



Rounding Third



July 2002 Newsletter Third District Republican Party

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Wow! Can you believe all that has happened since our April Newsletter? We had a great Caucus in April - then in May our President comes to La Crosse - followed by a wonderful state convention in June where the Third District Republicans "cleaned-up" on recognition from the state party.

And the fun is just beginning folks! Our redistricting caucus will be held on July 27 aboard the riverboat Julia Belle Swain leaving from Prairie du Chien at 11am. Do we know how to have fun in "the Mighty Third" or what? Then we'll be into full swing of the election season!! And with mainly favorable new maps, and some hard work, we could be looking at more than our share of victories come November!!!

Gary and I look forward to us planning together, working together, and playing together. See you soon!

- Dennis Shaw, Chairman

Lincoln Day Wrap-up

As you know, when Gary and Dennis were elected to their leadership positions they had two main goals: (1) help elect Republicans at all levels and (2) do everything they can to support the grassroots county party organizations.

We are so pleased to report that one of them, and many times both of them, attended every Lincoln Day event in the existing Third District! They also attended several other caucuses and events throughout the district. It was heartening when these efforts were noticed by Governor McCallum during on trip to the area when he remarked "Gee, you guys are everywhere I come in Western Wisconsin!"

But it isn't just Gary and Dennis. They were very impressed by the turnout at each and every event. And it was particularly impressive that often they would see leadership from one county attending another county's event.

Gary and Dennis thank each of you for the warm welcomes and applaud you for your efforts to make each event a success; but most of all we are grateful for the teamwork we see happening all around the district. Together we WILL make a difference!

Caucus I Report

The Third District Republican Party Caucus held on April 13 in Rice Lake saw 110 enthusiastic delegates from all 16 Republican County Party Organizations having delegates participate in everything from speeches to awards to taking positions on the issues that affect us all.

The highlight of the program was the luncheon speakers. **Lt. Governor Margaret Farrow** spoke to delegates and guests on the importance of grassroots politics. She shared the stage with the **Clark County Teenage Republican officers**, Nathan Kauer, Lydia Palmer, Verity Palmer, and Brita Genteman, who told the story of how they became committed Republican activists. As Dennis said at the time, "They say that young people are our future; with young leaders like this our future is in good hands!"

This year the annual caucus was dedicated this year in memory of **John "Nick" Kramer**, former 3rd District Republican Chairman from Fennimore who passed away earlier this year. The event featured a surprise telephone greeting from **Gov. McCallum**, a special video presentation by Dunn County delegate **Shelly Aamodt**, speeches from Republican Party of Wisconsin Chairman **Rick Graber** and Vice Chairman **Brad Courtney**, State Treasurer **Jack Voight**, State

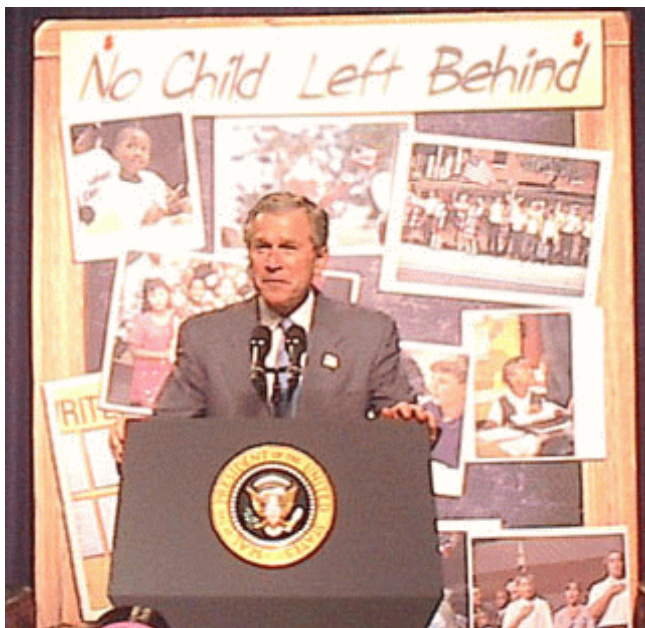
Sens. **Sheila Harsdorf** and **Dave Zien**, State Reps. **Steve Freese** (who stayed the entire day!), **Kitty Rhoades**, and **Terry Musser**, Attorney General candidate **Vince Biskupic**, Congressional candidates **Bill Arndt** and **Scott Stillwell**, 25th State Senate Candidate **Gregg Condon**, 31st State Senate Candidate **Ron Brown** and 91st Assembly candidate **Jake Wolstad**.

Those receiving awards included Best Legislator to 30th Assembly District Rep. **Kitty Rhoades**, Truth Squad Award to **Shelly Aamodt**, of Menomonie, Best Youth Organization to the **UW-Stout College Republicans**, Outstanding Republican Woman Award to **Lisa Erickson**, of Menomonie, Best Event to the Monroe County First Annual Pig Roast, and Outstanding Volunteer Campaign Worker to **Gary Arneson**, of La Crosse. The caucus concluded with a spirited debate and adoption of district resolutions.

