

# News & Views

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## February Primary & April Election will Determine Majority Control of Wisconsin Supreme Court

Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Janet Protasiewicz, former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Daniel Kelly, Dane County Circuit Judge Everett Mitchell, and Waukesha County Circuit Judge Jennifer Dorow are on the ballot for the February 21st spring primary.

The top two candidates with the most votes in the primary will advance to the April 4th election, which will determine majority control of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The winner will replace conservative Supreme Court Justice Patience Roggensack, who is retiring.

Races for the Supreme Court are officially nonpartisan, but Protasiewicz and Mitchell are running as liberal candidates and Dorow and Kelly are running as conservative candidates.

Upcoming court cases could determine the future of abortion laws, redistricting and election laws. Given tension between Democrat Governor Evers and the Republican-controlled Assembly and Senate, the court will undoubtedly be called upon to decide policy issues, as it has in the past, siding overwhelmingly with conservatives recently.

If the balance swings left, much of the hard work and many of the gains made by our conservative legislators will be erased.

**Do your part. Vote for a conservative candidate in the February 21st primary and the April 4th election. The future of our State depends on it.**

## 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.

## U.S. Senator

Ron Johnson . . . . .920.276.7282

## U.S. Representative

Glenn Grothman . . . .920.907.0624

## County Officials

### Sheriff

Ryan Waldschmidt . .920.929.3372

### County Clerk

Lisa Freiberg . . . . .920.929.3000

### Clerk of Courts

Ramona Geib . . . . .920.929.3040

### County Treasurer

Brenda Schneider . . .920.929.3010

### District Attorney

Eric Toney . . . . .920.929.3048

### Register of Deeds

James M. Krebs . . . .920.929.3239

### County Executive (non-partisan)

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

## Rep. Thiesfeldt Accepts Lifetime Service Award

Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt, in the presence of family, legislative colleagues, and friends, accepted the Governor Scott McCallum Lifetime Service Award, on January 19th.

After former FDL GOP Chairman Rohn Bishop presented the award, Representatives Tim Ramthun and Michael Schraa both praised Thiesfeldt's years of service in the Assembly.

Representative Thiesfeldt then delivered the keynote address, at which time he thanked the County Party and shared some of the wisdom he gained through the years.

Congratulations, Representative Thiesfeldt! We

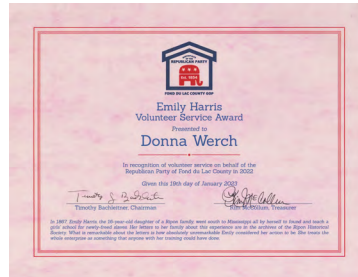


Chairman Bachleitner and Rep. Thiesfeldt share a smile as Jeremy receives the award.

look forward to seeing how you share your God-given talents in the years ahead.

## Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Creates Emily Harris Volunteer Appreciation Award

In 1867, Emily Harris, the 16-year-old daughter of a Ripon family, traveled (alone) to Mississippi to found and teach a girls' school for newly-freed slaves. Her letters to her family about this experience are in the archives of the Ripon Historical Society. What is remarkable about the letters is how absolutely unremarkable Emily considered her action to be. She treats the whole enterprise as something that anyone with her training and a caring heart could have done.



It is in this selfless spirit that the Republican Party of Fond du Lac County created the Emily Harris Volunteer Appreciation Award. This award recognizes every person – regardless of membership status or age – who has given any amount of volunteer service up to the Campbell Award threshold. The executive team feels strongly that every measure of volunteer effort is worth celebrating. The 2022 Emily Harris Volunteer Appreciation Awards go to:

Jessica Agnew  
Noah Alling  
Alyssa Babler  
Stephanie Babler  
Adeline Bachleitner  
Alizah Bachleitner  
Andrew Bachleitner  
Berakhah Bachleitner  
Covenant Bachleitner  
Hadassah Bachleitner  
Meribah Bachleitner  
Sandra Bachleitner  
Simon Bachleitner  
Joan Ballweg  
Roger Bargaquast  
Sharon Beacom  
Mike Benson  
Ty Bodden  
Sean Brierton  
Jaedon Buchholz

Lynne Conley  
Diane Ditter  
Norm Ditter  
Travis Drake  
Mike Dudzinski  
Benjamin Eilbes  
Pastor Paul Ethington  
Brett Galaszewski  
Caleb Glewen  
Shelley Hammer  
Pastor Doug Hanback  
Jim Hess  
Dan Ireland  
Sam Kaufman  
Daniel Kelly  
Joy Koepke  
Carol Konkol  
Sharon Kwakkel  
Matt Lemke  
Nancy Lieske

Linda Mand  
Jeff Manlove  
Kathy Manlove  
Mary Marlowe  
Lauryl Megahan  
Sam Moheban  
Darlene Nelson  
Jerry O'Connor  
Rhonda Parduhn-Pratsch  
Rose Petrie  
Joanna Price  
Christine Rach  
Timothy Ramthun  
Tracy Ratkowski  
Harley Reabe  
Janet Reabe  
Lisa Rollin  
Karen Rosenfeldt  
Paul Rosenfeldt  
Dawn Sabel

Dennis Sabel  
Grace Sabel  
Joann Sabel  
John Sabel  
Roberta Scherck  
Karen Scherer  
Duncan Seffern  
Pastor Josh Sherman  
Ann Sinisi  
Scott Sonnkab  
Mary Tighe  
Peter Timmermans  
Jackie Tvrdy  
Mary Vandermolen  
Robert Vandermolen  
Ryan Waldschmidt  
Ann Wentworth  
Donna Werch

Thank You!

