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## Words from our Chairman

We begin the summer of 2011 having realized the greatest victories in modern Wisconsin Republican history. Just think about it. Governor Walker and the legislature have won everything that they had hoped to win. And to top things off, conservative Justice Prosser won reelection to the state supreme court, despite the millions spent by the unions to defeat him. The Republicans have completely transformed Wisconsin politics.

And while all of this was happening, the Democratic Party has made a fool of itself. Look at how childish the Democrats acted through all of the controversy in Madison. First, the petulant Democratic senators, instead of fighting for what they believed (if they believe in anything at all) fled to Illinois.

Now, I have always felt that they went to Illinois not because they wanted to delay the Republican legislative agenda, but because they were unable to resist the siren call of a state which, for them, is Nirvana. Illinois is the land of endless deficit spending, borrowing, and tax increases. It is a Democrat Valhalla; their Shangri La.

And where in Illinois did most of them end up? The Clock Tower Inn in Rockford. Rockford! Consistently voted by Money Magazine as one of the least desirable places to live in America! The only surprise is that any of them came back to Wisconsin.

Then, of course, the Democrats chose as allies in their efforts to undermine responsible government, the crazies. Every kook lefty in the country was drawn to Madison. And what was the symbol of their opposition? The clenched fist, vaguely in the shape of the state of Wisconsin. This symbol, created by the AFL-CIO, was seen everywhere on the signs the protesters carried and on the buttons they wore. The threat of violence, the harkening back to the thuggish history of union goons, the

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# BRAT FRY

Sat., July 2nd 9 - 4 at Festival Foods  
2151 South 42nd Street

Come and show your support for the "Party"!



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## Words from our Chairman *continued from front page*

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outright anti-American anarchism behind such a symbol was a clear indicator of the lefties' motivation. It also turned the people of Wisconsin against them.

Moreover, the appearance of such fossilized flim-flam artists like "The Reverend" Jesse Jackson gave clear evidence that the cause of the Democrats and their lefty allies was absolute folly. Add to that the appearance of filmmaker Michael Moore, who claims to be a Communist but whose physical appearance gives clear indication of a life spent taking full advantage of the fruits of the capitalist system he decries.

If that were not enough to seal the fate of the Democrats, along came the feckless, undereducated university students, fresh from their brainwashing sessions conducted by their overpaid, unappreciative faculty. These misinformed snots are easy prey for the nonsensical lefties who make up the bulk of the so-called educators at UW Madison. The students destructive actions were even more of a turn-off for taxpayers who wonder whether precious tax dollars targeted at higher education are being wasted.

We must not celebrate the Democrats willingness to self-

destruct. We can only hope that perhaps, someday, the Dems will realize that the political road they have chosen is a road to ruin.

My fellow Republicans, we need a political opposition in order to keep us honest. But we need a loyal opposition. We need an opposition which believes in the fundamental principles which are the foundation of our great nation and, without which, America cannot continue to survive and prosper.

Today's Democrats are not such a party. They have been overwhelmed by an anti-American, anti-capitalist, anti-free enterprise, anti-military, anti-family, anti-religion nihilism which their actions in Wisconsin these past few months reveal, will lead to their destruction as an effective political party. This does not bode well for our nation. Our free republic will not survive without a viable two-party system. We need two political parties which, while not always agreeing on the processes necessary to maintain our great nation are, nevertheless, unalterably dedicated to the principles which underlie its great success.

*Don Zimmer / Chairman*

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## Insights from the Vice-Chair . . .

Greetings Fellow Republicans,

Convention was quite interesting, and well worth the time. I would encourage you to go at some point, so as you may be part of a very vast process that not many people are able to be a part of. It is our duty to our country to be active in our governing of the nation. For only then will it thrive in the manner in which it is intended. Involvement can be many things. Involvement can be many differing amounts and duties. The main thing is involvement. For too long our apathy has led us down a road where people were not held accountable, were not acting on the people's will, and not acting in ways we would even find acceptable. This is unfortunate. Our apathy (or lack of involvement) allowed these things to go unnoticed. You have

taken the first step of getting involved by choosing to support your principles. For this I commend you. However we need action too! We need you to fight for what we all believe in as Republicans. The amount of opportunities is vast, and no amount of volunteering is too small. Give what you can (our next fight is gonna be a big one). Some just have more than others. If this little blip has led you to question what you can do, or if there is more you could do that doesn't absorb a lot of your time. Please feel free to call me @ (920) 645-5457, or any of our party representatives for that matter.

