

REPUBLICANS of Olmsted County

February 2024 Newsletter

Hold the Line, Republicans!

Latest News from Olmsted County Republican Party

The Executive Committee would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to MN House Representative Bjorn Olson (District 22A) for sharing a 2024 election strategic plan during the Central Committee meeting held in January. Representative Olson has been sent to us by the House Republican Campaign Committee (HRCC).



January GOP Open Forum

Thank you to all Olmsted County Republicans who came to the January GOP Open Forum for dialogue and discussion over the future of OCGOP. The Executive Committee reported on achieved 2023 milestones and future strategies. Shout out to OCGOP Vice-chair Ken Navitsky for taking the role of moderator.



Olmsted Republicans at the Southern Minnesota Gun Show

Shout out to OCGOP leadership for representing the Olmsted County Republican party at the Southern Minnesota Gun Show.



Photo above: OCGOP Chair Wendy Philips and Treasurer Gale McEvoy at the Gun Show.

A Lesson from American History

Thomas Paine, Founding Father, political activist, and a philosopher.

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. Britain, with an army to enforce her tyranny, has declared that she has a right (not only to tax) but "to bind us in all cases whatsoever" and if being bound in that manner, is not slavery, then is there not such a thing as slavery upon earth. Even the expression is impious; for so unlimited a power can belong only to God.

Olmsted County Republican Party Caucus

February 27, 2024

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. 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.

Know Your Precinct

Your precinct might have changed due to 2022 redistricting. To find the name and number of your precinct go to the website: <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/precincts/>

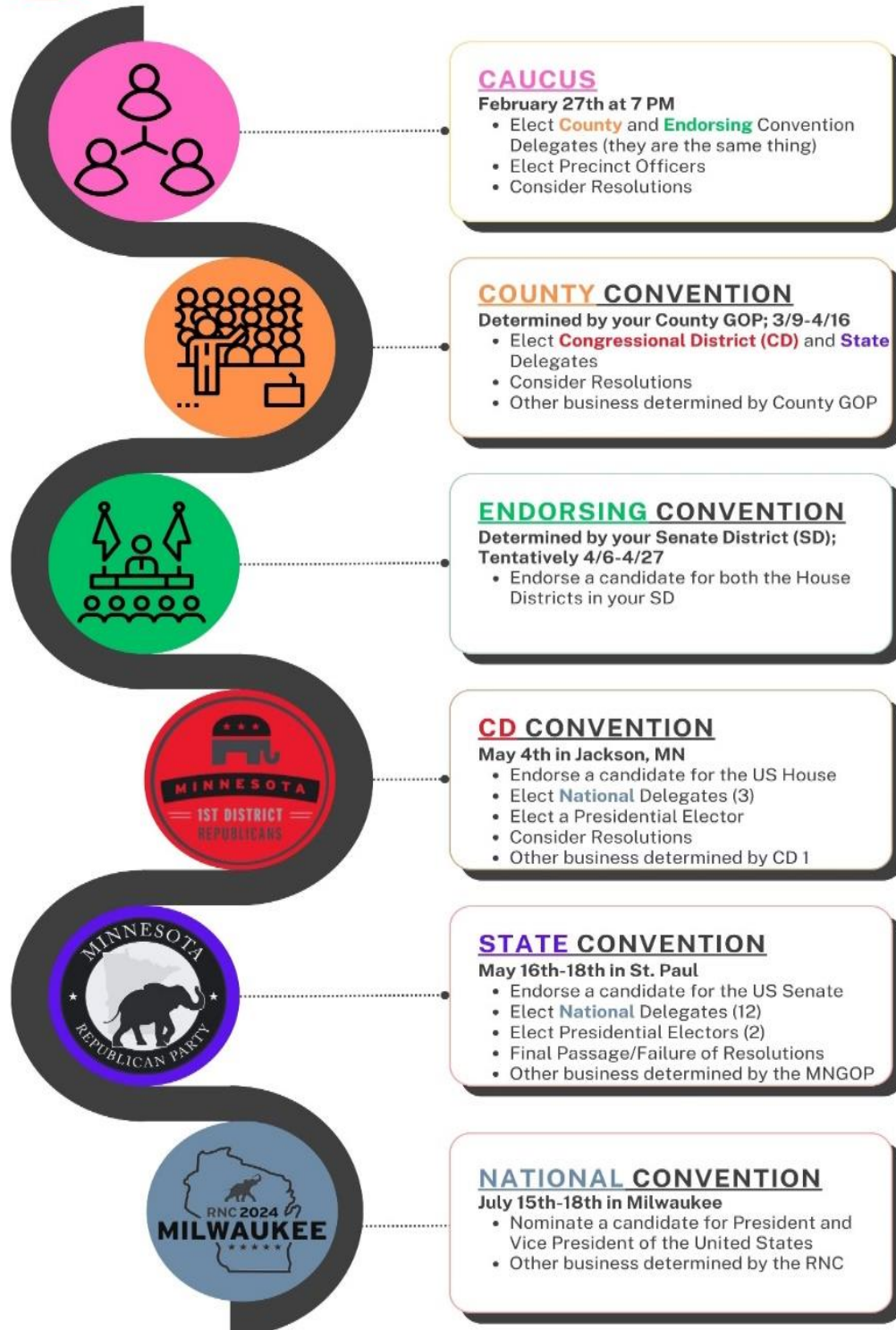
Become an Election Judge or a Poll Challenger

