Rounding Third

June 2004 Newsletter
Third District Republican Party

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We had an excellent district caucus (congrats to Dale Schultz, our endorsed candidate for Congress), a presidential visit to the district (and not just fly-in and fly-out, he actually traveled around the district in a bus and stopped several places), and we hosted the state convention in our district... Wow, what a couple months we have had!

And if that was not enough, 7 of our counties were honored with awards at state convention, Mary Louise Olson earned the Bovey Award, Clark County won the Ripon Award, and surprise of all surprises, it was announced that Crawford County will share "Top County" honors this year. For those of you keeping track, that means we have accomplished something I doubt we have ever accomplished. Our district has earned "Top County" THREE YEARS IN A ROW! Wow!! Gary and I congratulate everyone.

Now, we just have to turn out Republican victories in Western Wisconsin. We have the candidates, they have the message, and we know we have the grassroots organizations in place. Together we can do it!

- Dennis Shaw, Chairman

Schultz for Congress Assistance

As you all know by now, State Sen. **Dale Schultz** is our candidate who will take back our Third District Congressional Seat. We have been very impressed by his energy, enthusiasm and command of the issues.

Dale plans to run a real, old fashion, grassroots campaign and needs our help. If you can volunteer to help him with a parade, or at a local event please contact Jason at 608-790-4372 or by email at jason@schultzforcongress2004.com

The biggest need right now is for volunteers to collect signatures for Dale Schultz's nomination. They need nomination papers completed by June 30. Please, if you can help with this contact your county party chairman, Third District GOP, or the Schultz campaign.

Caucus Report

Almost 200 Republican activists and guests from the 19 county Third Congressional District Republicans gathered on Saturday, April 17 in Eau Claire. The annual district caucus started one and one half hours prior to the official welcome with a rally for **Dale Schultz**, candidate for U.S. Congress. The caucus itself was opened by Third District GOP Chairman **Dennis Shaw** dedicating the caucus in the name of former St. Croix County Chairman **Gary Sachse** who died earlier this year in a traffic accident. The caucus host, Eau Claire County GOP, also recognized the life and contributions of **Gordon "Gordy" Sill**.

After a brief history of the Republican Party by Eau Claire's **David Duax**, the delegates and guests in attendance were spellbound by a speech by former Iraqi citizen **Emad Fentil** who now lives in Crawford County. Emotions from laughter to near tears were on the faces of caucus attendees as Fentil told of his life under Saddam Hussein and of stories related to him by family and friends in Iraq. His message was one of thanks to President Bush and the American military for freeing his country. He feels it will be good to have Iraq govern itself, but recognizes that they will still need help with security. He implored the United States to "never give up" as Iraq and the other countries of the world deserve the freedom we enjoy.

Next on the agenda to speak were the Republican candidates for US Senate. State Sen. **Bob Welch** spoke first highlighting his more than 20 years of experience as a state legislator. **Tim Michels** spoke of his military experience and of expanding his family business to create jobs. **Robert Gerald Lorge** spoke of his background as an attorney and farmer and of the necessity to protect American jobs. **Russ Darrow** highlighted

his successful business career and the 38 years he spent creating jobs. All were critical of current U.S. Senator and noted how out of touch with Wisconsin values he is. A fifth candidate, **Marc Gums**, also addressed the crowd noting that when he filed to run more than a year ago, he was not aware that we would have such fine highly qualified candidates to oppose Feingold.

Other speakers during the morning program included State Sen. **Sheila Harsdorf** (10th District) and Rep. **Kitty Rhoades** (30th Assembly District). Rep. **Rob Kreibich** (93rd District) and Rep. **Terry Musser** (92nd District) also attended and visited with the activists, however declined to speak instead giving their time to make room on the agenda for several candidates in attendance. Assembly candidates to address the delegates included **Nick Hennemann** (29th District) who surprised everyone by announcing support of Andy Lamb, **Andy Lamb** (29th District), **Terry Moulton** (68th District), **Dave Anderson** (91st District), and **Todd Allbaugh** (96th District).