Sincerely,

*Collin L. Braunel, Vice Chair  
Manitowoc Republican Party*

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***It's the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us the freedom of the press.  
It's the Soldier, not the poet,  
Who has given us the freedom of speech.  
It's the Soldier, not the politicians  
That ensures our right to Life, Liberty and  
the Pursuit of Happiness.  
It's the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag.***



# Comments from Senator Joe Leibham--6.17.2011

## ~ 2011-2013 State Budget Proposal Passes Legislature ~

After over four months of public discussion and legislative debate the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly have given final approval to a new two-year state budget. The biennial budget will run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

As your State Senator and as a member of the legislature's Joint Finance Committee (JFC), I have been humbled by the responsibility of developing a budget plan that is fiscally responsible and focused on the priorities of our state during this time of economic challenge. Without a doubt it has been an intense but rewarding experience.



While I wish a number of items would have been handled differently, I believe this budget takes our state in a new and better direction. Like Wisconsin's hard working families, our government will finally live within its means. We will balance our budget by reforming our government and reducing spending.

We will continue to fund quality, effective government programs but at levels that are responsible and sustainable.

Most importantly, we will continue our efforts to improve the climate in our state for the creation of private sector jobs so our citizens can be employed, earn good incomes, support their families, and be less reliant on taxpayer subsidized entitlements.

For your reference, I have included a list of budget highlights below:

- Eliminates projected \$3.6 billion deficit and ends the biennium with our books balanced for the first time in almost 15 years
- Includes no tax or general fee increases – actually reduces taxes by \$24 million
- Freezes property taxes for two years and permanently caps future increases
- Pays off bills left from past budget:
  - \* \$235 million debt to the Patient Compensation Fund - PAID
  - \* \$59 million debt for Wisconsin Minnesota Tax Reciprocity - PAID
  - \* Stabilizes transportation program by restoring

funds raided in past budgets

- Reduces state bonding by nearly \$2 billion
- Creates a better “Jobs Climate” by encouraging investment, small business start ups and entrepreneurship
- Restructures the Department of Commerce to focus on job creation instead of business regulation
- Public education funding remains the top priority of state tax funds
- Provides \$1.2 billion in state funds to fill hole left in Medical Assistance programs that were funded in last budget with one-time federal stimulus funds
- Maintains SeniorCare prescription drug program
- Requires participants of state government programs to be U.S. citizens
- Tightens eligibility for entitlement programs and focuses on eliminating fraud
- Funds military funeral honors program and invests in the Veterans Trust Fund
- Reinstates truth in sentencing for individuals who commit felony crimes
- Ends state funding to organizations that promote and perform abortions while investing in women's health and prenatal care
- Brings government wages and benefits more in line with private sector
- Eliminates numerous state mandates on local units of government
- Maintains Recycling, Stewardship Program, and Water Quality Standards

For more specific information on the budget log on to: [http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/LFBPublications\\_ButtonPages/2011-13\\_budget.htm](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/LFBPublications_ButtonPages/2011-13_budget.htm)

Throughout the budget process I have valued and respected the input I have received. This guidance helped me as I worked to develop a budget plan that reflects the best interests of the residents of the 9th Senate District.

As always, it has been a pleasure communicating with you. Please remember to communicate with me and share your input by calling 888-295-8750, writing to me at P.O. Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707-7882, or by e-mailing me at [Sen.L Leibham@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Sen.L Leibham@legis.wi.gov). You can also log on to the 9th Senate District on-line office at [www.leibhamsenate.com](http://www.leibhamsenate.com).

It is an honor to work for and represent the residents of the 9th District in the State Senate.

Best Regards  
**Joe Leibham**

# Comments from Senator Frank Lasee

Dear Manitowoc County GOP,

The Wisconsin Supreme Court negated the flawed, political decision by Dane County Judge Maryann Sumi. Government collective bargaining reform is now in effect. This law change concerning government union reform was essential to making good on our commitment to bring fiscal sanity back to Wisconsin.



With the Supreme Court upholding the work we did in February and March, the state saves more than \$1 billion. More important, it clears the path for the new budget and further reform.

Reforms do not sit well with the entitlement crowd. When you have bus drivers and prison guards making more than the governor you've got problems. Green Bay teachers can retire at 55 with a full pension, work six more weeks and get an additional year's pay. That's the reason for this important reform.

Last week the Legislative Fiscal Bureau analyzed the proposed budget and reported that in just two years we're turning a \$3.6 billion deficit into a \$300 million surplus. We are doing this without accounting tricks, without one-time federal stimulus money and – most important – without raising taxes or fees. Contrast this with the last session, Democrats increased taxes and fees by \$4.8 billion and used another \$2 billion in federal stimulus money – and still left us with a \$3.6 billion deficit.

