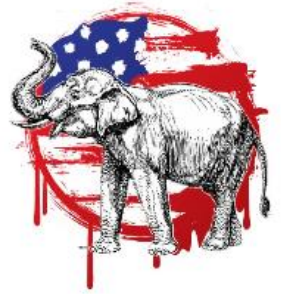




Elephant Tales

2023 Wrap Up -
4th quarter



CHAIRMANS FOXHOLE

We had an interesting 2023 and expect to be very busy in 2024. Tammy Baldwin is up for re-election and we will have someone run against her. Presidential election year. Do not forget our local elections. The County Board Districts have all changed. This is an opportunity to change the dynamics of the county board to include the meeting times. If county meetings can be changed to a night meeting instead of daytime younger people could run for office.

Headquarters. From now until Memorial Day the HQ hours will be Friday and Saturday 10AM to 3PM. But after Memorial Day, we will need to increase the days so we need volunteers. Headquarters is located at 712 E Green Bay Shawano 54166.

Caucus is 27 January 10AM @ the HQ – Congressman Gallagher will be speaking

Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner 2024 May 4th at the Woodland – watch for details and speakers

Membership runs 1 Jan to 31 December so on 31 December 2023 your membership expires. Membership forms attached to future e-mails. Membership forms at the HQ. Membership forms attached share with friends. Membership checks will not be cashed until 2024.

Wishing each of you a wonderful Christmas and a blessed new year.

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

****IMPORTANT DATES****

**Sat Jan 27th – Caucus, Headquarters,
712 E Green Bay St, Shawano**

**Sun May 4th – Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner
Woodland, Gresham**

OFFICIAL CALL TO ORDER OF THE 2024 CAUCUS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF SHAWANO COUNTY

This is the official call to order of the Republican Party of Shawano County's caucus according to **Article V** of the Shawano Constitution. The CAUCUS will be held Saturday January **27**, 2024 at the Headquarters @ 712 E. Green Bay St, Shawano, WI 54166 starting at 1000 AM.

Items on the agenda are the review of the 2024 budget, resolutions and an overview of the operational plan for 2024. There will be election of County Committee members with their term to run from 2024 - 2027 also election of delegates and alternate delegates to the district caucus and state convention. Resolutions passed will be forwarded to the 8th District caucus which will be 13 April at the Par 4 resort in Waupaca. Congressman Gallagher and Candidate for Supreme Court Brad Schimel will be the primary speakers.

NOTE: You must be a current member to vote at the caucus. To be clear you must have paid your 2024 membership dues prior to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Shawano County gaveling or calling the 2024 caucus to order. If your 2024 dues are not paid you cannot vote or run for an office at the time of the caucus. So, mail in your dues to PO Box 12 or show up early enough to pay your dues prior to 1000AM. Doors open at 0900AM.

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.

RESOLUTIONS: submit resolutions prior to 10 Jan by e-mailing rkucksdorf53@yahoo.com

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN VALUES PAC

Another Tool in The Toolbox or Arrow in the Quiver

I was privileged to attend an event in Green Bay. It was the soft roll out of the Northeast Wisconsin Values (NEW) PAC. This is an organization devoted to help with clarifying messaging. An excellent example was the Kelly - Prodasawitch race.

The NEW PAC is not in competition with any county party. MISSION: To engage, educate and mobilize voters who identify with N.E.W. values, and support ideals to elect conservative candidates, strengthening the communities we serve.

VALUES: Household budget over government budget, neighborhoods strong communities, legal immigration, parental rights to education, respecting our constitutional rights and asserting our values with level heads and civil tongues.

Some of the ways this will be accomplished. Public messaging. Informational programming/speakers. Supporting leaders who support our values. N.E.W. will focus on issues over political party.

Check out the website. You can contact them at info@newisvalues.com You can send contributions to: Northeast Wisconsin Values PAC, PO Box 22201, Breen Bay, WI 54305

Shawano County GOP Elephant Tales

2023 - Q4

Congressman Mike Gallagher



As 2023 comes to a close, House Republicans are wrapping up a very busy year. Lost in the noise of the media's daily coverage of Congress is the list of House Republicans' accomplishments under a Democratic-controlled Senate and White House. Here are a handful of House Republicans' achievements in 2023:

Lower Energy Costs:

House Republicans passed the *Lower Energy Costs Act*, which will boost American energy production, lift regulatory burdens for the construction of more energy infrastructure, cut China out of critical materials supply chains, and lower costs across the board. The bill pushes back on President Biden's war on American energy, after he revoked the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, imposed a moratorium on oil production on federal lands, and imposed burdensome regulations on energy producers.

