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## YOU GUYS LOOK GREAT!

On the 4th of July, Republicans all over these great United States joined forces and marched in parades supporting our party, candidates and conservative causes. Island County Republicans were no exception! Many of us walked with the Tea Party group, some walked with candidates and some walked to support our Party and our troops who are both near and far away.

The Maxwelton Parade on South Whidbey is now in its 94th year and reported to be the oldest parade in Island County. While the route is fairly short, takes about 30 minutes to walk, there are a couple of thousand spectators who just wouldn't miss this parade! Many are vacationers with summer homes on the beach, many are guests, and many are local South Whidbey residents.

The staging area is on the corner of Swede Hill Road and Maxwelton. We usually arrive early to register and get our place in line. This year, no vehicles larger than a golf cart or lawn mower (or over 25 hp) were allowed so that might have cut down on some participation—except us!

There were approximately 20 die-hard Republicans carrying the Island County GOP and "God Bless Our Troops" banners along with spiffy new signs that read "TEA TIME: Taxed Enough Already!, Stop Excess Spending, and Island County Republicans Support The Troops!"

At the beginning, we "pasted on our parade smiles" and valiantly began to march. However, with the response of the crowds as we approached, our "pasted smiles" disappeared replaced by big, wide genuine grins!

Onlookers were vocal, "There they are! God bless you!" and "Thanks for being here!" It was plain to see that Republicans were welcome along with our conservative, patriotic values!

A few days later, I ran into a friend who told me, "I saw the Republicans in the parade. You guys looked great!! Thanks for being there." My heart swelled.

Special thanks to retired Army Capt. Chuck Leavitt, proudly approaching his 80th year, Laura Rookstool with her 7 children and their friends, Bill and Nancy Thompson plus Bill's sister Mary and her husband Jeff from Tacoma who "never thought we'd be walking in a parade" when visiting Bill and Nancy!

Thanks also to the group who walked in Oak Harbor and on Camano Island. ICRP was well represented—won't YOU join us next year??? - mja





## The Chair's Corner

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**LINCOLN DAY DINNER WRAP-UP:** Our Lincoln Day Dinner held in February was a great success. Thanks to Sandi Peterson for doing a great job of organizing and ensuring success. And thank you to the Republican women's clubs for their donations. The Camano Republican Women donated a basket filled with all kinds of goodies. South Whidbey and North Whidbey Republican women donated cakes and pies for the desert auction.

The party netted \$8,660.00 and gained membership dues of \$3,788.00. All this hard work has put us in a good financial condition.

However, in an effort to be conservative, we cancelled the long distance plan and the internet connection at our headquarters in Oak Harbor. Queries will be referred to the website roster.

**LEGISLATURE ON SUMMER RECESS:** The Washington State legislative session has concluded and our PCO's were tasked to contact various legislators concerning bills which were deemed in need of lobbying. ICRP State Committee representatives Caig Buchanan, Sandi Peterson and I paid a visit to our legislators to lobby our interests.

Our legislators asked that we monitor our local newspapers for articles which could affect them or mention their names. Several loyal Republicans volunteer-

ing to keep tabs on publications. Some members are attending County Commissioner meetings on Monday of each week. Our intent is to make sure the commissioners know that there is someone in the audience watching all they do. The data derived from these meetings will be used in the next commissioner election.

**CONTINUE LOCAL ACTIVISM:** We are now the "loyal opposition" and will actively respond to Obama and the Democrats. We will demonstrate, write letters, recruit Republicans for local elected office, identify Republicans, and have active teams ready to help our Republican candidates.

We will continue to profess our Republican principles - adherence to the Constitution, strong national defense, less government intervention, less national and state spending, reduced taxes, and property rights.

**TRANSIT TAX PROTEST:** There were "town hall" meetings concerning the transit tax which some of us attended, speaking out before the Island Transit Board and voicing our objections. We are actively soliciting Republicans to write letters and put up yard signs saying "Taxed Enough Already" and "No Excess Spending". (We have a supply of these available for sale.)