There is still some work to be done to pass this

budget. We're rolling up our sleeves to get it done and send it to Governor Walker's desk for signature.

This budget includes a two-year property tax freeze and doesn't increase fees. We're paying our \$200 million debt to the Patient Compensation Fund the Democrats raided and another \$59 million unpaid debt to Minnesota for our tax reciprocity agreement, another left-over bill from the Democrats.

In K-12 education, we will continue to spend more than \$10,000 per student on average, even with an average reduction of \$550 per student. Education is the biggest spending item in our budget. It accounts for about half of your property tax bill and it is nearly half of our general purpose tax money. Education remains the top priority of this legislature.

Wisconsin spends \$10,791 a year per student, while our neighboring states, Minnesota and Iowa, spend \$10,048 and \$9,520, respectively, according to the Census report on education. These states do as good or better job educating their kids for less. It is reasonable to bring our spending in line with theirs.

We Republicans have reset the spending priorities of this state. We're now a more business friendly state that is creating jobs. We are bucking a nationwide trend of unemployment ticking up. We've moved up 17 spots in a recent ranking of business friendly states by Chief Executive Magazine. That is a direct result of us getting government out of the way and letting people keep more of what they make.

Governor Walker and our Republican majorities are making good progress in the right direction with the most fiscally responsible budget in decades.

*Sincerely,  
Frank Lasee*

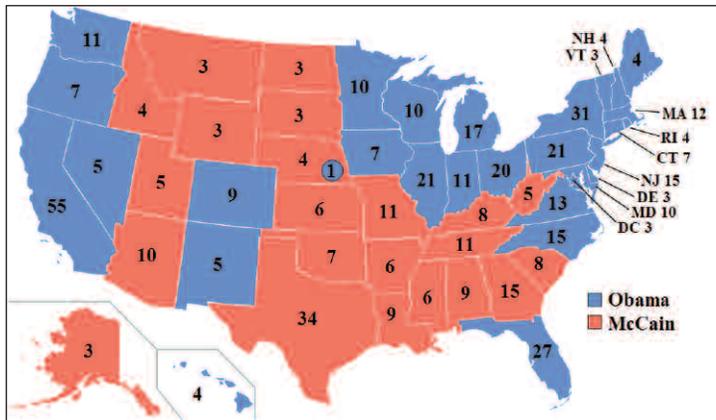
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to man our  
Headquarters Office and Our Booth at the  
County Fair. Call Pat Power at 920.726.4384  
or Margaret Mueller at 920.693.8427

# Featured Writer: Eric Wind

Dear Manitowoc County Republicans,

As the race for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination heats up, I want to discuss some important trends and strategies. First, it is still a wide open field. Back in 2007 I wrote in this column that McCain's candidacy was essentially dead, but he surprised everyone (except perhaps himself) by storming back in New Hampshire and winning the nomination. And just like in 2007, Mitt Romney is the frontrunner, although few seem super-enthused about his candidacy.

The big question that needs to be on the mind of the GOP is how they can get 270 electoral votes. In 2008, Barack Obama won 365 electoral votes and John McCain won only 173 electoral votes. Here is the map:



Obama's support in certain states he won in 2008 such as Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, and Florida is tenuous for 2012. Colorado, New Mexico, Minnesota, and Wisconsin also have to be treated as "in play." President Obama's team is trying to focus on all those states he won in 2008, even selecting Charlotte, North Carolina as the location for the 2012 Democratic National Convention.



The GOP candidate who wins the nomination will need to always focus on strategy around winning 270 electoral votes. As a final point, whoever wins should seriously consider selecting Senator Marco Rubio of Florida as their running mate. He would excite the base, would help candidate's prospects in Florida, would not be easily lampooned by the media and Saturday Night Live, and his Cuban-American background would be helpful in states such as New Mexico and Colorado.

There is a lot of time left and a lot of work remaining.

*All the best,  
Eric Wind ---ericwind@gmail.com*

## Support our troops by sending packages!

Some items they are in great need for are:

**Phone Cards; Beef Jerky/Slim Jims; Salted Sunflower Seeds; Protein Powders; Cheese & Cracker Packs; Instant Oatmeal Packs; Baby Wipes (travel size); Batteries; DVD Movies; Sunblock; Tooth Paste; Eye Drops.**

Visit: [www.give2thetroops.org](http://www.give2thetroops.org) for complete list

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# Calendar of Events

## **Saturday, July 2**

### **Brat Fry**

9am-4pm at Festival Food  
2151 South 42nd St. Manitowoc  
Volunteers needed. Please call Pat at 920-726-4384  
Thank you in advance for your help

## **Monday, July 4**

### **Independence Day**

## **Monday, July 11**

### **General Monthly Meeting**

6:30pm Holiday Inn  
4601 Calumet Ave. Manitowoc  
Members & guests are encouraged to attend.

