

News & Views

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Get Out the Vote Strategy Will Help Ensure a Supreme Court Election Victory for Daniel Kelly

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

On February 28th, conservative WISN Radio talk show host Dan O'Donnell broke a story, "Liberal Group Running Massive Election Bribery Scheme in Supreme Court Race."

After the dust settled and legal opinions came in, it turned out that this was a legal and legitimate way to ensure that eligible voters participate in the election by casting a ballot.

The word **bribery** was a poor choice and an inaccurate way to portray this latest strategy being implemented by the left. A better term would have been **reward**. The difference between a bribe and a reward is vast. A bribe is a payment to do something illegal or immoral, and a reward is compensation for doing something good and legal.

Millions of dollars are being spent to get people to the polls and to inform them how to vote. Print companies are making yard signs, flyers and mailers. TV, radio and social media outlets are running ads. Campaign teams and organizations are holding events. Left-leaning organizations are compensating people to contact 75 people four times each in the days leading to the spring election.

Reaching out to your personal network is good, and we should all be doing it.

Recently I sat with a man at a coffee shop in Fond du Lac. He said he was doing this very thing. He was going to personally ensure 100 votes for Daniel Kelly. This gentleman poured over his contact list and reached out to his friends, family and acquaintances. If he received a confirmation that they intended to vote that day, he asked them to text him their voter number as they leave the polls.

What a fun, high impact idea!

We want to encourage all Fond du Lac County conservatives to implement this strategy to ensure voter turnout. At this point in the election cycle, the ads, mailers and events are becoming white noise.

Your voice among friends, family and acquaintances will pierce through that noise. Through the haze of a smoke-filled battlefield they will hear you say "this is the way to victory."

What will your reward be for this good deed? Justice Daniel Kelly will be elected to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.

Do your part. Vote for Justice Daniel Kelly in the April 4th election and encourage every conservative in your network to do the same. The future of our State depends on it.

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— George Jean Nathan

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40 Delegates and 2 Supreme Court Candidates Braved Wintry Weather to Attend County Caucus

By Kim McCollum, Republican Party of Fond du Lac County Secretary

An outsider might observe that the 2023 Republican Party of Fond du Lac County caucus held on February 16th was nothing more than a typical meeting to conduct necessary business leading up to the Republican Party of Wisconsin (RPW) State Convention.

But that observer couldn't possibly have noticed the fervor of dedicated members who — braving a Wisconsin snowstorm — were excited to kick off the new political year. The high energy levels when we were able to introduce Wisconsin Supreme Court candidates Judge Jennifer Dorow and Justice Daniel Kelly (who also plowed through snowy roads to ensure that their messages were heard) might also have gone unnoticed.

Throughout the evening, intense discussions and proclamations of support swirled in the air. Of course, there were a few who worried a bit about road conditions, but no one left the event early for fear of a snowy drive home.

In fact, U.S. Congressman Glenn Grothman (in close contact with his staff) assured everyone, "I'll be there. It's a bit of a slow go on Highway 23." And in true Congressman Grothman style, he blessed us with a great report from Washington D.C. and his personal heartfelt wishes for the (then) upcoming February 21st primary.

With vigor and commitment, members pushed aside weather concerns and elected the 2023 executive team, listened to justice candidates and other special speakers as they heard the Call to the Sixth District Caucus on March 18th and the Call to the RPW State Convention, to be held June 17th to 19th in La Crosse.

Members also listened as three candidates for the Sixth District chair position — to be selected on March 18th — presented their platforms for consideration. The three hopeful candidates are George Bureau, Alan Ott and Timothy Ramthun.

Officers elected were Timothy Bachleitner (chair), Michael Koepke (vice-chair), Kim McCollum (secretary) and Tonya Alling (treasurer). Executive Committee members elected were Pam Behnke, Jaedon Buchholz, Mike Dudzinski, Andy Huebschmann, Sanna Huebschmann, Joy Koepke and David Seif.

