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10TH SENATE SPECIAL ELECTION JANUARY 16TH

The field is set after primaries on December 19th cut the field for Democratic and Republican candidates to compete for Sheila Harsdorf's 10th Senate seat.

28th district Representative Adam Jarchow survived a challenge from fellow state Representative Shannon Zimmerman of River Falls.

On the Democratic ticket, St. Croix County medical examiner Patty Schactner defeated two opponents while Libertarian candidate Brian Corriea was unopposed.

The three will be on the January 16th special election ballot. The winner of the election will fill the un-

expired term of Harsdorf, who resigned to take a job as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Should Jarchow win election, he would have to resign his seat in the state Assembly. With 2018 being an election year and the Legislature due to wrap up its business in February or early March, it is unclear whether Governor Walker will call a special election for this spring's election in April, or leave the seat empty until the fall election in November when all Assembly seats and half the state Senate are up.

WRA has publically en-

dorsed Jarchow for election to the seat. Campaigning will be fast and furious as the candidates only have three weeks to get their message out.

The 10th Senate district covers parts of Polk, St. Croix, Pierce and Dunn counties. The GOP is active in trying to keep the seat while Democrats see an opportunity for a pickup and a narrowing of the Republican advantage in the upper house. They also see results from special elections across the country that have gone Democratic in the last three months. Both parties will be going all out in the days ahead of the special election on January 16th.

4 SEATS UP ON EAU CLAIRE SCHOOL BOARD

It's unusual that a majority of seats would be up on any school board. Incumbents Joe Luginbill, Lori Bica and Eric Torres are up for re-election and all three are running. Kathryn Duax is not running for re-election as she is moving to Texas to be with family.

The reason for four seats being up at the same time is that both Torres and Bica's seats were appointed to fill unexpired terms, now they have to run for a full three year term.

In Altoona, there is only

Mike Hilger's seat on the school board. In Chippewa Falls, Pat Allen and Staish Buchner are up for re-election, while in Menomonie, three seats for Urs Haltinner, Penny Burstad and James Swanson are up on the Menomonie School Board.



REALTORS' POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Registration Open NOW

GOVERNMENT DAY

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Concourse Hotel and State Capitol in Madison

**R.S.V.P. to Brianne at:
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CONTESTED RACES FOR EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL

It doesn't happen too often, but this year, there will be contested races for district seat on the Eau Claire City Council. All five incumbents, Dave Klinkhammer, Kathy Mitchell, Tim Tewalt, Andrew Werthmann and Bob Von Haden are running. At large member Terry Weld, REALTOR® at Donnellan Real Estate in Eau Claire is running. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Eric Larsen who left to work with the Eau Claire Police depart-

ment as a consultant. Weld needs to run for the balance of Larsen's term.

Two of the district's seats will be contested. Kathy Mitchell's seat will be opposed by Jeremy Grangert in District 3. Jeremy is involved with the Third Ward neighborhood and serves on many committees particularly with increasing access to bike trails around the city

and sits on the Montessori governance board. In District 1, Emily Berge will oppose Tim Tewalt. Berge is a licensed councilor and says she is concerned with the lack of community involvement with regards to decisions made by the council.

5pm Tuesday January 2nd is the deadline to file for the spring election to be held on Tuesday, April 3rd.

There will be a candidate forum for the 10th Senate District special election on Thursday, January 9th at the Dunn County Judicial Center beginning at 6:30pm.

"A YEAR OF REPLENISHMENT" CAMPAIGN SETS RECORD

2017's RPAC investment campaign is coming to a close. It's been the most successful campaign in the history of our PAC, which will celebrate its 39th anniversary on January 19th.

Our investment goal was \$45,000 for 2017. We not only hit that mark, we surpassed last year's record of \$46,939.19. In mid-

December, for the first time, we eclipsed \$50,000!

2018's investment goal will also be \$50,000. The theme will be "A Year of Action". We need more people to be involved at both the Direct Giver and Large Donor Council levels. You'll find details on how you can be a part of this campaign on Page 5. THANK YOU for a record year!!