Secure the Border:

House Republicans passed the *Secure the Border Act*, which resumes border wall construction, imposes limits to asylum eligibility, requires DHS to create an electronic employment eligibility confirmation system modeled after the E-Verify system and requires all employers to use the system. It also requires the Department of State to negotiate with countries in the Western Hemisphere, particularly El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico, concerning agreements related to claims for asylum. Though passed months ago, President Biden and Senate Leader Schumer refuse to engage in any negotiations while the crisis further escalates.

Parents Bill of Rights:

House Republicans passed the *Parents Bill of Rights Act*, which would require public schools to disclose all curricula, reading lists, library books and budget costs, as well as force administrators and teachers to seek parents' consent before changing a child's gender status. The bill aims to bring more transparency and accountability to education, allowing parents to be informed and when they have questions and concerns, to lawfully bring them to their local school boards.

Fighting Excessive Regulations:

House Republicans voted to curb President Biden's excessive green regulatory initiatives by preventing the administration from ending the sale of gas-powered cars, banning the use of gas stoves, and reforming the permitting process for oil and gas.

Creation of Key Committees:

Established the *Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party*, led by Chairman Gallagher.

Established the *Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic*, led by Chairman Westrup.

Established the *Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government*, led by Chairman Jordan.

Improved Government Transparency:

House Republicans voted to require the director of national intelligence to declassify information related to the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic. The House approved the measure by unanimous consent, the Senate approved it, and President Biden signed it.

The House Oversight Committee's national security subcommittee held a public hearing with three former military officers about their alleged encounters with unidentified anomalous phenomenon, referred to as UAPs. The hearing inspired a bipartisan group of lawmakers to work toward the creation of a select committee to investigate UAPs.

House Republicans voted on a resolution to formalize an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden to discover if the president committed an impeachable offense in connection to his family's foreign business dealings. Meanwhile, Hunter Biden was indicted on nine federal charges related to his shady foreign business dealings, yet continues to defy lawful subpoenas by Congress.

Support of Military and Veterans:

The Defense Appropriations bill passed by House Republicans uses the power of the purse to refocus the Pentagon on the true mission of the military: providing for America's defense. The bill invests resources in programs and activities that will counter China and other foreign adversaries, increase DOD's role in combating the flow of fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and other illegal drugs into the United States. The bill also mandates enhanced oversight, promotes innovation of the DOD's procurement process, and reforms the Pentagon's civilian workforce by leveraging tools used in the private sector – all in an effort to ensure the wise investment of taxpayer dollars.

Support of Israel, Exposure of Antisemitism:

House Republicans passed a resolution reaffirming America's commitment to Israel, while calling on Hamas to immediately cease attacks and release every hostage. The resolution reaffirmed Israel's right to self-defense, recommitted emergency weapons resupply and intelligence sharing, and urged all nations to unequivocally condemn the Hamas terrorist attack. House Republicans have also worked to expose antisemitism and the moral bankruptcy that has become prevalent on American college campuses and administrative offices.

Rest assured that in 2024, House Republicans will continue to pass legislation that addresses the problems that are hurting families all across this nation and push the Senate and Joe Biden to take action.



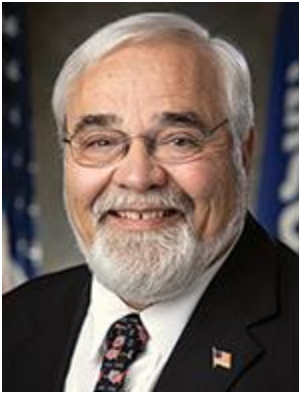
Senator Mary Felzkowski

During the 2021-22 Legislative Session, two constitutional amendments passed through both Houses of the Legislature. These two constitutional amendments were re-introduced during this current session, and passed again through the Senate on November 7th, and the Assembly on November 9th. These amendments are moving steadily through the process laid out in the state constitution, which requires amendments to the Wisconsin Constitution be passed in two consecutive legislatures, and then be approved by the voters through a statewide ballot during a special or general election.