We appreciate **Barron County Republican Party** for hosting the event in the last year that they were in our district. We also thank those of you who participated and look forward to having you join us at Caucus II on July 27!

Presidential Visit

We were thrilled to have **George W. Bush** make his first visit to Western Wisconsin since the 2000 election! It was great to have President Bush, **Secretary Paige**, and **Governor McCallum** come to La Crosse to honor Logan High School. It shows that the President recognizes that there are good things happening in large



President Bush in La Crosse

communities as well as the smaller ones.

One of our goals in distributing the tickets was to make sure that the grassroots supporters throughout the district were invited. As you may know Gary and Dennis made contact with all of the 19 counties in the new Third District as well as the district leadership for the Republican Women and College Republicans to offer tickets. We are glad so many of you were able to join us and participate and regret that the local Fire Marshall closed the doors before everyone could get in.

Thanks goes to our Vice Chairman **Gary Arneson** for everything he did to help with the arrangements and to deliver the tickets (after all we have a very large district!). And also thanks to **Sue Lynch** and the **La Crosse County Republican Women** who were doing all the necessary behind the scenes work with the White House advance team performing any task that needed to be done!!"

Gary and Dennis also want to give a public special thank you to those in the state party and Team McCallum who recommended them for the honor and privilege to being able to greet the President at the steps to Air Force 1. It was an experience that they both will cherish for the rest of our lives!

Convention

What can we say? Was that a great convention?? The convention itself was very good; including great speeches, exciting endorsements, and one of the fastest resolution sessions we can recall. The hospitality events including the one for **Gov. McCallum** were super. The Third Congressional District Republican Party also hosted a hospitality room on both Friday and Saturday. We had lots of old friends and new ones stop by; including Rep. **Kitty Rhoades**.

But the topping was the awards gathered by the Third District Republicans. Chairman **Dennis Shaw** was startled to find that he was selected to receive the **Tommy G. Thompson Award** for Excellence in Grassroots Activities. Dennis wants everyone to know that it was a team effort. He said, "We have a great team in the Dunn County Republican Party and in the entire Third District GOP as evidenced by the amount of recognition Western Wisconsin Republicans received this year."

In addition to the Tommy G. Thompson Award going to Shaw, others in the Third Congressional District receiving recognition at the Wisconsin Republican Convention this past weekend in Green Bay included:

The **Dunn County Republican Party** was similarly surprised to be recognized as the "**Top County**" in the state, **Chuck Stokke** of Menomonie received the 3rd District Alvin Bovay Award for lifelong service to the Republican Party, **Dunn County, Eau Claire County, La Crosse County,** and the **Polk County** Republican Party organizations all received "Wisconsin Award" honors, and **Grant County** and **Vernon County** Republican Party organizations received the "Star Award" recognition.

Add onto that the fact that 2 of the 5 sites being considered for the 2003 state convention are in the 3rd District, and we can hardly wait until next year!



Chuck & Lu Stokke
accepting 2002 Bovay Award

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Dennis Shaw receives the
2002 Tommy G. Thompson Award

Registration form Third District Republican Party Caucus II 2002

Please accept this registration form for Caucus II 2002. In understand the cost will be \$25 per person if paid in advance (must be received by Saturday July 20, 2002) or \$30 at the boat. Please make all checks payable to the Third District Republican Party.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

County _____ Delegate/Alternate _____ or Guest _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Send this form to: Third District Republican Party, P.O. Box 24, Menomonie, WI 54751

Caucus II

As happens every 10 years, the Third District Republican Party will hold a second caucus for the election of district officers with the counties added through congressional redistricting. It will be a time when we can welcome the new delegates to our district as well as take care of business. In addition to election of officers, we will decide if the district will be endorsing one of our candidates for Congress (tabled from the April Caucus) and taking a second vote on the District Constitution change.

Caucus II will be held on **Saturday, July 27, 2002**. We will be aboard the **river boat Julia Belle Swain** leaving from St. Feriote Island in **Prairie du Chien** promptly at 11am that day for a 3 hours cruise (I'm sure we will have a Skipper and at least one Professor aboard, but I will let you know if Ginger, Maryann, and a guy named Gilligan sign up!). You will want to arrive early to account for traffic for the Annual Prairie Dog Blues Festival will be taking place that weekend in Prairie du Chien. We may start boarding as early as 10:30am and the Captain has asked that everyone plan on being aboard by 10:45am. Lunch and music will be provided on the boat.

We are asking for reservations in advance so that we can get a count for the meal and also so that we can make sure to accommodate delegates to the caucus.

It should be a great time. Surely we will be the envy of all the districts for planning such a wonderful event. We are grateful to the **Crawford County Republican Party** for hosting the event for us! We hope you will consider joining us but please send your registration in early. You will find the registration form on Page 3 of this newsletter.



La Crosse Co. accepts Wisconsin Award



Join us in Prairie du Chien
for Caucus II on July 27, 2002