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"If we ever forget that we are 'One Nation Under God', then we will be a nation gone under." Ronald Reagan

Happy New Year

May your 2018 be filled with God's blessings, prosperity, good health, and abounding good joy.

Thank You

Thank you so very much to the following volunteers who helped in the Christmas parades in December:

Whitewater: Joe Rezek, Joe Nantz, Abi Lange, Lindsey Persch, Seth Schmidt, Trish Sorenson and Alex Plautz.

Elkhorn: Amy Loudenbeck, Steve Nass, Trudy Schulz, Joe Rezek, John Surinak and Ted Preiser.

Lake Geneva: Ted Preiser, Alice Preiser and Joe Rezek.

<u>Christmas Party & Volunteer Recognition</u> **Dinner**

Our annual Christmas Party and Volunteer Recognition Dinner is on January 11th, 2018 at Evergreen Golf Club.

Cocktails start at 6:00pm and dinner is at 6:30pm. Please RSVP by Monday January 7th, 2018.

We will recognize over 65 volunteers that evening.

If you were a Chairman's Circle member for 2017 then you have 2 tickets to the Christmas Party available to you. If you joined or renewed your membership after August 2017, there was a change and the "Chairman's Circle" membership no longer includes the tickets.

Memberships

Please get your membership renewal in if you wish to participate in our county caucus, 1st or 5th District Caucus, or at the state convention.

Those of you who have already renewed your membership, your new membership cards will be given to you at Caucus on February 1st, 2018. After caucus we will mail out the remaining membership cards.

We cannot stress enough it is the county party members who are the activist grassroots. You may have received a mailing from either the national or state party. Their solicitations are generally fundraising efforts for them and have nothing to do with a county party. Sending money to the national or state party has nothing to do with your county party. It is from the members of a county party delegates for district caucuses, as well as state and national conventions come from.

It is the members of the County Party who give tremendously of themselves as volunteers to get and keep Republicans elected. It is our county party members on the ground in WALCO.

The Left is using "RESIST" to fight every conservative effort every step of the way.

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They are fighting us at every level of government.

That fight is ongoing and continuous. We can no longer gear up 6 months before an election. The Left is in perpetual movement and so must we.

We cannot allow ourselves to become apathetic or complacent. We have to reach within ourselves and know that we can make a difference. Your efforts do matter!

Renew your membership, recruit a friend and help us all fight the "RESIST" movement.

Caucus

RPWC Caucus is on February 1st, 2018, 6:30pm in the Monte Carlo room in Elkhorn.

1st CD Caucus is on March 17th details pending.

5th CD Caucus is on March 18th details pending.

State Convention 2018

The state convention this year is in Milwaukee over the weekend of May 11-13. It would be great to have a large contingent on hand representing Walworth County!

Please mark your calendars. We will provide more information as it becomes available. Convention registration is done through EventBrite.

Technology Assistance

Trisha Ide is our Social Media and Technology Committee Chair person. She is asking for a member with digital photography experience for their expertise.

If your hobby or passion is photography please contact Trisha at rpwcsocialmedia@yhoo.com.

2018 Goals

During our December 7th membership meeting we had another wonderful planning discussion. The involvement and input by the members at the meeting was great.

The Executive Board met on December 9th and continued the work. They will continue the work during January and February.

All of your efforts and inputs along with those of the Executive Board will be presented during our March, 2018 members meeting.

A critical factor to bring your inputs and ideas to life is your buy in and continued participation.

Please join us, give us your thoughts and continued support and involvement.

It looks like wonderful things should be coming from this effort.

A first step is for all of us in the process is to talk to our family members, friends, and neighbors who are like minded about getting involved with the county party. We can attain success across the board with the goals.

Monthly Meeting Format Change

The members present at the December meeting really enjoyed the open conversation we had during the last 30 – 40 minutes of the meeting. Beginning with our March 2018 membership meeting the meeting will be in 2 parts. The first part is our business meeting very much the same format we have been using.

The second part will be an open, friendly, and informative discussion on a political topic.

We look forward to working with this format.

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Bring a Friend

There was a lot of discussion at both the membership meeting and the past 2 Exec meetings about a Bring a Friend effort.

It's been voiced by members a number of times that if our likeminded friends come to one or more of our meetings or events they may experience more value in being a part of what we are doing.

We encourage all of you to bring a likeminded friend to the Christmas Party and Volunteer Recognition Dinner, to caucus, or to any other of our meetings and events.

Annual Calendar

Enclosed is the 2018 – 2019 working calendar. The working calendar is a guide to help you plan your activities and involvement with the Party.

