

# Wauwatosa Republican Club

## October Newsletter

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WALCH TO SPEAK



Mr. Dana Walch, new Executive Director of the Republican Party of Wisconsin, will be the featured speaker at the October meeting of the Wauwatosa Republican Club. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mayfair Mall, 2500 N. Mayfair Road. Dana has been the political director of the Ohio Republican Party and promises strong support for "grass roots" activities. Mark your calendars and be sure to turn out to hear Dana.

### ONE YEAR COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION

See the enclosed flyer for your invitation to an election year kick-off, sponsored by the 5th Congressional District Republican Party. Congressman Mark Neumann (and U. S. Senate candidate) will be the special guest at this event on Tuesday, November 11th, at Mama Mia's on Burleigh.

### ROSENZWEIG PARTY AT JOLLY'S

The new Wauwatosa restaurant, Jolly's on Harwood, is the setting for a party for Peggy Rosenzweig's Senate campaign on Tuesday, December 2nd. Watch your mail for your invitation to this fun event!

### REPUBLICANS SHINE DURING STATE BUDGET PROCESS

by State Representative Scott Walker

Despite having to work with Democrats in the State Senate to get final passage of a budget, Republicans were the real winners in the overall process.

After Chuck Chvala and his gang proved that they could not govern for three months, it took Republican leaders to push forward a plan to keep our state government going for the next two years. On important issues like public safety, taxes, government spending, health-care and transportation, Republicans have the upper hand in the final budget document.

The state budget includes funding for the staffing, contracting and construction of 5,552 new prison beds during the next two years. Since the current system was built for 9,538 and holds over 14,300, the time has come to get serious about housing criminals. The budget specifically includes approval for a 600-bed detention facility to house parole and probation offenders. This will be a big relief for the Milwaukee County Jail which faces similar problems with overcrowding.

In total, the budget includes over one billion dollars worth of new tax relief. In 1998, taxpayers will see a one percent cut in the income tax followed by indexing in future years. The budget also eliminates the marriage penalty, provides 100 percent deductibility for long term health insurance premiums, removes the capital gains tax for businesses passed on between family members and even removes the sales tax on Internet access.

With few exceptions (i.e. corrections), the state budget provides across-the-board agency budget reductions of two percent each year. In addition, we eliminate or sunset over 50 boards, commissions and councils saving the taxpayers over \$1 million.

The budget includes a women's health initiative and additional positions for community options slots (which keep people in their own homes and out of nursing homes). In addition, the budget prevents the use of state funds for any abortion-related activities.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation provided us with a written statement that no state or federal funds would be used for preliminary engineering or construction of light rail. This is significant as the administration had only previously prohibited those funds for construction.

In the end, GOP initiatives make up 85 percent or more of the final budget package. With some creative help from Governor Thompson's veto pen, the final product will be closer to 95 percent. Thanks for all of your support throughout the process.

### ANNUAL COOKIE TASTER WITH SCOTT WALKER

State Representative Scott Walker invites everyone to join him at his annual Christmas Cookie Taster, at the home of Gary and Susan Binter, 2524 North 96th Street. The open house will be Tuesday, December 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### PACKER RAFFLE!

How would you like to win a chance to sit in a skybox to watch the Packers beat the Dallas Cowboys on November 23rd and help GOP candidates at the same time???

Scott Walker is selling raffle tickets to benefit Republican candidates in the 1998 elections. Two winners will be drawn on November 12 and the first winner has a choice of either (1) Two skybox tickets for the Packers/Dallas game at Lambeau Field on 11/23, plus accommodations the night of the November 22nd at the Fairfield Inn - Green Bay; or (2) A Reggie White autographed jersey. Tickets are only \$10 or 3 for \$25. See Scott Walker to get your tickets.

**'TWO STRIKES' LAW FOR CHILD ABUSERS IS ADVANCING**  
**by State Sen. Peggy Rosenzweig**

Greetings from the State Capitol! The state budget is finally on the Governor's desk and we can turn our attention to other pressing matters of a non-fiscal nature, such as crime.

One of my legislative priorities this session is Assembly Bill 505 – a bill that would institute mandatory life imprisonment for repeat child sex offenders. I'm glad to report that this bill received a favorable public hearing at the State Capitol on October 8. No opposition was registered as the bill came before the Assembly Judiciary Committee for initial review.

Assembly Bill 505 is essentially a "two strikes and you're out" bill for child molesters. I'm authoring it along with the chair of the Judiciary Committee, State Rep. Mark Green of Green Bay. The bill is modeled after Wisconsin's "three strikes and you're out" law for other repeat felons, which I also authored in the State Senate. This new legislation specifies that for child sex abuse, any offender with just one prior conviction would receive a mandatory life sentence without parole.

That's an unusually tough proposal. That's because child sexual abuse is an unusually serious crime. We are obligated to let sex offenders know our society has no tolerance for these acts.

Studies published by the National Institutes of Mental Health and the Washington Post indicate child sex crimes are among the most often-repeated offenses in America. Because the perpetrator is usually an acquaintance or family member of the victim, it is not unusual for one offender to commit scores, even hundreds of crimes before being caught. Once pedophiles are caught, rehabilitation is often difficult.

The repetitive nature of these crimes is why we need the strongest deterrent possible. Those who take sexual advantage of children must be given no choice but reform.

Assembly Bill 505 is scheduled to be voted on by the Judiciary Committee later this month. I'm anticipating emphatic approval by the committee and the full legislature before our legislative session ends next spring.

If you have any questions or comments about this or other legislative matters, I'm always happy to hear from you. You can reach my office with a local phone call to 266-1798. Or you can write State Sen. Peggy Rosenzweig, P.O. Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707. The e-mail address is: [Sen.Rosenzweig@legis.state.wi.us](mailto:Sen.Rosenzweig@legis.state.wi.us).

Have a great autumn!