

REPUBLICANS of Olmsted County

January 2024 Newsletter

Wishing All of You a Happy New Year

Latest News from Olmsted County Republican Party

It is an Executive Committee's pleasure to thank the many people who have helped with the preparation of Christmas Potluck Party. Delicious homemade food, family-like atmosphere, Christmas music, trivia game, and the gathering of like-minded Republicans were hallmarks of the party.



Photo (left): Republicans Jackie Mickow, Kim Wettleson, and Rae Parker dressed up for the GOP Christmas party.

Photo (right): OCGOP Sergeant of Arms, John Gifford, played the bagpipes at the GOP Christmas party.

A Lesson from American History

The Founder's Bible: The Origin of the Dream of Freedom, page 1099

James McHenry, a physician, Founding Father, and the signer of the US Constitution stated:

“Neither, in considering this subject, let it be overlooked, that public utility pleads most forcibly for the general distribution of the Holy Scriptures. The doctrine they preach, the obligation they impose, the punishment they threaten, the rewards they promise, the stamp and image the Divinity they bear, which produces a conviction of their truths, can along secure to society, order and peace, and to our courts of justice and constitutions of government, purity, stability and usefulness.

In vain, without the Bible, we increase penal laws and draw entrenchments around our institutions. Bibles are strong entrenchments. Where they abound, men cannot pursue wicked courses and at the same time enjoy quiet conscience.”

Calling All Candidates



Central Committee Meeting – January 16, 2024

Calling all Republicans who have a fire in their belly!!

Please join us as we bring in the New Year with a message of hope, inspiration, and strategic planning from House Representative Bjorn Olson.

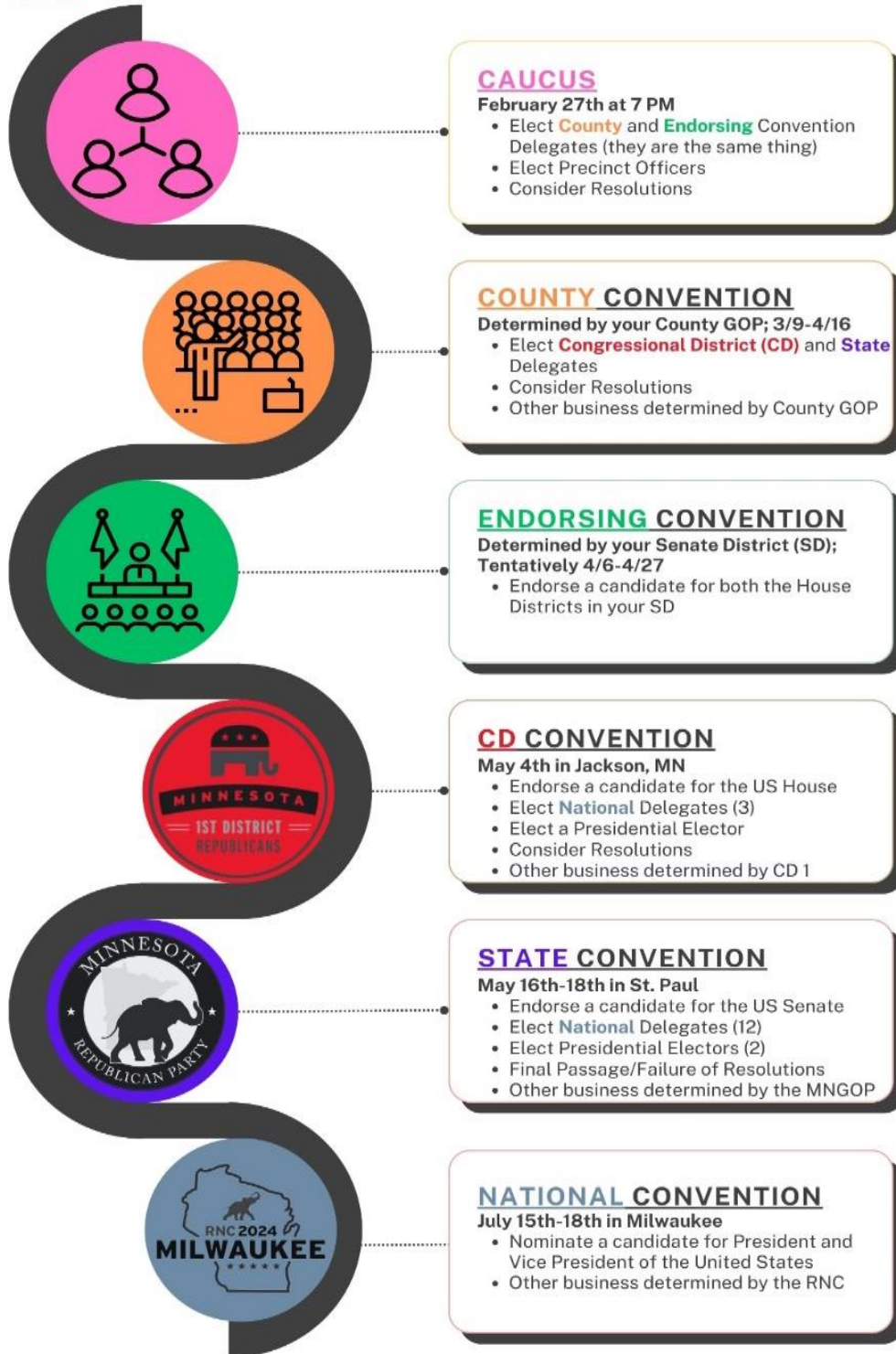
As a sitting House Representative in District 22A, Bjorn Olson has been sent to us by the House Republican Campaign Committee (HRCC) as our CD 1 Candidate Liaison because he knows what it takes to WIN a House race! January kick-off to a BIG WIN in 2024.

