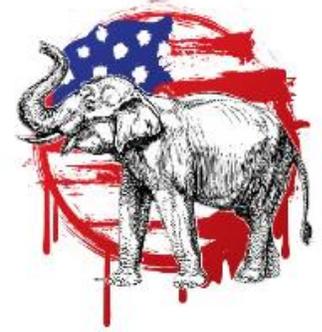




# Elephant Tales

2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter



## LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Nate Burton has put in lots of work & time as the Shawano County Republican Chairman. Nate has lots going on and the time commitment is more than he has time for. Nate stepped down effective June 5th. We thank Nate for his time, talents and efforts. Nate will work pints & Politics (P&P) and an effort to get younger people to be involved in the party. Nate made a difference. Thank you, Nate!!

Following our constitution, I will assume the duties of Chairman.

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf  
Shawano County Republicans  
Chairman



## Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Annual County Party Picnic

Pella Park - 5 p.m. Social – 6 p.m. Dinner – with a bang of a start to Kick Off the Picnic and the beginnings of 2024 Election Activity.

Menu: Watch emails to see what the great 2023 Menu will be – by Brian Westfahl and Amy Olson.

Cost – Members \$15.00, Non-Members \$20.00, “Club” Level Member=included in membership.

Beverages Provided by County Elected Officials. Desserts to purchase, and Raffles

Speakers to be announced soon = looks like Congressman Gallagher will be at the picnic

RSVP, as always, to Tom at: **P) 563-543-9603**

PS: Save Tom Oster’s number in your phone for future RSVP

## **Important Dates**

**8/15/23 – Summer Picnic (see above)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 8a – Republicans on WTCH**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tues Noon – Monthly meeting**

**10/14/23 Fall Dinner @ Woodland**

**Headquarters open Fri/Sat 10-3**



**CONGRESSMAN  
MIKE GALLAGHER:  
Shawano County GOP**

**June 2023**

As you read this, Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Leader Xi Jinping is preparing his country for war. This is

not hyperbole. Xi wants to take Taiwan, by force if necessary, and replace America as the dominant world power. He is telling his army to “focus all its energy on fighting” and to “strengthen real combat military training.”

Don't just look at what the communist leader is saying, look at what his communist government is doing: The Chinese Communist Party has waged economic war against American workers and stolen hundreds of billions of dollars worth of intellectual property. Through spy balloons, secret Chinese national police stations, and exploitation of college campuses, the Chinese Communist Party is trying to defeat America from within.

We must tell the Communists that their goals of suppression and control will never be welcome here. Xi Jinping has repeatedly called Karl Marx “the greatest thinker in human history” and stated that it is the CCP's goal to “construct a community of common destiny for all mankind.” We must wake up to the threat posed by Xi and his Communist Party before it's too late.

As Chairman of the newly created Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, I refuse to let Xi Jinping win. I refuse to sit on the sideline while America surrenders its sovereignty, power, and confidence. It's why I've put forth common sense solutions that can be executed swiftly, such as:

- 1) Preventing the CCP from operating secret national police stations on American soil;
- 2) Prohibiting American investors from funding Chinese military and tech companies;
- 3) Blocking the CCP from purchasing land on American soil near our military bases.

The Chinese Communist Party's goal of weakening America and our allies must be met with swift action and a united front. You play a role in waking up your fellow Americans to the threat before us. This is an existential struggle over what life will look like in the 21st century – and the most fundamental freedoms are at stake.

For the time being, it's still up to us to decide if that's the future we want for our children - - but it won't be for much longer. Time is not on our side.

As President Ronald Reagan said, “there stands before the entire world one great and inescapable conclusion: **Freedom leads to prosperity. Freedom replaces the ancient hatreds among nations with comity and peace. Freedom is the victor.**

**Independence Forever, Mike Gallagher**



## 2023 BUDGET DEAL - MY TAKE

First let me say that the bill passed by the House did not cut enough and that was before negotiations started. So, I was even less happy with the final results.

Simplified version. REMEMBER - there's a negotiation process between three parts of our government. The House, the Senate and President. Republicans have a slim majority in the House. That means the Republicans barely control 33% of the negotiation process. This means that during the negotiations the Republicans will be outnumbered 2 to 1. That will make it difficult to get everything you want.

