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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 26-28, 2018**  
**West Bend Gun Show,**  
**Washington County Fairgrounds**

**November 3-6, 2018**  
**Final 96 Hour Campaign Push**

**November 6, 2018**  
**Election Day**

**February 3, 2019**  
**Lincoln Day Brunch & Caucus,**  
**Columbian Banquet Hall**

**September 21, 2019**  
**WCRP Annual Fundraiser,**  
**Columbian Banquet Hall**



### Chairman's Corner

Election day stands just a couple weeks away now. We have all seen and heard the polls, and whether or not you believe they are accurate, we simply cannot dismiss them entirely. Polls are showing a dead heat between Governor Walker and Tony Evers. As preposterous as this may seem to most of us, it is an indicator of the left's enthusiasm to knock out Governor Walker. Although he is completely bereft of ideas for Wisconsin, Evers is not Scott Walker, and that's what matters most to the left. On the national scene, the left has Trump Derangement Syndrome and therefore Leah Vukmir is being relentlessly demonized. The recent abominable and disgraceful behavior on display by the left during the Brett Kavanaugh confirmation, is proof of the shameful extent they will go to in order to shut down the Republican agenda. The good news is that we have the right message to take to the voters. It is our mission to proclaim the positive message of Governor Walker and the GOP legislature, and all the great accomplishments they have achieved for our state the past eight years. With regard to Leah Vukmir, we need to stress how she stood shoulder to shoulder with Governor Walker to get historic legislation passed in Wisconsin. That is my response when I hear people say they're not sure about voting for Leah. Beyond all of this, there are other important races on the ballot we cannot lose sight of, beginning with Attorney General Brad Schimel. Having a GOP governor and legislature isn't enough with the litigious left challenging every piece of legislation in court. Also keep in mind that Congressman Sensenbrenner has an Democrat opponent, and all our Assemblymen have Democrat opponents as well. Let's do all we can to proclaim our winning message! Our candidates can use financial assistance as well. If you can help us with door knocking or phone calls, please call our office at (262) 334-4150. We are doing targeted GOP doors and send folks out in pairs. We have Republican friendly phone calling lists to remind folks to get out and vote. Remember we can early vote as well – contact your municipality for available times. Help us spread the word through talking to your friends/neighbors, social media and letters to the editor. I'm serious that we need everyone's help!

I'd like to take a brief moment to recognize the recent passing of our friend and WCRP board member Anne Doran. Many of you probably knew Anne or had spoken with her on the phone. She had been a pivotal member of our WCRP team going back to 2006 when she was first appointed precincts and wards chairman. Anne also made thousands of get out the vote phone calls over the years. Our prayers are with the Doran family at this sad time.

*Jim Geldreich, Chairman  
Washington County GOP*



### WCRW Report

Washington County Republican Women currently have 151 members. Our ladies group has been busy, we have thanked first responders in Slinger and to visit Hartford this month.

We had our Gala with featured guest Rick Graber. Mary Buestrin and Attorney General Brad Schimel also attended. The Gala was a great evening enjoyed by all who attended.

We have enjoyed our monthly breakfast at different restaurants in the county. At our breakfast we are getting updates on what is happening in Madison and around the state. We are well attended by our Washington County Representatives.

Several of our ladies are doing doors and making phone calls for the Get the Vote out for Governor Walker campaign.

The general election is November 6. I am asking all our members to be help get the vote out. We need to ask our family and friends to vote. This is our race to lose this year. The Democrats are very motivated to take over. Please reflect-back, to what Wisconsin was 8 years ago. Wisconsin today the unemployment rate is at an all-time low, taxes have gone down, we are a right to work state, we have voter ID, and concealed carry law. These are all things that motivate the opposition. This are all things they would love to reverse.

Please get out and vote!

*Maryann Rathke, President  
Washington County Republican Women*

## 2019 MEMBERSHIP

Shortly after the election is over, we will begin our 2019 membership drive. Membership renewals will be mailed out to all current WCRP members. To make things easier on our treasurer and membership chairman, we ask that you please promptly return your renewals. You may also renew your membership securely online through our website which will direct you to the Patriot site for payment. Our membership has been slowly declining the past few years, so we really need everybody to renew and to recruit a few new members to join our team! To dispel a frequently heard myth, if you donate to or join the state Republican Party that does not mean you are automatically a member of the WCRP. It all starts at the county level. In order to become a GOP delegate, you must first be a county party member, and then become active in the party. If anyone has further questions on membership, please contact our office at (262) 334-4150. Otherwise we hope to have all hands on deck for 2019!

## 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.





Rep. Rick Gundrum speaks to supporters at the Old West Bend Courthouse.



Gov. Scott Walker addresses a packed house at the West Bend Victory Center.



Sen. Duey Stroebel speaks at his fundraiser.



The WCRP parade float in the Richfield parade.



WCRP fondly remembers Anne Doran.

WINNING with WALKER

The WCRP's Winning with Walker fundraiser in September was a smashing success. We had a great turnout for the event. Many thanks to Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner and Attorney General Brad Schimel for being our special guests for the evening. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated a raffle prize, purchased raffle tickets, and bid on the live auction items. Special thanks to our legislators who donated lunches, dinners, boat rides and hunting parties in the live auction. The WCRP could not tackle its annual budget without this event being successful. And finally, thanks to Kathy Kiernan who organized the event and solicited for raffle prizes.

