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Words from our Chairman

I am constantly amazed at the outright lies of labor union members as well as their supporters in the media. In his recent commentary in the Herald Times Reporter, Robert Lutze, a member of a local AFL-CIO affiliate claimed that Governor Scott Walker "...cut the salaries and benefits of public workers by about 10 percent...." When did he do that? The fact is that Scott Walker has made no cuts to public employee salaries or benefits. He has, of course, signed legislation which requires public employees to contribute a relatively small sum to their health and pension benefits. Nevertheless, public employees still have health and pension benefits far better than employees in the private sector along with their generous salaries.

Mr. Lutze demonizes the left's current target, the "evil" Koch brothers, and calls them "anti-labor". Really? The Koch brothers own companies which are unionized and, by all accounts, have a very positive relationship with the unions which represent their workers.

In a real laugh of a statement, Mr. Lutze says "In 1972, a fair share agreement law was established that allowed employees not to join a union, but instead pay a fee, equal to the dues to the union that represented them." Mr. Lutze, believe it or not, seems to think that this is a positive factor, a job benefit. But, how is that "fair"? If an employee chose not to join a union he or she was, nevertheless, forced to pay union dues. I call that coercion. Governor Walker has ended that coercion.

I remember when I was a young man and was employed as a dispatcher at a community police and fire department in Illinois. When I received my first paycheck, I noticed that my pay stub indicated a deduction for union dues. I didn't even know I was in the union. Nobody had asked me whether I wanted to join. I still don't know whether I was a member but, no matter, the dues were still deducted from my paycheck.

Much of the media, of course, is complicit in the lies about Republicans, conservatives, the Tea Party, and anyone who seeks to bring sanity back to government operations. A couple of days ago, I read a brief article by the egregious columnist Eric Alterman who can never resist telling his readers how stupid and idiotic (his words) conservatives and their ideas are. Anyway, he writes about governors who he identifies as "mostly right wing Republicans" (let us assume that this includes Scott Walker) who, he claims, are trying to "defund" teachers union pensions. Really? Just where is this happening? In

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Wisconsin? Unless you consider that having teachers contribute 5.8% of their monthly pension payment as defunding their pensions, Mr. Alterman is mistaken or merely engaging in a bit of exaggeration or just lying. I think he is lying.

My fellow Republicans, we must counter these lies by exposing them for what they are every time we hear or

read them. Remember folks, the liberals and lefties must lie because everything they believe is false. My thanks to Mr. Dave Moore, husband of Sulynn Moore, membership chair who has written yet another great letter to the editor of the Herald Times Reporter, exposing the lies, chicanery and anti-business attitude and tactics of labor unions.

Don Zimmer / Chairman

Insights from the Vice-Chair . . .

Hello Everyone,

The Republican Party has been quite busy lately gearing up for the very large task at hand coming in 2012. Thankfully we held the seats to retain majority in the state level. But it is quite possible that we are going to see an attempt to recall Governor Walker. This will unfortunately be in a presidential election year. With this said our involvement as an organization needs to increase to meet these challenges head on. So in order to more effectively do so, we have been working quite a bit on building up our organization. We started with changes to our infrastructure, to coordinate events and make lit drops easier. We are also working to increase our membership and make it easier to join and donate. This will be done using some new software we are looking at. The details have not been ironed out, but we hope to have them done by November. This will be on the website when we have more information. We also have put in place a new position in our officer ranks. That position is the membership chair, filled by Sulynn Moore. She is doing an excellent job working to facilitate our membership and build it up. We hope to keep her very busy with a growing party. There will be many opportunities to head up events as well. For example, Pat Power did an excellent job coordinating the brat fry at Festivall Foods in July. We raised over \$300.00. Another is the rummage sale that a group of our members put together, also in July, that raised a great deal of money too. It is efforts like this that allow us to be the driving force of conservative politics in our community, state and country. If you are interested in partaking in a more active role and putting words into action, I encourage you to let either myself or Don know, so that we may utilize your enthusiasm. We do have some incredible projects in the works that will help us be able to fund the things to come. A fundraiser event to be announced at a later date will be a private tasting of beers brewed using US colonial brewing methods. It will entail not only some very well respected people within our community but the opportunity to drink some beer that was made like how they did it in the colonial days. And that isn't the only project in the works.

