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The Newsletter of the Republican Party Of Dane County, Wisconsin

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The biggest summer event for Dane County Republicans is always the annual golf/picnic outing, and it's coming up soon! This year we've split the golf and picnic to two separate locations. The golf will be at Bishops Bay again, on August 7th. The picnic will be at Tyrol Basin on August 14th

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

Abraham Lincoln, 1860

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF DANE COUNTY
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FAMILY PICNIC & AUCTION

TYROL BASIN SKI RESORT
3487 BOHN ROAD, MOUNT HOREB
(DIRECTIONS BELOW)

WANT TO GOLF @ BISHOP'S BAY?

Only \$100/person or \$300/foursome!

Call 288-0059 for a tee time from 10am to 12pm on August 7th (the week before the picnic).

Foursomes pick tee times in order of payment. Individuals will be placed with a foursome. Alternate dates available for foursomes if paid by August 7th! Space is limited.

This price includes the cart!!!

PICNIC SCHEDULE - AUG 14TH

2PM	PICNIC BEGINS
2 - 4PM	SKI-LIFT RIDES, ACTIVITIES, & KID'S GAMES
3:30PM	FOOD SERVED
4PM - 6PM	AUCTION & SPEAKERS

PRICES

GENERAL ADMISSION	\$15
KIDS 12 & UNDER	FREE
GOLD HOST	\$150

JOIN US RAIN OR SHINE!
SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH, 2011
2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM



We're at beautiful Tyrol Basin this year. Inside and outside seating. Light snacks and beverages all afternoon. Brats, hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, watermelon, cake, and more!

Speakers to be determined. Governor Walker invited!

Have questions or need a tee time?

Call HQ at 288-0059

Sign Up Now @

www.danegop.org

Or mail your registration & payment to:

RPDC
BOX 945
Madison, WI 53701

Directions to Tyrol Basin

- Exit Hwy 12 at Mineral Point Road (Cty S). Drive west 8 miles to Cty P.
- Turn left on P, proceed 1 mile to Cty J and turn right. Follow J for 4 miles.
- Turn left on Hwy 78, proceed 200 ft. and turn right on J.
- Follow J for 3 miles to Bohn Rd.
- Turn left on Bohn Rd. and follow the signs to Tyrol.



Picnic RSVP by Tuesday, August 9th.

NAMES OF ATTENDEES/GOLFERS: _____

PREFERRED TEE TIME(S): _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HONORED IN ORDER OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT

ATTENDEES: _____ AMOUNT: _____ CHECK (ENCLOSED) MASTERCARD VISA

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RPDC Family Picnic

Submitted by RPDC Events Chair Nancy Bartlett



Fun, Food and Friends: what a perfect way to spend a summer afternoon! The date is coming up fast (**August 14th**) and the location, **Tyrol Basin**, is a beautiful site in Western Dane County. For \$15 adults get a complete picnic meal in an air conditioned building, free soda and beer and a cash bar, free ski lift rides, a silent auction and interesting speakers. And of course, the best part is being surrounded by fellow conservatives. Children 12 and under are free and there will be many children's games as well as the ski lift rides.



All the food is being prepared by Tyrol Basin so it is important to send in your reservations as soon as possible. The building is handicap accessible and there is plenty of close parking. The roads leading to Tyrol Basin go through some beautiful Wisconsin scenery.

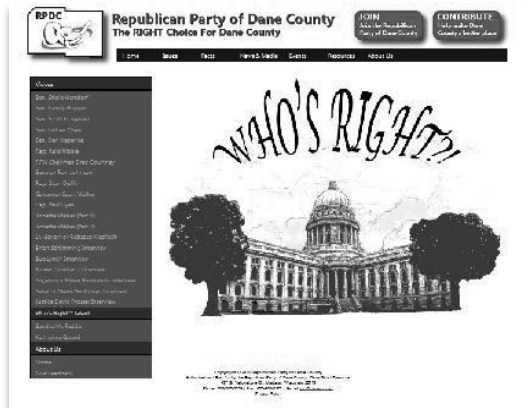
I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Tyrol Basin, Mount Horeb, from 2-6pm. **It is a perfect way to spend a summer afternoon!**



Don't forget to RSVP by Tuesday, August 9th!

