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# GOP REPORT

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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](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

<b>August 14, 2018</b> <b>Primary Election Day</b>
<b>August 19, 2018</b> <b>Allenton Parade</b>
<b>August 25, 2018</b> <b>WCRP Annual Fundraiser, Columbian Banquet Hall</b>
<b>August 26, 2018</b> <b>Richfield Parade</b>
<b>September 22, 2018</b> <b>West Bend Farmers Market</b>
<b>October 20, 2018</b> <b>West Bend Farmers Market</b>
<b>October 26-28, 2018</b> <b>West Bend Fairgrounds Gun Show</b>
<b>November 6, 2018</b> <b>Election Day</b>
<b>February 3, 2019</b> <b>Lincoln Day Brunch &amp; Caucus,</b> <b>Columbian Banquet Hall</b>

### Chairman's Corner



I'd like to express my gratitude to the more than 50 volunteers who assisted us at the Washington County Fair. It was a great week, as we spread the word on the upcoming primary and the accomplishments of Governor Walker and President Trump.

We got a few hundred signatures on our Stand with Walker petition and several people signed our red brick chart. Special thanks to Kathy Kiernan for organizing our fair workforce and to Del and Sharon Ellefson for setup and take-down of the fair booth. Also my thanks to everyone who walked with us in the recent July 4 parades.

If you are reading this before the August 14 primary, it is imperative that we all vote and encourage as many others to do so (see related campaign article). The primary results will be a springboard to November where the GOP faces serious challenges. If we are to believe recent polls, Governor Walker is either barely ahead or actually trails the group of Democrat dullards who are vying for their nomination to oppose him. This is sheer lunacy. We will have another 12 weeks in which to tout the governor's successful record of accomplishments (too long to list here), so that he may achieve a victory again in November. Since we only have one local conservative columnist in the WB Daily News (Owen Robinson), I encourage everyone to write one letter-to-the-editor this fall for whomever you like – Governor Walker, our US Senate candidate, AG Brad Schimel or another candidate of your choice. Our voices need to be heard! You may also write a LTE to the Washington County Insider.

You may have noticed our office is now open daily. We also have an RPW staffer working with us in the West Bend office, Ahna Key. She will be with us for the rest of the summer and is helping to organize our volunteer door knockers. If interested in doing doors with us, please call the office at (262) 334-4150. If you have an I-phone, we can install an app which makes the process much easier. Ask any elected official and they will tell you the key to campaign success is making contact at the doors. We send folks out in pairs, so you will not be alone.

Finally I hope to see everyone at our Winning with Walker fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 25. We will have some special guests, along with interesting raffle and live auction prizes up for grabs that night. And not to mention Bryan's hors d'oeuvres buffet.

*Jim Geldreich, Chairman  
 Washington County GOP*

### WCRW Report



Washington County Republican Women currently have 130 members. Our ladies group has been busy, we have thanked first responders in Richfield and Germantown. The ladies and gents that went to Germantown received a special treat by

meeting Germantown's new police dog Hatto. We were able to provide him with a thank you treat also.

We mailed 6 boxes to our troops overseas. The boxes were filled with beef jerky, sunflower seeds, candy (no chocolate), gum and mints. Along with the goodies we were able to buy six copies of "Jesus Calling" yearly devotionals. If you have attended a prayer breakfast with Governor Walker you would hear him quote from it. We were also able to put little trinkets in the boxes. All of this is made possible from the donations from members from both the WCRW and the WCRP. Thank you for helping us touch their lives and thank our troops for their service. We will be sending boxes again in November for the holidays.

We have had our monthly breakfasts to keep up with activities at the Capitol. We also hosted an evening program at Johnny Manhattans. Our guest speaker was Karine Moreno-Taxmen, she is the Assistant US Attorney with the US Department of Justice. She is an expert in Human Trafficking. Her presentation was both informative and surprising on how wide spread the problem is. She works both here in the state of Wisconsin, and overseas.

Several of our ladies are members of Women for Walker campaign and are out doing doors. We have also walked in the fourth of July parades. We also helped at the county fair.

As the primary is getting closer we need to remind our family, friends and co-workers to get the vote out.

Please watch for invitations for our upcoming Gala on September 28, at the Hilton Gardens. Our special guest is former Ambassador to the Czech Republic Rick Graber.

*Maryann Rathke, President  
 Washington County Republican Women*

### 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.



WCRP delegates at the RPW State Convention



Leah Vukmir with the WCRP at the Washington County Fair



Governor Walker joins the WCRP at the Hartford Parade



Rep. Rick Gundrum joins the WCRP at the Farmers Market



WCRP at the Hartford Parade

## Winning with Walker

Invitations for our annual fundraiser went out a couple weeks ago. This year's theme is Winning with Walker. We will spend the evening reflecting on Governor Walker's accomplishments, while focusing on his reelection. Much like in the past, we will have the Chinese raffle, which will include gift baskets, books, collectibles and gift cards. Later in the evening, we will have our live auction with our legislators. Our celebrity auctioneer will be Rep. Dan Knodl. If you haven't already done so, please send back your RSVP's. Please call Kathy or Jim if you would like to donate a raffle prize. The success of this event is critical to our annual budget. Thanks to everyone in advance for your generosity!

