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"Individual liberty depends on keeping government under control"

Ronald Reagan

## GET OUT THE VOTE

FALL PRIMARY - August 14th

#### Thank You!

We had another full week the first week of July. The volunteers as always rose to the challenge and came out to help with the float and parades. Thank You: Jerry Johnson, Joe Rezek, Seth Schmidt, Ted & Alice Preiser, Karen Regnier, Larry & Nancy Nau, Pam Hartwig, Dave & Debi Black, Joe Nantz, Fred Douglass, Kim Bushey, and Cory Newmann.

Over 4,000 total pieces of lit between our local lit and Governor Walker's pocket sports calendars were given out. The volunteers were absolutely outstanding!

#### **Annual Fundraiser Cruise**

The cruise was a huge success. We had over 160 attend. The live auction raised over \$3,000, and the 50/50 raised over \$580. We had **4 Gold Hosts**: Susan Quinn, Chris & Patti Marsicano, Christine Jones, and Mark Solowicz. We also had **15 Silver Hosts**: Rich and Nadeen Strohm, Ty and Nancy Douglass, Becky Merwin, Denise Schultz, Bryan Steil, Senator and Mrs. Dave Craig, Jim and Louise Weiner, Dr. Pam Wolfe, Donna and John Surinak, Andy Szymanskyj, David and Donna Hahn, Dr. and Delores Spitzer, Mike and Sonia Kachel, Nathan Bond, and Stephanie Goettl,

and we had a donation from Jerry and Laurie Johnson. All together our hosts and donor contributed \$5,800 to the highly successful evening. Once the final numbers are tallied we will pass on the results to you.

It takes a lot of work to put the cruise together.

Thank you to Doc Loftus for making the meal arrangements and coordinating with Celebration on Wells.

Thank you to Trudy Schulz and Trisha Ide for keeping the flurry of RSVPs straight and preparing the security list and name tags for the attendees. Keeping the names and funds all straight is a huge task and we couldn't have done it without you two.

Thanks you to Sandi Goebel for her help with preparing the Host Thank You board and helping with check in.

Thank you to Seth Schmidt and Cory Newmann who stepped up and were a tremendous help with clearing people through the gate and doing an incredible job with the 50/50 raffle sales.

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!

#### August 14th Primary

There is a primary election on August 14<sup>th</sup>. In that primary we will select our Republican candidate for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District and our United States Senate candidate who will take on Tomah Tammy Baldwin in November.

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August is a partisan primary. At the top of your ballot there will be choice of Republican or Democratic Party. Color in the bubble that you are voting for. By coloring the party bubble you are not declaring you are a member of a political party, you are indicating that you wish to vote for either Republicans or Democrats. You still need to go down the entire ballot and vote for individual candidates if you want the votes to count.

Your ballot is valid even if you do not color in the party preference bubble at the top, as long as you vote only for candidates all from the same party down the entire ballot.

If you color in votes for individuals in more than one party or "crossover", and you have not selected a party preference at the top, your ballot may not be counted.

If you color in a party preference bubble at the top of the ballot and still "crossover" when voting for individuals down the ballot, only those candidates who align with your party preference selection will be counted.

Wisconsin has "In person absentee" and "Absentee" voting.

In person absentee voting usually starts about 10 days prior to election day. In person absentee is exactly that, you go in to your municipal clerk's office or designated location and cast your absentee ballot in person. You still sign the voter books and your ballot is sealed in an envelope. These ballots cast must match the number of ballots in the voter

book/logs. Make sure you sign the voter book/logs to help ensure voting integrity.

Absentee voting is just that, if you aren't able to vote on election day or can't make it to your clerk to vote in person absentee. Contact your municipal clerk and request a ballot be mailed to you. If you must vote absentee get a hold of your municipal clerk right away. More time is required to work with absentee voting because the ballots are mailed to you and you mail them back to the clerk. Be sure to follow the instructions and complete the front of the ballot envelope properly. If you don't it could result in your ballot being disqualified.

To help clarify all of this even more, at our August 2<sup>nd</sup> membership meeting our WALCO County Clerk, Kim Bushey will give a presentation on voting and the ballot process.

We have voter registration materials at our Election Headquarters at 11 W. Walworth Street in Elkhorn.

If you know anyone who may be out of town or unable to get to the polls on August 14<sup>th</sup> for the primary – please talk with them. Voting options exist.

## **Ribfest- Holy Cow!**

Our volunteers are the best! During Ribfest this year we gave out almost 1,000 cozies loaded with a copy of our local lit. In addition to that we gave out at least another 300 copies of our lit and over 500 Walker pocket sports calendars. You all were AWESOME, THANK YOU: Jacob, Rich, and Noah Strohm, Mike Strohm, Kirsten Schmidt, Larry and Nancy Nau, Jerry and Laurie Johnson, Nathan Schacht,

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Margie Welch, Pat Ehlen, Doc Loftus, Alice and Ted Preiser, David and Debi Black, Karen Regnier, Fred and Betty Douglass, Joe Rezek, Matt Leusink, Ellen Schutt, Seth Schmidt, Jason Dean, Robert Kaun, Joe Nantz, Amy Loudenbeck, and Steve Nass all for taking one or more shifts.

