

# News & Views

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To be appointed



## Jeremy Thiesfeldt to Receive Scott McCallum Lifetime Achievement Award on January 19th

*By Timothy Bachleitner, Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Chairman*

In 2017 the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County established an award to recognize a recipient from the county who has accomplished a lifetime of achievement, dedication and excellence in politics.

Rohn Bishop, former Chairman of the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County explained, "We're creating a lifetime achievement award, to be given out annually to a local Fond du Lac Republican who's worked tirelessly for the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County, and/or has gone on to bigger and better things. The 'McCallum Award' was first awarded to our former Governor, Scott McCallum."

Upon receiving this prestigious award, Governor McCallum said, "I am deeply honored to have an award for lifetime achievement named after me. It is especially meaningful coming from my hometown which includes my family and many

longtime friends. It is humbling, in that there are so many other wonderful, hard-working people in Fond du Lac County who are also deserving of such recognition."

We are truly honored this year to be able to present this award to Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt. On January 19th we will host a volunteer appreciation and awards event at Ledgeview Lanes in Fond du Lac.

Jeremy Thiesfeldt will be our keynote speaker as we also recognize many of the deserving volunteers from 2022. We will announce the state-level awards for which the County Party applied via the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

Light snacks will be provided, and the Ledgeview Lanes bar will be open to purchase beverages. The social time will begin at 6 pm with the event beginning at 6:30 pm.

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*

*— Elizabeth Andrew*

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Sheriff

Ryan Waldschmidt . .920.929.3372

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Lisa Freiberg . . . . .920.929.3000

Clerk of Courts

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Register of Deeds

James M. Krebs . . .920.929.3239

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Sam Kaufman . . . . .920.929.3155

## State Senators

14th District

Joan Ballweg . . . . .608.266.0751

18th District

Dan Feyen . . . . .608.266.5300

20th District

Duey Stroebel . . . .608.266.7513

## State Representatives

42nd District

Jon Plumer . . . . .608.266.3404

52nd District

Jerry O'Connor . . .920.948.4207

53rd District

Michael Schraa . . .608.267.7990

59th District

Ty Bodden . . . . .920.948.5076

# Holding Fast to the Republican Party Platform

The Republican Party of Wisconsin (RPW) has established, through the official RPW Platform (which was adopted by vote and reaffirmed in 2022) that the life of the unborn child begins at the point of conception, without exception.

One responsibility of a county party is to help candidates get elected. An equally important responsibility is to hold our elected officials accountable to the official RPW Platform. In response to a potential compromise to this very clear position, the executive committee of the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County has drafted the following letter, which has been sent to each of our Assembly Representatives.

*Dear Representatives,*

*Congratulations on your victory and a huge thank you for all you do to champion and move forward the values and principles of the Republican Party.*

*It has been brought to our attention that there have been discussions to amend statute 940.04 to bring abortion back to Wisconsin.*

*We understand this is a complex issue to discuss and especially about which to make policy. We encourage you to remain faithful to the Republican Party of Wisconsin Platform.*

*"We believe that God endows every person with the right to life, to liberty, and to the pursuit of happiness and that He requires us all to respect the rights of all of our fellow citizens, from the moment that they are conceived to their deaths. We are under God who has instituted the family as the basic building block of society and has established universal laws of justice. We establish no church or religion but recognize the sanctity of every person's conscience and defend the free exercise of all religions. We are one nation but recognize that we are under God who cares for other people and nations as well as our own. The love for our family does not mean hatred for neighboring families."*

*We understand there are unfortunate circumstances in which some lives are conceived; however, all life deserves to be protected and to experience the freedom we do.*



*As a county party, we supported your candidacy on the basis of your commitment to the RPW Platform including our stance for life. We know that you may have personal conclusions outside the adopted RPW Platform; however, the way to change those is not through policy but through platform change.*

*In 1854, the first ever Republican Party meeting was held at a schoolhouse in Ripon for the purpose of standing against the injustice and oppression of slavery. As the current leaders of that same party 168 years later, we hold the issue of abortion as one that is an injustice and oppression towards the unborn person.*

*As pro-life Republicans, we have been fighting for life for nearly 50 years since Roe vs. Wade allowed legal abortions in Wisconsin in 1973. In our state, we currently have no right to legal abortions due to Wisconsin statute 940.04.*

*It would be a dishonor to our Party's founders in Ripon and to our grassroots volunteers and supporters for Republicans to be the authors, signers and voters to bring legal abortions back to Wisconsin.*

*Please stand firm and resist any temptation to begin the horrible practice of allowing abortions in Wisconsin.*

*Republican Party of Fond du Lac County  
Timothy Bachleitner, Chairman  
Jaedon Buchholz, Vice Chairman  
Michael Koepke, Secretary  
Kim McCollum, Treasurer*

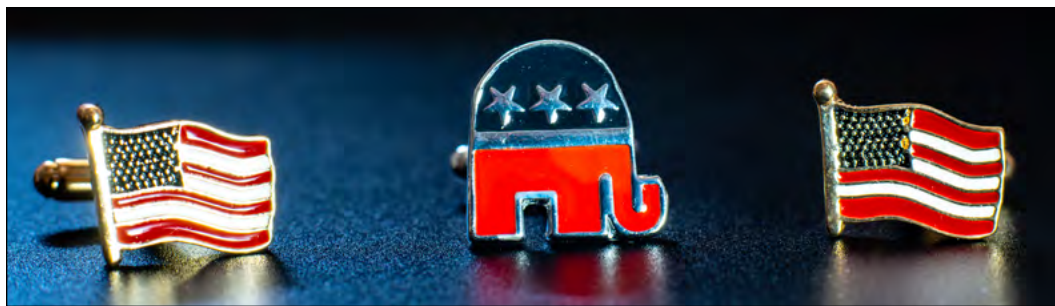
Thank  
You!