Who's Right? Check It Out

Submitted by Sandra McFadden



The Staff and Crew of Who's Right was more than busy in the month of May. We had the privilege of interviewing our own Governor Scott Walker, Congressman Paul Ryan, Senator Ron Johnson, Congressman Reid Ribble, Congressman Sean Duffy, and Chairman Brad Courtney of the RPW. These interviews were all in-depth and insightful of the true dedication and spirit of our elected and appointed officials. It is no wonder that we have such a strong Wisconsin constituency rallying around our leaders and it bodes for more and

greater success in the Badger state.

WHO'S RIGHT is proud to be an arm of the RPDC in the fight to tell the story of our great Republican Party. The fact that we get to show it to you on film makes it all the more satisfying.

In the month of June, we are given the opportunity to let our Republican re-call Senators speak out. Their voices and their stories must be heard. We will be interviewing them this month on the lawn of the Capital in their own setting. It is our hope that every single member of the RPW will receive their very personal messages on www.whosright.org.

The Senators we interviewed are: Dan Kapanke, Luther Olsen, and Randy Hopper. Go online and listen to their personal stories throughout this horrifying ordeal. We also spoke to Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald for his thoughts on the Recall Elections and what we can do to support our Senators.

WHO'S RIGHT has added a new segment to the show titled, "The Goods with Gober". Blake Gober is our man on the street and is given an assignment to go out and poll the people on a certain subject and come back the next week and report on his findings. It's all caught on camera so it should be quite a hoot. Be sure and tune in if you want a good laugh.

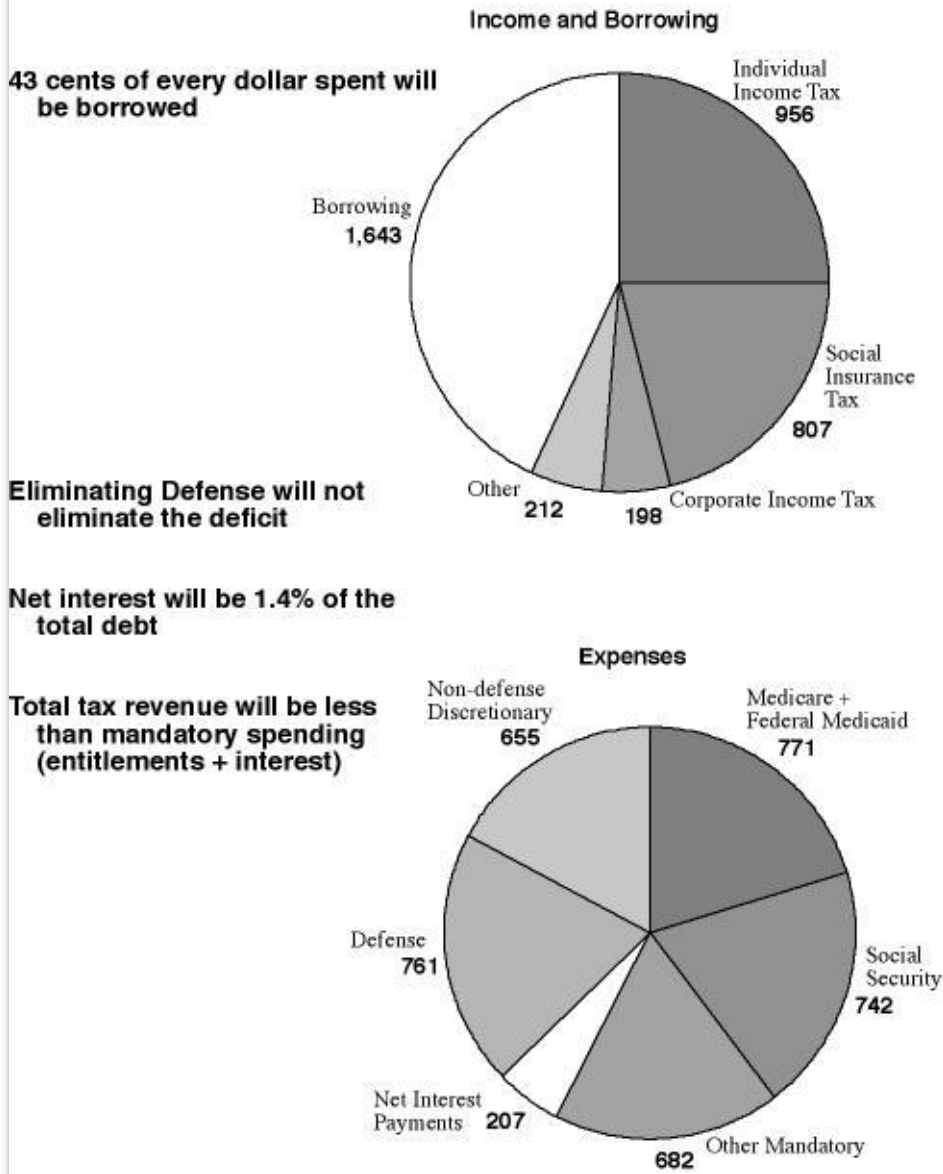
We welcome any articles or suggestions that you may have for the program, so be sure to contact us with any of your thoughts or ideas. You can reach me directly at Sandra@whosright.org and I'll be happy to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks for watching.

