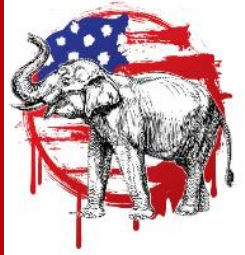




Elephant Tales

2018 Wrap Up - 4th quarter



REARVIEW MIRROR - FROM THE CHAIRMANS VIEW

2018 is now in the rearview mirror. Certainly the Wisconsin elections did not turn out as we had hoped. Shawano did an excellent job. The candidates thank you and I thank you for all that each of you have done.

Remember to thank your Wisconsin Republican elected officials for working hard to pass legislation to protect the hard fought victories beginning with ACT 10. The silver lining is that we have a majority in the Wisconsin Senate and the Assembly.

At the federal, we increased our majority in the US Senate. We pushed back the predicted BLUE WAVE. The new majority is (HOPEFULLY) stronger of backbone/will and more focused on their purpose. That purpose is to support and defend the US Constitution. You can ensure that the US Senate fights just like our Wisconsin Legislators fought to protect the gains made. Call/write letters to your US Senator and Congressman.

2019 Shawano County Republicans are focusing on building our funds for the 2020 fights. I encourage each of you to attend the January 26, 2019 CAUCUS at the American Legion. The plan for 2019 and 2020 will be outlined. Please bring a friend.

I trust that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and I pray that you and your families have a Blessed New Year in 2019.

~ Chairman Kucksdorf

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 15 8a GOP on WTCH

Jan 15 Noon Lunch Meeting

Jan 26 9:30a Caucus @ Shawano American Legion

Feb 12 4:30p LCRW meeting @ Lighthouse

Feb 19 Spring Primary

April 2 Spring ELECTION!

April 13 3p Spring Meat & Booze Raffle @ Lighthouse

May 5 4p Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner @ Golden Sands

Lake Country Republican Women

I am looking forward to the next 2 years as President of this great group of women and our County Party! We are made up of a great group of people who share like goals for both our community and our Party!

The LCRW have elected new leadership: Sharon Hass (President), Nancy Cramer (Vice President), Pam Schmidt (Secretary) and Pat Romuald (Treasurer). We are honored to serve and look forward to reaching new heights and working with the Republican Party to do great work for the community and to win in 2020!!

The Ladies are still working on ideas of what to do in 2019 and on into 2020 for fundraisers, we will still be supporting our veterans and local military families, Safe Haven, and raise money for our group.

Our next meeting is February 12 at the Lighthouse at 5:00 PM Social time starting at 4:30.

Our Motto this year is:

Each One Bring One: Watch Us Grow!

Sharon Hass – President LCRW

Home: 715 524 5747 Cell: 715 701 6329 Email: yellowhorses4me@yahoo.com

From Congressman Mike Gallagher:

It's hard to believe my first term representing Northeast Wisconsin in Congress has already come to a close. When I first ran in 2016, I spoke to you about the decline of leadership and the decay of our institutions, and about the need for fresh new faces and ideas to push back against a political class that has lost touch with reality.

And while two years later trust in Congress remains at historic lows, I am beginning my second term with a renewed hope for change. As broken and frustrating as Congress can be, I am still proud to be a part of a new generation of leaders who set aside their political differences and work together to get stuff done. And while there is a long way to go, I believe we have started to lay the foundation for continued progress for your family and all of Northeast Wisconsin.

The first area of progress is Healthcare Price

Transparency: The rising cost of healthcare is one of the issues I hear about most from families across Northeast Wisconsin. It does not make sense for working families to pay more for health insurance than they do for housing. That's why in my first term, I introduced a bipartisan price transparency bill that would require healthcare providers to tell you exactly how much their procedures, products, and services cost. Clear and easy-to-understand pricing will help drive down costs, increase competition, and improve outcomes for patients.

Second is VA Reform: Over the last two years we have worked to deliver a system that works for—not against—our veterans by passing legislation to hold the VA accountable and overhaul the way our veterans receive care. We also passed legislation to combat the opioid epidemic by giving providers evidence-based guidelines for prescribing opioids and directing the VA to monitor the prescribing practices of community care providers.

Third is Congressional Reform: Years of gridlock, party-line dysfunction, and political gamesmanship have essentially broken Washington and deeply divided our nation. It risks pushing us even further apart if we don't make a good faith effort to bridge the divide. The simple truth is Congress is not working like it should, or like I believe it should. This is why I've spent the past two years doing my part to change that.