Think back over the decades of budget negotiations. Republicans always threatened to let the government default always caved and lost the media battle. No, the government is not like your household and cannot declare bankruptcy or default.

Yes, there's much to be unhappy about regarding the budget. Negative media? No!! Yes, the debt ceiling goes until January 2025 which will require Republicans to hold the line on spending. But no negative media over budget discussions during 2024 election cycle.

You have the right and obligation to be frustrated and concerned. But be frustrated understanding what was or could be accomplished being outnumbered 2 to 1. More importantly help the House be vigilant with regards to spending.

Republicans must not be like January 2017. Republicans must be ready to govern January 2025.

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf

Shawano County Republicans

Chairman

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### **\*\*\* MEMBERSHIP DRIVE \*\*\***

In 2024 we want to increase our majority in the House and attain the majority in the US Senate. We need to change course in America so we must have a Republican President. We also want to eliminate Tammy Baldwin from the US Senate. To accomplish this, we need more members to communicate with.

You know people who are Conservative. Please give us their name & address. We will not let them know how we got their names. As you drive around you will see flags & signs. Don't tread on me, back the blue and Trump flags. Write down the address. If you know the name include the name. We plan to mail them an invitation letter in December or January.

Our goal is to get over 400 members in 2024. Why is this important. 400 members gives us 400 e-mail addresses to communicate with. Hopefully each member shares the information with family and friends. Again, we will not say how we got the name when we contact them. Send the names to Ginny, Diane or Rich. Official communication always has the e-mail address of Ginny – Diane and Rich in the header.

Thank you for everything you do!

# **2023 Republican Party Shawano County Membership Form**

**Patriot Club Membership:** Includes Membership, prepayment for Lincoln/Reagan Dinner & Summer Picnic.

**Lincoln Club Membership:** Includes Membership, all the Patriot Club benefits AND Fall Dinner. (BEST DEAL).

## **Member Application: ONLY MEMBERS CAN VOTE**

**January 1 - December 31, 2023**

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name (if included): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Polling Place & Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly Dist # or Rep Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State Senate Dist # or Rep Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please Check One:**

Single Membership \$20

Couple Membership \$40

Single Patriot Club Membership \$75 OR  Couple Patriot Club Membership \$150

Single Lincoln Club Membership \$125 OR  Couple Lincoln Club Membership \$250

Student Membership \$5.00 (high school or college student 17-26 years old)

Donations to assist the party \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please make check out to RPSC and mail to:**

**RPSC**

**P.O. Box 12 Shawano, WI 54166**

Any questions call 715-758-8180 or 715-853-9934

or e-mail [rkucksdorf53@yahoo.com](mailto:rkucksdorf53@yahoo.com) or [ginnnyann03@gmail.com](mailto:ginnnyann03@gmail.com)

*Are you interested in volunteering to help promote party principles and public awareness? Please circle either YES or NO.*

# Shawano Area Republican Women

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, our club held their 17<sup>th</sup> **WTCH Radio Station** auction fundraiser for Veterans organizations and their families. Beginning in 2005, the auction consisted of pies, made by members pre-covid and after covid, we purchased pies from restaurants. This year we changed it up a bit and had a limited number of pies, but also items donated by individuals and businesses, such as gift cards, footballs, maple syrup. Proceeds totaling \$1500 from this event is going to the Shawano Veterans Service Office for local veterans and their families. THANK YOU TO BRUCE GRASSMAN, WHO DOES A 7 A.M. TO 3 P.M. SUPER JOB OF THIS FUNDRAISER!!

At our April meeting our guest speaker was Kit Amidzich. Kit is on the **Fisher House** Board of Directors; she is an Army veteran and works for Concerned Veterans of America. Fisher House is a home away from home for Veterans and their families. Via the radio pie auction, in past years we sent *thousands* of dollars towards the Milwaukee Fisher House and soon a Fisher House will be built in the Madison area. Donations by members, amounting to \$200.00, were collected and given to Kit for Fisher House.

**Our next large fundraising project will be a 2-day Rummage Sale July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> At the County Party Headquarters.** This fundraiser is very important to our club and we hope you will stop in to see if you can find items you can use. Club members will donate the items for the sale.

This event replaces another fundraising project that we had for many years, but were unable to obtain this year, but had budgeted for.

