

REPUBLICANS of Olmsted County

March 2024 Newsletter

BE SURE TO VOTE on March 5, 2024, for

2024 Presidential Primary Election Candidate



Photo (Left): 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump.

Photo (Right): Former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley.

Latest News from Olmsted County Republican Party

The OCGOP Executive Committee would like to extend its gratitude to all volunteers who helped to organize and run 2024 OCGOP Republican caucus. Special thank you to Deputy Chair Jim Niehoff, Chair Wendy Phillips, and Vice-Chair Brenda Hiniker for leading the 2024 OCGOP Republican caucus.



Photo above: OCGOP Deputy Chair Jim Niehoff with Republicans Linda Husser and Terry Husser at OCGOP caucus.



Photo above: Caucus convener Kim Wettleson and Republicans Gil Strand, Elaine Strand, and Tim Dunlap are getting prepared for caucus.

A Lesson from American History

The Founder's Bible: The Origin of the Dream of Freedom, page 1067

Charles de Montesquieu, the most frequently cited political philosopher during the American Founding

(1760-1805) era, affirmed that the Bible must be the basis of any enduring government:

The Christian religion, which ordains that human beings should love each other, would without doubt have every nation blest with the best civil, the best political laws; because these, next to religion, are the greatest good that men can give and receive.

Republican 2024 Election Candidate

Ken Navitsky for 25A House of Representatives



Photo (Left): Ken Navitsky, OCGOP Vice-Chair with his friends and supporters at the official kick-off of his political campaign on February 15, 2024.



Photo (Right): Ken Navitsky and his beloved wife, Kelly.

Congratulations to Ken Navitsky, an OCGOP Vice-Chair, who is running for the 25A House of Representatives seat, challenging current MN House of Representatives, Democrat Kim Hicks of Rochester. OCGOP is optimistic that Rochester voters will choose Ken Navitsky to represent them in the House after the horrible damage Kim Hicks and the rest of the Democrat trifecta has done to conservative Minnesota.

February OCGOP Central Committee

The Executive Committee would like to express its appreciation to U.S. Congressman Brad Finstad and CD 1 Chair Aaron Farris for visiting our February OCGOP Central Committee meeting. Brad Finstad shared his insights from Washington, D.C., and Aaron Farris encouraged Olmsted County Republicans to get involved in local governance.



Photo (Left): U.S. Congressman Brad Finstad at the February OCGOP Central Committee meeting.

Photo (Right): Aaron Farris, CD 1 Chair, at the February OCGOP Central Committee meeting.

Get to Know Your Executive Committee Members

Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life

Ted Krall, OCGOP Secretary

- My fantastic wife, Sheri, has put up with me and my wild ideas for 48 years this month. Our two great kids, Charlie and Katie, have also endured me with almost as much patience.
- I am a native of South Dakota, my hometown is Sioux City, Iowa. I became a Minnesotan by attending Mankato State where I received a degree in business and lettered four years in swimming.
- As a financial advisor, I completed my 50th year with Northwestern Mutual last month.
- It has been an honor to serve in the past as a director on the following boards: Christ United Methodist Church, Quarry Hill Nature Center, Sunrisers' Kiwanis, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, and National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors in SE MN.
- In August of last year, I was appointed to the National Advisory Board for Our Country Our Choice. Since we have grown from zero members to approximately 250,000 members. The goal is 10 million members working across party lines to keep the America we know safe and free.
- Politically I am a lifelong Republican. (An "I like Ike" sticker was on our front door. In 1964 an "AU H2O" sticker decorated the bumper of the family Chevy station wagon.) I have been member of campaign committees for Minnesota State House races four times. Our record is four victories and no defeats. I consulted with State Representative John R. Kaley regularly, often weekly, through his eight years in office.
- Proud is not an adequate word to express how I feel about the people I am privileged to work beside on the Executive Committee, the Central Committee, and the volunteer teams. Your list of accomplishments for our cause in less than a year is substantial and growing daily.

Olmsted County Republican Party 2024 BPOU Convention

Volunteers NEEDED!