The luncheon program included written greetings from invited Keynote Speaker U.S. Rep. **Mark Kennedy** (R-MN) who could not attend due to other obligations in Minnesota and from State Treasurer **Jack Voight**, the highest ranking elected Republican constitutional officer in Wisconsin. During the lunch program the caucus elected delegates and alternates to represent the district at the National Republican Convention to be held August 30 through September 2 in New York. Both the delegates and alternates will travel to NY and participate in convention events. Selected from the Third District are:

Delegates:
Dennis Shaw, Dunn County
Gary Arneson, La Crosse County
Laurie Forcier, Eau Claire County
Alternate Delegates:
Maripat Krueger, Dunn County
Dean Knudson, St. Croix County
Linda Hansen, Crawford County

District awards were also presented during the luncheon. Those recognized include:

< Outstanding Volunteer Campaign Worker: **Kay Evenson**, Trempealeau County
< Truth Squad Award: **Milvia Stokes**, Monroe County
< Best Event: **2003 Eau Claire County Lincoln Day**
< Best Legislator: **Sen. Dale Schultz**, 17th District
< Best Youth Organization: **UW-Stout College Republicans**
< Outstanding Republican Woman: **Linda Hansen**, Crawford County

Kay Evensen accepts Outstanding Volunteer Award at 2004 Third District Caucus

To close the luncheon program, delegates unanimously endorsed **Dale Schultz** in his bid to unseat Ron Kind as U.S. Congressman. Schultz received four standing ovations during the endorsement procedure.

After lunch the caucus went back to business by passing a platform statement. Key issues addressed in the platform adopted are: Family Values, Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, National Defense, Constitutional Right to Bear Arms, Public Security and Crime Control, Education, Health Care, and Environment and Property Rights.

The caucus next passed 18 district resolutions. The resolutions adopted include statements on: Commendations, Agriculture and Dairy, National Defense, Education Reform, Election Reform, Rotating Regional Presidential Primary Elections, English as a Second Language, Family Values, Health Care, Supporting the Constitution Restoration Act, Labor Union Members' Rights, Right to Life Issues, Conceal Carry Legislation, Shoring up Social Security, Tax Relief, Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, Tort Reform, and Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning.

Wow! What an exciting day. Caucus Committee Chair **Dennis Vandenbloomen** of Eau Claire County, Rules Chair **Bonnie Gift** of Grant County, Platform Chair **Jo Kutzner** of Clark County, and Resolutions Chair **Dave Duax** of Eau Claire County did a great job putting together everything we needed for a successful caucus. The speakers were exciting, we have great legislators, excellent candidates, and fired-up volunteers who are committed to core Republican values. We can't wait for the November elections!

President Bush Visit

The Third Congressional District Republican Party was pleased and honored that President **George W. Bush** chose Western Wisconsin as the location to wrap up his week-long "Yes, America Can Bus Tour."

His bus trip included traveling through cities, towns, and villages, most which have never been able to boast of a Presidential visit, holding a "Ask President Bush" town hall meeting in Prairie du Chien, stopping at towns, a farm (in fact the President of the United States and First Lady, **George and Laura Bush**, became the first First Family to visit Grant County, Wisconsin while still in office when they visited the David and Lois Kuhle dairy farm in Hazel Green) and at the Culver's in Viroqua, and capping it all off with a rally of thousands of supporters in La Crosse.

It shows that the President cares about the people of rural Wisconsin and we thank him and Mrs. Bush for making the extra effort to come to our district. We thank Republican Party of Wisconsin Chairman **Rick Graber**, Third District Congressional candidate **Dale Schultz**, and numerous others who encouraged President Bush to visit us and who are nudging his advisors to return.

State Convention

The state Republican Convention held May 21-23 in La Crosse shined a well-deserved spotlight on Western Wisconsin Republicans. The **Republican Party of Crawford County** was honored with being named "Top County" for their activities during the 2003 year. In addition the **Republican Party of Clark County** was presented a "Ripon Award" for its 100% membership increase.

Mary Louise Olson, St. Croix County, earned the Bovay Award in the Third Congressional District. Alvan Bovay was the founder of the Republican Party. The award in his name honors a uniquely deserving individual from each Congressional District in recognition of his or her outstanding dedication and sacrifice over the years to the Republican Party.

In the County Party Award category, **Clark**, **Crawford**, **Dunn**, **Eau Claire**, and **La Crosse** County GOP all earned "Wisconsin Awards." The "Wisconsin Award" is the highest-level award possible. **Monroe** and **St. Croix** Co. GOP were awarded the next level "Star Award." Award eligibility standards increase with each award level and are based on improvements and achievements in the areas of membership, fundraising, communications, and candidate recruitment.

Linda Hansen accepts "Top County" Award from Milwaukee Co. Executive Scott Walker, Sen. Dale Schultz, U.S. Rep. Mark Green, and RPW Chairman Rick Graber

Two Western Wisconsin Republican leaders played key roles in leading the state convention. State Rep. **Mike Huebsch** of West Salem was honored as the Convention Chairman and led all convention activities from gavel to gavel on Saturday and Sunday. State Senator **Dale Schultz** of Richland Center, who is candidate for the 3rd District Congressional seat, was asked to make two appearances before the delegates. Schultz made introductory comments on Friday before **Lynne Cheney** spoke at the Banquet honoring County Chairmen. He also began the Saturday afternoon main convention session.