One last thing is the change in style of the way our meetings are going to be handled. We will be doing the

majority of the discussion in committee and then presenting them to the general membership. Our meetings will still begin at 6:30pm. However at 7:00pm we will then be having a speaker. The speaker will give a short presentation and at approximately 7:15 we will move onto reports from elected officials. At this time you may also discuss things you would like to bring up or ask about for your own personal clarification. The thinking behind this is so that our meetings are to the point and do not eat up and waste your time. We all have lives outside of politics and do not wish to make a meeting a burden on your time. If you have any questions or comments I will certainly address them. Feel free to contact me @ (920) 645-5457, or email me at collinbraunel@gmail.com. I for one am sick of the leadership we have been given and want better, so lets make it happen.

Sincerely,

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

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Beginning in 2012, the Republican Party of Manitowoc County's newsletter, "LINC" will be sponsored by several new advertisers. The first to agree to support our 2012 newsletter with full-year sponsorships are DOWCO of Manitowoc and Crescent Woolen Mills of Two Rivers. Manitowoc County's Republican Party is self-funded and receives no outside support from either the national or state Republican party. We rely on your membership dues and donations to produce this newsletter as well as informational literature, and to pay our rent for campaign headquarters.

If you are contacted to sponsor an ad in "LINC", please give it serious consideration. Your support is greatly needed. If you would like us to contact you regarding a sponsorship, please call Cathy Torke at 920-684-7747.

Comments from Senator Ron Johnson--9.23.2011

~ Sen. Johnson & Rep. Mulvaney Introduce the Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act ~

Representative Mick Mulvaney (SC-5) and I announced introduction of S. 1611 and H.R. 3029, the Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act. This legislation would reduce the federal workforce by 10% by 2015, with expected savings of \$139 billion over the next ten years.

If we're ever to have any hope of reining in the size, scope and cost of government, we need to look at the size of the federal workforce. This bill accomplishes that -- not by laying off any workers, but through simple attrition. That's a common sense approach, and a bipartisan one. It was a recommendation of President Obama's own fiscal commission. Unfortunately, the President went against this advice and now proposes to grow government by adding another 15,000 federal workers in his 2012 budget.

The federal workforce has grown by nearly 15 percent -- or close to 300,000 employees -- in just the last 5 years. According to the Office of Personnel Management, 400,000 federal employees are currently eligible for retirement. This legislation would roll back much of the expansion of the



federal bureaucracy, saving taxpayers billions. This reduction would be achieved solely through natural attrition, by retirement. The bill would also promote saving taxpayer money through competition by ending unjustified service contracts and arbitrary insourcing.

Senator Johnson's Commemorates Hispanic Heritage Month

It has always been one of our nation's greatest strengths that we honor and embrace the best aspects of many different cultures. America truly is a nation of immigrants, and it's appropriate to recognize the heritage of our immigrant communities. For that reason, I am pleased to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month.

More than 50 million Americans identify themselves as having Hispanic ancestry -- making this community one of America's largest. Hispanic Americans have made important contributions in a host of ways -- in science, government, business, the military, culture, religion, and other areas. The Hispanic community in Wisconsin is particularly vibrant. Hispanics are the second-largest ethnic group in the state by number, and the fastest-growing. They are hard-working small business owners, teachers, dairy farmers, and CEOs.

I have tremendous respect for those who come to this country, work hard, and dedicate themselves to supporting their families and communities. The Hispanic community of Wisconsin truly embraces these values, in pursuit of an American Dream, which we all share.

Senator Ron Johnson

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Comments from Senator Joe Leibham--9.23.2011

~ Senator Leibham to Lead Senate Efforts for Job Creation & Veterans Affairs ~

I am pleased to announce that my colleagues in the State Senate have asked me to serve as the new Chairman of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Veterans Affairs.



