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## THANK YOU!

Judge Michael Screnock earned 59% (5,330) of the vote on February 20th with 9,084 votes cast in WALCO. The April race for the Supreme Court will be between Judge Screnock and Judge Dallet.

Combine the two liberals took 3,733 votes in WALCO. (There were write-ins.)

Please help us turn out more voters for Screnock on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to help carry the state.

Dallet in her ads has shown she is a liberal and we have to keep the conservative majority on our State Supreme Court.

Thank you to all the Election Inspectors and voters who did their job!

## **Our Caucus**

We had a fantastic Caucus on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We had 42 members in attendance of which 38 were eligible to vote.

We passed: the changes to our Constitution and Bylaws; the resolutions that now go to the 1<sup>st</sup> District; and gave Judge Screnock \$1,500 for his Supreme Court Race. THANK YOU!

#### **District Caucus**

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. Registration is through EventBrite. Hotel accommodations are not part of the RPW registration process but when calling to make your reservations please request the RPW convention block and room rate.

Many of the items on the registration form are included in the convention fee and some are a separate cost, so please look through the registration options carefully. We encourage all of our delegates to attend the County Party Dinner on Saturday evening.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Last month we told you Sheila Reiff our Walworth County Clerk of Courts was selected by the Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justices as the new State Supreme Court Clerk.

Sheila Reiff started her new assignment as the Clerk of the State Supreme Court on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Our Secretary, Kristy Secord was appointed by the circuit court judges as the interim WALCO Clerk of Courts and took the oath of office on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Kristy!

Once Kristy took the oath to the partisan office our Bylaws required she resign as our RPWC Secretary.

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Thanks you so very much Kristy for your service as the Party Secretary over the last 3 years. You did a great job!

With our Secretary position being open I had the great opportunity to appoint Trisha Ide to the position to finish out Kristy's term.

Congratulations Trisha and we look forward to your help leading the RPWC.

# Pints & Politics

We had a fantastic turnout of about 40 people for Pints on February 15<sup>th</sup> at The Village Supper Club. It was great to see some new faces in attendance. Senator Nass spoke on the legislative agenda. Thank you Steve!

# Lincoln Day Dinner (LDD)

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

As of this printing we have confirmed attending House Speaker Paul Ryan, Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch and Attorney General Brad Schimel.

We have three absolutely incredible live auction items – 2 matted and framed U.S. flags, with accompanying certificates that were flown over the U.S. Capitol on December 22, 2017 to commemorate the day President Trump signed the tax reform bill.

The third item is an evening of star gazing for 12 people using the big telescope at Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay.

We have kept the cost for the evening the same as we have for the previous couple of years at \$50 per person plus the EventBrite fee (+- \$3.00). All reservations must be through EventBright. EventBrite link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rock-walworthlincoln-day-dinner-tickets-42026928675

# Annual Raffle

We have started selling raffle tickets for our annual raffle. Prizes this year are: 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 item.

Tickets are \$20 each and 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.

We can always use help selling the tickets. If you're interested in helping sell or want to purchase tickets please call our phone line (262) 723- RPWC (7792) and leave a message.

## Bring a Friend

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 a monthly meeting, Pints and Politics and especially to our Open House on March 15.

# Welcome to Technology Assistant

Trisha Ide, our Social Media and Technology Committee Chairperson brought onboard Ms. Shannon Schmidt from East Troy to help with photographing our events and social media efforts. Shannon brings with her a lot of experience in digital photography and graphics arts.

Welcome to Shannon. You'll be seeing a lot of her.

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#### 2018 Goals

The Executive Board, based on the information and input from members, is working on two primary key processes at this point: building, strengthening and maintaining, viable Membership and Campaign Elections Committees.

We are focused on building those two committees over the next couple of months. Those two committees are the absolute core of our grassroots efforts here in Walworth County.

Grassroots help with parades, staffing booths and tents, reaching out in their neighborhoods for more grassroots, yard sign location, nomination paper signatures, and helping to find conservative candidates for all levels of government.