Dennis Shaw and Gary Arneson are in the party mood at the "Third District GOP Welcomes Dale Schultz" Hospitality Suite at the state convention

It should also be noted that a total of **200 Republican activists** in the counties which make up the Third Congressional District were honored

with Campbell Awards. The Campbell Award is named for William J. Campbell who was Wisconsin's first state GOP Chairman. The Campbell Award is given to those men and women who have devoted 50 or more hours of service to their county organization during the past year.

The convention comes to our district and over 1,000 people witness the most successful convention we have held in 25 years! We want to thank the **Republican Party of La Crosse County**, the **La Crosse County Republican Women**, the **Teenage Republicans** and volunteers from around the district who helped make 2004 a convention to remember, as well as everyone who helped with the Schultz Hospitality Suite.

We congratulate **Clark County GOP** for their "Ripon Award". And we most especially congratulate the **Crawford County GOP** for a well-deserved 'Top County' award. In addition to the Crawford County honor this year, **Eau Claire County** was named 'Top County' in 2003 and **Dunn County** took home that same honor in 2002. All three are in the Third Congressional District. There are many fine Republican County Party organizations around the state, so for the 3rd District to bring home this top honor 3 years in a row is incredible and unheard of!

We are also very proud to see that **Mary Louise Olson** of River Falls was presented with the "Bovey Award". And a district record 200 volunteers received "Campbell Awards." Wow! It should be obvious to everyone by now that we have something special going on right here in the Third District Republican Party.

It should also be noted that our own district leaders, **Dennis Shaw** and **Gary Arneson** served as co-chairs of the 2004 Convention Committee for the Republican Party of Wisconsin.

Schultz Silo Wraps "Stand Tall With Farmers"

To bring attention to the importance of agriculture in western Wisconsin, the Dale Schultz for Congress campaign has unveiled a number of "silo wraps" around the district.

Standing over 40 feet tall, these red, vinyl banners contain a full-length photo of Dale Schultz in a plaid shirt and blue jeans with the text "Schultz Stands With Farmers."

"June is dairy month, and we wanted to find a breakthrough way to show how much Dale has done for agriculture in Wisconsin," said Jason Johns, Schultz for Congress field director. "We also thought it was a fun way to convey Dale's height at 6 feet 5 inches tall."

"Man, am I excited!," said Monroe County GOP Vice Chairman Jerry Naumann. "I spent Thursday making history in Wisconsin! Myself, Jason and Tom spent the afternoon putting a 40-foot tall Dale Schultz on a silo just outside of Sparta. Dale Schultz is standing TALL with farmers of the 3rd Congressional District. If you happen to traveling between Tomah and LaCrosse, when you go past the Highway 71 overpass near Sparta, just look south and you will see, what I believe is the first time ever, a 40 foot political banner in Wisconsin. It tells a large message that western Wisconsin will be UN-kind on November 2."

Ron Kind Ducks Farm Forum

There are many things we could point our about Congressman Kind, but this one we feel deserves a special note. People from all over attended the 24th Annual Monroe County Dairy Breakfast on Saturday, June 5 with a new anticipation this year. Not only did they come to the Radke Family Farm in rural Wilton for a great breakfast and the other sights and event, but many eagerly come for what the Tomah Journal, Westby Times and other media outlets called "something new."

They came to participate in the "B94.5 Farm Forum" which promised area farmers would "meet and ask questions of legislators about farm issues." U.S. Rep. Ron Kind was one of the legislators "scheduled to participate", but was noticeably absent. Kind did not even send a staffer to participate in the event.

We were disappointed that Kind was a "no show". We were looking forward to voters being able question Kind and his opponent, State Sen. Dale Schultz, at the same time and make an informed choice about who is better able to represent Western Wisconsin in Washington.

It will be interesting to see what his excuse is this time. Ron Kind is quick to grab the credit, but rarely ever takes responsibility for his failures.

To assist Kind's staff in coming up with an excuse for his non-participation, the Third District Republican Party came up with the following list they might want to present to the Congressman:

3. It was **President Bush**'s fault (it seemed silly to us too, but this is one of Kind's favorite excuses).

2. I didn't know Wilton was in the 3rd District. They should have scheduled the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast in La Crosse. I know that city is in my district. And,

1. If I didn't find a way to debate **Bill Arndt** in 2002, you don't think I'm foolish enough to get up on stage with Sen. **Dale Schultz** do you?