## Thank You to Our January Volunteers!

**January Spirit Rally:** The entire executive team worked together to coordinate the January monthly meeting, but we are especially grateful to Andy Huebschmann, who reserved the venue and pulled a rabbit out of his hat when the caterer was unable to fulfill his contract at the last moment. With three days notice, Andy ordered the meat and buns and then made all the potato salad and cookies from scratch, all while working on his notes to emcee the volunteer appreciation event. Thank you, Andy. You did an amazing job and we treasure you.

## Alling Surprised with Bovay Award Nomination

The Alvan E. Bovay Award, named after the founder of the Republican Party, honors a uniquely deserving individual from each Congressional District in recognition of his or her outstanding dedication to the Republican Party. This award is given to an outstanding individual who volunteered for the good of the Republican Party.

The District Executive Board votes on one nominee from among those submitted by the County Parties and forwards the nominee to the Republican Party of Wisconsin. The Bovay Awards are presented at the State Convention.

The FDL GOP executive team nominated Tonya Alling for the award, and surprised her with it at the volunteer appreciation event in January. Treasurer Kim McCollum read a heartfelt nomination letter, detailing the reasons Alling



was chosen. By the end of the letter, both women were overcome with emotion.

"Although I don't volunteer to receive praise," said Alling, "it feels good to know that my hard work has not gone unnoticed and I'm so proud of all we've accomplished together this year."

## Thirty-three Distinguished Volunteers Nominated for State-level William J. Campbell Award

William J. Campbell is often credited with being the founder of the modern Wisconsin Republican Party. It was Campbell, a lumber company executive, and member of the UW Board of Regents, who began the 'Republican Voluntary Committee' which became the vehicle to wrest control of the Party away from the La Follette family, of which Robert, Sr. served as both Governor and Senator, Robert, Jr. served as Senator, and Phillip served as Governor.



The Republican Party of Wisconsin feels that the Campbell Award is important because "it recognizes those individuals who are the lifeblood of our Party. By recognizing the hard work and dedication of volunteers, the RPW hopes to encourage continued participation in grassroots activities and Republican campaigns in the years to come." The 2022 FDL GOP nominations for the William J. Campbell Volunteer Appreciation Awards are:

Mark Alling  
Tonya Alling  
Kristin Bachleitner  
Timothy Bachleitner  
Pam Behnke  
Judy Beilke  
Barb Benkoski  
Jay Capelle  
Noreen Dux

Ron Guell  
Susan Guell  
Kellie Hare  
Andy Huebschmann  
Sanna Huebschmann  
Paul Hunt  
Valerie Hunt  
Mike Koepke  
Kim McCollum

Dolly Miller-Brennan  
Joan Mrazek  
Mary Muehlis  
Lillian Nolan  
Alice Pickart  
Jeff Pratsch  
Marvin Rach  
Jeanette Rinke  
Cathie Seffern

Beth Seif  
David Seif  
Bev Sonnkab  
Debbie Weber  
Mark Weber  
Jim Ziegler

## Budget-friendly News Delivery Method Suggested

In 2022, we spent around \$400 each month to print and mail *News & Views*. If we send a digital version of the newsletter to members who routinely use email instead, and print and mail only enough copies for those who don't, the cost savings will be significant.

We must look at the financial impact associated with printing and mailing *News & Views*. This

is an opportunity to reduce costs without adversely impacting the member experience.

As always, the newsletter is available on our website and includes a linked, printer-friendly option that members can use if they prefer to print a copy. If you have feedback on this hybrid approach to distribution, please contact Tonya Alling at [editor@fdlgop.com](mailto:editor@fdlgop.com) or 920-229-5531.

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.

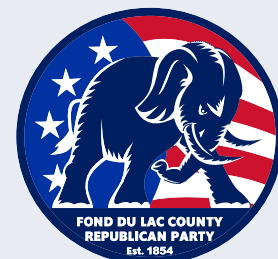
### Share Your Treasure

#### Newsletter Sponsor ... \$200

Covers the cost of newsletter production for one month.

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

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





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## Please Join Us!

Feb. 16 . . . . . County Caucus  
Ledgeview Lanes  
170 Prairie Road, Fond du Lac  
Park at the south end of the lot  
to reserve spots for bowlers.

## Join the Party

Membership includes a quarterly newsletter, an invitation to 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.*