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***Let the People know the Facts and the Republic will be Saved***

*Abraham Lincoln, 1860*

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## A New Day

### A Special Message From *Facts* Editor Jeff Waksman

So here we are. The Democrats control the White House, the US Senate and House of Representatives. They control the Wisconsin Governor's Mansion, and both houses of the state legislature. I've heard from a lot of people in Dane County, from voters to party members to party candidates, and to say that the mood is merely glum is an understatement. But if you're looking for a pity party, that is not what you're going to get here. I'm going to tell you exactly how I feel:

Hopeful.

The media is spinning this as a defeat for small government politics, and that a new New Deal is here. But is that really what Americans voted for? Did the US media even pay attention to the campaign? Did they even watch any of Obama's commercials? Because if you were a casual voter, here are the things that you would have learned about Obama's platform:

- Massive tax cuts
- Spending cuts/Balanced budget
- Big supporter of gun rights
- Anti-abortion
- Staying the course with the Petraeus Plan in Iraq
- Cutting health care costs through free market/lower tax solutions

In other words, he ran as a Republican. Forget that Obama stood for none of those things. He is in favor of the biggest tax increase in the history of the planet. He is planning more than \$1 trillion in new government spending. He consistently voted against gun rights in Illinois, and voted for infanticide. He still refuses to admit that he was wrong on the Surge in Iraq. And he is planning on growing government run health care more than any President in history. Obama knew that he couldn't run on his real platform and win. He had to run as a Republican.

So how did we get to the point where the most leftwing mainstream presidential candidate in the history of the United States was able to run as a Republican and get away with it? Because the Republican Party hasn't behaved like the Republican Party. For the last eight years we allowed our party to support massive discretionary government spending increases. We let government-run health care spending explode. We ignored entitlement reform. We let corrupt politicians put an "R" next to their name and sully our brand. We behaved like Democrats, and Americans punished us for it.

But that's why I'm hopeful. Because from this point forward, the Republican Party will rediscover it's past. It will rediscover the spirit of Abraham Lincoln, Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan. It will rediscover the promise of the 1994 Contract With America.

But now that we're hopeful, we have to forget everything I just said, because unless we work our butts off none of it will happen. The fact is that none of us worked hard enough this year. None of us gave enough time. None of us knocked on enough doors or made enough phone calls. None of us gave enough money to our candidates or to the RPDC. A majority of American voters did not have a single contact with a McCain volunteer or campaign ad. And you wonder why the Obama campaign was able to convince America that he was the Republican?

So if you want the birthplace of the Republican Party to again become a red state, and I know that you do, then you have to pledge yourself to our cause. Think about every dollar that you spend as an investment, because you'll get it all back when we lower taxes. Think about every hour that you volunteer as an investment into a future where you won't have to worry about whether the paramedics will actually show up if you have to call 911.

The seeds for future success will be planted now. Call us (288-0059) and e-mail us ([hq@danegop.org](mailto:hq@danegop.org) , [facts@danegop.org](mailto:facts@danegop.org)). Tell us what you are going to do to bring about victory. And bring your friends into the party. 71,829 people voted for John McCain in Dane County. 90,369 voted for George W. Bush in 2004. You know some of these people. Tell them to join us in taking this county back.

And we all have to get on board with the most important Dane County political campaign before 2010: The Dane County Executive race. Nancy Mistele is a wonderful candidate, and Kathleen Falk is an atrocious candidate who is hated by many even in her own party. But the only way that Nancy can win is if we raise hundreds of thousands of dollars and volunteer hours and hours of our time. And she will, because we will, because we are all sick of living in 40 square miles surrounded by sanity.

I am hopeful because of what I saw at the Election Night Party at City Center West. Unlike the deceitful smears written by certain local reporters, I saw an incredibly positive group of people. We aren't the Democrats. We aren't suddenly going to hate our troops, or undermine our own country just because our guy isn't the President. We aren't full of hate. We're full of hope. And we're full of faith that the future will be brighter because of what we will do for it.