Our Debt Crisis In Graphical Form

Submitted by Peter Theron, former candidate for US Congress from Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District

Federal Government Fiscal Year 2011 (estimates in Billions)



Source: White House Office of Management & Budget

Our federal spending so exceeds federal revenue that 43 cents of every dollar spent is borrowed.

Although it is obscured by the way that the Office of Management and Budget reports the numbers, Social Security will remain cash-flow negative this year. Unless reformed, it will in fact never again take in more money in Social Security taxes than it pays out in benefits. This will exhaust the Social Security Trust Fund by 2036.

At 1.4% of total debt, our current net interest expense is at a historic low percentage. A modest rise in interest rates towards their historic average could easily double the amount of interest expense. This would happen even if the amount of debt remained constant. Increases in debt coupled with increases in interest rates demanded by creditors would multiplicatively increase the interest expense.

Republican Women Of Dane Celebrate Flag Day With Tonette Walker

Submitted by RPDC Events Chair Nancy Bartlett

The Republican Women of Dane County celebrated Flag Day with a luncheon at Blackhawk Country Club. About 65 people attended with very special guest speaker, First Lady Tonette Walker. Mrs. Walker shared her personal family history and the ups and downs of being First Lady of the State of Wisconsin. Many of our members are assisting the First Lady and staff at the Governor's residence weekly and for special events.



Last Chance To Help Recall Campaigns!

We need to protect our Republican Senators, and to knock off some Democrats

We're down to the final stretch for the recall campaigns. Six Republican State Senators will be up for election on Tuesday, August 9th. Two Democrat State Senators will be up for election on Tuesday, August 16th. We currently hold a 19-14 seat lead in the State Senate, and polling shows that nearly all of these races are very tight. So we desperately need your help now – in any way that you can give it.

The only question in Wisconsin is whether Big Labor is a wing of the Democrat Party, or whether the Democrat Party is a wing of Big Labor. But either way, they can't stand the fact that the people of Wisconsin stood up to them and delivered sweeping change in 2010. They have tried at every step to undermine democracy – fleeing the state, filing lawsuits, playing dirty in judicial elections, etc. With that all failing, they've now forced unprecedented recall elections of Republican State Senators throughout the state.