The first of these amendments, Senate Joint Resolution 71 (SJR 71), states that only US citizens that are residents of Wisconsin, and who are 18 years of age or older, are eligible to vote. The second of these amendments, SJR 78, would prohibit state and local governments from using private funds to run their elections. This particular amendment was drafted to prevent future interference in our elections, as we saw happen in 2020 with the Zuckerbucks that funneled into the state. At the moment, the plan is for SJR 78 to appear on the April ballot next year, while SJR 71 is slated for the November 2024 ballot.

Along with these two amendments that received their second vote through the legislature this session, the Senate and Assembly also voted to pass a newly introduced amendment that is on its first time through the Houses. This constitutional amendment, SJR 73, states that no qualified elector may cast a ballot in any election unless they present a valid photo ID that verifies their identity, and that is issued by an authorized governing body, such as the State or the Federal Government.

All three of these constitutional amendments are commonsense pieces of legislation that will strengthen the integrity of elections in Wisconsin. While the legislature has passed numerous bills designed to increase security in the voting process, and ensure that faith in the election process is restored, a vast majority of these proposals have been vetoed by Governor Evers. By crafting and passing these constitutional amendments, and allowing for the population of Wisconsin to vote on them, we take the decision out of partisan hands and place it in the charge of our citizens who have been calling for these changes for years now.



Assemblyman Jeff Mursau

AJR/SJR 71 (2nd Consideration)

Under the Wisconsin Constitution, every U.S. citizen age 18 or older is considered a qualified elector. However, it does not state that only U.S. citizens age 18 or older are considered qualified electors.

Last session, the legislature passed SJR 32 that proposed amending the state constitution to specify that **ONLY** U.S. citizens are considered qualified electors. In order to amend the constitution, the legislature needs to pass the identical language in two consecutive legislative sessions. AJR/SJR 71 is the second consideration. The bill passed both the Assembly and Senate.

The amendment to the constitution can be submitted to a vote of the people during the **November election in 2024.**

AJR 77/SJR 78 –Prohibiting private Funds in Elections (aka Zuckerbucks) 2nd Consideration

Last session, the legislature passed SJR 101 that would amend the constitution to prohibit the use of private funds in the administration of elections. It would also prohibit private individuals being put in charge of a municipalities' election. AJR 77 put this constitutional amendment before the legislature for the second time.

The bill passed both the Assembly and Senate and will go before the voters on the first **Tuesday in April of 2024.**

AJR78/SJR 73 – Voter ID (1st consideration)

Additionally, both the Senate and Assembly passed AJR78/SJR 73, which enshrines voter identification in the state's constitution. Under the proposal, the State Legislature would still be able to create exceptions to the voter ID requirement in statutes and qualified electors who lack valid identification on elections day would still be able to cast a provisional ballot. The amendment would not change any current exceptions to voter ID requirements under the law.

Proposed Constitutional amendments, AJR 78 requires adoption by two successive legislatures. After that it can be placed on the **ballot as a referendum in 2025.**

Vote **YES** to approve each of these and they will become a part of our Wisconsin Constitution.

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 each of you do!

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

2024 MEMBERSHIP FORMS

2024 Membership forms attached. Please forward to friends and encourage them to join. Memberships run 1 January to 31 December. Your membership expires 31 December each year.

We will be advertising in support of local, state, federal elections this year and we will need advertising money. Consider joining at a higher level to support this advertising effort. What several members do is to send in their membership and they include a separate donation. Some members donate each month. These are great options and they just mail in their donation to PO Box 12 Shawano.

In future e-mails I will attach membership forms. One in word format and the other in PDF. Please forward those to friends and encourage them to join or to make a donation.

Did you know that when you join the National or the State Republican Party you are **NOT** a member of the county party. You might have friends that assume they are a member of the county party because they have donated money to the National or the State Party. You know where your county party money goes because we publish that each month in our finance reports. You vote at each monthly meeting on how you want to spend money.

2024 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).

1. Member Application: ONLY MEMBERS CAN VOTE

January 1 - December 31, 2024

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: _____

2. Please Check One:

Single Membership \$20 Couple Membership \$40

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

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

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

3. \$ _____ Donations to assist the party actions

4. Will you consider volunteering to promote party principles and awareness when opportunities arise? Please circle either **YES or **NO****

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 or ginnyann03@gmail.com

FALL DINNER

A SHOUT OUT TO LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO PURCHASED TABLES

Steffens Investment Company Inc.

Raddant Electric

If not for the efforts of the 80 who did come to the event and especially Darold Paisar – Lowell Hammett – Steffens Investment & Raddant Electric the event would have been a bust.