Ballots have been delivered to Island County voters for the Primary on August 18th. Volunteers have been gathering in small groups waving TEA signs and homemade signs (thanks Jim Nelson!) urging voters to vote no on the tax increase. Even if YOU have already voted, many have not so it's important that we continue to demonstrate to defeat this tax increase.



July 24—Transit Tax protestors Carol and Rod Mourant, Bill Carruthers, Mary Jane Aurdal and Keith Gunnar. The group stationed themselves above the Jack Metcalf Memorial Ferry Terminal in Clinton greeting commuters returning to the Island. They report receiving at least 85% positive responses. Additional groups will be demonstrating throughout Island County both on Whidbey and Camano Islands.

## ICRP presents first awards at Lincoln Day Dinner

On Feb. 28, ICRP held its annual Lincoln Day Dinner at the Elks Club in Oak Harbor. They chose this significant celebration to honor two of their own by presenting two new special awards. Former Commissioner Mac McDowell was recognized by receiving the very special Jack



Mac McDowell receives award from Mrs. Norma Metcalf as Rep. Norma Smith applauds.



ICRP State Committee-women Sandi Peterson prepares to present Republican of the Year award to Mary Jane Aurdal.

Metcalfe Award which honors the memory of the late Congressman Metcalf and recognizes outstanding service by a fellow Republican. The first annual Republican of the Year Award was given to Mary Jane Aurdal of Clinton. The award recognizes individuals who work beyond expectations to promote Republican principles. Mary Jane served as ICRP State Committeewoman for six years.

For additional information about the Island County GOP, please see our website at [www.islandcountygop.com](http://www.islandcountygop.com) or join us on Facebook by typing "Island County GOP" into the search box.

# There's a Red Tide 'Rising!



***“Wear your GOP Proud,”*** admonishes RNC Chairman Michael Steele.

Michael Steele, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, was special guest and speaker at the Republican Resurgence Rally on July 10th in Bellevue.

The standing-room only crowd of approximately 400 gathered at the Bellevue Hilton to meet and greet

Chairman Steele and gave him a “Real Washington” welcome!

Steele focused on a couple of issues, not the least of which is that our Young Republicans are not the future of the Party but that they ARE today's Party! We need to be sure to keep our young people actively involved by utilizing their energy and skills. Mr. Steele told the youth, “You don't have to ask permission to lead. Just do it!”

He also stressed the differences within our Party—we don't all see things the same way. And, depending on location, issues are not all listed with the same importance.

Using 4 volunteers from the audience, Mr. Steel presented an analogy of our differences and our commonalities.

He designated one as “The West,” the second was “The Mid-West,” third “The South” and fourth was “The Northeast.”

He said, “The West gets up in the morning and puts on his GOP hat, and wears it a little to the left. The Mid-West gets up and wears his GOP hat a little to the right. The South gets up and wears his GOP hat straight-forward, dead center. But



ICRP Chairman Bill Carruthers with Bruce Olson from Clinton.

the Northeast gets up and wears his GOP hat backwards!

“So what do they all have in common? They are all GOP Proud! It doesn't matter if we see things a little different from time to time. The important things is that we all remain GOP Proud.”



WSRP Vice Chairman Olga Miller with Jim Dymont from Clinton.

His message resonated with the crowd as these are the ideas we speak about in our groups We need to put them into practice and not allow ourselves to be divided and less effective on issues we agree upon.

If you would like to see the video, you can find it on Facebook. Search for “Nansen Malin” then click on “Videos by Nansen”. She has posted two from the Rally.

Following are excerpts from an article written by Bellevue Reporter staff writer Joshua Adam Hicks, which was written and published immediately after the event. See entire article at [www.bellevuereporter.com](http://www.bellevuereporter.com)

“The former Maryland lieutenant governor – who represents the first African American to hold his position – talked of engaging the community, building a more inclusive GOP, and rejecting big government.

“This is the time and moment for our party to make a noise, but make a proper noise,” he said. “Some of the noises I've heard coming out of the party, quite frankly, I don't like.”

“... Those comments drew applause from the audience.