GREGG MOORE NOT RUNNING AGAIN

Eau Claire County board chairman Gregg Moore announced that he will not seek re-election to his county board seat. Moore has been county board chair for over a decade. He is one of four county board members that will not seek re-election. Others are Kathleen Clark, who represents the west side

of Eau Claire for the past 26 years will not run again. Mark Olson was appointed to his District 25 seat in 2013 and has been re-elected for two terms will not run again for his northside Eau Claire seat. And Katy Forsythe, who represents District 6 in the Fall Creek area for the past 3 years will be done in April. In addition to

chairing the county board, Moore has been the chairman of the Wisconsin Counties Association for the past two years.

Anyone wanting to run for a county board seat needs to file nomination papers with 100 to 200 signatures and have them in to the county clerk by 5pm January 2nd.

save THE DATE



2018 RPAC Auction

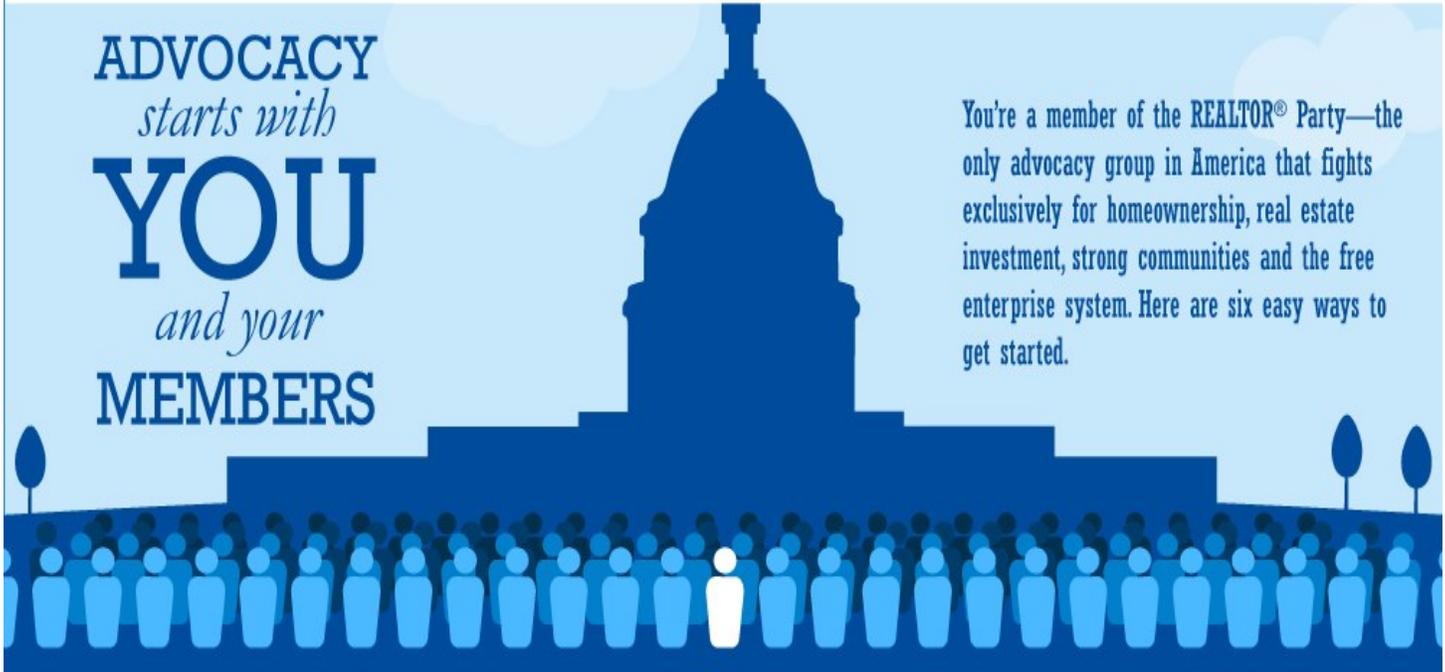
Thursday, May 3rd Reception 5:30pm — Auction 6:30pm