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2024
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: Eagles Club
ADDRESS: 917 15th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904

CD 1 MN GOP 2024 Delegate Pathway



CD 1 MNGOP 2024 DELEGATE PATHWAY



Upcoming Olmsted County Republican Party Caucus

Volunteers for Caucus Conveners are NEEDED!

Republicans, the next 2-year political cycle begins at our Party Caucus which will be held on February 27, 2024. The Caucus is where we elect our Precinct Chairs and it is where you can sign up to be a Delegate. It is also where you can submit resolutions and proposed amendments to the Constitution for consideration, among other things.

So, if you are interested in getting involved, this is where it all starts. Please pay attention to the upcoming news on the website <https://olmstedgop.org/wp/>.

OCGOP Deputy Chair Jim Niehoff is in charge of organizing the upcoming caucus.

The Caucus Committee is looking for conveners, precinct chairs, vice-chairs, and volunteers to step up and perform their civic duty at the caucus. For questions or to add your name to the list of volunteers, please e-mail Jim at: jpniehoff@charter.net.

State party will make caucus training sessions in January and February 2024. The dates of training will be announced soon.

What is a Caucus?

Caucus is the beginning of the grassroots political process

Your Issues! Your Voice!

Want to take part in your Civic responsibility,
but don't know where to start?

Come find out the **How, What, and Why**
regarding Caucusing!

Information Session
Save the Date!
7pm Jan 29th
113 2nd St. SW Pine Island MN
* On-line option will be available

Fed up with political outcomes?
Be the Change You Seek! Get Involved!

* Prepared and Paid for by the Goodhue County Republican Party. PO Box 518 Red Wing, MN 55066

A Word from the Deputy Chair

Thinking Caucus! Delegates are on the front lines of the political process! Delegates have the power to nominate candidates, amend our Constitution, and make further decisions to control the direction of the party.

We are looking for a few good America-loving, America-first patriots to join in the fight by becoming delegates.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, is the date to save. Caucus will start at 6 PM. **The Republican Party of Olmsted County from Cascade, Haverhill, Marion, and Rochester Townships, and all Rochester precincts will be caucusing at John Marshall High School NOT Mayo High School from 6-9 PM.**

Caucus precinct locations:

- Byron/Kalmar Township, and Salem Township
Byron Middle School, 601 4th St NW, Byron MN 55920
- Orion, Elmira Township, and Chatfield
Chatfield High School, 205 Union St NE, Chatfield, MN 55923
- Dover/Dover Township, Eyota/Eyota Township, Quincy, and Viola Townships
Dover-Eyota High School, 615 South Ave SE, Eyota, MN 55934
- Cascade, Haverhill, Marion, Rochester Townships, and ALL Rochester Precincts
John Marshall High School, 1510 14th St NW, Rochester, MN 55901
- New Haven Township and Pine Island
New Haven Township, 9024 County Rd 3 NW, Oronoco, MN 55960
- Oronoco/Oronoco Township and Farmington
Oronoco Community Center (City Hall), 115 2nd St NW, Oronoco, MN 55960
- High Forest, Pleasant Grove, Rock Dell Townships, and Stewartville
Stewartville High School, 500 4th St NW, Stewartville, MN 55976

Please let me know if you are interested in being a convener for your precinct.

