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Words from our Chairman

As we end the year 2010, we Republicans have much for which to be thankful. Here in Wisconsin, we can savor one of the most incredible political turnarounds in the entire country. Nowhere in our nation has the political landscape had a more dramatic transformation. We went from being a solid blue state to bright red. Democratic hubris at the federal and state level was responsible for our good fortune.

First, we had Obama care and the blind willfulness of the Democrats in the White House and in Congress in shoving that piece of bilge down the throats of a skeptical American public.

Next, we had President Obama, striding into Wisconsin to hand-pick the feckless, life-long hack Tom Barrett to be the Democratic gubernatorial candidate. Barrett isn't qualified to be a county recorder of deeds much less a governor, as his performance as Milwaukee's mayor shows. Unfortunately for Barrett, his Republican opponent Scott Walker is his polar opposite in that Walker is responsible, capable, possessed of great executive skills, and keeps his word. Barrett, we all knew, never had a chance. Eagle Scout Scott Walker is our shining star. He is already transforming state government and, as of today when I write this article, he hasn't yet taken office!

Then we had our favorite U.S. senator, Russ Feingold, and his condescending, patronizing smugness as he toured the state last summer and ignored the voices of the people who warned him that he would pay a price for his smart-ass attitude.

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Congratulations to:

Senator Joe & Heather Leibham
Daughter: Lucy Marie
Born: November 22, 2010
7 lbs. 15 oz. and 21 inches long
Joining brothers, Andrew and William



Words from our Chairman *continued from front page*

Finally, we had Ron Johnson who came out of nowhere, having never before run for elective office, bravely and boldly throwing his hat in the ring and challenging the previously unbeaten Feingold. Thank God Tommy Thompson decided not to run against Feingold. Too much baggage and, in many ways, not a conservative, Thompson would have lost.

Johnson, on the other hand, was a fresh face. His newness and political inexperience were actually assets as he conveyed the seriousness of his purpose to go to Washington and undo the worst aspects of Obama care.

Now, the incredibly inept and corrupt Jim Doyle, bald head freshly tanned after one last junket (this one to Cancun, Mexico to save our planet from the ravages of global warming), slinks out of the People's Republic to savor his record of destruction, having left the state of Wisconsin over 3 billion dollars in debt. Nice work, Jim!

Locally, we have new and enthusiastic members willing to take on positions of leadership in our county party. Ashley Freudenreich has agreed to run for our secretary position and John Cress has agreed to run for treasurer. We will have elections for officers at our caucus after the January meeting. We will need effective and involved leadership at the county level if we are to maintain the momentum which gave Manitowoc County to the Republicans last November.

The 2012 election is around the corner and we need to double our efforts in order to assure that our 8 electoral votes go to our Republican presidential candidate. I was never a fan of the late U.S. Congress house speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neil, but I will never forget the Tipster's wise political advice when he

said "All politics is local". What he meant was that state and national political power begins at the local level and nowhere is that more important here in Wisconsin than in each of our 72 counties. We will win Wisconsin for the Republicans in the next presidential election county by county. That is why your involvement in our county party is so important. We cannot continue our momentum and assure a Republican victory in Manitowoc County and in the state without your support. And that means your willingness to participate. Remember we need your time, treasure and talent or some measure of each. Whatever you can give of those three things will, I am certain, assure our victory.

Finally, I want to say thank you to two faithful county party members who have decided to step down from officer positions. Helen Nasep has been our treasurer for the past two years and has done an absolutely flawless job, insuring that our limited financial resources are properly accounted for. The treasurer's position is time-consuming and often tedious and Helen performed her duties with a great sense of responsibility and dedication.

Pat Power steps down as our secretary. Pat had been our treasurer before Helen. Just as she had as our treasurer, Pat performed her duties as secretary with dedication and absolute excellence. Pat has been one of the most diligent and enthusiastic members of our county party for years. Without people like Pat and Helen, our county party simply would not function. Both Pat and Helen remain vital members of our county party.

Don Zimmer / Chairman

Insights from the Vice-Chair . . .

Greetings Fellow Republicans, New Members, Tea Party Friends and Independents,

Welcome to all new members. Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events. Please feel free to bring a friend!

You did it! We did it! Wisconsinites did it! Thank you to everyone who helped during the general election campaigns. We could not have done it without our good volunteers. Well done! We will work with our conservative governor and legislators in holding their feet to the fire. Let's be ready for 2012!

Our meeting on Monday, January 10th at 6:30pm will be followed by our county caucus. We will be updating our county resolutions and finalizing delegates and alternates for the State Convention May 20-22 in Wisconsin Dells.

Mark your calendars for our annual Lincoln Day Dinner on February 20 at 1:00 pm at the Holiday Inn. Registration and a

social will be held from noon to 1:00pm. Please invite relatives and friends. Reservations are due by February 15th – Primary election day. Tentative keynote speaker is Gov. Walker. Please check local papers and/or the website for any changes and updates.