This election is about more than just the future of a couple of state senate seats. These elections will reverberate throughout the state and the nation. In the state, a rejection of these recall elections would be a tremendous blow against a potential recall election against Scott Walker next year. If we lose seats on net in these recall elections, we're almost guaranteed a well-financed Russ Feingold running against Scott Walker for Governor next year. And nationwide, Big Labor would use the momentum of recall victories to ramp up attacks on schools and on the working class all over the nation.

We in Wisconsin can deal a blow to Big Labor that they'll never recover from.

The easiest way to help is to go to the websites of the candidates listed on the bottom left corner of this

Incumbents Facing Recall:

2nd Senate District: Rob Cowles, <http://voterobcowles.com>

8th Senate District: Alberta Darling, <http://voterobcowles.com>

10th Senate District: Sheila Harsdorf, <http://www.harsdorf.com/>

14th Senate District: Luther Olsen, <http://www.lutherolsen.com/>

18th Senate District: Randy Hopper, <http://www.votehopper.com/>

32nd Senate District: Dan Kapanke, <http://kapankeforsenate.com/>

Challengers Against Democrat Party Incumbents:

12th Senate District: Kim Simac, <http://www.kimsimacforsenate.com>

22nd Senate District: Jonathan Steitz, <http://www.steitzforsenate.com/>

page. Alternatively, please visit the Madison Annex Call Center, which is open daily from 9am to 9pm, at 14 W Mifflin St, Lower Level #8. Call 608-819-6385 to sign up for a shift.

Debt Ceiling Myths!

Submitted by *Facts* editor Jeff Waksman

As this issue of *Facts* heads to print, a debt deal still has not been reached in Washington. It likely will be reached before you actually read this article. It will probably be a while after the deal is reached that we really get to know what's in it, and I promise to write another piece in the next issue of *Facts* (to be released in late September) going through the details. But even though I can't yet break down a deal that hasn't been reached, I can talk to you briefly about some myths that you are hearing in the news now, and that you will continue to hear in the news after the debt deadline is reached:

Myth 1: Without a debt deal we'll have a default. Right now, the federal government brings in about \$2.2 Trillion annually in revenues, and spends about \$3.7 Trillion. If a deal is not reached by August 2nd (and in fact, that date is a fake – the treasury could easily push it back days or even weeks) then we will no longer be able to borrow money, meaning that the government would only be able to spend \$2.2 Trillion per year. Interest on the debt is \$225 Billion, so we could easily avoid default. The result would still be devastating, as many people would not receive their Social Security checks, or soldiers would be without pay or supplies, or Medicare/Medicaid payments would stop. But it wouldn't be a default.

Myth 2: Any politician in Washington is proposing spending cuts. In Washington, increasing spending slightly less than you wanted to is a "cut". For example, you've probably heard about how Paul Ryan's budget plan would "drastically cut the budget" and "destroy Medicare as we know it". In fact, his plan involves increasing Medicare spending from \$563 Billion in 2011 to \$953 Billion in 2021, and it will raise total federal spending from \$3.7 Trillion in 2011 to \$4.7 Trillion in 2021. But these spending increases are less than what Democrats want, and therefore are "drastic cuts". Any debt deal that is reached will have even milder cuts, since they're not touching entitlements.

Myth 3: Cuts that are announced will actually happen. There are a number of tricks that Congress uses to pretend they're cutting spending when they're not. One trick is to create a fake baseline. For example, Harry Reid's "\$2.7 Trillion in cuts" proposal involved pretending that the surge in Iraq and Afghanistan would continue to 2021, and then cancelling it – "saving" \$1 Trillion that nobody was going to spend anyway. As George Will joked: "Why, one wonders, not 'save' \$5 trillion by proposing to spend that amount to cover the moon with yogurt and then cancelling the proposal?" Another trick is to announce future cuts. Either a "debt commission" will propose cuts for Congress to vote on, or spending cuts will be announced to take place in a future Congress. None of these cuts will actually happen. Congress has and always will ignore the proposals of debt commissions. And this Congress legally cannot bind a future congress to cut spending, so they'll ignore any directives to cut spending.

