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Republican Party of Ozaukee County

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2017 in review



It is said that “the Caterpillar does all the work, but the Butterfly gets all the attention”. The members of the Republican Party of Ozaukee County (RPOC) have demonstrated incredible volunteer and teamwork throughout 2017 and it shows with the success of RPOC. One of the privileges of being Chair of the RPOC is being able to work with your volunteer elected leaders. I wish to thank all the

Executive Committee (EC) members of the RPOC, but would like to highlight the work of the following: Jeff Johns, First Vice Chair (Campaigns), provided his invaluable advice, historical context and mentorship to many of us on the EC. Kathy Broghammer, Second Vice Chair (Membership), worked tirelessly in increasing our membership. Pam Schlenvogt, Third Vice Chair (Events), worked on making the RPOC visible in our county through participating in various parades over the summer, organizing our tent at Ozaukee County Fair and the monthly “Pints & Politics”. Our Secretary Phillip Georges and Treasurer Cari Anne Mihalko, I have done a great job at their specific duties. Mary Glenn Fuchs and J. David Fuchs provided the detailed work needed to submit ‘poll workers’ as chairs of our Election Committee. The rest of the EC continue to contribute in their own way at meetings and volunteering in several RPOC activities. Glenn Bushee, our communications chair, has worked on improving our website and sending timely e-mails of events asking for your help as well as providing useful information. Van Mobley, President of Thiensville, was appointed to the EC as our Thiensville liaison and has rolled up his sleeves to help in several areas. Recently, Lew Herro was appointed as our Grafton liaison. Concordia University has organized College Republicans (CR), many of whom are members of RPOC. Anne Karsten, President of the Concordia CR is a member at large of EC. RPOC has an outreach to the “Young Republicans” of Ozaukee County and has student Interns who are active with RPOC. It is humbling to see all these volunteer leaders provide the time and energy despite their busy schedules.

The RPOC had a successful Oktoberfest/ 2017 Lincoln Day on October 29th, 2017. Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch was our featured speaker at the event held at the River Club in Mequon with approximately 100 individuals in attendance. We are planning our Annual Caucus on February 13th, please see the “Call to Caucus” on the back page for details. Don’t forget to mark your calendar for our 2018 Lincoln Day lunch on Sunday, April 15th at the River Club of Mequon with Governor Walker as our featured speaker!

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Keeping promises



In my desk, I keep a list of the things I promised voters I would get done, and I’m proud to say – I’ve kept these promises.

I promised that battling the opiate epidemic would be our top priority, and have had great successes. We are leading the nation in our efforts, whether it is our award-winning public awareness campaign, Dose of Reality; our nation-leading Drug Take Back events

that have collected and safely incinerated over 330,000 pounds of unused medications; our innovative collaboration with the Pharmacy Society to create a Pharmacy Robbery Prevention training program; our collaboration with Wisconsin Eye to create an educational program for our students; negotiation of agreements with drug manufacturers to make the life-saving overdose antidote Narcan more accessible and affordable; our highly successful law enforcement efforts that are disrupting high-level drug trafficking operations; or the expansion of treatment opportunities that are now available through Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) programs in 51 counties and on two tribal reservations. Those are just some examples.

We have such a reputation for successful collaborative efforts that the Pew Charitable Trust is showcasing our efforts as a model for the nation.

Continuing in the public safety arena, we are aggressively going after human trafficking. We created a Human Trafficking Bureau in our Division of Criminal Investigation, coordinated numerous human trafficking demand suppression operations, and debuted a training webinar to teach staff working in the lodging industry to know how to identify and help stop trafficking, and more.

We launched our statewide Task Force on Elder Abuse, enhanced our Amber and Silver Alert programs, and created a regional drug prosecutor and many other efforts to help stem the tide of Methamphetamine flowing across our state. We introduced the

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“Reclaim the high ground”



When I came to Ozaukee County as a prosecutor in 1992 we had 117 felony cases. By 2003, that number had reached 300. Just last week we hit 400. These numbers are staggering, particularly when considering that the population of the county has increased only modestly. The question that I'm most often asked is what can we do to change this pattern?