On the Funny Side

We planned to use this space to tell a joke or two (maybe even let Gary tell one of his "world famous" jokes), but often times the truth is better than faction. That was the case at the Eau Claire "Breakfast in the Valley" earlier this month.

After a morning of meeting people and passing out literature, Dale Schultz and Dennis Shaw went inside to get a bite to eat. At the front of the line they met up with Congressman Ron Kind. After greeting Sen. Schultz, Dennis Shaw shook Kind's hand and introduced himself. Rep. Kind responded saying, "I have read your stuff!" Shaw laughed and replied to the Congressman that he had been "reading your stuff also!!"

Letters to the editor are important to get the record set straight and to support our candidates. We hope you take a few minutes to write a letter or three. Believe us, people will "read your stuff!"

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President Reagan, in his own words

"The house we hope to build is not for my generation but for yours. It is your future that matters. And I hope that when you are my age, you will be able to say as I have been able to say: We lived in freedom. We lived lives that were a statement, not an apology."

"You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children's children say of us we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done." (Address to the nation, October 27, 1964)

"For you see, my fellow Republicans, we are the change!"

"Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" (Remarks at the Brandenburg Gate, West Berlin, Germany June 12, 1987)

"We're the party that wants to see an America in which people can still get rich."

"Republicans believe every day is 4th of July, but Democrats believe every day is April 15."

"I want you to know that also I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience." (during a 1984 presidential debate with Walter Mondale)

"I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

"The Democrats may remember their lines, but how quickly they forget the lessons of the past. I have witnessed five major wars in my lifetime, and I know how swiftly storm clouds can gather on a peaceful horizon. The next time a Saddam Hussein takes over Kuwait, or North Korea brandishes a nuclear weapon, will we be ready to respond? In the end, it all comes down to leadership, and that is what this country is looking for now." (RNC Annual Gala, Feb. 3, 1994)

"We establish no religion in this country, nor will we ever. We command no worship. We mandate no belief. But we poison our society when we remove its theological underpinnings. We court corruption when we leave it bereft of belief."

"I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency, even if I'm in a cabinet meeting."

"Before I refuse to take your questions, I have an opening statement."

"When you see all that rhetorical smoke billowing up from the Democrats, well ladies and gentleman, I'd follow the example of their nominee; don't inhale." (Republican National Convention, 1992)

"You can tell a lot about a fellow's character

by his way of eating jellybeans."

"I am not worried about the deficit. It is big enough to take care of itself."

"The men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or the next. It was the deep knowledge -- and pray God we have not lost it -- that there is a profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest." (Normandy, France, June 6, 1984)

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."

"Welfare's purpose should be to eliminate, as far as possible, the need for its own existence."

"A friend of mine was asked to a costume ball a short time ago. He slapped some egg on his face and went as a liberal economist."

"We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much."

"Our friends in the other party will never forgive us for our success, and are doing everything in their power to rewrite history. Listening to the liberals, you'd think that the 1980's were the worst period since the Great Depression, filled with suffering and despair. I don't know about you, but I'm getting awfully tired of the whining voices from the White House these days. They're claiming there was a decade of greed and neglect, but you and I know better than that. We were there."

"This fellow they've nominated claims he's the new Thomas Jefferson. Well let me tell you something; I knew Thomas Jefferson. He was a friend of mine and Governor... You're no Thomas Jefferson!" (Republican National Convention, 1992)

"I hope you're all Republicans." (To surgeons as he entered the operating room, March 30, 1981)

"We will never forget them, nor the last time we saw them -- this morning, as they prepared for their journey, and waved good-bye, and 'slipped the surly bonds of earth' to 'touch the face of God.'" (Speech about the Challenger disaster, January 28, 1986)

"We've done our part. And as I walk off into the city streets, a final word to the men and women of the Reagan revolution, the men and women across America who for 8 years did the work that brought America back. My friends: We did it. We weren't just marking time. We made a difference. We made the city stronger, we made the city freer, and we left her in good hands. All in all, not bad, not bad at all." (Farewell Address to the Nation, January 20th, 1989)

"Most of my dreams came true." (told to biographer Lou Cannon in 1991)

"When the Lord calls me home, whenever that may be, I will face it with the greatest love for this country of ours, and eternal optimism for the future ... I know that for America there will always be a bright dawn ahead." (handwritten letter to "My Fellow Americans" revealing that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease)

-- Ronald Wilson Reagan
February 6, 1911-June 5, 2004

We miss you Mr. President!