this scenario, her vote total remains level, and ours is disproportionately affected. That is NOT common core math as I've been told by some Never Trumpers, and will likely cause harm to Sen. Ron Johnson. I have also had people tell me they have to "vote their conscience" and vote for a third party candidate. I ask, your conscience is somehow OK with making it easier for Hillary Clinton to become president? As Sheriff Clarke says, it's about our country, not us as individuals.

Jim Geldreich, Chairman,
Washington County Republican Party

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.

WCRW Report



Well, the election cycle is definitely upon us and has already proven to be a crazy and busy one. It is so very important that Senator Ron Johnson be reelected this November, so please do whatever you can to help when the need arises and the pleas go out for help. Many of you have already been knocking on doors and helping out in the office, and we are very appreciative of your time. With your help, we will have a victorious year.

Our annual Fall Gala will be held on September 30 this year. We are very excited to have Peggy Grandee as our speaker. She was the executive secretary to President Ronald Reagan for the ten years after he left the White House. It should be a lovely evening. Please get in touch with us if you are interested in attending.

WCRW is dedicated to recognizing the men and women who give their all in service to the American people, and over the years we have done so by collecting donations for Fisher House Wisconsin, sending packages to our military men and women serving overseas, and taking treats to the stations of our county's first responders. WCRW is very honored and proud to have continued all of these projects in 2016.

Carolyn Turner, President,
Washington County Republican Women

ELECTION DAY

The WCRP will be looking for extra help on Election day November 8. Specifically, we will need poll watchers. Poll watching involves checking off voters as they come to the polls and vote. If you are interested in poll watching (not poll working), please contact Kathy Kiernan at (262) 628-3500 or call our office at (262) 334-4150. In addition, we will likely have a 72 hour run up to Election day in which we will need door knockers.

Campaign Office

Beginning in September, our campaign office at 519 Hickory St. in West Bend will be open daily from 10-5 and Saturdays 9-Noon. Feel free to stop by and visit us. We currently have Trump/Pence and Ron Johnson yard signs, as well as a limited amount of bumper stickers and other campaign literature. We will be saying farewell to RPW staffer Quintin Lafluer at the end of August, as he will be returning to school. Thanks to Quintin for all his efforts over the summer and best of luck at school! We will soon be welcoming RPW staffer Nick Ross to our office, who will be working with us until Election Day. Let's give Nick a warm Washington county welcome upon his arrival.



Congressman Sean Duffy speaks at the We The People fundraiser



Del and Sharon Ellefson are awarded the Bovay Award at the state convention



The WCRP at the July 4 Hartford parade



WCRP delegates at the state convention



Washington County's national convention delegates

Vice Chairman's Corner



It's funny how much can happen in just a few months. Since our last newsletter, the political scene has shifted significantly. We have concluded the primary season and the two main party candidates have accepted their party's nominations – so we've hit the stretch run for the election.

In my last article, I pointed out that we have seen incredible excitement and many newly-interested voters this campaign. Whatever your opinions and regardless of your preference, here in Washington County, we just got to experience a pretty rare thing...a Presidential campaign rally! While we were not aware of it ahead of time, Donald Trump gave an excellent policy speech supporting the police, upholding law-and-order, and promoting safety in our communities, especially inner-city ones. It has continued to receive references in national news throughout the week.

As I watched the crowd come into the event, I was struck by something – these people were different – certainly not the usual Republican event-goers. There were lots of young people, many women (despite the media narrative) and just the sort of folks who looked like they didn't usually bother with politics. But they were there, voicing their opinions and were excited about seeing Trump.

Since the event, I've been thinking...it's definitely a fact that Trump has energized a new segment of the electorate and, if we as 'conventional' Republicans can just turn out all those voters we normally do, this campaign should be successful in achieving our MOST important goal – denying Hillary Clinton the White House! Whatever your opinion of our nominee, the nightmare image of Hillary sitting in the Oval Office, with Bill upstairs, is simply unthinkable! And, if we are successful in reaching that goal, we'll be pretty certain to get our other Republicans elected – Senator Johnson, Congressman Sensenbrenner, our state legislators and county office-holders.