## **Tuesday, July 12**

### **Republican Recall Primary**

Senators & Districts affected:  
2 – Cowels; 8 – Darling; 10 - Harsdorf; 14 - Olsen;  
18 - Hopper; 32 - Kapanke  
Please remind friends and relatives in these districts the  
importance of their votes!  
Any assistance you can offer these campaigns is greatly  
appreciated.  
Information is available on their respective websites.

## **Friday & Saturday, July 15-16**

### **Rummage Sale**

Friday 8am-5pm – Saturday 8am-4pm  
5160 Scenic Court, Manitowoc

## **Thursday, July 28**

### **Tea Party Regular Monthly Meeting**

6:30pm Holiday Inn  
4601 Calumet Ave. Manitowoc  
Program: Training Against Voter Fraud  
Everyone encouraged to attend.

## **Monday, August 8**

### **General Monthly Meeting**

6:30pm Holiday Inn  
4601 Calumet Ave. Manitowoc  
Members & guests are encouraged to attend.

## **Tuesday, August 9**

### **Republican Recall General Election**

Senators & Districts affected:  
2 – Cowels; 8 – Darling; 10 - Harsdorf; 14 - Olsen;  
18 - Hopper; 32 - Kapanke  
Please remind friends and relatives in these districts the  
importance of their votes!

NEW VOTING REGULATION: Voter Registration must be  
28 days prior to election!!!

## **Tue. thru Sun, August 23-28**

### **Manitowoc County Fair**

Stop in to visit us at our booth  
Tuesday 4pm-9pm  
Wednesday 12-9pm  
Thursday-Saturday 10am-9pm  
Sunday 10am-6:30pm  
Register to win a U.S. or Wisconsin flag  
Please call Pat at 726-4384 or Margaret Mueller at  
693-8427 to volunteer

## **Monday, September 5**

### **Labor Day**

Have a safe and happy observance.

## **Saturday, September 10**

### **6th District Meeting**

Green Lake County  
Contact Don at 920-553-2879 or  
Collin at 920-645-5457  
If you are interested in attending

## **Monday, September 12**

### **General Monthly Meeting**

6:30pm Holiday Inn  
4601 Calumet Ave. Manitowoc  
Members & guests are encouraged to attend.

## **Looking ahead:**

## **September 16 or 17**

### **Tentative Regional Tea Party Meeting**

Watch paper or check our website for updates on date,  
time and location.  
Speaker: Curtis Bowers – producer of “Agenda” DVD  
Everyone welcome to attend.  
Contact Pat at 1-920-732-3200 if interested in  
purchasing the DVD.

## **Monday, October 10**

### **General Monthly Meeting**

6:30pm Holiday Inn  
4601 Calumet Ave. Manitowoc  
Members & guests are encouraged to attend.

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# Republican Party of Manitowoc County Membership Application and Renewal Form

I/we believe in the Republican Principles and want to be a member of the Republican Party of Manitowoc County.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send my newsletter to the address listed above.

Please send my newsletter to the following e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Place of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Single Membership \$15.00    Family Membership \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Please Contact me regarding RPMC Volunteer Opportunities.***

Please mail this form with a check made payable to the **Republican Party of Manitowoc County** to:  
RPMC (Republican Party of Manitowoc County)  
PO Box 754  
Manitowoc, WI 54221

*Wisconsin Election Law Prohibits Corporate Contributions. Political Contributions Are NOT Tax Deductible.*

## ***Dear Readers,***

We are making an appeal to those of you who have not yet joined the Republican Party of Manitowoc County. Our dues are \$15 for single membership or \$25 per family.

### **Membership dues:**

- ★ fund the quarterly newsletter for members
- ★ sponsor our informational booth at Manitowoc County Fair
- ★ supports establishment of a local GOP headquarters
- ★ provides financial support to our candidates
- ★ provides resources to keep voters informed

Please know that we do not receive funds from the State or National Republican Party. We depend on you for our support.

Thank you,  
The Executive Board

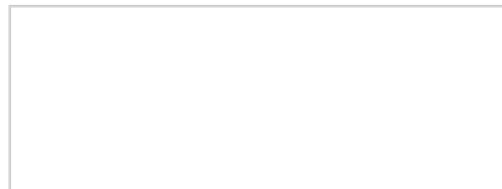
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Visit us on our website: [manitowocrepublicanparty.org](http://manitowocrepublicanparty.org)

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## **REMEMBER:**

**Unregistered voters MUST register 28 days before election day!**

**Remind friends and relatives to vote in their respective recall elections!**