The current deal is still being worked out, and I promise to be back in the next issue of *Facts* to tell you how all three of these myths were taken advantage of by the Democrats, and to inform you whether any spending cuts happened at all. I'll see you all then.

From the (RPDC) Chair

Are you tired yet? Are you sick and tired of hearing the endless whining of the folks on the Left? Are you tired of being asked to contribute to this conservative committee or that conservative committee? Are you tired of the endless pieces of mail asking you to get involved or send more money? Are you tired of us at the RPDC asking you to give cash or to get out and volunteer? I am willing to make a bet that the answer to all of the above questions is "Yes." Now if I were to ask these questions to folks that are on the Left, but with more of an anti-conservative tone, they would also answer "Yes", but with one big difference: They won't stop sending money or volunteering. They know that they have to continue their mission or their entire house of cards will fall apart.

And this is why you can't throw your hands up in frustration at this point in time. Just because we don't have the screaming and whining right here in our front yard right now does NOT mean that the Left has given up. Quite the contrary, they have simply diverted their resources to taking out six conservative senators that voted for what was right for ALL Wisconsin citizens. It has been reported that a national union has sent \$1.5 million and 35 full time volunteers to Wisconsin to help in their quest of taking over the State Senate. Now, the rumor mill is flying that another union will be doing the same immediately following the primaries. They're not throwing in the towel yet, which means that we can't either.

I know you're tired of this nonsense. But for us to win we need to keep up with them. We've contacted the Governor's office and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald's office about being a guest speaker at a fund raising event in the Sun Prairie area. We'll get that information to you as soon as we have it set up. For those that wish to go a step further, you can volunteer at the call center in downtown Madison. It is located at 14W Mifflin Street LL8. There are 8-9 phones and they are looking for help between the hours of 12-8 m-f and 11-5 sat. The annex landline is 819-6385 for people to call for availability.

Lastly, I need to make a plea for golfers for our annual fundraising event for the RPDC. It is going to be at Bishop's Bay again this year on Sunday, August 7th. All tee times are from 10:00am through 12:00 noon. A single is \$100.00 and a four-some is \$300.00. All greens fees go to the RPDC! This is what keeps our doors open throughout the year. Please help us again this year. And don't forget the picnic out at Tyrol Basin (thanks Jonathon Barry!) on Sunday, August 14th at 2:00pm.

In conclusion, we didn't ask for this battle that is taking place with members of the Left. But we are guilty of letting our elected officials consistently give into their nanny-state fantasies. Now it is our one opportunity to clean this mess up once and for all. We need you more now than ever before.

God bless.

Mike



Calendar of Events

For information on these events, call the RPDC at 288-0059
Or visit us online at www.daneqop.org

Annual Golf Outing	Sunday, August 7 th , 2011 Bishops Bay Golf Club \$100 per person, or \$300 for a foursome See Page 2 for flier
Recall Elections (Republican Incumbents)	Tuesday, August 9 th , 2011 Protecting our majority in the State Senate Please see Page 7 for more details
Annual Picnic	Sunday, August 14 th , 2011 Tyrol Basin Ski Resort 3487 Bohn Road, Mount Horeb See Page 2 for flier
Recall Elections (Democrat Incumbents)	Tuesday, August 16 th , 2011 Expanding our majority in the State Senate Please see Page 7 for more details
Pints & Politics – The Right Side!	Tuesday, September 6 th , 2011 5:30-7:30 PM, Buck & Honey’s 804 Liberty Blvd, Sun Prairie Guest Speaker: Dave Ross
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Check the RPDC Website for late-breaking events! www.daneqop.org

Read past issues of *Facts* Newsletter! <http://daneqop.org/content.aspx?type=5>

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 (facts@daneqop.org)

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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Need to Join the RPDC? We'd love to have you!

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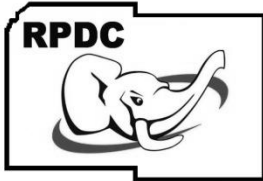
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AAPF by the RPDC, Mike Herl, Chair

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