If you are interested in becoming an election judge (EJ) or a poll challenger (PC) or have you been an EJ or PC in the past and are looking for to volunteer again, come to caucus and sign up. Become the EJ or PC to secure fair and transparent 2024 elections. Get involved!

CD 1 MN GOP 2024 Delegate Pathway



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February Caucus Convener Training

In person

The OCGOP Executive Committee is hosting four (4) caucus-convener training sessions.

DATE	WEEKDAY	START TIME
February 8	Thursday	6:30 PM
February 13	Tuesday	6:30 PM
February 17	Saturday	9:00 AM
February 22	Thursday	6:30 PM
LOCATION & ADDRESS		
Oak Hills Wesleyan Church, 410 28 th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902		

On line

The State Republican Party will hold the caucus training on line.

Saturday, February 10th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474371897>

Meeting ID: 834 7437 1897 One tap mobile: +19292056099,,83474371897# US

This training is meant for precinct conveners, not caucus attendees. A recorded session is posted online at mngop.org/caucus.

Caucus-Precinct Locations - Caucus Starts at 6:00 PM

- 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

Smiles We Gave to One Another



Photo on left: Republicans Diana Friemann, Nancy Lane, and Mary Chambers at the 2023 Pine Island Summer parade.

Photo on right: Republican Carol Hughes dressed as Betsy Ross from the American Revolution era at the 2023 Rochesterfest parade.

Get to Know Your Executive Committee Members

JIM NIEHOFF

Jim has served on a number of committees involving work and then ventured into Olmsted County Republican Party to serve where needed and has been involved ever since. His big contribution he feels is to educate and bring people into the party to help continue pursuing conservative values and the original intent of the Constitution to preserve all our Rights.

2003 - 2023—Aviation Safety Inspector, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Principal Maintenance Inspector
- Regulatory and oversight duties for a variety of aviation entities in the Minneapolis Flight Standards District
- Aircraft Accident Investigator
- Program Manager – FAA Safety Team MN
- Analyzed aircraft accident data for trends, developed educational material to mitigate identified risks in the industry
- Managed a group of up to 90 civilian volunteers who helped disseminate educational information to the flying public in their area
- Spoke at many public events, presenting on relevant educational and informational topics
- Managed all activities for FAA Safety Center at the AirVenture International Airshow, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

March 2023—RETIRED

Political activities:

- Volunteered for the Kurt Bills campaign for US Senate
- Active in the Tea Party movement
- 2022—Convener for Marion Township, elected Chair
- 2022—Elected as Delegate for Olmsted BPOU
- 2022—Heavily involved in the “4 Your Children” School Board campaign
- 2023—Elected to Executive Committee-At-Large Position
- 2023—Elected to Deputy Chair position of the Executive Committee (current)
- Currently serving on Constitution Committee
- Currently serving as the Coordinator for the Caucus/Convention

74th MN Legislative Session Updates

The 74th MN Legislative session starts on February 12, 2024. In November 2022, Democrats took control over the MN House of Representatives with six (60 extra votes and MN Senate with one (1) extra seat. Governor Waltz is a radical left Democrat. This political phenomenon is called a trifecta.

Here is the legislation passed by Democrat trifecta in 2023 which caused horrendous damage to conservative Minnesota. Link - <https://alphanews.org/heres-the-legislation-passed-by-minnesotas-dfl-majority/>

On January 25, 2024 (before legislative session began) the Health Finance and Policy House Committee, chaired by Representative Tina Liebling of Rochester, approved HF1930 *End-of-life option established for terminally ill adults* <https://alphanews.org/democrats-in-minnesota-house-advance-radical-assisted-suicide-bill/>.

Many Minnesota conservatives went to the House of Representatives to testify against the assisted-suicide bill.



Picture above: Republicans Roz Pearson, Karin Cherin, and Rae Parker are at the House Health Finance and Policy Committee hearing on HF1930.