I am excited to continue the great progress made by the Economic Development Committee, the legislature as a whole and the Walker administration in creating a better climate in Wisconsin for private sector job growth and economic development. Our state is fortunate to have a talented and loyal workforce as well as business leaders who are dedicated to growing and investing in Wisconsin. The Committee will work on a bi-partisan basis to ensure that our state government is a positive partner to those working and doing business in our state.

I am humbled to provide leadership on efforts to support our active-duty military, our veterans and their families. The Veterans Affairs Committee will work with Secretary John Scocos and the state-wide community of veterans to ensure that Wisconsin maintains a positive portfolio of programs and services that demonstrates our appreciation and respect for our fellow citizens who selflessly serve our state and nation through military service.

In addition to these new responsibilities, I will continue to serve on the following committees and commissions:

- Member, Joint Committee on Finance (JFC)
- Member, Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR)

- Member, Senate Committee on Transportation and Elections
- Member, Transportation Projects Commission
- Member, Highway Safety Commission
- Member, Joint Legislative Council
- Member, Council on Military and State Relations
- President Pro-Temp of State Senate.



Senator Joe Leibham & Governor Scott Walker visit and discuss job creation efforts at Manitowoc based Skana Aluminum with CEO Tom Testwuide Sr.

MANITOWOC COUNTY TEA PARTY MEETING

October 27th Meeting at 6:30 at the Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

No meetings in November & December

January 19th 2012 Meeting at 6:30 at the Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

(The meetings are switching from the 4th Thursday of the month to the 3rd Thursday of the month)

Comments from Senator Frank Lasee--9.23.2011

It's been a busy political summer because of nine recalls. The Democrats picked up two seats, not enough to reach their goal of winning the majority in the State Senate. We still hold a 17-16 majority. The Dems outspent us more than two to one, some \$25 million dollars on eight competitive races. They still didn't get what they wanted, a Dem majority. These were high turnout elections and were very much like general elections, just in the summer. I spent a chunk of time helping Kim Simac, up north in the 12th Senate district.



Thanks for all your help last fall. I'm happy to be part of the majority, because of our push to balance our budget without raising taxes or fees, and our agenda of limited government. We wouldn't have been able to accomplish what we did without Republican majorities and our Governor's leadership.

The Dems are still talking about recalling Scott Walker. They sure want to, but I don't think they will. They may be able to gather the 600,000 signatures needed, but I don't think it's in Obama's and the other Democratic groups' best interest to spend the \$20-40 million dollars it will take to be competitive with our Governor. They will need this money to get their president re-elected. Because Senator Feingold isn't running, they're missing their best candidate.

More likely is a recall of three or four Republican Senators next year in order to get the majority again, before the fall elections. Next year Wisconsin will get a lot of Presidential election attention and, the open Herb Kohl Senate replacement race will also.

Just so you know, I'm seriously considering running for the US Senate. There's going to be a very competitive primary and general election. Tammy Baldwin, a liberal congresswoman from Madison is going to be the Democratic nominee. We will have a three to five way primary.

If I run, I wouldn't give up my State Senate seat because this is a mid-term election and it is a four year term. When I ran last fall I promised to do my best to get Wisconsin working again. It has become apparent to me that Washington is broken. Before we can get Wisconsin working again, we must change directions in Washington. With your help in the past, I helped make a Republican majority in the Assembly in '94, then in the State Senate in '10 and if I run, I hope to do the same in the US Senate. We need to win 4 seats to win the majority. Of the 33 Senate seats up next fall, 23 are Democratic.

We've done great things here, balancing our state budget without raising taxes or fees, tort reform, auto insurance reform, government collective bargaining reform and government agency reform. I'm looking forward to doing the most I can to help the people of our state, whether it means serving in Washington or continuing to serve you in Madison as your State Senator. Thanks again for all of your help. Stay engaged and keep working to bring more people to our conservative point of view. We need the votes.

Comments from Rep. Bob Ziegelbauer--9.21.2011

Hi this is Bob Ziegelbauer.

The Legislature is back in session for the fall, giving us an opportunity to turn our attention to things Democrats and Republicans can agree on, the need for economic growth and ways to increase opportunities for jobs. As an Independent member I see lots of possibilities for progress, but we'll need to be careful that we don't fall back into the trap of thinking that more government is the solution to every problem.