Later in summer, we will be selling bars for dessert at the **County Party Annual picnic**. This, along with **raffle baskets** is another fundraising project for our club. Republican Women Clubs cannot contribute to candidates. Instead, our fundraising efforts help Veterans and their families and Literacy, via the local library.

And of course, our members volunteer at the County Party fair booth Labor Day weekend! We welcome new members! Contact me if you would like more information about Shawano Area Republican Women.

Virginia Jesse, President – Shawano Area Republican Women 715-853-9934

## **Audit Finds Governor's DOC is Endangering our Neighborhoods**

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

For years, I have heard from Northeast Wisconsin's law enforcement leaders that the Department of Corrections was not following established statutes regarding parole and probation. As Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, in 2022, I led the effort to approve a scope for the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau. This audit analyzed DOC's statutory protocols regarding community corrections from not just an objective view, but also incorporated the perspectives of law enforcement participants.

The audit results – conducted by interviewing dozens of DOC agents, half the state's sheriffs, and over 600 law enforcement officers – were recently released. Report 23-5 shows repeated failures in DOC's Community Corrections Program, potentially threatening the safety of our neighborhoods and straining law enforcement's resources.

DOC failed to complete many of its risk and needs assessments that parolees must abide by in a timely manner. 36% of assessments were not finished within 30 days; 19% were still not finished after 60 days. Shockingly, only roughly half of DOC agents believed these assessments work well to begin with.

According to Report 23-5, in a randomly selected sample, 42% of probation or parole files had agents who were aware – but did not investigate – complaints of program violations. One such case had 13 uninvestigated potential infractions, including three for methamphetamine use.

The Governor's Administration's new "evidence-based responses to violations"

policy has led nearly three-fourths of DOC agents and half of surveyed sheriffs to believe that DOC's consequences from repeat violations are too lenient. When reports of violations were substantiated, agents were less likely to request stiffer punishments due to internal DOC guidelines, often rejecting increases.

On top of all this, the Audit Bureau noted DOC was decades behind on its internal rulemaking requirements. Report 23-5 also found that DOC was inconsistently assisting law enforcement by denying the issuance of apprehension requests for known violent individuals under investigation for new felonies.

The Governor and his Administration talk frequently about reducing the prison population. If that is their goal, they should not be complicit in propagating an "evidence-based approach" that not only fails to follow its own procedures and produces so much evidence of its own shortcomings, but lacks the input and support of law enforcement officials across the state.

Changes by DOC to comply with this audit should be at the forefront of the Administration's priorities; not just when it is convenient or when the law requires it, but because ensuring public safety is at the forefront of our constitutional obligations.

Senator Rob Cowles



## WHO – WHAT IS ARABELLA

Our LRDD speaker, John Pudner, talked about many things. One item was money and you should know where Democrats get their money and how they get their money. Do not let this scare you let this fact encourage you to get involved and to join the fight. We can not control the Nation or the State we can only control our Shawano County.

### Who Are Arabella’s Big-Dollar Donors?

The “dark money” network created and run by [Arabella Advisors](#) is perhaps the most powerful and, until recently, the least-reported-on player in Washington politics. In a scant five years, this kraken grew its revenues an incredible 405 percent, from \$332 million in 2015 to nearly \$1.7 billion in 2020. That includes *doubling* its income since 2019.

Tracing the Arabella network’s donors is tricky. The IRS does not require 501(c)(3) nonprofits to disclose their donors, only the amounts donated, as part of Americans’ free speech rights under the First Amendment to the Constitution.

But three of the four “sisters” in this “dark money” family rely heavily on foundation grants to fund their political activities, which includes funneling money from wealthy philanthropies to the controversial leftist causes they’d rather not be directly associated with.

To date, we’ve traced \$356 million in grants to Arabella’s three in-house (c)(3) groups from a handful of major left-of-center donors. While most of the grants we’ve uncovered don’t specify which cause they were intended to support, some shine a light on how these foundations used Arabella’s nonprofits as a pass-through to fund overtly *political* activities.

### “Progressivism” Masked as Philanthropy

The [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#) is the single largest donor to Arabella groups yet identified, weighing in at close to \$456 million since 2008, including \$127 million in 2020 alone.

The [Ford Foundation](#) gave Arabella’s nonprofits \$25 million in 2020. Many of its grants specify public health and education as their targets, yet even these philanthropic-sounding purposes are focused on political advocacy, “social justice,” and “narrative change.”