The 6th District meeting in Fond du Lac on Saturday, January 8th from 9am to 1pm will be followed by the 2010 Election Review with Rep. Tom Petri. Anyone interested should contact Don at 920-553-2879 or 905-0512

As we move forward, I am counting on your continued involvement. Our upcoming spring election on April 5 includes many school board and alderman races. The Supreme Court judge seat is very important as well. Re-electing Justice Prosser is vital to keep our conservative majority on the bench.

Get involved, become informed, share information with friends and relatives and above all VOTE! Every vote counts.

Blessings and health to you and your family in the New Year

Margaret / Vice Chair

Comments from Senator Joe Leibham--12.27.2010

~ Organizing a New State Government ~

Collectively, the voters of Wisconsin decided on November 2nd to make dramatic changes in regard to the personalities and philosophy that will manage our state government for the next two years. Currently, the majority of our State Senators, State Representatives and our Governor identify with the Democratic Party. Based on the results of the elections, when the new legislative session begins on January 3, 2011, the majority of State Senators, State Representatives and our Governor will be individuals who identify with the Republican Party.



The changes in Wisconsin government were some of the more substantial in the nation. Currently, in the State Senate, there are 18 Senators who identify with the Democratic Party and 15 Senators (myself included) who identify with the Republican Party. On January 3rd, Republican-identified Senators will be in the majority by a 19-14 margin.

In the State Assembly, the change is even more dramatic. Currently, there are 51 State Representatives who identify with the Democratic Party, 46 who identify with the Republican Party and two who identify as Independent. When the new Assembly session begins on January 3rd, 60 of the members will be Republicans, 38 will be Democrats and one will be identified as an Independent.

Along with Governor-elect Scott Walker, the voters have elected Republican-identified individuals to serve as the leaders in our state government for the next two years. In technical terms, the Republicans will now serve as the Majority Party in the State Senate and in the State Assembly, while the Democrats will serve as the Minority Party.

One of the first major tasks after an election is for the members of the legislature to elect leadership teams and determine committee assignments. As your Senator, I am pleased to report that my colleagues have initially asked me to serve in two important roles for the upcoming 2011-2012 legislative session.

First, I have been selected to serve on the 16-member Joint Committee on Finance (JCF). This joint committee of the State Legislature is the principal legislative committee charged with the review of all state appropriations and revenues. Most important, the

Committee is responsible for working with the Governor of the State to develop a budget plan for the state government.

As a member of the Finance Committee, I will work with my colleagues to get our state's fiscal house in order. It is clear to me that we must work to bring the cost of our government more in line with what the over-burdened taxpayers of our state can afford. We must also focus on creating a positive job creation climate so we can get the hard working people of our state back to work. Expanding our tax base through more employment and economic development will help us with our budget challenges.

In addition, I was also elected to serve as the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate. The President Pro Tem assists the Senate President in managing the business of the State Senate and leading the body through the procedural process of legislative voting sessions. This is one of six key leadership positions that will help organize and direct the legislative agenda of the State Senate.

In the position of President Pro Tem, I will work to ensure the State Senate is focusing on the issues that are important to the residents of the 9th District. I will also work to make the actions of the Senate accessible to the citizens of our state. I want the people of our state to know what their government is doing.

First and foremost, I was re-elected to serve and represent the residents of the 9th Senate District and to vote on your behalf. In addition to fulfilling this basic responsibility, I am honored that my colleagues have asked me to serve in these two important leadership positions. I expect to serve on a number of other committees and I look forward to sharing this information with you in the near future. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done to jump start our economy and turn our state in the right the direction and I am ready to get to work to get the job done.

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. You can also log on to the 9th Senate District on-line office at 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 Congressman Tom Petri

I'm looking forward to big changes in the House of Representatives when the new Republican majority takes control in January. The serious work of cutting the budget is going to get under way.



At 25 percent, the federal share of gross domestic product is at a 60-year peak. The new House will fight to get that down to a more normal 20 percent or less. Can we do it?

It won't be easy, but the determination I'm sensing from my colleagues makes me confident that we will make real progress over the next two years. Of course, much depends on President Obama and the Senate.

My committee assignments will continue to be with the Education and Labor Committee and the Transportation

and Infrastructure Committee, where I will likely be chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee.

I'm expecting the new House leadership to keep us all busy with an active downsizing agenda. The workload will increase because incoming Speaker John Boehner has committed to a more open House. We will debate and create legislation in the House committees and on the House floor instead of having the process tightly controlled from the Speaker's office, as has been the habit of the previous regime.

One of my legislative initiatives in the new Congress will be my Making Work and Marriage Pay Act. Our hodgepodge of taxes and benefits discourage work and marriage, especially among low-income families. For a low-income worker, getting a raise or a better job can cause benefit cuts and tax increases which can wipe out all or most of the increased pay. The problem does not lend itself to easy solutions. My bill would establish a national commission to recommend solutions.

ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY DINNER

February 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Registration and Social begins at 12:00 Noon

Holiday Inn 4601 Calumet Avenue • Manitowoc

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Comments from Senator-Elect Frank Lasee

Hello Fellow Republicans,

Thank you for your help in the months leading up to the election. We succeeded in electing Scott Walker and republican majorities in both houses of the legislature. Congratulations.