See you out campaigning!!

*Randy Marquardt, Vice Chairman
Washington County GOP*

Republican National Convention

Washington County was well represented at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland with district delegates Jim Geldreich and Kathy Kiernan, along with at-large state delegates Crystal Berg and Jennie Frederick. Sens. Duey Stroebel and Scott Fitzgerald were there as well, along with Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner adding to the 5th district presence. Kathy Kiernan served on the prestigious convention platform committee. Wisconsin had a very favorable position on the convention floor flanking the left corner of the stage, and was held in very high regard by the other state delegations. From the very beginning of the week to the last gavel, there was overwhelming support for Donald Trump from the delegation. A small effort to unbind the delegates by a handful of states fell upon deaf ears and was soundly defeated, as the week was all about Donald Trump. He easily won the nomination at the roll call of states. Wisconsin had a huge presence at the convention with Reince Priebus, Sen. Ron Johnson, Congressman Sean Duffy, Governor Scott Walker, Speaker Paul Ryan and Sheriff David Clarke, who were all given speaking slots during the week. Sheriff Clarke may have received the largest welcoming ovation of any of the convention speakers as he took the stage to speak to the delegation. In addition, Wisconsin's own Steve King served as convention chairman. The Wisconsin delegation was bussed to the different daily events, as there was a heavy security presence everywhere and walking was discouraged. Many thanks to the RPW for all their efforts in organizing the week for everyone!

Campaign Report



As I write this, we only have about 10 weeks left to identify and talk to our voters in Washington County. We must turn out every one of our supporters before the fall election on November 8. We need to win the white house with Donald Trump and we must re-elect Senator

Ron Johnson. Please think about the Supreme Court. You all know there will be up to three justices who may be replaced. The list that Mr. Trump has revealed would be excellent choices. There is so much negativity out there and we all need to filter that out. This is for our country, our children and our grandchildren. Let's remember that President Reagan trailed Jimmy Carter in the polls in October – and look what happened. After the Trump Rally at the Washington County fair park, I believe there many young people or people who may have not voted for years who are "all in" for Mr. Trump. Our volunteers spoke with them – and they are voting. We need many more volunteers to knock on doors in Washington County. My experience has been excellent. You will find that 75% of our voters are Republicans and they appreciate that local volunteers are knocking on their door. If you can volunteer for two hours once a week or even every other week – that would be a great help. We send people out in pairs, so you are not alone. Please call the office (262) 334-4150 or contact Kathy Kiernan (262)628-3500 if you can help. We need you!

Kathy Kiernan, Campaign Chairman

State Convention

The WCRP had an eventful weekend at the state convention in Green Bay May 13-14. Chairman Jim Geldreich led the pledge of allegiance to start out the convention proper and was followed by fellow WCRP delegates Crystal Berg, Kathy Kiernan and Jennie Frederick who were all part of the day's proceedings. In addition Del and Sharon Ellefson were awarded the Alvan E. Bovay Award from the 5th congressional district. This is essentially a lifetime achievement award from the state party. Congratulations to Del and Sharon for all their hard work over the years! The day was topped off when Washington County won the top county award at the chairman's banquet!

We the People Event

Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual fundraiser this summer a huge success! We had a great turnout to see our special guest Congressman Sean Duffy, who gave us a spirited campaign speech straight from the north woods. A special thanks to everyone who donated a raffle prize or made a cash donation. A very special thanks to our elected officials and their live auction donations – especially Dan Knodl, Bob Gannon and Rob Brooks who donated two live auction prizes. It was a very humbling moment. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and we appreciate everyone's generosity. This event helps the WCRP negotiate its fiscal year. And the first of several reminders – this event will be held in September next year, September 23 to be exact.

Reagan Day Picnic

Invitations were mailed out last week for the Reagan Day Picnic, which will be Sunday, September 11 at the Jackson Village Park from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. There are no Packer game conflicts this year. Our invited speakers are Sen. Ron Johnson and Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner, and perhaps a surprise guest or two! As always, there will be a picnic buffet from Catering by Bryan. This will be our last large membership gathering before the election, so please return your RSVP's and join us on Sept. 11.