

# THE GAD REPORT

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## 3RD RPAC AUCTION SETS RECORD

The third auction to raise money for RPAC was the best yet, and set a new record in the process.

With very active and motivated bidders, and plenty of fun things to bid on, the evening exceeded all expectations.

Led by GAD Intern Brianne Hopkins, the Academy Awards themed movie night generated large bids for centerpieces, fun grab bags, and the usual great auction items donated by our members.

Thanks to all the strong bidding, we ended the evening with a record \$12,565. We had nine Large Donor Council members renew their member-

ships in the LDC thru their bidding, and welcomed two first time affiliate members into the LDC ranks. Other members positioned themselves to reach the \$1000 level thru Direct Giver investments thru the balance of 2018.

Thanks to everyone who made the night a huge success!!!



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## FORMER SUPREME COURT CHIEF TO RETIRE

Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson announced that she will not seek another 10 year term to the high court, meaning there will be an open seat on the court that will be filled during next spring's election on April 2nd. The

justice, who was appointed to the court by former Governor Pat Lucey, has won ten year terms to the court four times and is up again next year.

Abrahamson, who has had some medical issues recently, that have not been

made public, decided that this is the right time to step aside. The former chief justice is 84 years old and her departure opens the opportunity for another new face to run. Abrahamson says she will fill out her term which expires on July of 2019.

## DIRECT GIVER QUESTION ANSWERED



Ok, you have made an investment in Direct Giver. That makes you unique to 1,299,000 of your peers that cannot invest 100% of their investment up to \$999 or 70% of an investment over \$1000.

Then, you receive an email from Bruce, or a call from someone at WRA, asking you to invest some of your Direct Giver dollars to an incumbent, or a candidate for state office. It may be someone you

like and would vote for. It may be someone you don't like and would never vote for. It may even be for someone running in an Assembly or Senate district no even close to where you are, or someone you'd have to look up in the Wisconsin Blue Book to figure out who it is.

So, why help them?

As a Direct Giver, you are not obligated to support any candidate. You will *only* be asked to support incumbents or candidates that *support real estate and land use issues*.

You are free to support anyone you want, but remember, even if you don't support WRAs choice, put money in Direct Giver to support their opponent, they would appreciate the help.

*Wisconsin is the only state where 70% of your Large Donor Council investment can be used by the investor for national, state or local candidates*

## KEEP THIS FOR PRIMARIES & FALL ELECTION CYCLE

My Vote Wisconsin is a state run website that gives you information about who is on the ballot where you live. By adding your address, you can find out where your polling place is, who is on the ballot, and see referendum questions.

Also included:

If you are registered to vote, you can access the fol-

lowing by entering your full name and date of birth:

- View a list of elections you have voted in
- Check your current registration information
- Update your name and address
- Request an absentee ballot
- Find your elected officials

If you would like to find out who's on the ballot where you live, go to the following address for more information:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyVoterInfo>



## TOWN OF CLEVELAND BANS CONSTRUCTION

The Chippewa County town of Cleveland has voted to invoke a one-year moratorium on construction that *“is inconsistent with existing activities and land uses, changes in existing activities and land uses and expansion of existing activities and land uses.”*

The moratorium will be in effect until April 20, 2019. The ban does not apply to single or two-family homes, nor are subdivisions banned.