The majority of crimes are committed by people seeking money for drugs. But whether it's heroin, cocaine, or fentanyl, there's one inescapable fact – none of these drugs actually come from this country. All these must get across the border before they can ever reach the arms of the addict.

For most of the last eight years we've 'attacked' the heroin epidemic by increasing opportunities for treatment, but what we haven't done is attacked the distribution networks. In 2008, a tenth of a gram of heroin cost approximately ten dollars. Today, when by any measure the number of addicts has increased exponentially, the price is essentially the same. This proof points to a colossal failure by our government.

The law of Supply and Demand tells us that scarcity results in increased costs, abundance in lower prices. Today we still have dirt cheap prices – which tells us that we are swimming in drugs. The first thing we must be do is secure our borders. The greatest gift we could give an addict would be to make it more difficult to buy the drugs.

Next, we have to finally recognize that much of what we are doing in the name of treating addicts actually works at cross purposes. Just as we should make it more difficult for an addict to find the drugs, we should stop making it easier for the addict to use the drugs.

Needle exchange programs were an experiment in the early 1970s to deal with very small populations of intravenous drug users in a few urban areas. Today, a heroin user doesn't have to bring in a dirty needle to exchange, doesn't have to sign up for treatment, and doesn't even have to even set foot in a building to get a supply of clean needles. Instead, all a local addict has to do is meet a van – a van that constantly drives around Milwaukee. There he not only get his needles, but also small metal cookers, tourniquets, alcohol wipes, and sterile saline. All for free. But it's not just needles. We have clinics that hand out methadone and Suboxone with little oversight. We give addicts Narcan, which can be used to counter a heroin overdose. The problem though is that Narcan is ineffective if the heroin that was used was mixed with fentanyl.

When are the powers that be going to realize that we are helping these addicts to death? We're doing addicts no favors by making it easier for them to actually use these drugs.

Finally, while it runs contrary to what we see on TV, and to what is taught in schools, we must revive the concept of Right and Wrong, Good versus Evil. The blending of these concepts in our current world of moral equivalence has resulted in too many adults with excuses, and too many children with wobbly moral compasses. We simply have to reclaim the high ground.

This won't happen unless people recover their voices and use them to rebuke those things that are simply wrong. Norms are standards of behavior that are an essential part of any social structure. We don't have to elevate respect for another's 'personal choices' over the golden rule. We are entitled to say that there are actually things people can do that are wrong.

We in law enforcement know very well that the fabric of social order is a very fragile thing. Police alone cannot enforce order, obedience to the law depends on an equally committed citizenry. Our system of justice, and through it the peace and order that we so treasure, depends on you.

Adam Gerol

District Attorney

2017 in Review, continued

The major mission of RPOC is to help elect/re-elect Republican leaders. The EC of RPOC in coordination with our campaign committee will work with all of you to assist re-electing Governor Walker, Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch, Attorney General Brad Schimel and Congressman Glenn Grothman along with many local races. We will also work to elect a Republican US Senator to replace Tammy Baldwin Congress in 2018!

The Campbell Award, named after William J. Campbell a former Republican Party State Chairman, is a very important recognition award given by the Republican Party of Wisconsin (RPW) each year. It recognizes those individuals in each county who are the lifeblood of the Republican Party who have given 50 or more hours of Republican volunteer service each year. As Chair, I have the honor to submit names for this award to the RPW for their convention in May 2018. The Campbell Award winner will be provided a pin and their name will be listed in the official RPW state convention program for this honor. Those who have provided such service should submit your name to me by mid-February 2018 so I can submit the names to the RPW promptly. Please communicate with me at drsivasudevan@gmail.com

Thanks for your ongoing support of the RPOC!

SRI Vasudevan

Chairman

SRI Vasudevan, Phillip Georges and Jeff Johns at the Governor's Mansion.



Anne Karsten (middle), President of Concordia College Republicans, with fellow members.

Keeping promises, continued

Safe at Home address confidentiality program to protect survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and human trafficking, and have made great progress in our nationally recognized efforts to address the accumulation of sexual assault examination kits.