The price for Freedom is Eternal Vigilance, caucusing with your party and joining the ranks of delegates is one way for us to honor this duty.

Hope to see you there.

Jim Niehoff, Deputy Chair



Republican Chili Chef masters Nancy Lane and Carol Hughes serving chili to community during Chili Cook-off and Bake Sale (GOP Fundraiser).

Dan and Ted's Excellent Movie Night

Dan and Ted's Excellent Movie Night is a new informative and motivating way for the community to engage in dialogue on many pressing current topics. Dan Nelson and Ted Krall invite you to watch a documentary followed by a discussion after the show. Stay tuned and get informed.

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Charlie's Eatery & Pub

ADDRESS: 1654 Hwy 52 N, Rochester, MN

Get to Know Your Executive Committee Members



Rick Nolting, a Vice Chair of OCGOP

I became involved in politics in 2009 when I wanted a bill introduced that gave liability protection to businesses and non-profits when they volunteered during a disaster. The bill was carried in the House by Representative Kim Norton and in the Senate by Senator Dave Senjem. Counting the Governor's signature only one person voted against it.

I have served on the following Boards:

- Minnesota Dental Association Board of Trustees (6 years)
- Southeastern Dental District Board (twice)
- Paws and Claws Board (8 years)
- Christ Lutheran Church Board (twice)
- Minnesota Board of Dentistry**
- Park Institute Blackbelt Association Board (10 years)
- Minnesota State Tae Kwon Do Association Board (22 years)**
- Zumbro Valley Dental Society Board (3 years)

**Presently serving on the Olmsted County Republican Party Executive Committee

GOP Open Forum

January 9, 2024

The Executive Committee of OCGOP is hosting an Open Forum for all residents of Olmsted County.

In continuing transparency and accountability, the Executive Committee invites all to join for a discussion on our achieved milestones and future plans for the Olmsted County Republican Party.

DATE: Tuesday, January 9, 2024
TIME: 6:30-9:00 PM
PLACE: Eagles Club
ADDRESS: 917 15th Avenue SE, Rochester, MN

Local Events



“The Rochester Chapter of Center of the American Experiment invites you to attend the 2024 New Years Party. Join the American Experiment supporters to celebrate and hear from its President, John Hinderaker, on the future of Minnesota’s conservative movement.”

<https://www.americanexperiment.org/events/2024-rochester-new-years-party>

At Mike Lindell's December 2023 Event



Mike Lindell with Republicans Cheryl Champa and Julie Zuehlke (photo on the left) and Kim Rishavy, Rae Parker, Bonnie Nelson, and Sheri Hayden (photo on the right).

To watch Mike Lindell's presentation at Zumbro Community Church – link provided below:

<https://www.facebook.com/WesALund/videos/1573656076777396>

<https://www.facebook.com/WesALund/videos/683026533936757>

WE THE PEOPLE Have The Power!

Local Highlights

Post Bulletin

Rochester Public Schools' Donation from Mayo Clinic is Largest Known by the District in Decades

A few weeks ago, Mayo Clinic announced that it would donate \$10 million to the Rochester Public Schools to compensate funding from failed November 2023 referendum.

https://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/rochester-public-schools-donation-from-mayo-clinic-is-largest-known-by-the-district-in-decades?utm_market=postbulletin

State Highlights

American Experiment

Minnesota Ranks Close to Bottom for Education Freedom

<https://www.americanexperiment.org/minnesota-ranks-close-to-bottom-for-education-freedom/>

Legislative Evaluation Assembly of Minnesota

2023 Legislative Review



2023 REPORT on the MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

by the
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CREDO — *The Legislative Evaluation Assembly of Minnesota (LEA) is a non-partisan and non-profit organization, established to inform the citizens of Minnesota of both important legislation and the voting performance of each Minnesota state legislator. LEA bases its evaluation on our declared American founding principles of self-evident truths and inalienable rights. These principles provide a basis for a constitutionally limited government established to sustain life, liberty, justice, property rights and free enterprise. LEA encourages the use of the material in its Reports, in whole or in part, with attribution, by any group or individual.*

2023 LEA HONOREES

									
Senator Bruce Anderson 96%	Senator Cal Bahr 96%	Senator Steve Drazkowski 96%	Senator Justin Eichorn 96%	Senator Steve Green 96%	Senator Eric Lucero 96%	Senator Jordan Rasmusson 100%	Rep. Josh Heintzeman 96%	Rep. Harry Niska 96%	Rep Isaac Schultz 96%

Honorable Mention Senate: G. Gruenhagen, Je. Howe, J. Jasinski, M. Koran, B. Lieske, W. Limmer, J. Rarick, P. Utke, N. Wesenberg, T. Westrom.

