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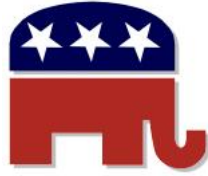
- RPOC Exec Committee Meetings—1st Wednesday of the month
- Tankard Thursday—2nd & 4th Thursday of the month visit ozcorepublicans.com for more info
- RPOC Caucus—Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at Alpine Village
- Spring Primary—Tuesday, February 16, 2010 (if needed)
- RPOC Lincoln Day Dinner—Saturday, February 20, 2010 at Alpine Village
- 5th District Caucus—Sunday, March 7, 2010 Bavarian Inn
- Spring Election—Tuesday, April 6, 2010
- RPW Convention—May 21-23, 2010 Milwaukee

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Ozaukee County Republican ...A Conservative Vision



Ronald Reagan's 11th Commandment: "Thou shalt not speak ill of a fellow Republican."

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From the Chair...

"How did we get here?" (Here being the mess we are in.) The answer is simple, but won't be popular. We sloughed off and didn't do our job. We let the patients run the asylum, not too bright!

The do whatever you like, I don't care attitude, must stop. A large number of registered voters don't even vote in Primary Elections, but have no problem complaining about the candidate that is running in the General Election. Folks, I've got news for you...Politics is not a spectator sport...it's a contact sport

The 2010 November elections are of monumental importance to us. But equally important is the Primary Election. If we don't vote in the Primary, our guy may not make it to the General Election. If we get the typical 20% turnout, it means that 1 in 5 people vote. Odds are pretty good that someone you know probably doesn't vote in Primary Elections. You should be talking to everyone you know, reminding them how important it is to vote in a Primary Election.

Our first responsibility as a party is to our county candidates. But, what good is putting all of our support into our County representatives, doing all that is asked of us and then some, and then failing to give them (our employees) the tools they need to carry out and de-

liver their promises? It is time for us to look outside of the comfort zone. If we don't, we will fail to give them a majority position in the Congress, the Senate, the State Senate and the State Assembly.

If you sent money or made phone calls for Scott Brown in the Massachusetts U.S. Senate race...Congratulations!...you understand the problem and are part of the solution. Closer to home we have Leah Vukmir challenging Jim Sullivan and Van Wanggaard challenging John Lehman for the State Senate. If Leah and Van win, we can take control of the State Senate. That would be huge for a number of reasons, not the least of which is keeping Gwen Moore from being our representative in Congress, through redistricting.

The Republican Party of Ozaukee County has initiated a plan for the coming elections that requires participators, not just spectators. The more help we have, the better it will be for all of us. Get involved now! Oh, and tell all your conservative friends that Tea Parties (yes, I've been to a few) are great, but they need to do something just a bit more meaningful, something besides simply attending a tea party. They need to engage! Everyone needs to engage!

Remember, politics is not a spectator sport. You need to offer to help in any way that you can. And if you don't help, then

you don't get to complain if he/she doesn't win. And, don't you dare point fingers at those of us who did help the candidates. Something else to remember – "Winners make it happen. Losers let it happen."

Show your winning spirit – help us to help the candidates – contact me today!

God Bless America

Jim Konowalski
Chairman
Republican Party of
Ozaukee County



**The Republican Party
of Ozaukee County
Lincoln Day Dinner
Saturday, February 20, 2010
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**America will
never be
destroyed from
the outside. If
we falter and
lose our
freedoms, it will
be because we
destroyed
ourselves.
-Abraham
Lincoln**

A Difference that's Obvious by Representative Jim Ott

In last month's newsletter I addressed the comment I sometimes hear that all politicians, whether Democrats or Republicans, act the same once they get into office and only care about getting re-elected and raising money for their campaign funds. Of course that isn't true. There is a profound difference, and that's why I am a Republican.

This month I'll examine the question of whether or not the Republican Party should compromise our core principles and move more to the middle. We are sometimes told the Party has to be more inclusive and must be careful of not becoming too conservative. I strongly disagree with this assertion. Let me explain why.

It is because of the traditional core values of the Republican Party that I was attracted to it, and I believe that the majority of Americans adhere to these values. For example, I am pro-life. Recent polls show that over 50% of Americans now oppose abortion.

We have traditionally been the Party that favors lower taxes and more responsible spending. I've met a few people over the

years who said they don't mind high taxes, but ask anyone what they think and you'll likely hear "Our taxes are too high!" When voting against tax increases in the Assembly and looking for ways for our state to operate more efficiently I feel I am representing a large majority of my constituents as well as other residents in our state.

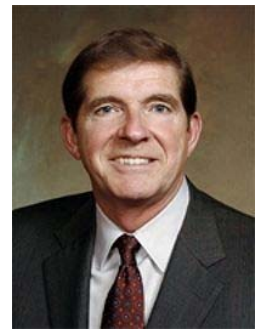
Republicans are also considered the party that is tough on crime. The reaction of most of the people in the state to the Governor's decision to save money by granting early release to convicted felons shows that once again our position is the mainstream position. It's fine to try to rehabilitate criminals before they are due to be released back into society, but letting them out early sends the wrong message and puts innocent people at risk. The majority of the residents of this state would prefer that criminals be properly punished and that society be protected from dangerous people.

