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"WHATEVER IT TAKES: The real friend of his country is the person who believes in excellence, seeks for it, fights for it, defends it, and tries to produce it." Morley Callaghan

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# May you have a spiritual Lenten season and Happy Valentine's Day

## **Welcome**

Welcome to new RPWC members, Rich, Nadeen, Jacob and Noah Strohm.

## Christmas Party / Volunteer Recognition Dinner

We had a great evening and response for the dinner, over 64 RSVPs.

There were over 68 volunteers who were recognized for their support of the RPWC during 2017.

We were honored to have with us that night: Senators Nass, Craig, and Vukmir (US Senate Candidate), Representatives August and Horlacher, Clerk of Courts Sheila Reiff and County Clerk Kim Bushey, and US Senate candidate Kevin Nicholson.

It was unfortunate that Sheriff Picknell, District Attorney Weidenfeld, and Representative Loudenbeck couldn't be with us. They were previously committed to a very important meeting about Human Trafficking. All three did send their most sincere appreciation to all of the volunteers.

Thank you again to all the volunteers to all who helped make the evening such a wonderful event.

#### **Caucus**

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

1<sup>st</sup> CD Caucus is on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Monte Carlo Room in Elkhorn.

5<sup>th</sup> CD Caucus is on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Country Springs in Waukesha, brunch prior.

# 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! More information will be provided as it becomes available.

# Lincoln Day Dinner (LDD)

This year's LDD is on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Eclipse Center in Beloit. Cocktails and reception starts at 6:00pm and plated dinner to follow.

As of this printing we have confirmed attending House Speaker Paul Ryan and Lt. Gov Kleefisch.

We have kept the cost the same as we have for the previous couple of year at \$50 per person plus the EventBrite fee (+- \$3.00). All reservations must be through EventBright and that information will be provided to you in an invitation to be mailed out in February.

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So save the date March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 Lincoln Day Dinner.

## **Constitutional Change**

At their December 2017 meeting the RPW Constitution Committee unanimously approved our requested change to the RPWC Constitution. In short, that change removed the "Voter Vault" as a standing committee and incorporated the duties into the Campaign and Elections Committee. We now need to have the members approve the change to both our constitution and our Bylaws. This is an item of business on the agenda for our caucus on February 1st.

Paper copies of the Constitution and Bylaws with their related changes will be provided at caucus.

#### Annual Raffle

We are gearing up for our annual raffle. Prizes this year will be: Two - \$500 gift certificates to Dam Road Gun Shop and one gift certificate for Lake Michigan charter fishing for 6 people

First name drawn gets their choice of the three prizes, second name drawn gets second choice and third name drawn receives the remaining prize. Tickets are \$20 each with only 300 tickets available. The drawing will take place on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm on the fairgrounds park stage during the closing ceremonies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ribfest.

# Annual Calendar

Enclosed is the updated 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.

#### **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.

## **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

The Executive Board, based on the information and input from members, is formulating plans on building, strengthening and maintaining, viable Membership and Campaign Elections Committees.

Descriptions of what each committee does will be available for your review and signup during our Caucus on February 1<sup>st</sup> and at Pints & Politics on February 15th.

We would like to announce the appointment of the chairpersons of those committees at our March 1<sup>st</sup>, regular membership meeting.

Chris Goebel Chairman

Joe Rezek 1st Vice Chair

John Reiff 2nd Vice Chair

**Trudy Schulz** 

Treasurer

**Kristina Secord** Secretary

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If you have any questions about either committee please feel free to contact any if the RPWC Executive Board or Executive Committee members.

## **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.

#### **Open House**

We will be hosting an Open House much like we did in 2016, on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Monte Carlo Room.

We will invite all of you, our nominated Election Inspectors and those 400 + people who signed petitions at our booths in 2017.

We ask that as many electeds and members attend to greet people and possibly partner with them to help them understand what we do as a county party.

Guest speakers are being scheduled. We will provide more information as it becomes confirmed.

#### **Coming Events:**

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>: Caucus, 6:30pm, Monte Carlo Room.

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30pm Pints & Politics Villager Supper Club, Delavan Lake.

Feb 17th: 10:00am 1st CD Caucus Monte Carlo Room

Feb 18th: 1:00pm 5th CD Country Springs Waukesha

Feb 20<sup>TH</sup>: Spring Primary Election

Feb 24<sup>th</sup>: 8:00am Executive Board

<u>March 1<sup>st</sup>:</u> 6:00pm Membership meeting, Sperino's Little Italy.

March 15<sup>th</sup>: Pints and Politics Maybe Open House

March 17<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> CD Caucus , 10:00am Monte Carlo Room.

March 18th: 5th CD Caucus

<u>March 23<sup>rd</sup></u>: Lincoln Day Dinner, Eclipse Center Beloit.

April 5<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm Membership meeting

#### **Chairman's Closing Comment**

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 liberals held the "Women's March". Here in Walworth County the Democrats organized their own version of the march in the village square in the Village of Walworth, generally a pretty safe Republican voting area.

What do you think about that? How do you feel about that?

Let there be no mistake, liberals/socialists are organized and on the attack! What are you doing?

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