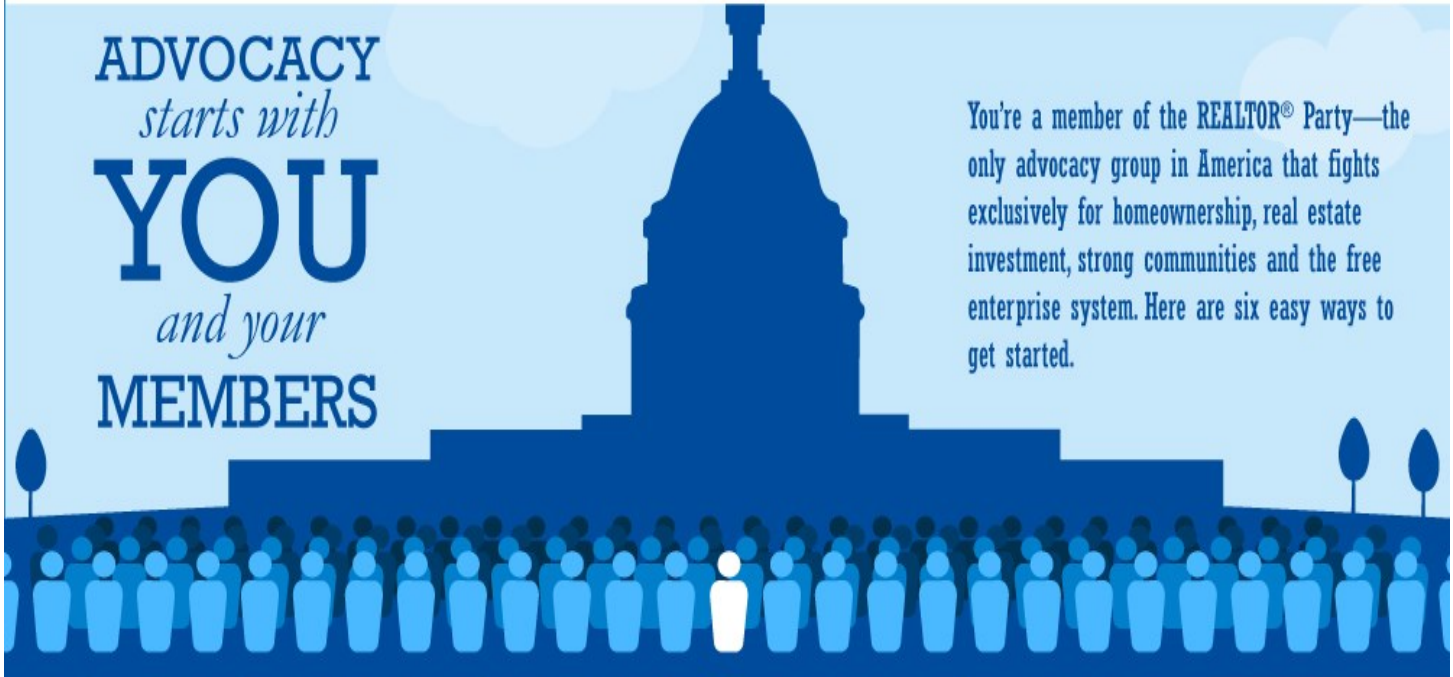
The action was taken in response to a Minnesota veterinary company looking to establish a breeding operation for 6500 hogs in a construction

project worth \$18 million. Concerns about pollution, smell and runoff into streams and groundwater.

The township is planning will meet to discuss the moratorium during their next meeting scheduled for June 21st at the town hall.

ADVOCACY  
*starts with*  
**YOU**  
*and your*  
MEMBERS

You're a member of the REALTOR® Party—the only advocacy group in America that fights exclusively for homeownership, real estate investment, strong communities and the free enterprise system. Here are six easy ways to get started.



STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6
<b>Register To Vote</b>	<b>REALTOR® Party Mobile Alerts</b>	<b>Follow Us</b>	<b>Visit Us Online</b>	<b>Check Your Email</b>	<b>Do Your Research</b>
Our goal is to have as many of our members registered and at their polling place on Election Day as possible	Text <b>REALTOR</b> to <b>30644</b> 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 <a href="http://www.realtoractioncenter.com">www.realtoractioncenter.com</a> 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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“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 central Bayfield and southern Ashland county to the north. We are the fourth largest of the 19 Associations in terms of membership. Your Association covers 375 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 39 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!!



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**MY THOUGHTS—BY BRUCE KING**

Your Association has moved into our new home off Golf Road, modern and spacious, setting the course for continued service to our near 1000 members now and in the future.

June marks the end of nomination season and the start, for some at least, of primary season. August 14th will be a big day for a number of candidates running for open seats in the 91st Assembly in Eau Claire, the 31st Senate district in Eau Claire and points south and southwest. It will also be a big day for candidates running for the 7th Congressional Dis-

trict, U.S. Senate and for Governor. Who will be on the ballot in November will be clear by the end of the day on the 14th.

For those already assured a spot in November, its now a race to raise money to get their names out thru advertising before the heavy hitters (Governor, Attorney General and US Senate) command all platforms.

Which is why your Association will be working with WRA to encourage our Large Donor Council members and Direct Givers to invest some of their dollars in incumbents running for re

-election. RANWW will again be “ground zero” in the re-election picture in November.

The best way to explain and demonstrate the need for you to participate is coming in the form of an article written by Joe Murray for the Wisconsin Real Estate magazine, due out shortly.

This story is a “must read” analysis of the incumbents in our Association and why it is in your best business interest to support them.

It’s also the best time to make an investment in Direct Giver and the Large Donor Council so you can support those who support you.