I am committed to reforming Congress and restoring the American people's faith in government. Issues like term limits, lobbying restrictions, and campaign finance reform as not as cut and dry, 'left versus right' as most things have become these days—and that's good. Nobody outside of Washington, D.C. is satisfied with how Congress operates today, and that provides a tremendous opportunity for ordinary rank and file Members like me to work together to get it working again.



In my first term, I've introduced a package of legislation to end Congressional pensions, implement term limits, force Congress to pass a budget on time, and prevent Congress from going into recess until our work is finished. These policies have not made me many friends in D.C., but I did not come here to make friends. I came here to do the job I was elected to do—that is to work hard every single day to solve problems and represent the people of Northeast Wisconsin.

Although Republicans lost control of the House this Congress, nothing about how I do my job will change. I will continue pushing for policies that protect your liberty, enhance your safety, and improve your ability to pursue happiness.

NOTICE: To be more accessible and save taxpayer money, I've consolidated my Appleton and Green Bay offices into one new location. My new office is located at: 1702 Scheuring Road, Suite B, De Pere, WI 54115. Phone: 920-301-4500.

Judge Hagedorn for WI Supreme Court:



Friends,

I am grateful to have met many of you already, and I look forward to continuing to travel to Shawano County to get to know more of you in the months ahead. With the election coming up, I wanted to share a little more of my background with you and tell you why I'm running for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

I was appointed to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals in 2015 by Governor Scott Walker, and won election to a new six-year term in April 2017. The Court of Appeals is one step below the Wisconsin Supreme Court. My job there is to ensure that what happens in our trial courts is consistent with the law.

Before I joined the bench, I served as Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Walker for almost five years and was involved in

some of the most significant and high-profile litigation in Wisconsin history. I have also served as an Assistant Attorney General at the Wisconsin Department of Justice, a law clerk for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman, and an attorney in private practice at a top Milwaukee law firm.

I'm also a husband and a father. My wife Christina and I have been married for 17 years, and we have five beautiful children ages 15, 13, 10, 8, and 5.

I'm running for Supreme Court because Wisconsin needs a justice who is committed to upholding the rule of law in our state. Personal political values have no place on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The justice's role is to say what the law is, not what the justice thinks the law should be. We need someone who isn't afraid to stand up to protect all of our constitutional rights – including certain rights that some today wish weren't protected, like the freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the right to bear arms.

I pledge to you that I will apply the law fairly to everyone. I will interpret statutes and the constitution as they were written

to be understood. And I will always remember that I am a servant of the law and the people.

But I can't win this race alone. I need your support to be successful on April 2. Please consider reaching out to get involved by inviting me to speak to your rotary club, local chamber of commerce, or business, and by spreading the word to your friends and family on social media.

Together, we can save the Wisconsin Supreme Court. On to victory!



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My Thoughts on the Extraordinary Session

Senator Robert Cowles

Greetings Shawano County Republicans, and Happy New Year! I am writing for Elephant Tales today to discuss the December 2018 Extraordinary Session of the Wisconsin State Legislature. On Tuesday, December 4th, the Legislature was called into session to discuss new proposals introduced by Senate and Assembly Leadership.



One of those bills would have changed the date of the Presidential Primary in the 2020 election cycle. This bill never passed out of the Joint Finance Committee where these bills were heard, which means the bill did not come up for a vote before the full Legislature. Of the three proposals that made it to the Senate floor, I voted in-favor of two bills and against one bill which I'll elaborate on below.

Of the three proposals that made it to the Senate floor, many of the items the Legislature debated were policy items I've already supported. These policies have already made it through the legislative process and have had public input and thorough consideration by myself and fellow Legislators. Between Senate Bill 883 and Senate Bill 886, I supported these two bills which allowed the Legislature to protect several policies from being potentially overturned by the incoming administration by incorporating the original policies into law.

This legislation ensured that we will preserve waivers for established work requirements for able-bodied public benefit recipients, ensured that revenue from taxing online purchases will reduce income taxes, and strengthened transportation practices for projects with federal highway revenue, among others. These bills ensured that the new Governor does not reverse policies that the Legislature passed.