As your representative in Madison my job not only includes working in the Legislature as it makes laws, but also serving as your personal problem solver in dealings with State government. Now is a good time for me to remind you of some of the ways my office in the State Capitol can be of help. As we go through the daily business of life, interaction with government becomes more frequent. Sometimes we get stuck. You get a letter from a department, or need to get in touch with someone in a State office. Maybe it's a problem with a license or permit, complicated forms, or a request for information. Then it happens. You get a busy signal, get put on hold, or maybe just have trouble making the person

on the other end of the line understand what you need.

This is where we can help. My staff specializes in cutting through the red tape, getting you where you need to go. We help with all kinds of problems. Sometimes there's a form that needs correcting or a question that's causing anxiety. Rather than dialing over and over, call us - toll free at 888-529-0025 - let us try to solve it for you. It can take away your worry and reduce pressure on the system.

We can help in many ways. Over the years we've solved problems with income tax refunds, hunting licenses, unemployment checks and business permits. Sometimes the question is complicated, but that just makes us work harder. My staff is pretty good at what they do and we've built an excellent reputation for getting answers and solving problems, providing top quality constituent service.

While I want to do all I can to fix your problem, I can't change the rules. My job is to get you the answer you're entitled to, as quickly as we can. When it isn't the one you want, we'll help you understand your options, and how to proceed. Our job is to help you make the connection. If we can help, call us.

This is an important time to be interested because this government belongs to all of us. Let your elected representatives know what you think. Check my website www.bobziegelbauer.com for updates, and as always, call on me anytime I can be of assistance to you.

This is Bob Ziegelbauer. Thanks for listening.

Comments from Rep. André Jacque -- 9.21.2011

~ Pro-Life Principles an Important Part of a Well-Balanced Budget ~

While much attention has rightfully been focused on a recently-passed state budget that reins in previously exploding spending and personnel costs and finally matches revenues and expenditures, Wisconsin's main fiscal document should also be recognized for what it no longer does: trample on the consciences of pro-life taxpayers throughout the state.



As a first time candidate for office last year, I pledged to be a leader in the fight to protect the rights of our preborn brothers and sisters, and I am proud to be keeping that promise. Wisconsin's 2011-2013 budget incorporates two provisions I am proud to have served as the primary advocate for throughout the budget process.

The first motion adopted removed approximately \$1 million annually in state Title V payments to Planned Parenthood, our state and nation's largest abortion provider, as well as prohibiting the distribution of state-funded birth control to minor girls as young as 15 without parental knowledge. To quote former Planned Parenthood clinic director and Employee of the Year Abby Johnson, "...of course taxpayer money helps to finance abortions at Planned Parenthood clinics... As clinic director, I saw how money received by Planned Parenthood affiliate clinics all went into one pot at the end of the day -- it isn't divvied up and directed to specific services."

In my floor speech, defending against a Democratic amendment that would have removed this fiscal policy change, I noted speeches made by Assembly Democrats earlier in the evening that cited the moral imperative to "protect those in the dawn of life" (originally spoken decades before by a pro-life Democrat- not known by the person who repeated it), "future generations, those not yet born," and "caring for the least amongst us and their opportunity to achieve the American Dream." Fortunately, the amendment failed- despite all but two Democrats voting in support of it.

A second common-sense provision added to the budget regarding abortion subsidies was the extension

of statutory language to the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Authority, which prevents state payments for the provision of abortions. This motion addresses two critical shortcomings in Wisconsin's laws against taxpayer-funded abortion subsidies: putting an end to previous plans to open a late-term abortion clinic at the UW Surgery Center and stopping payments being made by the UWHCA to medical residents currently performing and assisting with abortions at the Madison Planned Parenthood Clinic, as part of an optional abortion training rotation.

While I am very pleased that these measures have now been signed into law, there is much work yet to be done. I will be offering legislation this fall to eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood through the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (currently \$130,000 per year) as well as legislation that prohibits experimentation with aborted baby body parts- a gruesome practice utilized at UW-Madison without regard to ethical standards. UW officials have previously indicated that they viewed the potential establishment of an abortion clinic at the UW Surgery Center as source of "research material" and recently released a statement reaffirming their commitment to this heinous practice.