Committees representing Fond du Lac County at the Sixth District caucus are: Rohn Bishop and Sanna Huebschmann (rules), Tonya Alling and Kim McCollum (credentials), and Timothy Bachleitner and Carolann Ramthun (resolutions).

144 members in good standing were nominated as delegates to the Sixth District caucus and the RPW convention. With 159 eligible members, a process to pare the list down to 144 for submission was approved.

Rounding out official business, two resolutions were passed — one in the interest of fair elections and one in the interest of protecting the rights of the unborn. Both resolutions will be presented to delegates at the Sixth District caucus. If passed at the district level, the resolutions will be presented to delegates for consideration at the RPW convention.

Three resolutions which served to honor key members were read and passed unanimously. Chairman Timothy Bachleitner was recognized for his stellar service in 2022. District Attorney Eric Toney was recognized for his superb campaign for Wisconsin Attorney General. And, a resolution honoring the memory of office maintenance volunteer Ben Eilbes which renames our county party headquarters the Ben Eilbes Victory Center was also approved.

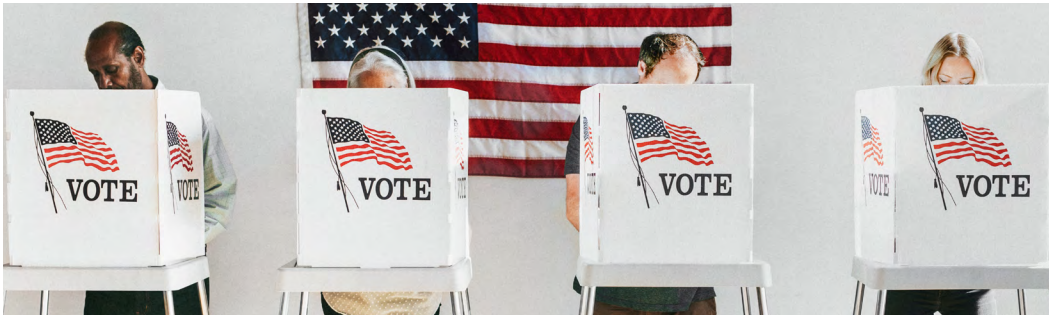
Much was accomplished on a wintry Wisconsin evening. Just imagine all the great things to come in 2023. The executive team is counting on your support as we continue to work together for the good of the Republican Party.



Thank
 You!

Thank You to Our February Volunteers

Special thanks to Judge Jennifer Dorow, Justice Daniel Kelly and Congressman Glenn Grothman for braving the snow to attend the February 16th county caucus. We're also grateful to executive team members Tonya Alling, Timothy Bachleitner, Pam Behnke, Jaedon Buchholz, Andy and Sanna Huebschmann, Mike and Joy Koepke, Kim McCollum and Dave Seif for making the necessary preparations prior to and during the caucus. It was a great team effort.



Attend the March 30th Spirit Rally in Waupun and Learn New Strategies to Help Win Elections

Please join us for a Spirit Rally on March 30th at the Rock Golf Club, 700 County Park Road, Waupun. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with the meeting to follow at 6:30.

Featured speakers will include Chris Lawrence, Director of Outreach for School Choice Wisconsin and Chairman Timothy Bachleitner. There is a possibility that Justice Daniel Kelly will give an address if his schedule permits.

This will be an inspiring and energizing time to head into the last leg of the spring election. There is so much at stake in the spring election cycle with races for county boards, city councils, school boards, referendums and the immensely important Supreme Court seat.

Analysts say this Supreme Court race will be the most expensive in our nation's history. Unfortunately, the money pouring in is from leftist organizations from outside Wisconsin.

The massive ad campaign against Daniel Kelly is ugly and full of lies. We must respond with

unity and enthusiasm, dig deep, and do things we may have never done before to ensure justice and peace for Wisconsin's future.