Now the work of changing the course of our state begins. We will balance our state budget, becoming a more business and



personal responsibility friendly state. Please continue to work on your family, friends and neighbors, helping them to understand why we need a government that is limited, less involved in all of our lives and less costly. We have more work to do.

Thank you for your confidence. I look forward to working for you and doing my part in turning our state around.

Sincerely,
Frank Lasee



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Featured Writer: Eric Wind

Dear Manitowoc County Republicans,

By now you are probably aware that the Republican Party had a pretty successful November, retaking control of the House of Representatives, making significant gains in the Senate, and being successful in state elections, especially in Wisconsin. In the wake of the November 2, 2010, Democrats and the media have been covertly and overtly peddling the narrative that Republicans are now in control in Washington. This is a helpful story for Democrats, but of course nothing could be further from the truth.

After the formation of the 112th Congress in January, Republicans will control only the House of Representatives, which by itself can accomplish little, particularly when compared to the power and reach of the Presidency, which has expanded so dramatically over the last 220 years. It seems that Democrats are trying to repeat what happened after the Republican Revolution of 1994. The White House and Democrats in Congress were able to blame the Republicans for a variety of things including a government work stoppage. As a result of effectively pinning blame on the Republicans, President Bill Clinton was able to win reelection in 1996.

Could this happen again? Certainly, Democrats hope that it will. They are likely going to continually blame problems on Republican obstructionism. Incoming Speaker of the House John Boehner has been in Congress since 1991, so he remembers the government shutdown and Clinton's reelection in 1996. I do not expect him to be fooled.

However, no matter who is in charge, it remains clear that there is a lot of work to be done. The list of challenges facing our country is seemingly endless. Disturbingly, a large percentage of Americans think that their children will have worse lives than they had. But of course, the challenges that the United States of America faces are not all that different from many of the challenges that countries around the world are facing. At the end of the day, we Americans want to see our country

moving forward. We do not care who gets the credit, we care about progress and success.

In a certain simplistic sense, we know what has to be done. We need to put more people to work. We need to innovate.

For national security and environmental reasons, we need to cleaner, domestically-supplied forms of energy. We need to update and improve our nation's infrastructure. We need parents to play a more active and positive role in their children's lives. As a country,

we need to be healthier through our diet and exercise. We need to balance state and federal budgets. We need to pay down the national debt. We need our education system to perform better. We need to convince people around the world not to become terrorists. We need to address the issue of immigration. The list goes on.

Congress, the President, and state governments have a lot of work do, but the problems do not all rest with them. We each need to play our own part in solving these issues and building our country. As Benjamin Franklin is credited with saying at the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, "We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." Those words ring true for all Americans today, just as they were true for our nation's fathers almost 235 years ago.

All the best,

Eric Wind

ericwind@gmail.com



Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 1

Happy, Healthy & Blessed New Year to All

Saturday, January 8

6th District Meeting

9am-Noon Ramada Hotel, Fond du Lac

1-3pm 2010 Election Review (same location)

Confirmed Attendee: Scott Cottingham (National Political Consultant)

Invited Guests:

Representatives from Walker and Johnson campaigns;

Scott and Jeff Fitzgerald; Brian Schimming,

First Vice Chairman of the State Party

Contact for information and car pooling

Don @ 553-2879 or 905-0512

Monday, January 10

General Monthly Meeting

6:30pm Holiday Inn Fireside, Manitowoc

4601 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc

All members and guests welcome.

2011 County Caucus to follow the meeting

Election of Officers and County Resolution Approval

Finalize Delegates and Alternates for State Convention

May 20-22 State Convention in Wisconsin Dells

Thursday, January 20

Pints & Politics

6:30pm Holiday Inn Fireside, Manitowoc

Speaker TBA

Monday, February 14th

General Monthly Meeting

6:30pm Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

All members and guests welcome.

Tuesday, February 15th

Primary Election

Become informed and vote!!!

Sunday, February 20th

Annual Lincoln Day Dinner

1pm Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

Registration and Social Noon to 1:00pm

Tentative Keynote Speaker: Gov. Scott Walker

Check the website for updates.

Monday, March 14th

General Monthly Meeting

6:30pm Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

All members and guests welcome.

Tentative

Saturday, March 26th

Sixth District Caucus

1:00pm Royal Ridges, Ripon

9:00am Executive Meeting

Noon Luncheon

Looking ahead:

Sunday, April 24

Happy Easter

Tuesday, April 5th

Spring Elections – Very Important

Supreme Court Race

Re-election of Justice Prosser is imperative to keep a conservative majority on the court.

Monday, April 11th

General Meeting

6:30pm Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

All members and guests welcome.

May 20-22

State Convention in Wisconsin Dells

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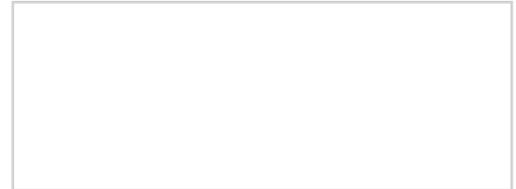
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