The BPOU Convention is where we elect delegates and alternates to CD 1 and state conventions. Delegates and alternates elected at this convention go to the CD 1 and state conventions where they will endorse candidates for state and national office.

This year's convention will be held at Byron Middle School on Saturday, April 6, 2024. See you there.

Jim Niehoff, OCGOP Deputy Chair.

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 and have a discussion after the show.

<u>DATE:</u>	Tuesday, March 26, 2024
<u>TIME:</u>	6:30 PM
<u>LOCATION:</u>	Charlie's Eatery and Pub
<u>ADDRESS:</u>	1654 Hwy 52 N, Rochester, MN

Stay tuned and get informed.

Local Events

American Experiment Presents



Join American Experiment for lunch with Martha Njolomole and Bill Walsh. Learn how Minnesota wasteful government spending is going to cause problems for the state budget, welfare recipients, taxpayers, and the broader state economy.

Schedule

11:30 AM – Doors open and Lunch

Tickets: <https://www.americanexperiment.org/events/ticking-time-bomb-minnesotas-vast-expanding-welfare-system-and-other-wasteful-spending>

LEA 2024 Awards Banquet: Come Join Us March 7th

									
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%

2023 Honorees

Annual LEA 2024 Awards Banquet

DATE: Thursday, March 7, 2024
CHECK-IN: 6:00 PM (begins)
SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 PM (begins)
DINNER: 7:30 PM
PROGRAM: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Mermaid Event Center
ADDRESS: 2200 County Hwy 10, Mounds View, MN 55112

Featured Speaker: Steve Deace

“Lessons from Iowa and the New Conservative Media”

An OCGOP Executive Committee congratulate Senator Steve Drazkowski, Senate District 20, for winning LEA Award in legislation. <https://lea-mn.org/2024-awards-banquet-come-join-us-mar-7th/>

Capital Prayer Network Zoom Prayer Meeting

When: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:00pm – 8:30pm and every Tuesday in March

Where: on Zoom

Leaders: Lisa Doyle and Karen Krueger with the Minnesota Government Prayer Alliance lead the weekly Zoom meeting. Feel free to invite other intercessors to this call.

To be added to their mailing list: Email your contact info (name, address, and cell number) to Karen Krueger (karenk@calltothewall.org).

MN Gun Owner Caucus Meeting and Breakfast

All Second Amendment supporters are welcome.

DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024
TIME: 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
LOCATION: Charlie's Eatery and Pub
ADDRESS: 1654 Hwy 52 N, Rochester, MN

Rick Weible on Election Integrity Issues in Minnesota

Rick Weible will be coming to Rochester, MN to give a presentation on Election Ballots Counting: Machine vs Hand Counting. Save the time.

DATE: Saturday, March 16, 2024
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Oak Hills Wesleyan Church
ADDRESS: 410 28th Street SW, Rochester, MN

74th MN Legislative Session Updates

Alpha News

Democrats seek to eliminate belief-based vax exemptions for families enrolled in daycare.

Sen. Liz Boldon, DFL - Rochester brought a bill SF 610 to the Senate, while the companion bill in the House was sponsored by Rep. Mike Freiberg, DFL-Golden Valley. These bills aim to remove Minnesota law protecting immunization exemptions for children in childcare centers. Vaccine mandates all over again.

We, as citizens of this beautiful country, have right to choose. This authority has been given to us by God and written in our documents The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution of the United States, The Declaration of Human Rights. We have unalienable rights, and the basis of those rights are our freedoms.

<https://alphanews.org/dems-seek-to-eliminate-belief-based-vax-exemptions-for-families-enrolled-in-daycare/>



Photo above: Elena Niehoff, OCGOP Vice-Chair testifies on the Bill SF610 at the MN Senate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JY4fkvml82A>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUQO27UV6c8>

Committee on Health and Human Services hearing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YsVLmXh7hA>

Seek more information on www.olmstedGOP.org

If you would like to write a letter to legislators, go to the capitol in support of the Constitution and/or conservative values and feel you need help, please send e-mail to mail@olmstedgop.org

WE THE PEOPLE Have The Power!