After working into the early morning hours to ensure that the Extraordinary Session struck proper balance between the Executive and Legislative branches, I was unable to support a third proposal, Senate Bill 884. While some of the provisions in this legislation I support and will balance state government and protect the process for issuing a valid voter ID, the final bill made changes to tax credit verification by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, altered the administrative rule process, limited early voting, and automatically rescinded guidance documents which allow field staff to properly manage our state programs.

Ensuring accountability in our administrative processes is important and I've supported numerous policies in recent years to help ensure accountability and transparency, but I believe that these changes will have unforeseen impacts on businesses and residents as such, I could not vote in-favor of this bill.

I want to thank Chairman Kucksdorf for the opportunity to explain my votes. If you have any further questions about why I voted against one of the proposals in the Extraordinary Session, I'd look forward to hearing from you. Additionally, I heard from hundreds of constituents opposed to these proposals and less than a handful in-favor. If you have any input on proposals considered by the Legislature in the upcoming session, please contact my office.

Phone: 608-266-0484 E-Mail: Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov

Representative Tauchen:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With the New Year comes a new legislative session. Wisconsin's citizens have decided to give us divided government. Strong Republican majorities were maintained in the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly, while electing Tony Evers as our new Governor.

Recently the legislature convened an Extraordinary Session

In order to complete our legislative business. We had two main goals; to ensure a balance of power while preserving the legislative process and continuing to make a positive impact for Wisconsin families. The legislation we passed ensures that we will.

As we look ahead, we will work to find common ground where we can work together to build upon Wisconsin's success over the past 8 years. More people are working than ever before in Wisconsin and our unemployment rate is at a record low, under 3% for the past 10 months. Both property and income taxes are lower than they were 8 years ago. And we ended the 2017-19 biennium with a surplus of \$622M. These are parts of Wisconsin's successful comeback.

We will need to continue to prioritize the budget process, keep spending and taxes in check, and give our children the tools they need to be successful. The federal, state and local governments need to work together to address the problems we all face.

Agriculture is the main economic engine for Wisconsin. I was very pleased that Assembly Speaker Vos recently appointed me Chairman of the Wisconsin Assembly Agriculture Committee. I'll also be serving on the following committees: State Affairs (Vice Chairman), Energy and Utilities, Family Law, International Affairs and Commerce and Tourism.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent you and be your voice in Madison.

Warm Regards,

Gary Tauchen, Representative District 6



OFFICIAL CALL TO ORDER OF THE 2019 CAUCUS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF SHAWANO COUNTY

This is the official call to order of the Republican Party of Shawano County's caucus which will be held Saturday January 26, 2019 at the American Legion Hall located at 850 S. Lincoln in Shawano, Wisconsin starting at 0930.

Items on the agenda are the review of the 2019 budget, resolutions and an overview of the operational plan for 2019 & 2020. There will be election of five County Committee members with their term to run from 2019 – 2022 also election of delegates and alternate delegates to the district caucus and state convention and lastly election of county officers. Resolutions passed will be forwarded to the district caucus which will be March 16 at the Rock Garden in Green Bay. Elected officials running for office in 2019 will be invited to speak.

NOTE: You must be a current member to vote at the caucus. To be clear you must have paid your 2019 membership dues prior to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Shawano County gaveling or calling the 2019 caucus to order. If your 2019 dues are not paid you cannot vote or run for an office at the time of the caucus. So mail in your dues or show up early enough to pay your dues prior to 0930.

Article V Paragraph: *Voting by proxy is prohibited. Only members in good standing of the Republican Party of Shawano County at the time of the caucus shall be eligible to vote in the County Caucus, District Caucus, and State Convention.*

ANNUAL CAUCUS AGENDA – 2019
American Legion, 850 S. Lincoln St. Shawano, January 26, 2019

Call to Order-Chairman: Richard Kucksdorf
Invocation- Chaplin Joyce Hagen **Pledge of Allegiance** - ???

Featured Speakers

Parliamentarian – Rep. Gary Tauchen **Recognition** of RPSC Officers

Recognition of RPSC County Committee Members & Committee Chairman

Recognition OF LCRW Officers

Recognition of State, County, City and Village Officials

Declaration of Quorum by: Joyce Hagen – Credentials Committee

Rules Committee Report: No Changes

Secretary's Report – Bonnie Olson

Treasurer's Report – Virginia Jesse

Call To the RPW Eighth District Caucus – Bonnie Olson

Call to the RPW State Convention – Bonnie Olson

Election of Five (5) RPSC Committee Members 2019-2022

Election of 45 Delegates and 45 Alternate Delegates to the RPW Eighth District
Caucus = And the RPW Convention May 16th Oshkosh

Nomination and election of Chairman – Vice Chairman – Secretary & Treasurer

RPSC Chairman's Remarks – Richard Kucksdorf

Resolutions Committee Report – Chairman

Old Business, New Business

Review of the 2019 – 2022 operational plan

Lincoln Reagan Dinner 5 May Golden Sands 4PM Social

Adjournment

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!! Did I join in January or did I join in September? I need to try to remember -when I joined determines when I need to renew. It is confusing for many and adds unnecessary stress to our lives.