I am also honored to be the lead Assembly co-sponsor of Sen. Rich Zipperer and Rep. Robin Vos' bill to prohibit abortion coverage in the Wisconsin's health insurance exchange, required to be set up under Obamacare. I am also the lead author of a resolution to honor Wisconsin's non-profit, volunteer-based pregnancy care centers (predictably and vehemently opposed by Planned Parenthood), including The Crossing in Manitowoc.

If there is one idea that legislative Democrats got right during the abortion debate, it is that budgets are not just fiscal, but moral documents- but unlike past budgets, those morals did not get checked at the door. It is morally right for our state to live within its means, to share sacrifice in difficult economic times, to provide a hand up and not a handout, to invest wisely for the prosperity of all, and to protect those among us who are truly the most vulnerable, particularly in "the dawn of life."

Sincerely,

Rep. André Jacque
(R-2nd Assembly District)

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 10

General Monthly Meeting

6:30 pm Holiday Inn
4601 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc
Speaker: TBA

All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Remember our Veterans & Support our Troops

Saturday, November 12

6th District Meeting

9:00 am Green Lake County
Contact Collin 920.645.5457 or Don 920.553.2879

Monday, November 14

General Monthly Meeting

6:30 pm Holiday Inn
4601 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc
Speaker: Les Miller, NRA

Topic: Concealed Carry Law & Training

All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 10

The Sixth District Candidate Campaign Training

Fond du Lac
Contact Collin 920.645.5457 or Don 920.553.2879

Monday, December 12

General Monthly Meeting

6:30 pm Holiday Inn
4601 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc
Speaker: TBA

All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

A Blessed & Joyous Christmas to All!

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day

May you have a peaceful & healthy New Year!

Looking ahead:

Monday, January 9

General Monthly Meeting

6:30 pm Holiday Inn
4601 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc
Speaker: TBA

All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, January 12

9:00 am 6th District Meeting

Contact Collin 920.645.5457 or Don 920.553.2879

Friday-Sunday, May 11-13

State Convention – Green Bay

Manitowoc County Fair Straw Poll Results & Summary

The Manitowoc County Fair, held this year from August 23 thru the 28 at the Expo grounds, was blessed by good weather and great attendance at the Manitowoc County Republican booth. Volunteers handed out literature, talked to fair-goers and listened to their opinions and comments. State Senator Joe Liebham and Representative Andre' Jacque spent time in the booth talking to their constituents.

Straw Poll ballots were available at the booth and many welcomed the opportunity to pin their hopes for our nation's future to a name on the presidential horizon. While by no means a scientific poll, the Straw Poll results provide a glimpse into what residents of Manitowoc County are thinking. Results of those receiving votes were as follows:

Perry- 58	Bachmann-19
Romney-19	Paul-13
Santorum-9	Obama-8
Cain-6	Gingrich-2

Of write-in candidates, Paul Ryan received four votes, Marco Rubio and Sarah Palin tied with two votes.

A flag drawing was also held and two names were selected from those entering the flag drawing at the County Fair. Pat

Prange of Manitowoc won a Wisconsin state flag, donated by State Senator Joe Leibham. Geoff Wolfe, also of Manitowoc, won a US flag which had flown over our nation's Capitol. The flag and documentation of its use in Washington D.C. , was donated by U.S. Congressman Tom Petri

Collin Braunel took on the responsibility to staff the Manitowoc County Republican booth for this year's fair. Sulynn and Dave Moore and Pat Power re-painted the backdrops for the booth and updated them with photos of new state office holders. We owe our thanks to these volunteers who gave of their time for the County Fair. In no particular order they are: John Cress, Ashleigh Freudenriech, Collin Braunel, Don Zimmer, Sulynn and Dave Moore, Tina Hilbelink, Eric Gilson, Travis Stevens, Pat and Steve Power, Bill and Mary Keil, Patti Shemchak, Barb Weekes, Paul Tittl, LaVonne Nimmer, Rep. Andre' Jacque, State Senator Joe Liebham, Helen Nasep, Ben Hilburger, Cathy Torke, Al Evanoff, and Dan Mathias. We apologize in advance if we have omitted any volunteers.