One Ford Foundation grant provides funding for the “Ohio Transformation Fund to promote criminal justice reform and civic engagement,” code for voter registration and turnout. Another funds “state policy advocacy, civic engagement, and strategic communications” for the [All Above All Reproductive Justice Coalition](#), an Arabella front that lobbies to overturn the Hyde Amendment barring the federal government from using taxpayer funds to pay for abortions in most circumstances. The group also wants to legalize [mail-in abortifacients](#) for terminating pregnancies up to 10 weeks, particularly among African Americans and minorities.

Another \$700,000 from Ford Foundation paid for “education and training for grassroots organizations to increase engagement . . . in state redistricting.” The redistricting process is inherently political because it involves lawmakers vying for legislative maps that favor *their* political party. What business does the tax-exempt Ford Foundation, which is barred from substantial political activity, have meddling in 2022’s biggest political fight?

The [Rockefeller Foundation](#), a pillar of the Left, gave Arabella's empire another \$15 million, though specifics are unclear.

The [Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation](#) gave roughly \$28 million to Arabella's nonprofits in 2020. Given that the foundation is Warren Buffett's chosen vehicle for moving billions of dollars into the pro-abortion camp, it's likely that this money supported pro-abortion groups.

Few have heard of the [Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation](#), but it's one of the biggest funders of environmental activism in America. It's also a top Arabella donor, gifting \$22 million to the network last year alone. Most of this money funded climate- and conservation-related causes, including \$12.8 million for the creation of a "finance hub" to push awareness of "natural resource risk among financial institutions." The goal is to push global warming as a key component of lenders' risk assessment in order to forcibly move Western economies to a zero-carbon future—the eco-Left's plan for reshaping the world in its own misanthropic image.

The [William and Flora Hewlett Foundation](#)—created by the co-founder of Hewlett-Packard—moved \$12 million to the Arabella empire in 2020. A \$1 million grant went to fund the [Trusted Election Fund](#), which I've documented as created by Big Philanthropy to help Democrats [oust President Donald Trump](#) and silence criticism of the 2020 election's [gaping integrity issues](#).

Similarly, we've traced \$950,000 from the [David and Lucile Packard Foundation](#), the philanthropy of Hewlett-Packard's *other* co-founder.

In keeping with retail brands, the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#) (of breakfast cereal fame) gave roughly \$2.5 million to Arabella's groups last year while the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#)—named for the son of a Johnson & Johnson co-founder—donated another \$8 million.

Finally, we've uncovered \$10 million flowing to the Arabella network from the [Silicon Valley Community Foundation](#) and nearly \$120 million from the [Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund](#). Both of these nonprofits are [donor-advised fund providers](#), which means that their grants ultimately came from unnamed donors using these providers as pass-throughs. Interestingly, New Venture Fund, Arabella's flagship 501(c)(3), received Fidelity Charitable's [second-largest grant](#) in its Form 990 filing.

## Questionable Transparency

All of this points back to the argument we made in our [first report](#) on the Arabella network in 2019, when it was (just) \$600 million strong: When left-wing donors want to quietly fund political advocacy, they turn to Arabella Advisors.

That network sent almost \$174 million in 2020 to [America Votes](#), a massive get-out-the-vote operation targeting Democratic voters. Is that charity?

It gave \$25 million to the [Center for Tech and Civic Life](#), which repackaged the money as grants to government elections offices nationwide in order to privatize the 2020 election in battleground states—is this a new form of progressive charity?

And roughly \$91 million flowed from Arabella's 501(c)(3) groups to its sole 501(c)(4), the [Sixteen Thirty Fund](#), in 2020. How much of this foundation money ended up in Sixteen Thirty Fund's coffers?

## The Farce Is Over

The company pretends that—to quote [outgoing Arabella CEO Sampri Ganguli](#)—it’s merely a “relatively small business-services organization that does HR, legal compliance, etc.” for the four nonprofits that mysteriously share its DC address and paid the company *\$45 million* to manage this political behemoth in 2020 alone.

But even the Left isn’t buying that line anymore. In a [recent interview](#) Ganguli defend her obscure, supposedly purely philanthropy-focused company in *The Atlantic*, which is hardly friendly to conservatives.