WALKER RALLY

The WCRP held a rally for Governor Walker on August 18 at the West Bend Victory Center (see photo on opposite page). There was a turnout of over 100 supporters to greet the governor and listen to him speak about Wisconsin's great accomplishments. Our Washington County legislators warmed up the crowd before the governor's arrival, and Governor Walker stayed afterward as long as he could to greet all his supporters and pose for photos. We were told afterward by the campaign the Washington County had the largest turnout for one of Governor Walker's visits. Hat tip to our neighbor across the hall Bill Sommers for allowing us to use his office for the governor's speech!

Vice Chairman's Corner



Midterm elections are always interesting because they let us “die-hards” know how the general public views the political landscape. For a large segment of the county, every two years is plenty often to pay attention and weigh in on the direction of government. But, without a consolidating national race or message, it is hard to predict and sometimes difficult to motivate voters – we have to wait until it’s over to see the consensus view of all the individual races. It is difficult to see how the average citizen would not be pleased with the general direction of the country, or our state. The concern is in how voters decide to assign credit, or need for change, in the political world. Do they simply translate their view of good or bad to the party in power? Do they listen to the campaign rhetoric in isolation of the status of the economy, or issues that matter to them? Are they moved at all by the news of the day running up to election day? As we make voter contacts, these are the things we try to understand. Following the Democrat’s poor treatment of Justice Kavanaugh in the recent Supreme Court hearings, I think President Trump’s supporters have been motivated to fight back and defend what they voted for two years ago. As long as we are able to reach the infrequent voters in the Republican base, and get them out to the polls, I am confident that we will be able to buck the normal trend of midterm gains by the opposition party. More importantly, the combination should help to defend the gains we have made here in Wisconsin over the past eight years. Let’s work hard all the way to Election Day!

Randy Marquardt, Vice Chairman Washington County GOP

Attorney General Report

When I ran for Attorney General in 2014, I had more than 90 elected sheriffs and district attorneys supporting my bid for office. I was law enforcement’s choice. Now, four years later, I am again law enforcement’s choice. This time, I’ve received the public endorsements of more than 110 elected sheriffs and district attorneys, including 20 elected Democrats. These law enforcement leaders trust my 29-years as a Wisconsin prosecutor, and have been a part of our success at the Wisconsin Department of Justice over the last four years. Together, we’re working hard, every day, to help make Wisconsin a safer place to live, work, go to school, build a business and retire. We have worked collaboratively with law enforcement agencies and partners across the state and have made significant progress over the last four years. And while I'm proud of our work testing old criminal evidence and addressing sexual assault on our college campuses, fighting opioid addiction, cracking down on meth and other drug distribution, and prosecuting internet crimes against children, I know there is more work to be done. Our race is not over. In fact, I don't feel that any race on the ballot this fall is a foregone conclusion despite the great results we’ve seen in Wisconsin over the last four years. Luckily, I know I can count on you to continue to work for our great candidates. I'm grateful to the Washington County Republican Party for their support.

Brad Schimel WI Attorney General

State Senate Report



Last week, I had the honor of delivering the Weekly Radio address. I bring you some news you might have missed on Wisconsin's booming economy. The transcript is below. Hi. I’m State Senator Alberta Darling. Here’s some news you probably didn’t read in the papers: Wisconsin is on a record-breaking streak. For seven straight months, our unemployment rate stayed below three percent or less. That’s never happened before. Ever. In fact just eight years ago, businesses were fleeing our state. Homeowners saw double-digit tax hikes and the state faced a looming budget deficit. But Thanks to Governor Walker and Republicans, we’ve turned that all around. Our budget has a surplus. We’ve cut taxes by more than 8 billion dollars. And now there are thousands and thousands of good-paying, family supporting careers available. 2017 was the best year for manufacturing in Wisconsin in more than two decades. And this year, we rank first nationally in manufacturing jobs added in the last three months. Wisconsin also had the 17th fastest real median income growth rate in the nation. Our rate is one of the fastest in the Midwest, beating Minnesota by three spots. And our poverty rate is the 4th lowest in America. The bottom line is: Income is up. Poverty is down. Wisconsin is winning. We can’t afford to go back. On, Wisconsin!

-Sen. Alberta Darling

Campaign Report



We are days away from our November general election. All the polls are showing that Governor Walker and Leah Vukmir are trailing in the races. It is unbelievable that people don’t realize how far Governor Walker and our state legislators have brought our state. We could really use more volunteers to knock and doors and get our message out to our voters in Washington County. Please call our office if you can volunteer –knocking on doors or making phone calls. The office number is 262-334-4150. Our office is open Monday-Friday 10 AM – 6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to 3 PM. Early voting has already started at many of our municipalities. Please check their websites for the information regarding dates and hours if you would like to vote in person. All of the websites have this information posted. We also have the information available at our office. The last day in most locations is Friday, November 2. We always recommend that you check your ballot before you vote. The website is myvote.wi.gov. Also – be aware that there is a countywide referendum on the ballot...so look for that. There are also local referendums on many ballots. We really could use extra help knocking on doors. We are finding that many people don’t know who Leah Vukmir is – so that’s a problem. We also need to be sure we get out there to vote for our state representatives. Most of our representatives have an opponent this year. Brad Schimel has an opponent who has raised lots of money...so we must re-election him as well as our own Congressman – Jim Sensenbrenner. We cannot afford to see any of our Republicans defeated by the democrats in this election. Help prevent the “blue wave” in Wisconsin.

Kathy Kiernan Campaign Chairman