Horizons Conference Center — Tilden

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Our goal is to have as many of our members registered and at their polling place on Election Day as possible	Text REALTOR to 30644 to have national and state calls for action sent directly to your phone	Follow the REALTOR® Party on Facebook and Twitter. Use #REALTORParty in your posts.	Stay tuned to www.realtoractioncenter.com for the latest news and information	The REALTOR® Party News newsletter is sent the 2nd Thursday of the month	Learn who your elected officials are and where they stand on real estate issues

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Realtors® Association of Northwestern Wisconsin

REGISTER FOR REALTOR® & GOVERNMENT DAY

There are some changes coming to this year's REALTOR® & Government Day.

First, the location is different. We will be at the Madison Concourse Hotel, just a short walk from the capitol. Second, the date is earlier than in year's past. The date is Wednesday, February 7th from 12:30 until 5:30pm.

Registration will begin at the Concourse at 12:30. At 1pm, the program will begin with an overview of the day, followed by

an address by Governor Scott Walker (invited). After the Governor's remarks, we move into an issues briefing, those issues that WRA needs your participation and help with legislators and their staffs to get traction to set the table for the next legislative schedule.

Once the briefing is done, we'll move to the capitol and meet in Room 201SE (the same room we have used for the past sever-

al years.) Members of the Lake Superior Area REALTORS® have been invited to again join us for our meeting with legislators and their staffs.

Once the meeting is done, its back to the Concourse for a reception before we return to Eau Claire and points north.

This is a very important function of your Association, please register (its free). GADintern@ranww.org

SAVE THE DATES:

February 7—REALTOR® & Government Day in Madison

May 3 — 3rd Annual RPAC Auction at Horizon's in Tilden

May 22 — Phone A Friend For RPAC at the board office

The success of these events depends on YOUR participation and is a GREAT way for new members to be involved in YOUR Association!!

CHIPPEWA FALLS SCHOOLS SETS \$65 MILLION REFERENDUM

The Chippewa Falls school district will put a \$65 million referendum on the spring ballot. The action was approved by the school board on a 6 to 1 vote.

Items included in the request include a new Stillson Elementary school, adding a classroom addition, technology improvements, middle school renovations and im-

provements, various capital improvement projects thru the district, and a science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics lab as well as technology upgrades to the high school.

The new Stillson Elementary site is on County highway I on 19 acres that the district owns.

If the referendum is ap-

proved, the impact on a \$100,000 home would be \$125 a year for the next 22 years.

A new state law also restricts the times a school district can go before the public for referendum request. It is limited to regularly scheduled spring and fall election cycles.

WANTED: 30 MEMBERS TO JOIN LDC IN 2018

Your Association has had great success in recent years with participation in the Large Donor Council. An investment of \$1000 or more (\$700 to Direct Giver / \$300 to RPAC). We are among the top 3 in Wisconsin in participation and we want to increase that number while making it budget friendly.

This month, using your Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card, WRA will deduct \$85 a month for 12 months. That will raise \$1020, giving you funds to support candidates for local races in the spring and

state races in November. We currently have 30 LDCs and we want to add 30 more next year. You will have the opportunity to renew your participation every November. You set the date the funds come out each month.

Politics will be huge next year, we need your participation in the LDC!!!!



*Call Sandy Bolgrin
at WRA to set
up your LDC
membership:
800-279-1972*

FORMER HUEBSCH PROPERTY TO BE APARTMENTS

The former business location on the Eau Claire River was first going to be saved and used as a mixed use building, but plans for the century old building were scrapped when costs to renovate the building exceeded tearing it down and building something new.

That something new was going to be upscale condos with underground parking and four buildings on a compact site. Those plans have

been abandoned, but the site hasn't. The 101 will now be the site of 146 market-rate apartments in one building with commercial space on the first floor and four floors of apartments in studio, one and two bedroom sizes. One of the advantages to building next to the river is that a canoe launch will be constructed below the apartment building that will have easy access to

the Chippewa River two blocks away.