## FOXCONN FACTS

- With 13,000 jobs and a capital investment of up to \$10 billion, Foxconn's investment in Wisconsin is by far the state's largest economic development project and is the largest corporate attraction project in U.S. history as measured by jobs.
- Once the Foxconn complex is fully operational, it will employ 13,000 workers.
- The jobs will have an average salary of \$53,875, plus benefits.
- In addition to the 13,000 jobs directly created by Foxconn, the project is expected to create tens of thousands of indirect and induced jobs throughout the state.
- Wisconsin's agreement with Foxconn includes "pay-as-you-grow" requirements that mean the state only awards tax incentives as Foxconn makes investments and creates jobs – no jobs and investments, no tax credits. The state also has clawback provisions to take tax incentives back if needed.
- Contracts have been awarded to more than 60 Wisconsin subcontractors and suppliers across the state – involving workers in nearly every one of Wisconsin's 72 counties.
- The Foxconn Bonus continues with the company purchasing a six-story building in Green Bay for a new facility that is expected to create at least 200 high-tech jobs. In addition, another new expansion is on the way in Eau Claire that will create another 150 high-tech jobs – Foxconn's impact continues to be felt around the state.

## STATE CONVENTION

The WCRP had 31 delegates attend the RPW state convention in Milwaukee in May. Washington County made its presence known throughout the weekend, and was a finalist for the Top County Award. Highlights of the convention included the nomination of Leah Vukmir for U.S. Senate, speeches by all the party leaders, a surprise visit by Reince Priebus, and an emotional good-bye speech from Speaker Paul Ryan. Next year's state convention will be May 17-19, 2019 in Oshkosh.

## New Campaign Office Hours

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
11:00am – 1:00pm, 3:30pm – 5:30pm

**Tuesday thru Friday**  
11:00am – 1:00pm

**Saturday**  
9:00am – 11:30am

**August 13-14**  
OPEN ALL DAY

## State Senate Report



For the first time ever, Wisconsin's unemployment stayed below three percent for five straight months! More people are working in our state than ever before. And now, wages in Wisconsin are outpacing the United States.

According to BizTimes based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; "Wisconsin averaged a year-over-year increase of 5.7 percent in the first five months of 2018, compared to 2.7 percent for the U.S. For all of 2017, the state averaged an increase of 3.6 percent, while the country averaged 2.8 percent." That's great news for Wisconsin workers!

This past week, I took part in two study committees on very important issues. On Wednesday, the Juvenile Corrections Study Committee met to discuss the future of our juvenile justice system. In March, Governor Walker signed Wisconsin Act 185 which closes the Lincoln Hills youth prison in 2021 and assigned this committee to develop the programs and facilities that will replace the current structure. My goal is to make sure we provide the services these kids need to become productive members of our society.

Also this past week, I chaired another study committee that's looking at innovative way to save money on health care. Study committees are made up of legislators and members of the public when lawmakers aren't in session. This allows for a deeper dive into issues that will be debated in the future. You can read more about how we might find ways to save you money on health care below.

As always, if you have any concerns or ideas on how to improve our great state, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 608-266-5830 or by email at Sen.Darling@legis.wi.gov. On, Wisconsin!

-Sen. Alberta Darling

## Campaign Report



Our Wisconsin primary is Tuesday, August 14. Early voting has begun. Please contact your local municipal clerk to learn the times that you can early vote in person. Early voting goes to August 10 at 5 PM. Please note the

following: Governor Walker has a primary opponent on the ballot. His name is Robert Meyer. Be sure to vote for Scott Walker. Lt. Governor Kleefisch and A.G. Brad Schimel do not have an opponent, but be sure to vote for both of them. There are two Republican candidates for Secretary of State – Jay Schroeder & Spencer Zimmerman. There are two candidates for State Treasurer – Travis Hartwig and Jill Millies. There are five Republican candidates for U.S. Senate - George Lucia, Leah Vukmir, Griffin Jones, Kevin Nicholson and Charles Barman. Also, our Congressman Sensenbrenner has a Republican opponent on the ballot...Jennifer Hoppe Vipond. Please be sure to vote for Sensenbrenner. We have one open primary for the 59th Assembly District (Jesse Kremer's seat). The candidates are: Ken Depperman, Tim Ramthun, Ty Boddin and Rachel Mixon. Do your homework. All our legislators are on the ballot – be sure to vote for yours. At the County level...there are two primary candidates running for Sheriff – Marty Schulties and Jason Guslick. Do your homework. Our Clerk of Courts – Theresa Russell is also on the ballot – vote for her. You CANNOT crossover vote in our Wisconsin primary! Lastly – we need volunteers to help get our voters to the polls on August 14 and November 6. Please contact the office to help with the campaign. The office number is (262) 334-4150.

Kathy Kiernan  
Campaign Chairman



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**VOTE AUGUST 14!**