Here are some highlights:

**Green [Interviewer]:** I saw in [your 2020 impact report](#) that you frequently work on “civic engagement” projects—you gave something like 530 grants to 290 grantees on issues like “voter protection” and efforts to “defend democracy.” You might call that work political, with a little *p*. . . . Why should people with a lot of money be able to do this anonymously?

**Ganguli:** There are a lot of actors involved in changing American civic life. I just have to be honest with you: You’re zooming in on such a small part of what Arabella Advisors does. I’m struggling with your question.

. . .

**Green:** But you guys sit in that progressive universe. . . . How do you hold those ideas in your head at the same time? You spend your days serving the interests and needs of billionaires. Also, theoretically, you’re part of a progressive world that thinks that’s wrong and unjust.

I wonder if you think it is okay for groups like this to be able to operate under the cover of darkness.

**Ganguli:** That is what the law allows for. When the laws change, we will make sure we are perfectly compliant with them. Projects and donors have every opportunity to share publicly what they do and don’t do. It’s not incumbent on Arabella Advisors to opine on what that should be.

Keep in mind that Arabella’s [North Fund](#) and [Sixteen Thirty Fund](#) lobbies Congress for [forced donor disclosure](#) through the Democrats’ For the People Act (H.R. 1).

With enough prodding, Ganguli eventually admitted that Arabella is basically the Left’s equivalent of the **libertarian** Koch brothers:

**Green:** You both take advantage of similar legal structures, federal regulations, and the ability to put lots of money toward politics, little *p*. They just work on the opposite side, for opposite causes. Do you feel good that you’re the left’s equivalent of the Koch brothers?

**Ganguli:** Yeah.

**Tags:** [Arabella Advisors](#), [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#), [Center for Technology and Civic Life \(CTCL\)](#), [dark money](#), [David and Lucile Packard Foundation](#), [Fidelity Charitable](#), [Ford Foundation](#), [get out the vote \(GOTV\)](#), [Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation](#), [Hopewell Fund](#), [New Venture Fund](#), [North Fund](#), [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), [Rockefeller Foundation](#), [Silicon Valley Community Foundation \(SVCF\)](#), [Sixteen Thirty Fund](#), [Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation](#), [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#), [William and Flora Hewlett Foundation](#),

What you need to do is follow many of the links **UNDERLINED** by typing them into your browser to see who these people are. This is what we are up against and this is why we must increase membership and increase our coffers. We can only control our local. Many local county parties are trying to do the same as we are. This is why we ask for memberships and donations.

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf  
Shawano County Republicans  
Chairman

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**REPRESENTATIVE JEFF MURSAU**

We are in full swing of the budget season at the state capitol. The GOP co-chairs of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) scraped the Governor's budget, which would've increased spending by twenty-three percent. Instead, the JFC will create their own sensible and fiscally responsible budget. The legislature is expected to vote on the budget by the end of the month.



Besides the budget, my main focus has been on legislation to help with the PFAS contamination in our area. I introduced legislation with Sen. Cowles, Sen. Wimberger and Rep. Swearingen, which creates programs and requirements to address PFAS in our communities. These forever chemicals impact every corner of our state and our small communities can't address the problem on their own. There isn't one organization registered opposed to the bill. In fact, all the leading environmental groups and business stakeholders are registered as neutral. I think the bill is a strong starting point and I'm encouraged by the feedback we've received that we can move a bill forward this session.

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**ASKING FOR A FRIEND**

In 2016 President Obama was briefed on Hillary Clinton's plan to accuse Trump of collusion with the Russians. Known as -CROSSFIRE HURRICANE.

When Vice President Biden told the Ukrainians they would not get the Billion dollars unless they fired Victor Shokin. The Ukrainians told VP Biden he didn't have that authority. Biden said call Obama if you don't think I can. Well S.O.B they fired Shokin.

The point in both instances Obama knew. QUESTION: is the FBI - DOJ - CIA - IRS protecting or covering for Obama or Biden?

Just asking.

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf  
Shawano County Republicans  
Chairman

## **2023 Ladder of Liberty Award Tom Oster**

Shawano County would like to nominate Tom Oster for the Ladder of Liberty award. Tom has been a loyal member of the Shawano County Republican Party for years and has been on the Shawano County Republican executive committee during that time. Tom attends meetings monthly and has attended several 8<sup>th</sup> District Caucuses.