By: Cathy Torke, Manitowoc, WI

See photos on next page

Featured Writer: Eric Wind

Dear Manitowoc County Republicans,

On September 8, President Obama gave his much-hyped and much-panned “Jobs Speech” to a special joint session of Congress. The speech was unsurprisingly of little substance. President Obama and his Administration just don’t get it. We can launch all kinds of new spending initiatives, but the simple truth is that the United States of America every day only gets deeper in debt and this only makes our ability for a full recovery more difficult.

Think about America as a company and you are a potential investor. Would you invest in a company with over \$14 trillion in debt, a generous pension program (Social Security) and medical benefits program (Medicare) with a ratio of workers to retirees approaching 2 workers to every 1 retiree (when it used to be more like 9 workers to 1 retiree for Social Security), and an annual budget process that only shows the company operating in deep debt each and every year from now to eternity?

In a global economy, confidence is absolutely critical. Businesses have little confidence to hire more people in America because there is much uncertainty as to whether new taxes and regulations will be issued by the Obama Administration and there seems to be little upside for expanding businesses. What ultimately convinces someone to hire is the belief that the person they are hiring will bring more value to the business, leading to more profit for the business, than it costs to pay their salary and benefits.

Politicians in Washington can initiate more and more stimulus programs, but these simply hide the fact that the national debt is only increasing every second and that our federal deficit every budget cycle is immense. Unfortunately, both Democrats and Republicans in Washington have been talking a good game about cutting spending and dealing with the issue of scaling back entitlements for younger people not currently eligible for them, but little has been done.

Let us demand that the politicians we elect to send to both Washington and Madison understand the importance of fiscal common sense. Let us see to it that they will work to put our country and state on a financially sustainable track that can start paying off our debt and that will boost the confidence of businesses and investors. Getting our country on the track to fiscal solvency, more than any sort of gimmicky stimulus package, will lead to new jobs as a result of newfound confidence. Anything else is just deceiving ourselves.

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



Our Booth at the Fair: Thanks to your Volunteers



Photo at right: Sulynn Moore, our membership chair in our booth at this year's fair.

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) _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Please send my newsletter to the address listed above.

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

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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:
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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

Republican Party of Manitowoc County

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For more information about becoming a member of the Manitowoc County Republican Party go to our website at: manitowocrepublicanparty.org OR Contact Sulynn Moore 920-684-4125.

Republican State Convention May 20-22, 2011

This past May, I attended the Republican State Convention in Wisconsin Dells. It was my first convention and I'd like to share some of my thoughts with all of you. I must first say that I was in the company of a seasoned convention goer, Margaret Mueller of Manitowoc. Needless to say, I felt that I was in good hands and met many of the "movers and shakers" that I probably wouldn't have met on my own. I was very impressed how accessible all of our elected officials were. Throughout the series of dinners, meetings and hospitality hours, I was able to talk with Gov. Scott Walker, Rep. Paul Ryan, and Senator Ron Johnson, just to name a few.

The most memorable event was the Prayer Breakfast on Sunday morning, May 22. The program, with the exception of Ralph Reed, was presented entirely by Wisconsin elected officials, including a beautiful vocal performance by Warren Petryk, who is a State Representative.. I came away utterly impressed with what incredibly honest, decent, Christian men we have elected from Wisconsin.

The 2012 State Convention will be held in Green Bay, May 11-13; I encourage anyone who possibly can, to attend. I came back with renewed interest and strengthened in the knowledge that we made some great choices in the Nov. 2010 election. Anyone who is a member of the Republican Party of Manitowoc County is eligible to be a delegate to the state convention. Please

try to attend in 2012 and come back informed and ready to fight one of the most important political battles we will face.

By: Sulynn Moore, Manitowoc, WI



Margaret Mueller discussing issues with Congressman Paul Ryan at the State Convention this past May.