If you have any questions about either committee please feel free to contact any of the RPWC Executive Board or Executive Committee members or leave a message on our phone line (262)723-7792.

#### **Election Headquarters (EH)**

We are almost IN! Our Election Headquarters (EH) is located in the old Elkhorn Independent building by the Elk Restaurant in downtown Elkhorn.

Our EH managers this year, God bless them, are Alice Preiser and Karen Regnier!

Once all of the telephone lines, data cables, internet, and cable TV are in we will be reaching out for help to staff the office!

Please volunteer to help in the EH.

#### **Open House**

Our Open House is set for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Monte Carlo Room. We will hear from our state legislators and county elected officials. We continue to work to have statewide elected officials attend also. The focus of the evening is for visitors to be able to talk one on one with elected officials and to hear what is going with the RPCW as we head into the 2018 election cycle.

This too is an EventBright RSVP.

We will be inviting all of our members, Elections Inspectors, and those who visited our booths during 2017.

We are hoping for a big turnout. This is the perfect opportunity to bring a friend!

#### Coming Events:

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

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

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

March 18<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> CD Caucus 1:00pm Country Springs

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

March 24<sup>th</sup>: 08:00 Executive Board

APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> : SPRING ELECTION

April 5th: 6:00pm Membership meeting

April 19<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm Pints and Politics

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: 6:00pm Membership meeting

May 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>: STATE CONVENTION

June 7<sup>th</sup>: Annual Picnic and Campbell Awards

#### **Chairman's Closing Comments**

The following are excerpts from my annual report to the members in Caucus on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018:

Chris Goebel	Joe Rezek	John Reiff	Trudy Schulz	Trisha Ide
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...Watching our president give his outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> State of the Union Address this past Tuesday and how the Democrats behaved only emboldened me to fight liberalism even more.

I heard President Trump, presidential, inspirational, and a believer in God and in We the People. ...

Our volunteers are the BEST! For 20176 we gave out 74 RPWC Outstanding Volunteer lapel pins and 43 names have been submitted for RPW Campbell Awards. ...

Because of your efforts the RPWC earned the "Wisconsin Award" and was designated one of the Top 5 Counties for 2016. Initial scoring of the annual awards package for 2017 appears to have us well on our way to another year of the Wisconsin Award. ...

2017 was the year we re-nominated our Election Inspectors/Poll Workers. In 2011 we nominated 41, in 2013 we nominated 123, in 2015 we nominated 137 and this cycle we nominated 143. THANK YOU!

But the bottom line is it takes committed volunteers to make it all work. ...

The single most enjoyable and meaningful thing I do as your county chairman is to work with, recognize and say thank you to our most valuable asset – our volunteers. Thank You! ...

We need to ramp up the rhetoric depicting the stark differences between who we are and "Progressivism". We must show how Republican solutions benefit the everyday person on the street. Messaging is what wins voters over. I cannot stress enough, everyone is a messenger and our message has to be loud and proud! ...

I ask that every RPWC member set at least these two personal goals for 2018: 1) You will recruit at least 2 new active members and 2) dedicate yourself by volunteering at least 25 hours this year... I ask that you spread the word that we must vote in the February primary and the April election. Judge Michael Screnock is the only conservative judge running for the State Supreme Court. We cannot surrender the State Supreme Court. President Trump bolstered the US Supreme Court with Justice Neil Gorsuch, and now it's our turn to help keep our conservative majority in the state supreme court. ...

As a County Chairperson we are only as good as our executive team, our volunteers and our members.

Thank you to the members of the Executive Board and Executive Committee who provided the direction, guidance, and support during 2017. ...

I close with Edmund Burke: "Nobody made a greater mistake then he who did nothing because he could only do a little."

Thank you and until next time God bless,

Chris

# Please go to <u>WWW.didyouknow.gop</u> for the truth!

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