Our meeting will include our standard features:

- Light hors d'oeuvres;
- Inspirational music;
- The prayer, pledge and Republican platform;
- Engaging speakers; and
- The Elephant in the Room/Baby in the Womb.

We will also use the energy and strength of our gathering to rally to Daniel Kelly's side and learn about new vital strategies that Republican Party members can implement to ensure conservative victories in this election and the elections to come.

Our goal is to come away from the meeting more prepared to fight until the very last moment. We must lay it all on the field and hold our heads high having done all we could to ensure a conservative victory on April 4th.

Generous Member Offers \$2,000 in Matching Funds for Furnace Replacement Contributions

The owners of the building at 76 S. Macy Street in Fond du Lac graciously allow the Republican Party of Fond du Lac to utilize office and storage space at no charge to the party. We are only required to pay for utilities.

Unfortunately, the furnace dedicated to our area of the building is not functioning. Two quotes were obtained by the executive team for the replacement of the furnace, which has been deemed non-repairable by both contractors.

The least expensive quote is nearly \$5,000 for furnace replacement. If we wanted to add air conditioning, the expense would be greater.

Money for furnace replacement was not allocated in the 2023 budget. The executive team will discuss this issue at an upcoming meeting and make a decision about how best to proceed. The team will consider contributing to the replacement cost if the funds can be raised.

A generous member has offered to match the first \$2,000 in donations for a new furnace. Contributions may be mailed to FDL County GOP, PO Box 665, Fond du Lac, WI 54936 with "furnace fund" noted in the memo. Online contributions may be made at secure.anedot.com/republican-party-of-fond-du-lac-county/general-fund-cafdca4481a.

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.

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 at least one coordinator for Fond du Lac or the central portion of the county.

Share Your Treasure

Newsletter Sponsor ... \$200

Covers the cost of newsletter production for one month.

Spirit Rally Sponsor ... \$200

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

General Sponsorship

To accomplish our 2023 goals and balance the budget, we need to raise \$5,320. Your business sponsorship or individual contribution will reduce the amount the party needs to raise through other fund raising efforts.

Furnace Fund

Help heat party headquarters! See the article at left.



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Please Join Us!

March 30th..... Spirit Rally
The Rock Golf Club
700 County Park Road, Waupun
Door open at 6:00 pm
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Join the Party

Membership includes a 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 the membership 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 > join now.



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2023 Budget Approved by Executive Team

The executive team approved the 2023 budget at its February 20th, 2023 meeting. Notable cost-saving or income-producing changes since 2022 included holding meetings every other month, mailing the newsletter only to members who do not use email, and holding 50/50 raffles at meetings and events.

20% of the budget (\$3,000) was earmarked for candidate support. The budget allocates \$2,180 of the \$4,680 cash reserves, leaving a rainy day fund of \$2,500.

To balance the budget, the committee approved raising \$5,320 in additional funds. A fund raising event will be held later this year. We are confident that members and supporters will help make up the difference needed to balance the budget.

If you have any questions about the budget or you would like to make a contribution or help plan a fund raising event, please contact Tonya Alling at treasurer@fdlgop.com.

Projected Income

Cash Reserves	\$ 4,680
Memberships Paid to Date (159)	3,695
Memberships Anticipated	1,305
50/50 Raffles at Meetings	500
Fundraisers and Sponsorships	4,820
Total Projected Income.....	\$15,000

Projected Expenses

Sixth District Expense.....	\$ 720
Meeting Expense	1,200
Monthly Mailing (Printing/Postage) ...	2,400
Office Expenses and Supplies	1,000
Postage.....	500
Campaign Finance (CFIS).....	100
Utilities	1,500
Volunteer Appreciation	300
Website	80
Credit Card Fees.....	200
Candidate Support.....	3,000
Chairman Meetings.....	500
Miscellaneous	1,000
Cash Reserves	2,500
Total Projected Expenses.....	\$15,000