Local Insights

Goodhue County Republicans

Caucus and Conventions Info Session 2024 Goodhue County Republicans

Sara Bertschinger, Goodhue County BPOU Officer, explains in layman terms what are the roles and functions of grassroots precinct caucuses, Basic Political Organizational Unit (BPOU), Congressional District (CD), State Republican Party (MNGOP), and National Republican Party (RNC).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmCcvbx-SX4>



Photo above: Sara Bertschinger, Goodhue County BPOU Officer, leads mock caucus at the Caucus and Conventions Info Session.

Post Bulletin

Senator Amy Klobuchar Visits Rochester to Discuss the Fentanyl Crisis

“Fentanyl is now involved in 92% of all opioid deaths in our state, Senator Klobuchar (D-MN) said.” Strange to hear this confession from the person who caused the opioid crisis in the first place by refusing to close the southern borders and stop illegal immigrants’ invasion into our country. Educating young people about fentanyl-laced pills became Senator Klobuchar’s priority. So typical of Democrats to bring a bandage solution to the problem they caused.

<https://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/sen-amy-klobuchar-visits-rochester-to-discuss-the-fentanyl-crisis>

State Highlights

Omnibus Podcast with Former MN Representative Jeremy Munson

S4.SP.2: School Resource Officers, The State Paint Board, and Gun Control.

“Minnesota best weekly breakdown of political news inside and outside of the Capital.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWQkleWum0k>



Alpha News

ERA Would Create ‘Blank Check’ to Discriminate Against People of Faith, Expert Warns

“The Minnesota Queer Caucus held a press conference Thursday to reaffirm their support for the so-called “Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).” Attempting to enshrine abortion and gender identity into Minnesota’s constitution, the ERA is a major priority for the Democratic majorities in Minnesota’s state legislature.”

Maggee Hangge, a policy associate with the Minnesota Catholic Conference said, “It will be used to override statutory and other constitutional protections for rights of speech, religion, and association. Notably, the new language being proposed by proponents does not include protection for religious discrimination.”

<https://alphanews.org/era-would-create-blank-check-to-discriminate-against-people-of-faith-expert-warns/>

National Highlights

Breitbart News

Donald Trump Endorses Michael Whatley for RNC Chair, Lara Trump for Co-Chair

Ronna McDaniel stepped down from being the Republican National Committee (RNC) chair. She left the party at “just \$8 million in cash on hand and \$1.8 million in debt.” According to the RNC’s latest filing with the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2024/02/12/donald-trump-endorses-michael-whatley-for-rnc-chair-lara-trump-for-co-chair/>



Tucker Carlson Network

Uncensored: The National Security State & the Inversion of Democracy

People in US have the 1st Amendment and freedom of conscious rights. Mike Benz explains how government's censorship works.

<https://tuckercarlson.com/uncensored-the-national-security-state-the-inversion-of-democracy/>

The Epoch Times

How the GOP Conspired with Democrats to Deceive Americans and to Fund Ukraine | Truth Over News

Washington GOP establishment conspired with democrats to give money to Ukraine.

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/how-the-gop-conspired-with-democrats-to-deceive-americans-and-to-fund-ukraine-truth-over-news-5588782>



The Epoch Times

Letters Reveal Clash Between White House and Justice Department Over Special Council Report

Special Council gave report on President Biden's health status. "In his 388-page report to Mr. Garland, the Special Counsel made a highly critical evaluation of the 81-year-old president's mental fitness, describing him as "a sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory." The report referred to the president's memory as "hazy," "significantly limited," "faulty," and "poor."

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/us/letters-reveal-clash-between-white-house-and-justice-department-over-special-counsel-report-5588341>

The Great Awakening Movie – FULL, OFFICIAL DOCUMENTARY

A filmmaker and producer, Mikki Willis, is asking the question "Is the average citizen aware that a real war is going on for their mind?"

"If people feel helpless, and as long the people are on the edge of fear, they are willing to give up their liberties."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZDT9q0tudg>



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What to Do to Save Minnesota

- 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.
- Come to the OCGOP 2024 BPOU Convention on April 6, 2024.
- Donate to win.
- Become an election judge.
- Vote in Presidential Primary Election on March 5, 2024, and General election 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.

\$75.00 (single) or \$150.00 (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.