Thank you very much

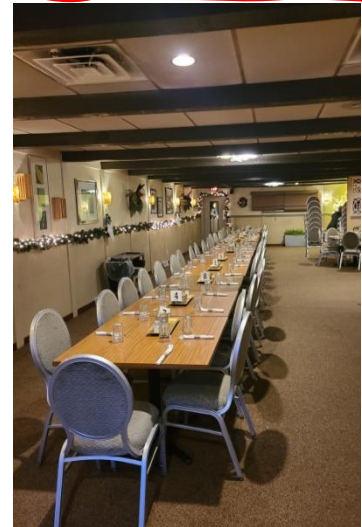
A GREAT TIME was had by all!



Above: Fall Dinner at Woodland

Left: Spark Spark Bang – Fall Dinner

Below: CHRISTMAS DINNER at Cassidy's on MMM



Top: Gary and Rich at the Shawano Oktoberfest

Right: Caroline Colorama



SHAWANO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

We concluded 2023 with a very enjoyable Christmas dinner this past Tuesday evening. Tuesday, January 9th, 1:30 p.m., SARW, will be meeting to discuss and approve our 2024 Budget and Activities. Our meetings take place at our County Party Headquarters. Join us January 9th !

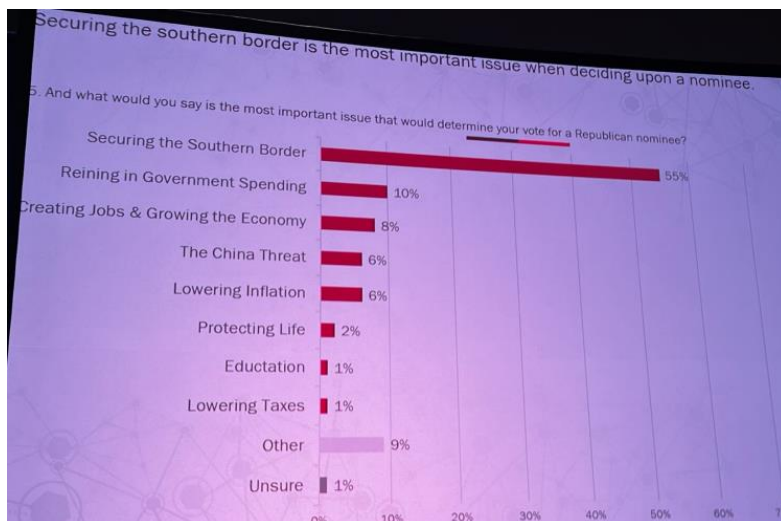
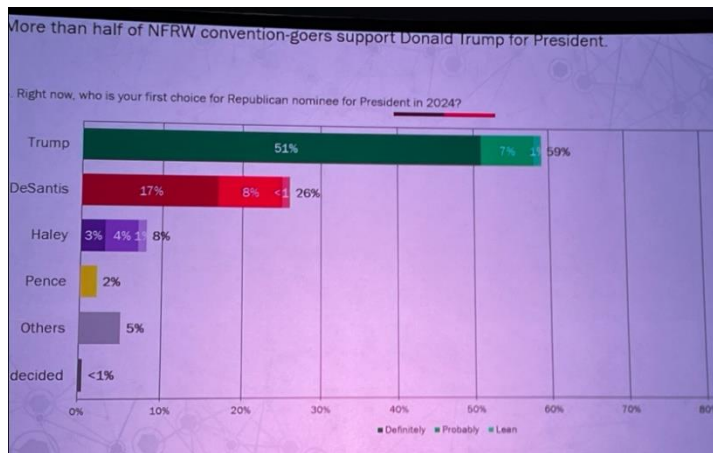
Republican Women's Clubs objectives: 1) Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through participation. Inform the public through political education and activities. 2) Foster loyalty to the Republican Party & promote its principles at all levels of government. 3) Work for Republican candidates in all elections, including non-partisan. 4) Support the objectives and policies of the Wisconsin Federation of Republican Women And National Federation of Republican Women.

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Ginny Jesse
President - SARW



Wisconsin Contingent at Womens Convention





Great President Quotes



IF THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS TAKEN AWAY THEN DUMB AND SILENT WE MAY BE LED, LIKE SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER.

- George Washington



MR. GORBACHEV, TEAR DOWN THIS WALL!

- Ronald Reagan



ER, ERM, MAPHALATGHINCHINA PHLATKLMMYOIN...

- Joe Biden

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