Think about this. If you joined any month other than January, consider renewing January 2019. By renewing January 2019 you do not have to try to figure out when you need to renew in order to continue to receive the award winning newsletter, The Elephant Tales. You will always be notified when events are happening. Most important - you reduce stress in your life.

Shawano County ended 2018 with 172 members. We are digging in for a fight in 2020 so we wish to GROW that number. We are asking you to Renew January 2019 and attend the CAUCUS January 26, 2019 (Shawano American Legion, Lincoln Street). Bring a likeminded friend to the CAUCUS! ~ **from the Chairman**

2019 - Membership Form

Membership Information: Regular voting membership in the Republican Party of Shawano County costs \$20.00 (single) and \$30.00 (per couple) annually. There are also two **membership** donor clubs: Patriot and Lincoln.

Membership in Patriot Club: Lincoln/Reagan Dinner - Caucus & Summer Picnic.

Membership in Lincoln Club: All Patriot Club benefits plus the Fall Dinner.

Student Membership: Full-time high school or college student.

----- Application for membership in 2019 -----

Name Spouse Name

Address City State Zip Code

Phone (home & or cell) Email address

Polling place and ward Assembly District State Senate District

Employer Name & address if contributing over \$100.00

Membership Dues (Circle One)

Student: \$5.00 (full-time 17-22 year old)

Regular: \$20.00 single \$30.00 couple

Patriot Club Dues: \$75.00 single \$125.00 couple

Lincoln Club dues: \$125.00 single \$175.00 couple

Mail to: **RPSC, P.O. Box 12, Shawano, WI. 54166-0012**

(Membership information) call 715-758-8180/715-853-9934 or e-mail rkucksdorf53@yahoo.com or ginnyann03@gmail.com Consider volunteering to help promote Republican principles and community awareness?

Events: __ Lincoln/Reagan Dinner __ County Caucus __ Summer Picnic __ Fall Dinner
Activities: __ Bonduel Founders Day __ Fair Booth __ Parades __ Downtown Shawano
Other areas: __ Write letters to Editor __ Make phone calls __ Donate raffle prizes __ Serve on the RPSC County Committee __ Serve as a delegate to District Caucus & State Convention __ Help @ RPSC Events and Activities __ Help with campaign __ Display candidate yard sign

TEAMWORK = A SUCCESSFUL 2020

Shawano had a headquarters during the 2018 mid-term elections. Joyce Hagen suggested getting a HQ at a Lake Country Republican Women's (LCRW) meeting and Darlene Ross coordinated the location. The LCRW paid 50% of the rent.

"Individual commitment to a group effort --- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." Vince Lombardi

Please share with me a big Thank You to Joyce for coordinating all of the workers. We had over 53 who volunteered to work one or more shifts at the HQ. A Republican Women's organization exists because there is a Republican Party and each is governed by different rules & regulations. Rules and regulations do not hinder or cloud our unified vision. The 2018 Headquarters stands as a shining example of that vision and working together. At the January 26, 2019 Caucus we will discuss this vision and teamwork going forward to a successful 2020 election.

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress."

Working together is success." Henry Ford

R. W. Kucksdorf Shawano County Republican, Chairman

Cake made by Ken Westphal for Election Night party at HQ:



Fall Meat & Booze Raffle was held Saturday, Nov 10th @ Red River Tavern
We had a good excited crowd. 36 bottles of booze and 36 meat prizes

Thanks to the following workers:

Rich Kucksdorf	Pam Schmidt	Ginny Jesse	
Lois Krizan	John Krizan	Devin Krizan	Bruce Grassman

Thanks to the following business for donating...please support them!!