Tom volunteers his time as the event coordinator and for his many talents as a handy man. Anything that can be fixed at the HQ Tom has the know-how and the willingness to make the repair.



It is dedicated people like Tom that make the Shawano County Republican what it is today.

### **WRITE UP:**

Tom Oster is a strong conservative. Tom performs many handy man tasks to keep the headquarters functioning plus Tom tracks all RSVP for every event held by the Shawano County Republican party. It is people like Tom that make up the strong backbone of the Shawano County Republican party.

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf  
Shawano County Republicans  
Chairman

### **WHAT DO I READ?**

Several people have asked what I read to get current news. Also to be prepared for the radio.

Center Square - NewsMax - Middle America News - Daily Signal  
Patriot United News - Townhall Daily - Informing News - Republican Daily  
The Blaze Blabber Buzz - EPOCH TIMES - Wall Street Journal - Green Bay & Appleton papers (which are the same)

I also read several National Defense sites that I'm allowed access to because of my retirement rank & clearance. I have many people that worked for me in the military that work for the CIA – State Department and the FBI.

I skim the headlines. If something catches my eye, I read a little more. If it is a similar topic that I've read in another News site I read to find out if it says anything similar which helps validate sources. Hope that makes sense -

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf  
Shawano County Republicans  
Chairman

**DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR - forever**

**2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY 0800** Go to your calendar. Mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. WHY? Your local Democrats are on the radio. Get to know and realize that your local Democrats are as anti-American as the National Democrats. Call or text questions to = 715-524-2194 The **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** each month tune into WTCH 960AM at 0800AM THE BREAKFAST CLUB for the latest from your local Democrats.

**3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAY 0800** Mark this date on your calendar. Your local Republicans are on the radio. Lots of work goes into preparation for the radio show so you are encouraged to listen in and tell your friends. WTCH 960AM 0800AM THE BREAKFAST CLUB.

**3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY NOON** Mark this date on your calendar. Republican monthly meeting. The location changes but you get the location from listening to the radio and watching your e-mails.

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf  
Shawano County Republicans  
Chairman

**WATCH FOR BERTHA 2023 PARADE SCHEDULE**

Wittenberg Community DaysParade, Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12Noon

Gresham 4<sup>th</sup> Festivities Parade, Saturday, July 1st at 11AM

Bonduel 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Tuesday, July 4th at 11AM

Navarino Days Parade, Sat. July 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM

Tigerton Lumberjack DaysParade, Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> Time 1 PM

Caroline ColoramaParade, Sunday, Oct. 1st, 1 PM

Come out and support Bertha and consider walking along with the crew! Have a safe and happy summer.

**RSVP**

We have several events each year that we request you to RSVP to. The (LRDD) Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner, Picnic and the Fall event. RSVP to Tom Oster **P) 563-543-9603.**

**Save Tom's number.**

We realize that last moment life events happen and you cannot make the event. But if you cannot make it, let Tom know you will not be attending. Why is this important? We have to pay for your meal because we reserved a meal for you.

Thank you for helping and for understanding.

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf  
Shawano County Republicans  
Chairman

# Have You Seen Us?



Above: 8<sup>th</sup> District Chairs



Senator Ron Johnson held a business luncheon, and visited St Paul in Bonduel



Below: John Pudner – featured speaker at LRDD



## KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT

There's a percentage of Republicans that never became comfortable with Trump. Just like this group of lukewarm never Trumpers most voted for Trump in 2016. Many remained uncomfortable with his tweets and brash statements. That same large uncomfortable majority liked Trump's policies.

Those of you wanting to be the all-knowing seer will say Trump can't win or other descriptive negative terms about Trump and perhaps other candidates. I would caution you against being negative about Trump or any other Republican. Follow Reagan's 11<sup>th</sup> Commandment. Say nothing bad about other Republicans. Let the candidates be negative as they jockey for the lead.

Why do I caution you. Remember you want to be the all-knowing seer. What if candidate **X** that you have been bashing wins? Why would those people who you told how bad candidate **X** is pay attention to you now as you are telling them to vote for **X**?

If you truly want a Republican President stop the negative comments about **X**. Then you will have some creditability with Independent voters and lukewarm Republicans. Please consider Reagan's 11<sup>th</sup> Commandment!

COL(R) Richard W. Kucksdorf  
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