Honorable Mention House: P. Altendorf, B. Bakeberg, J. Burkel, B. Davis, M. Fogelman, W. Hudson, J. Joy, J. Koznick, S. Mekeland, T. Murphy, T. O'Driscoll, B. Pfarr, J. Schomacker, P. Scott, C. Swedzinski, P. Torkelson, M. Wiener.

Link provided below to view a whole 2023 LEA Legislative Report:

<https://lea-mn.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-LEA-report-10-7-23.pdf>

STOP THE DIG!

\$729 MILLION

Don't let them build another palace for politicians!

When you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging. The DFL has us in a \$729 million hole known as the State Office Building.

Although the project is approved and site preparation has begun, it's not too late to ask the legislature to reconsider and pause construction.

The \$729 million price tag is double the cost of the State Capitol renovation and 10 times the cost of the Senate Office Building. What are they thinking!

Sign the petition!

Go to www.stophthedigmn.com to sign the petition and send a message to your State Representative.

National Highlights

FIRST ON FOX TV:

“Speaking on the interactions between YouTube and the Biden administration, House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) told FOX Business, "We knew the Biden White House worked to censor American speech with the help of [Big Tech](#). Internal documents from Google obtained by the Judiciary Committee and Select Subcommittee show that their scheme extended to YouTube.”

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/politics/white-house-worked-youtube-censor-covid-19-vaccine-misinformation-house-judiciary-committee>

Live: Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Testifies on Weaponization of the Federal Government to House Committee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c2Lnf7qacc>

The Epoch Times: Facts Matter with Roman Balmakov

Mike Lindell Sounds New Alarm

“De-Banking. It now appears as though the same financial institutions that were bailed out in years past by the taxpayers are now cutting off services to people they do not agree with politically.”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxv7u_TVCM

Gateway Pundit

Just in: Trump will Remain on Colorado Ballot Pending SCOTUS Decision

“Fox News reported:

The Colorado Secretary of State will include former President Donald J. Trump on the 2024 Colorado primary ballot after Republicans filed an appeal to the Supreme Court. On Wednesday, the Colorado GOP filed an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court after the state Supreme Court’s decision to remove Trump from the primary ballot.”

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/12/just-trump-will-remain-colorado-ballot-pending-scotus/>

Gateway Pundit

Muckraker Releases Several “Mass Migration Blueprints” Used by Leftwing NGOs and UN in the Planned and Organized Invasion into America

“The migrant invasion of the United States is organized and well funded.”

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/12/muckraker-releases-several-mass-migration-blueprints-used-leftwing/>

Gateway Pundit

Senator Dick Durbin Proposes Allowing Illegal Immigrants to Join U.S. Military as a Pathway to Citizenship

“Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) is now advocating for a bold and contentious plan as proposed by another Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL): allowing illegal immigrants to serve in the U.S. military as a pathway to citizenship.”

What can go wrong?

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/12/senator-dick-durbin-proposes-allowing-illegal-immigrants-join/>

Disclaimer: Although the Republican Party of Olmsted County promotes the above events and publications in its newsletter, it is not responsible for the content of their presentations.

**Fed up with political outcomes?
Be the change you seek.
Get involved!**

Become informed!

- Great information sources:
 - American Experiment: <https://www.americanexperiment.org/>
 - The Epoch Times: <https://www.theepochtimes.com/>
 - Alpha News: <https://alphanews.org/>
 - Child Protection League <https://cplaction.com/> and others
- Get involved in the local Republican Party <https://olmstedgop.org>.
- Visit a Central Committee meeting.
- Become a Chair or a Vice-Chair of your precinct, and/or a Delegate.
- Call your legislators and set up a meeting to express your concern.
- Attend caucus on February 27, 2024.
- Donate to win.
- Become an election judge.
- Vote in November 2024.

Donate to Win

Please donate to the Republicans of Olmsted County. Use Minnesota Political Contribution Refund Program by making your check payable to Olmsted County GOP.

\$50.00 (single) or \$100.00 (married couple)

Send your check to:

Olmsted County GOP

PO Box 6201

Rochester, MN 55903-6201

We will send you a receipt and a claim form to get that money returned to you from the state. The process usually takes less than a month.

Thank you for your kindness. Together we stand.