This is not the only project that JCap Real Estate is involved in downtown. The company is currently renovating the former six story Wells Fargo building near the Confluence Art Center with commercial space on the first and second floors with 25 luxury apartments on the four upper floors. That project will be done in May 2018.

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CANNERY DISTRICT TO GET NEW PARK

The Cannery District continues to gain land and is poised to start development. When the design of the district was undertaken, amenities such as a park and a bike trail that would connect downtown with other parts of the existing bike trail was a priority.

Armed with a \$16,500 grant from the National Association of REALTORS® &

your Association, an engineering study for the new bike trail was undertaken. That trail was finished this fall. The trail will intersect the new park, which the city's Redevelopment authority purchased the existing Kessler Park at 2300 1st Avenue with plans to redevelop the existing park and build a new park in its place in the Cannery

District. The park and surrounding area already has green spaces built into the design.

Most of the land for development has been purchased with the exception of three parcels in the vicinity of the Eau Claire Children's Theater and Kwik Trip that are on the far south end of the district.

POLITICAL ODDS & ENDS

At least two openings will occur on the Whitehall City Council as Mayor Dan Schreiner and Councilperson Deanna Matthews are not running for re-election.

RANWW member Dave Masterjohn is running unopposed for re-election to the

Washburn County Board. Masterjohn represents District 12.

Joshua Eggleston, city administrator in Durand, resigned his post effective February 2nd. Eggleston and his wife are moving to Michigan to be close to his elderly parents.

North Creek Developers and the City of Mondovi have been involved in a lawsuit over the development of land on the city's northeast side. The settlement involves surrender of 33 lots to the city of Mondovi with a value of \$660,000. The controversy has been ongoing for over ten year and is now closed.



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“OUR MISSION IS TO HELP OUR
MEMBERS BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN
REAL ESTATE”

The REALTORS® Association of Northwestern Wisconsin is the largest association in terms of area, stretching from Millston, Whitehall and Fountain City to the south all the way to Cable in Bayfield County to the north. We are the fourth largest of the 19 Associations in terms of membership. Your Association covers 355 units of local government, monitoring a wide variety of issues that can and do affect you. In addition to local government, your GAD also monitor issues at the state and national level that will have a direct or indirect impact on housing and the industry, as well as legislation that can affect the consumer. Your Government Affairs Director works with members and affiliates to raise investment dollars for RPAC that help to support elected officials that support your business. RANWW is one of only three REALTOR® Association's in Wisconsin that have their own PAC, which was started 38 years ago to support candidates at the local and state level. We maintain a Facebook page, called “The GADabouts”, that aims to keep you up to date on political issues that will affect your business. Your GAD also produces a periodic government affairs program posted on our YouTube channel, RANWWTV!!



MY THOUGHTS—BY BRUCE KING

First, a HUGE THANK YOU to our 950 members and affiliates for being members of RANWW.

Next, thanks to over 300 of our members, your Association set a record for RPAC investments, this year passing the \$50,000 mark.

Now, here's a preview of what's to come in 2018:

—2018 will be known as “A Year of Action”. As you first learned in this column last month, RPAC investment will start early, January 2nd with a rollout of a month-long recruitment program for the Large Donor Council. It's an investment of \$85 a

month, billed to your credit or debit card each month and renewed in November each year. It's a way to become an LDC (you receive the perks on day one, not when its all paid). Your Association is one of the top 3 in LDC membership in the state for three years in a row, this is a way to get more members & affiliates involved at a higher level and provide a budget-friendly way to do it instead of coming up with \$1000 at once. Our goal is to have 50 LDC members in 2018.

Our budget for next year is \$50,000, with 50 LDCs, well you see why the goal is

what it is. Political season is already in full swing with a special election in mid-January for the 10th Senate district. Spring elections are on tap for April 3rd, then we transition to the fall election cycle where we elect a Governor, Attorney General, all 99 Assembly seats and half the Senate, including 3 Senators in our Association. We have two open legislative seats now, and there may be others as incumbents decide not to run again.

REALTOR® & Government Day in February 7th, we need a large contingent to be in Madison. I'll see you there.