Thank you all for reading this, and I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season with your family.

*Jeff*

Upcoming Events

**The Republican Party of Dane County's  
Annual Christmas Party!**

**Pop (Soda)**

**Cash Bar**

**Appetizers**

**Guest speakers**

**Door Prizes!**

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Cost: \$15**

**5:30 pm Coliseum Bar**

*(Gold Elephant members= 2 prepaid passes, Silver= 1 pass)*

**232 E. Olin Ave at John Nolen Dr.**

**Please RSVP (see below) by DEC. 8th!**

**Lincoln Day Dinner**

Sat. Eve. Feb 21, 2009

Sheraton Hotel on

John Nolen Dr.

(Details will follow)

**Annual Caucus**

Sat. Feb. 28, 2009, 9:00 A.M. coffee,

Meeting follows at City Center West

Johnson Bldg. 525 Junction Rd.

(Enter from parking ramp - you must be a registered member prior to Caucus date to participate)

Register online for the Christmas Party at <http://www.danegop.org>. Click on "register online" fill out all info. (you can add additional guests also) GOLD and SILVER ELEPHANT members please check the "RSVP" circle on the right side under "Registration Options."

Or detach, stamp and mail below:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I'll be at the party Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests (X \$15) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Gold Elephant members have two prepaid passes, Silver has one prepaid)

I have a Gold Elephant membership\_\_ I have a Silver Elephant membership\_\_ (Check one if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I would like to sponsor the party with an added donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "RPDC"

Mail this stub with your check to:

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF DANE COUNTY BOX 945, MADISON, WI. 53701

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## **From the Chair**

In our last conversation we were all hoping for a big win here in Wisconsin for our Republican candidates. The election has passed and we have to settle with a mixed bag of results. In short, it looks like Keith Ripp should hold onto the 47<sup>th</sup> after the recount has been completed. Bret Davis sailed to victory in the 80<sup>th</sup>, but the McCain/Palin ticket suffered a sounding defeat. So, do we have to ask ourselves what happened or do we already know? For those of you that can use a little help, it was because we did not have a true conservative running for the office of President of the United States. So where does this leave us in a county full of left leaning droids? It's simple, we move forward.

We move forward with working much harder at getting our message out. We must have a system in place that helps us to distribute our beliefs to the thousands of people who will ultimately come back to the conservative side within the next two years. In Dane County, over 90,000 people reportedly voted for Bush in '04 and over 70,000 voted for McCain this past election cycle. Many of our conservative-leaning neighbors crossed over and voted for Obama because the Democrats got their message out better than we did.

We will work harder at reaching these people and we are implementing systems that will enable us to do just that. This is the hard work that must be completed now at this very time in history. Use of proven old school ways along with a healthy dose of new technologies and formats will be the infrastructure that will enable us to move forward into the future. Rest assured, the Republican Party of Dane County, along with the Wisconsin Republican Party and the Republican National Committee are currently working hard on systems of message delivery for our followers.

We will also work harder on finding candidates that will run for local, state and national office based on core conservative beliefs. We will also make sure that when our candidates are elected into office that they do not forget what principles got them there. We can not afford to repeat the horrible performance of the Republican run Congress and Senate of 2000 through 2006. In fact, our Republican leaders should be down right ashamed of their actions by expanding the federal government by 40% in six short years. This is ultimately what led us to the biggest defeat of Republicans in a very long time: the desertion of conservative principals.

In short, we need to win back the confidence of the folks who crossed over and we need to do it now. If we're not ready for them we may lose them forever. In our next conversation, I will lay out to our membership what their executive committee's plan is for modernizing the Republican Party of Dane County. Until then, Merry Christmas and God bless.

*Mike*

# Candidate



# Spotlight



Nancy Mistele

Dane Count Executive

**Submitted by the Mistele for County Executive campaign**

Nancy Mistele is no stranger to running for public office. Elected twice to the Madison Board of Education in the 1990's, Nancy ran two very strong campaigns for the State Senate in 1994 and 1998 in the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District. Over the past 15 years, Nancy has been a courageous and vocal advocate of reduced spending, lower taxes and public policy that responds to the everyday concerns of rank and file citizens in Madison and Dane County. Many people talk the talk, but Nancy has always walked the walk.