Luigi's	Pam Schmidt	Studio lounge & Dining
Corner Bar & Grille	Four Seasons	Lighthouse
The Main Event	Wildlife bar & Grill	Bamboo Bar
The Launching Pad	Pine Hills Golf Course	Nancy Cramer
Rich Kucksdorf	John Krizan	

submitted by Bruce Grassman

Spring Meat and Booze Raffle will be 3p Saturday, April 13th at the Lighthouse.
Donations and Volunteers are essential to the success of these events!

Happy New Year from Team Hagedorn!

We're getting ready for a tough fight this spring, and we need your help to make sure that Judge Hagedorn joins the Supreme Court.

Please consider chipping in today to help us purchase yard signs, literature, and TV ads over the next three months. If you'd like to contribute, you can make a check out to Friends of Brian Hagedorn and mail to PO Box 620066, Middleton, WI 53562 or donate online at www.judgehagedorn.com/donate.

'The INFORMANT' a Publication of the Lake Country Republican Women

By Darlene Ross, President

This is my last issue of the Informant, but Sharon will be continuing to have a newsletter to keep members informed. Below is your 2019-2020 officers after they were installed at our annual Christmas Party on December 11th at the Season's Restaurant.



Left to Right: Sharon Hass, President, Nancy Cramer, Vice President, Pamela Schmidt, Secretary, Pat Romuald, Treasurer and Darlene Ross outgoing President and a 2001-2005 President of Wisconsin Federation of Republican Women who installed the new officers.



Above: Darlene Ross with Rep. Gary Tauchen following presentation.

I would also like to thank Marlys Tauchen, Vice President and Joyce Hagen, Secretary for the last four years of service as officers. All outgoing officers received roses and a gift certificate from the club for their services. I received a huge surprise when Assemblyman Gary Tauchen asked for the floor. He presented me with a "Citation By the State Legislature" for all the work that I did for the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King; taking it on to improve the lives of the veterans at King. The veterans and the staff at King cannot say enough about the generous assistance of me and the group who helped bring bright smiles to so many and the improvement to countless lives. Last paragraph reads: "LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED...that Governor Scott Walker, Senator Robert Cowles, and Representative Gary Tauchen officially recognize Darlene Ross for her selfless acts, generous assistance, and humble donation to

the veterans of the State of Wisconsin."

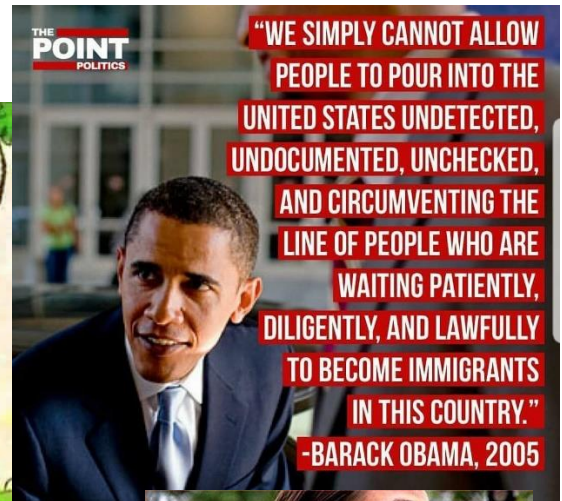
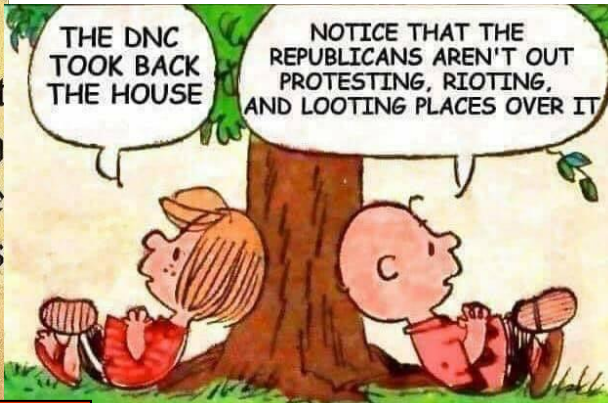

The evening closed with the singing of Christmas carols lead by my neighbor Jean Sredl who was a professional performer from the age of 12 until she had children. Now she does Fiber Art and has beautiful pieces.



I want to take this opportunity to wish "You and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year" Sincerely, Darlene Ross, President of LCRW Phone 715-304-9400 or email badross@shawanonet.net

just For Fun!!

The fact that government would even consider repealing the Second Amendment is the very reason for which it was written.



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