## Thank You to Our Volunteers!

**December Spirit Rally Team:** Tonya Alling, Meribah Bachleitner, Timothy Bachleitner, Pam Behnke, Sean Brierton, Andy Huebschmann, Sanna Huebschmann, Ron Lashuay, Dan Zimmerman.

**Public Relations Team:** Tonya Alling, Timothy Bachleitner, Bachleitner children, Kim McCollum.

*Special thanks to members Eric and Maria Feider, owners of Good Impressions, for quick turnaround and a great price.*



## Official Call Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Caucus

By Timothy Bachleitner, Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Chairman

Please notice that there is hereby called, by action of the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Executive Committee, a county caucus to be held at Ledgeview Lanes, 170 Prairie Road, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin on Thursday, February 16, 2023, commencing at 6:30 pm, for transacting the following business:

- 1) To hear reports from elected officials and other invited guests;
- 2) To elect a new executive committee for a two-year term commencing at the adjournment of the caucus;
- 3) To transact any other business that may be necessary to gain the objectives of the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County.

Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County

states: "Qualified and voting members of this organization shall be:

- 1) Those Republicans in good standing who have been duly recorded prior to any meeting or caucus. The membership year shall be from January 1 to December 31.
- 2) Members in good standing shall be those whose annual dues have been paid for at least ten days prior to any meeting or caucus. However, persons who have been qualified members for the membership year immediately preceding any meeting at which a vote is taken shall be considered qualified immediately upon payment of annual dues."

Therefore, to ensure voting eligibility, new member dues must be received and recorded by February 6, 2023 and renewing member dues must be received before the caucus begins.

## Elected Officials Assume Office on January 3rd

By Timothy Bachleitner, Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Chairman

January 3rd, 2023 marks the start of a new Wisconsin legislative session. Newly-elected officials Ty Bodden (59th) and Jerry O'Connor (52nd) will join returning Assembly members Jon Plumer (42nd) and Michael Schraa (53rd), and Senators Joan Ballweg (14th), Dan Feyen (18th) and Dwey Stroebel (20th) representing the citizens of Fond du Lac County.

Important topics will be school funding, a potential new abortion law, a flat tax, and a \$6.6 billion budget surplus. Republican leaders hold a majority in both the Assembly (64 to 35) and the Senate (21-11 with 1 vacant seat). We must pray for wisdom and discernment as our public servants consider these, and other important issues in the next session.

We encourage you to "bring what you've got and put it in the pot" because – as the "Stone Soup" folk tale teaches us – "every little bit makes the big pot better."

Volunteers and sponsors will be recognized in the newsletter.

### Share Your Talents

#### Writer

Write content for the website, newsletter, and social media.

#### Videographer

Help create video content for the website and social media.

#### Singer

Every Spirit Rally opens with an inspirational song. If you love to sing, let us know!

#### Speaker

Do you have an idea for a monthly meeting program? Contact [editor@fdlgop.com](mailto:editor@fdlgop.com).

#### County Coordinator

If you have a knack for planning, we're seeking volunteers whose primary responsibility will be to help coordinate meetings, including lining up participants and securing the venue. We would like to appoint one coordinator for Fond du Lac and one for communities west of Fond du Lac. Andy Huebschmann will serve eastern Fond du Lac County.

### Share Your Treasure

#### Newsletter Sponsor ... \$300

Covers the cost of newsletter production for one month.

#### Spirit Rally Sponsor ... \$300

Covers the cost of mailing invitations, reserving the venue and serving a light meal.

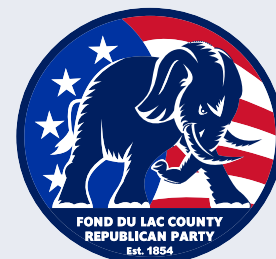
## Upcoming Recipes for Freedom Meetings

January 4th ..... Fond du Lac County Executive Sam Kaufman

January 18th ..... Sheriff Ryan Waldschmidt featuring a Fond du Lac County K-9 Unit

February 1st ..... Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Candidate Jennifer Dorow

Meetings are held at Ledgeview Lanes, 170 Prairie Road, Fond du Lac, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.





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## Please Join Us!

Jan. 19 . . . Republican Spirit Rally  
Volunteer Appreciation Night  
Ledgeview Lanes  
170 Prairie Road, Fond du Lac  
6:30 to 8 pm; Doors open at 6  
*See page one for details.*

Feb. 16 . . . . . County Caucus  
Ledgeview Lanes  
170 Prairie Road, Fond du Lac  
*See page three for details.*

## Join the Party

Membership includes a monthly newsletter, an invitation to monthly meetings, caucuses and conventions and a general sense that you will be preserving our Republic. Contributions will be used to promote Republican values and ideals in Fond du Lac County.

1) Mail this form with payment to FDL GOP, PO Box 665, Fond du Lac, WI 54936.

2) To join or renew online, please visit [www.fdlgop.com](http://www.fdlgop.com) > join now.



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## 2023 Membership Application

Date\_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Member: \$25

☐ Renewing Member: \$20

☐ New Member plus spouse: \$40

☐ Renewing Member plus spouse: \$40

☐ Additional contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive news by ☐ US mail ☐ e-mail

*Only one discount will apply. You may not take the renewing member discount and the spousal discount. The lowest price when both spouses join is \$40 per couple.*

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse\_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip\_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_

*To be eligible to vote at the February 16, 2023 caucus, new member dues must be received and recorded by February 6, 2023 and renewing member dues must be paid before the caucus begins.*