Smart, energetic, courageous . . . in short, a nightmare for Dane County liberals.



In 1976, Nancy and her husband Tom started Aztec Builders, a commercial construction enterprise for which Nancy still serves as the Chief Financial Officer. From the early 1980's to the late 1990's, Nancy led the development of software for the healthcare and broadcast industries and eventually formed a real estate partnership to create Pinnacle Health & Fitness, Inc., a business she co-owned with her husband and other family members. In 2004, Nancy became the President of Prairie Condominium Development Inc. A new career as a real estate developer and broker was underway.

Tommy Thompson also recognized this rising star in Dane County politics when he named Nancy to the Wisconsin Teachers Retirement Board in 1995.

After conquering the business world and successfully raising two sons and a daughter, Nancy is now bringing her considerable talents and energy back to the public arena and has announced she will be challenging Kathleen Falk for the position of County Executive in the spring 2009 election. After 12 years of Kathleen Falk serving as Dane County Executive, Nancy Mistele is convinced it's time for a change.

We agree.

Mistele said her campaign will focus on restraining government spending and taxation, effectively addressing public safety, including the 911 deficiencies, developing a comprehensive and common sense strategy for meeting transportation needs in Dane County, cleaning up Dane County lakes and waterways, preserving green spaces, fighting to preserve Dane County jobs and attracting new good-paying jobs to Dane County.

If you're interested in helping the Mistele For County Executive campaign, you can email Nancy at [nmistele@yahoo.com](mailto:nmistele@yahoo.com) or by calling her at 608-575-8589.

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## Looking Forward

### Elections

*2009 Spring Elections (Primaries on February 19<sup>th</sup>, General Election on April 7<sup>th</sup>):*

**Dane County Executive:** Democrat Kathleen Falk has held this seat since first elected in 1997. Since then she has served been continually focused on higher office, generally ignoring Dane County issues and angering even many in her own party. She ran for Governor in 2002 and lost the primary to Jim Doyle. She then ran for Attorney General in 2006 and took out the Democratic incumbent (Peg Lautenschlager) before losing to JB Van Hollen in the general election.

During her tenure as County Exec she has supported a number of infamous laws. Falk has been a huge supporter of the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC), which aims to eliminate economic growth under the guise of protecting the environment. In a press release last year, Falk called it a way to “protect Dane County’s lakes, streams, and rivers while planning for reasonable growth in our communities.” Her definition of “reasonable growth”, of course, is no growth. In its ultimate idiocy, CARPC actually says Cottage Grove has *already* developed 637 more acres than they’re allowed to develop over the next 20 years. In 2012 they will have their population re-evaluated to hold out hope of being allowed to develop something before 2028. Verona is allowed approximately 100 acres over the next 20 years, while all of Madison is allotted less than two square miles over the same period.

Falk also supports a regional rail that would service less than 5% of Dane County residents at a cost of tens of millions of dollars in extra deficit spending each year. She also supports laws that prohibit apartment complexes from doing background searches that would let them reject a potential tenant for a violent criminal past, or for being an illegal alien. And perhaps most egregiously, Falk has allowed the 911 center to decay to the point that multiple victims of violence have died in the past year in Dane County who could have potentially been saved if not for the utter incompetence of that 911 center.

Defeating Kathleen Falk will not only allow Dane County to balance its budget and begin to grow its economy again, but it will make us safer and end Madison’s nationwide reputation as a sanctuary city for violent criminals and illegal aliens. And potentially even more importantly, it will make a statement that the Republican Party of Dane County is on the rise, and that we won’t let our wonderful city turn into downtown Milwaukee. It will be the first step in making Wisconsin a red state once again.