Finally, we are the party that believes in fair and honest elections. One of our ongoing priorities must be to enact a photo I.D. requirement for

voting.

So I don't believe it's necessary to bend our core principles one bit. What Republicans leaders need to do once they are in office is adhere to those principles and values. It's when we stray from those values and join the tax and spend crowd that we run into trouble. Some voters become disillusioned and leave the Party or just quit voting altogether.

A look at the current budget fiascos in Washington and Madison shows why we can't let that happen. So get behind good Republican candidates and support them as they campaign for the November election. That's how we'll regain the Governorship and Republican majorities in Madison and the U.S. Congress. We can't afford not to.



Campbell Awards—Important Information

The Campbell Award, named for William J. Campbell, the first Republican Party State Chairman, is a very important award because it recognizes those individuals in each county and unit who are the lifeblood of our party. By recognizing the hard work and dedication of those volunteers, we hope to encourage their continued participation in grassroots

activities and Republican campaigns in the years to come.

Those individuals who have given 50 or more hours of volunteer service to their local Republican organization are eligible.

The Republican Party of

Wisconsin will provide a pin to each Campbell award winner and list the name of each recipient in the official state convention program. 2009 Campbell award pins will be delivered to County Chairmen for presentation and distribution at the 2010 state convention in Milwaukee.



A Message from the Attorney General JB Van Hollen...

It is hard to believe that just over three years ago we took back the Attorney General's office. When we launched our campaign in 2005 there were two things that I promised to do as your Attorney General: Fight Crime and Restore Integrity.

Since then we have not just acted on our promise but we have produced results across the board and by doing it the right way, following the law – not making the law. From working with local law enforcement like Sheriff Maury Straub to locking up dangerous sex predators to meeting our goals to solve the DNA backlog this year to fighting voter fraud...we have and will continue to make drastic steps forward at the Department of Justice.

As of late last year, we were on pace set records for the number of arrests of sex predators in Wisconsin. This is thanks in part to our efforts to create statewide partnerships with local law enforcement. When compared to my predecessor, we've more than quadrupled the number of law enforcement affiliates in our Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. As I told many of you four years ago, cleaning up the

backlog of DNA evidence at the Crime Lab backlog was priority number one. We are still on pace to meet our goals by making the lab more productive and efficient. In 2009, we were averaging 360 cases completed each month – tripling the efficiency since I took office. Along with eliminating the backlog we launched new efforts to seek justice in cold case crimes. Our results have helped make arrests in unsolved cold case murders including the suspected Milwaukee Serial Killer.

For far too long the integrity of our electoral system has been damaged. In 2008, we made steps to crack down on voter fraud by creating an Elections Fraud Task Force in Milwaukee County. Since we launched the task force we have arrested 540 suspects and executed 647 search warrants. And we forced the Government Accountability Board to follow a federal law requiring states to crosscheck voter names with driver's license records. Our efforts have not stopped there and we will continue to produce results towards restoring integrity to our elections.

We have been working hard to

ensure the law – not politics – is the focus of the Department of Justice. When Governor Doyle demanded that I defend his new "domestic partner registry" in the courts after state voters passed a Constitutional amendment to protect traditional marriage, I said "NO." When the "Freedom from Religion Foundation" filed a lawsuit challenging National Day of Prayer proclamations, I pressed to have the lawsuit dismissed and won.

While these issues are just a small snap shot of what we have accomplished, there is much more to be done in the years to come. In 2006, Ozaukee County was a vital part of our historic victory and as the only statewide elected Republican I will need your help again. Together we can continue to make a difference through our shared conservative beliefs of fiscal responsibility, limited government, personal responsibility, and traditional values.

Thank you again for your tireless efforts in Ozaukee County. While I regretfully will be unable to attend your annual Lincoln Day Dinner - I hope to see you soon.

J.B. Van Hollen
Attorney General



"Government growing beyond our consent had become a lumbering giant, slamming shut the gates of opportunity, threatening to crush the very roots of our freedom. What brought America back? The American people brought us back -- with quiet courage and common sense; with undying faith that in this nation under God the future will be ours, for the future belongs to the free."

-Ronald Reagan



Campbell Awards—continued

If you or someone you know may qualify for the Campbell Award as described,

please forward your name and/or their name, estimated hours of volunteer service, a list of the activities engaged in and complete contact information

to:
RPOC Chairman Jim Konowski via e-mail at ozcorepublicans@aol.com not later than Monday, March 8, 2010.

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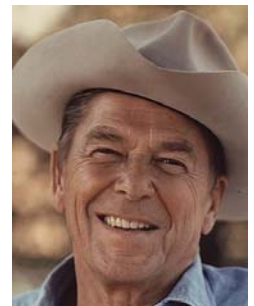
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- Ozaukee Club - \$125-\$249/per year**
- Supporter Club - \$50-\$124/per year**
- Couples - \$35/per year**
- Individual Adult - \$20/per year**
- Students 25 & under - \$10/per year**



"I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence." -- Abraham Lincoln February 22, 1861 - Address in Independence Hall