To listen the short version of their testimonies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8Ajd4YrOb4>

To listen HF1930 hearing <https://alphanews.org/live-hearing-on-legalizing-assisted-suicide-in-minnesota/>

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

Follow OCGOP website for Legislative Updates. <https://www.olmstedgop.org/webinar-registration>

Events



UNITY IS THE POINT OF POWER

Special Event:

Church and Government

When: Monday, February 12th 6:30 p.m.
Where: Root River Community Church
635 Main Ave S, Harmony, MN 55939

Guest Speaker:
Dale Witherington



Chief Steward of Restore Minnesota,
Pastor to the elected state officials of the State of Minnesota.
Author of the eBooks "America at a Crossroads", "Dangerous Christianity"
and "the Most Important Day of Your Life".

Additional Special Guest Speakers including
Sara Bertschinger
What is a Caucus?

Sponsored by: FILLMORE COUNTY REPUBLICANS
Freewill donations accepted at the door to help cover costs

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.

DATE: TO BE DETERMINED
TIME: 5:30 PM (doors open at 5:00 PM)
LOCATION: Charlies Eatery and Pub
ADDRESS: 1654 Hwy 52 N, Rochester, MN

Stay tuned and get informed.

WE THE PEOPLE Have The Power!

State Highlights

Alpha News article

Democrats to Hold Hearing Thursday, Ahead of Session, on Assisted Suicide Legislation.

Two DFL legislators, Rep. Mike Freiberg (Attorney) and Sen. Kelly Morrison (Medical Doctor), have brought a bill which will legalize an assisted suicide in Minnesota. Rep. Andy Smith of Rochester and Sen. Liz Boldon of Rochester (Registered Nurse) are among the sponsors of assisted suicide bill.

<https://alphanews.org/democrats-to-hold-hearing-thursday-ahead-of-session-on-assisted-suicide-legislation/>

Alpha News article

James Dickey: The Trifecta's agenda is losing 'bigly' in court.

"Federal courts have issued preliminary injunctions against one unconstitutional law after another from 73d (2023 - a year of Democrat trifecta) legislative session."

<https://alphanews.org/james-dickey-the-trifectas-agenda-is-losing-bigly-in-court/>

Alpha News article

Gov. Walz 'Open' to Constitutional Amendment on Abortion.

“We want to amend the constitution to ensure that’s going to be eternally legal. That’s Gov. Walz’s proud agenda for 2024,” Rep. Hudson (R) said. “This would be the first time, to my knowledge, that the Minnesota Constitution would be amended with the purpose of denying civil rights to an entire category of human beings. This is morally worse than if you were to repeal the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution. This is morally worse than if you were to reinstitute chattel slavery,” he added. “This is amending a state’s constitution ... for the purpose of killing people. That’s what this is.”

<https://alphanews.org/gov-walz-open-to-constitutional-amendment-on-abortion/>

National Highlights

The Epoch Times

Trump Takes Aim at Haley After His New Hampshire Victory

Former President Trump achieved victory in Republican presidential primary race in Iowa and New Hampshire.

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/us/trump-takes-aim-at-haley-after-his-new-hampshire-victory-5572686>

The Gateway Pundit

Breaking: Professor and Election Expert J. Halderman Hacks into Dominion Voting Machine in Court on Friday in Georgia in front of Judge Totenberg Using only a Pen to Change Vote Totals

“Pr. J. Alex Halderman demonstrated in the court how Dominion machines are hacked, and their tabulations were altered.”

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/01/breaking-professor-election-expert-j-halderman-hacks-dominion/>

Epoch TV – Truth Over News

Why Conservatives Should Buckle Up for 2024 – Here's What to Expect

https://www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/why-conservatives-should-buckle-up-for-2024-heres-what-to-expect-truth-over-news-5559205?src_src=Morningbrief&src_cmp=mb-2024-01-09&est=b72M95DbuSHTgk7Nfly99T5XH8PrtwJfy%2FskoRKGz5M6bGLFz1B6bjlq9pjaYSM

Epoch TV Facts Matter with Roman Balmakov

Trump Prosecutor Divorce File Unsealed | Facts Matter

The ongoing scandal surrounding Fulton County, GA District Attorney Fani Willis got even deeper. Ms. Fani Willis is pushing a RICO case against President Trump and his 18 associates.

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/trump-prosecutor-divorce-file-unsealed-facts-matter-5571389>

Epoch TV Facts Matter with Roman Balmakov

Exposing the Government's Secret Plan to Grab 30 Percent of America's Land

“Here in the United States, one of the major manifestations of Agenda 2030 is the Biden administration's Agenda 30x30 – a plan to put 30% of America's land into conservation by the year 2030. A land grab.”

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/exposing-governments-secret-plan-to-grab-30-of-americas-land-5492752>

Epoch TV Facts Matter with Roman Balmakov

26 States Rebel Against Biden Administration

“We will continue to take unprecedented action to secure our border to keep Texans and Americans safe, said Governor Abbott.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAMTR8QZ1d8>

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
- 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.

\$75.00 (single) or \$150.00 (married couple)

Send your check to:

Olmsted County GOP

P.O. 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.