### **Annual Raffle Winners**

Thank you to: Seth Schmidt, Trudy Schulz,
Trisha Ide, Mark Solowicz, John Reiff, Greg
Sawtell, Gary Grolle, Alex Rasch, Larry Nau,
Cory Newmann, David Black, Kristy Secord,
Chris Marsicano, Rich Strohm, Ted Preiser, John
Surinak, and Mayor Mel.

The final numbers aren't available yet but it appears we did quite well with sales this year.

The raffle winners are: Jim Geldriech of West Bend a \$500 gift certificate to Dam Road Gun Shop, Chris Lindloff of Delavan the ½ day charter fishing on Lake Michigan, and Eddie Sandoval of Big Bend a \$500 gift certificate to Dam Road Gun Shop.

#### **Hispanic Outreach**

Mr. Mark Lake who strongly believes in Hispanic outreach made a tremendous donation of \$700 specifically for our outreach efforts. His donation allows us to run ads in the El Tiempo newspaper prior to the primary.

We will be running three different ads one each week leading up to the primary.

Thank You Mark so very much!

#### **Media Efforts**

Heading to the August 14<sup>th</sup> primary the Executive Board approved the purchase of ads

in the Shopper and the Walworth County local newspapers identifying who the endorsed candidates are.

We will also twice be boosting our Facebook post identifying the endorsed candidates to reach over 8,000 people in Walworth County.

We have given out over 8,000 copies of our locally produced lit during parades, Ribfest, and lit drops with the lit drops continuing. We will also have copies of our lit to hand out during Elkhorn's Corn and Brat Fest August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

These efforts all take money and volunteers.

Because of the generosity of so many of you we are able to keep messaging. Thank you!

#### **August Pints and Politics**

Pints for August 16<sup>th</sup> is cancelled, and instead we will hold an Election return watch on August 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00pm at our headquarters.

Please join us.

## WALCO FAIR August 29 - Sept 3rd

We need a lot of volunteers to staff the fair tent over the 6 days. Please volunteer and say "Yes" when asked. Building the tent floor is on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

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

Our Election Headquarters (EH) is located in the historic Elkhorn Independent building at 11 W. Walworth in downtown Elkhorn.

Our hours are:

Monday, Wed, & Friday: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am – 2:00pm Sundays and holidays: Closed

The number is (262) 723-RPWC (7792).

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#### **Coming Events:**

July 28th: 08:00am Executive Board meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6:00pm Membership meeting -County Clerk -voting and the ballot.

August 3 & 4th: Elkhorn Corn and Brat we have a booth could use 4 more volunteers per day.

August 11th: 11am - 1pm Roadside Rallies

# August 14th: PRIMARY ELECTION

August 14th: 8:00pm Election Returns Watch @EH August 25th: 8:00am Fair tent floor build WALCO FAIR: Aug 29 – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> please volunteer to help staff the tent.

September 6<sup>th</sup>: Members Meeting 6pm at EH Distribution of funds to campaigns to be approved.

September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>: Darien CornFest booth.

**September 9**<sup>th</sup>: Darien CornFest parade September 20<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm Pints & Politics

September 29th: Fall Fest

October 4th: 6:00pm Membership @ EH. Finalize GOTV effort and coordination.

To help with any of the events you can call (262)723-RPWC (7792) or email us at info@walworthgop.com

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

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Saying thank you and recognizing our volunteers and donors is the single most enjoyable thing I get to do as your county chairman.

I am often concerned that the thanks I give either in cards, handshakes, or in this newsletter become plastic. If they have I hope you understand that from the bottom of my heart, I say Thank You! None of what we do could be possible without

YOU - the volunteers and donors.

We look to the future and in that I've asked the Treasure and Finance Committee to prepare an itemized monthly forecast of expenses for 2019. Paying rent and related expenses for the long term is something relatively new to us and we need to make sure we can raise the funds and understand the processes necessary to keep our long term presence in WALCO.

In regards to the long term, I am asking that if anyone is interested in running for the RPWC Executive Board positions in Caucus February, 2019 to please get with me. I believe we owe it to you to help ensure a smooth transition. It is my understanding that some of the Executive Board positions will be vacant and we owe it to the Party and each of you to build an informed and knowledgeable team.

Please give it some consideration and let me know if you are interested in any of the Exec/Officer positions.

I hope you have had a great summer, please vote August 14<sup>th</sup>, and continue to volunteer to help with the many events we still have ahead of us.

Thank you and may God bless each and every one of you and your families.

My unending gratitude and appreciation,

Chris Goebel

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