Dates and times do sometimes change so please be sure to check the Coming Events section of the monthly newsletter for the most current information.

Election Headquarters

We fully anticipate opening our Election Headquarters (EH) no later than 1 March 2018. We do have hopes of opening by 1 February, 2018.

We are looking at 2 locations in downtown Elkhorn and the landlord has been incredibly agreeable and willing work with us. The members have requested we keep a 365 EH once we open and that is being explored. We will keep you posted and updated.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following people who so graciously gave of their time, talents, and treasures during 2017:

Your RPWC Officers: Joe Rezek, John Reiff, Trudy Schulz, Kristy Secord, and Seth Schmidt.

Finance Committee Members: Ted Preiser, and John Nelson. Membership Committee Members: Barb Braden and Bea Dale. Technology Committee: Trisha Ide.

We do our absolute best to keep track of our volunteers through signup sheets and photographs. We deeply apologize if we missed someone. Please let us know immediately if we missed you.

The following party members and people volunteered on behalf the county party during 2017: Carson Hillier, Joe Nantz, Amy Loudenbeck, Tom and Sue Schinke, Christopher Lawrence, Steve Nass, Sandi Goebel, Gary and Cheryl Grolle, Grace Hirte, Dr. Sonya Naryshkin, Kim Bushey, Karen Regnier, Kisrten Schmidt.

Alex Rasch, John Schmidt, Joe Eik, Trish Sorenson, Alex Plautz, Beth Lock, Tyler August, Cory Newman, John Surinak, Dale and Gail Folker, Jeff and Millie Luengen, Victoria Gonzalez, Nathan Schacht, Bea Dale, Nancy Douglass, Mary Ellen Sweet, and Ted and Alice Preiser.

Dr. Pam Wolfe, Ron Person, Tom and Denise Dobersztyn, Peggy Wiswell, James Davis, Marianne Young, Zeke Weidenfeld, David Schrack, Berndt Jensen, Steve and Lori White, Abi Lange, Becky Merwin, Kurt Picknell, John Nelson, and Savanna Cleveland.

Barb Braden, Bill Bosworth, Fred Douglass, Kim Travis, Dr. Jim Loftus, Joanne Laufenberg, Sheila Reiff, Pat Ehlen, Mike Lasch, Shawn Johnson, Thom Neylan, John and Halina Marra, Jeff Knight and Lindsey Persch.

Each and every one of you is highly valued.

Thank you!

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Constitutional Change

Over the past year we have spoken at our meetings about a change to the RPWC Constitution.

That change was nothing more than removing the Voter Vault as a standing committee and putting the related responsibilities in the Campaign and Elections Committee.

We are required to have any constitutional changes approved by the RPW Constitution Committee before we can present the change(s) to the members.

Our request was unanimously approved by RPW at its December meeting.

During our caucus on February 1st we will present both the Constitutional and the related changes to our Bylaws for your approval.

Open House

It was mentioned at a recent Exec Board about the RPWC hosting an Open House much like we did in 2016.

We are exploring the possibility and options of the open house to maybe coincide with our March 15th Pints and Politics. We will provide you more details when they are firmed up.

Annual Raffle

We are exploring some new options to our annual raffle. We are looking at raffling gift certificates for prizes: Two - \$500 to Dam Road Gun Shop and one for Lake Michigan charter fishing for 6 people.

We hope to complete the details and get the ball rolling as soon as possible.

Coming Events:

January 4th: No Membership Meeting

<u>January 11th:</u> Christmas Party & Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Cocktails at 6:00pm, Evergreen Golf Club. Please RSVP right away.

January 18th: No Pints and Politics

January 27th: 08:00am Exec Board Meeting

Feb 1st: Caucus, 6:30pm, Monte Carlo Room.

Feb 15th: 6:30pm Pints & Politics Villager Supper Club, Delavan Lake.

Feb 20TH: Spring Primary Election

Feb 24th: 8:00am Executive Board

March 15th: Pints and Politics Maybe Open House

March 17th: 1st CD Caucus – details pending

March 18th: 5th CD Caucus - details pending.

March 23rd: Lincoln Day Dinner –details pending.

Chairman's Closing Comment

Thank you for everything you all did during 2017. You are the heartbeat of the RPWC.

We have a fight ahead of us in 2018 and with what I have seen from you the members and volunteers of the RPWC you are ready!

You are ready to re-elect our republicans in Wisconsin and to fire Tammy Baldwin.

God bless you all and have a blessed 2018.

Chris

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