We have had tremendous success defending the rule of law in the courts, both at the federal and state level. We successfully defended Right to Work and convinced the federal appellate court to finally allow our Voter ID law, which was passed in 2011, to be utilized in the 2018 fall elections. We convinced the US Supreme Court, in an unusual 7-2 vote, to stay a lower federal court ruling striking down our state's Unborn Child Protection Act, also known as the "Cocaine Mom" law.

We co-lead the teams that convinced our US Supreme Court to stay the implementation of the so-called "Clean Power Plan" and "Waters of the US" EPA rules. And we helped convince President Trump and his EPA Administrator to commence permanently rolling back those job-killing, overreaching Obama administration regulations.

Our hard-hitting Office of the Solicitor General argued twice this year in the US Supreme Court defending Wisconsin laws, including in what will be a landmark case defending our state's legislative redistricting maps.

We exposed the extreme partisan behavior of some government officials in the John Doe investigation. In fact, we found GAB officials obtained and stored purely personal emails of Wisconsin Republicans in a file they titled "Opposition Research." This cannot be permitted to ever happen again.

These are just some of the highlights. I am so proud of the amazing work of our DOJ team and there is much more to be done. Thank you for your hard work to help make it possible for me to lead our Wisconsin Department of Justice. I promise that I will continue keeping our promises to you, the citizens of Wisconsin. I hope I will be able to count on your support once again in 2018. Thank you!

Brad Schimel
Attorney General



Kathy's 2018 Membership Call

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

- Abraham Lincoln

We have had sweeping victories in the last election, giving us solid wins in the White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. But, if we are not vigilant, and if we do not hold fast to what we have gained, and fully cherish it, we may painfully lose it, perhaps forever...

Please make a commitment to renew your annual membership and/or invite a friend to join us!

We have many membership levels, so please choose the one that most comfortably expresses your support and join today! Please fill out the information below and send it with your personal check made payable to RPOC.

Kathy Broghammer • Membership Chairman, RPOC • 414-520-4431 • kBroghammer@me.com

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2015 RPOC Membership Levels

- Student - \$10 (age 25 and Under)
- Individual - \$20
- Couples - \$35
- Family - \$45
- Supporter Club - \$50-\$124
- Ozaukee Club - \$125-\$249
- Capitol Club - \$250-\$499
- Reagan Club - \$500-\$999
- Lincoln Club - \$1,000+

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Cari Anne Mihalko, Treasurer

Upcoming Events

January 2018 Pints & Politics Featured Speaker: Wisconsin Supreme Court Candidate - Michael Screnock

When: Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 to 8:00PM
Where: The Hub at Cedar Creek
1814 Washington Ave.
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Republican Party of Ozaukee County — Caucus

When: Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 to 9:00PM
Where: River Club of Mequon
12400 North Ville Du Parc
Mequon, WI 53092

2018 Lincoln Day Brunch Featured Speaker: Governor Scott Walker

When: Sunday, April 15, 1:00 to 3:00PM
Where: River Club of Mequon
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For more information on these events or to join the Republican Party please call Pam Schlenvogt, Events Chair at 414-333-8778 or visit the RPOC website at www.OzGOP.net

Call to Caucus

Legal Notice for Caucus

There is hereby called, by action of the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Ozaukee County, a county caucus to be held at River Club of Mequon, 12400 North Ville Du Parc, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092, commencing at 7:00PM on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018**, for the purpose of transacting the following business:

1. Selection of Delegates and Alternates
2. Promulgation and adoption of the reports of the committees on credentials, resolutions, and rules, and
3. Transaction of any other business as may be necessary.
4. **Legal ID required at check in.**

Dated this 10th day of January, 2018.

**Executive Committee
Republican Party of Ozaukee County**

Trunkline is a publication of the Republican Party of Ozaukee County. Its purpose is to publicize the actions of the executive committee and upcoming events and activities of the party as well as to provide a forum for elected officials to report business and inform members of pertinent issues.

Please forward any comments, articles or upcoming events to drsivasudevan@gmail.com with a subject line RPOC Trunkline or leave a message at our office phone 262-323-3508.