**Wisconsin Justice of the State Supreme Court:** We made history this past year by elected Judge Mike Gableman to the State Supreme Court. We made Louis Butler the first State Supreme Court Judge to lose re-election since 1967. Can we do it again? This spring we have the opportunity to elect Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge Randy Koschnick in his run against Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson.

Koschnick is a judicial conservative with a sterling record. His view of the law is that “The role of a justice is to apply to the law; not make it.” And after the massive smear campaign against Michael Gableman paid for by special interests this past year, Koschnick recently requested that Abrahamson sign a clean campaign pledge. This pledge would, among other things, would require the candidates to have a minimum of six independent and public debates. At the time of this printing, Abrahamson has not yet responded to this pledge request.

*2010 Fall General Elections (General Election on November 2<sup>nd</sup>):*

**US Senator, Wisconsin Governor, Wisconsin State Senate, Wisconsin State Assembly:** These elections are too far away to yet know any candidates, but a lot will be at stake in 2010. Jim Doyle will likely face re-election, as will Russ Feingold. We will have strong candidates for both races, although nobody will declare for some time. Every seat in the Wisconsin State Assembly will be in play, where the Democrats now have a slim 52-to-46 seat advantage, with one independent. In the State Senate, 17 of the 33 seats will be up for grabs, 10 of which are held by Democrats, who currently hold an overall advantage of 18 seats to 15. We will have the chance to sweep back into power in both the state’s executive and legislative branches.

But the seeds must be planted right now. We have to defeat Kathleen Falk to set the tone for the next two years. And we can only do it with your help. We need more money, we need more volunteers, and we need more organizers. If you want to turn Wisconsin red again, only you can make it happen. To paraphrase a famous saying: If you don’t give your time, your energy and your money, then you will get the government that you deserve. Because you can be certain that the Democrats will spend millions of dollars, and will have thousands of volunteers.

Tell us what you will do to change Dane County. Call 288-0059, or e-mail us at [hq@danegop.org](mailto:hq@danegop.org) or [facts@danegop.org](mailto:facts@danegop.org).

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## **Calendar of Events**

For information on these events, call the RPDC at 288-0059

Or visit us online at [www.danegop.org](http://www.danegop.org)

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### **RPDC Christmas Party**

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 5:30pm  
**Coliseum Bar & Grill**  
232 E. Olin Ave, Madison  
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[hq@danegop.org](mailto:hq@danegop.org)  
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Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
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706 John Nolen Dr, Madison  
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<b>Spring Primary Elections</b>
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Tuesday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>
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**Offices up for election include Dane County  
Executive and Wisconsin State Supreme Court**

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<b>Spring General Elections</b>
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Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>
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### **Next issue of *Facts*: January 2009**

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Contact the editor with submissions (see below)

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**Check the RPDC Website for late-breaking events!**

[www.danegop.org](http://www.danegop.org)

*Do you know of news or events that should be in Facts?*

Call the editor, Jeff Waksman, at the office (288-0059) or email him via the web site at [www.danegop.org](http://www.danegop.org)

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## Join up ( or renew ) with the RPDC soon!

**What does the RPDC do?** The RPDC is a grass-roots organization that supports conservative and moderate candidates for local, county, and state office. We recruit candidates and rally voters. We offer candidates a network of know-how, volunteers, and contributors. We are also an avenue for conservative and moderate Dane County residents to get involved in their government. Our events throughout the year allow people to get involved, meet officeholders and candidates, and share views in an effective manner.

**What do you get from an RPDC membership?** Via our newsletter *Facts* (published every other month) and other RPDC contacts, members get “plugged in” to campaign and volunteer efforts in our area. (Membership includes a subscription to *Facts*.) Members may attend our Spring Caucus, and our annual Lincoln Day Dinner; members may also attend the annual Second Congressional District Caucus and the State Republican Convention as delegates from Dane County. There’s always an event ahead at which RPDC members can network with officeholders and fellow Republicans.

**How can you join the RPDC?** That’s easy! Just fill out one of the forms in this issue of *Facts*, send it in with your first year’s dues, and start taking advantage of opportunities to become active in our party!



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