“Steele went on to bash President Obama and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for supporting the \$3.6 trillion dollar federal budget.

“This nation cannot sustain that level of spending,” he said.

“State Attorney General Rob McKenna ignited the crowd by reliving the “Republican Revolution” of 1994, in which the party gained 54 seats in the U.S. Congress and eight in the Senate.” “I have not seen as exciting a group of candidates and potential candidates since those days,” McKenna said.

“But times have changed since then, and Republicans are searching for ways to adapt.

“... Steele ended his address by encouraging the audience to engage minorities and work on building relationships with them.

“Folks, just show up,” he said.

“Steele is one of several minority conservatives – another being Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana – that the GOP has moved into the spotlight, possibly to firm up its image as an inclusive party.

“The Democrats worked hard to portray us as a party exclusively of old white guys,” said Washington Republican Party chair Luke Esser. “(Steele's) presence and leadership puts the lie to that.”



Kelly (Jane Citizen) and Ken Emerson with ICRP Vice Chair Linda Sturza from Camano.

**Every Day is April 15th!**



Tax his land, tax his pay, tax his straw and tax his hay;  
 Tax his pillow, tax his bed, tax him if he gets ahead;  
 Tax his tractor, tax his mule, teach him taxes are the rule;  
 Tax his horse, tax his ass, tax the bridge that he must pass;  
 Tax his cash, tax his bills, tax his Band-Aids and his pills;  
 Tax his cow, tax his goat, tax his trousers, tax his coat;  
 Tax his tie and tax his shirt, tax his shovel, tax his dirt;  
 Tax his chew, tax his smoke, teach him taxes are no joke;  
 Tax his gas, tax his car, tax him if he drives too far!  
 Tax his tobacco, tax his drink, tax him if he tries to think;  
 Tax his booze, tax his beers, if he cries, tax his tears;  
 Tax his laugh, tax his grin, wipe that smile right off his chin!  
 Tax him good and let him know, after taxes, he has no dough;  
 Tax him 'til he's good and sore, if he hollers, tax him more;  
 Tax his paycheck, tax his benefits, tax his pension—until it ends it;  
 Tax his coffee, tax his tea, if he protests add a fee;  
 Tax it all and tax it well, tax him to the gates of hell!  
 Tax his coffin, tax his grave, tax the sod in which he lays.  
 Put these words upon his tomb, "Taxes drove me to my doom!"  
 And when he's gone, they won't relax, his kids will pay inheritance TAX!

**Show Your Colors!**



SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!  
 ORDER YOURS TODAY!  
 SEE BELOW



ICRP bought a minimum number of these attractive custom-made signs for you to display in your yard and/or carry in parades and rallies. We expect to use them often over the next 3+ years .

We are offering them for sale to help reimburse the cost of the signs and to allow us to either purchase more of these or others as the issues and needs arise.

The price for each sign is \$10.00—be the first on your block to put one up and encourage your neighbors to do the same! To purchase, contact Bill Carruthers at 360-341-2209 or carr@whidbey.com. You can also be put on the sign-delivery list at the Island County GOP information booth at the Fair.

**HELP US STOP THE MADNESS!**  
*Support ICRP Today!*

**Yes! I want to help support Island County Republicans! My Donation is enclosed as follows:**

- Future Leaders Club (Young Republicans): \$10 per year** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Future Leaders Club is designed for Republicans 16 to 24 years old and students who want to get involved. Network and voice your opinion by attending Young Republican events, listening to speakers and meeting fellow Young Republicans.
- Grassroots Campaigner Club: \$30 per year/individual or \$50 per year/family** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 This club is for PCOs and Grassroots Supporters who understand the importance of volunteering their time and contributing to the financial viability of our organization.
- Century Club: \$100 per year** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Century Club members are recognized at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner as generous contributors to the Island County Republican Party.
- Elephant Club: \$250 per year** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Members receive recognition and one ticket to the annual Island County Lincoln Day Dinner.
- Soaring Eagle Club: \$500 per year** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Members receive special recognition on our website and two tickets to the Lincoln Day Dinner with reserved seating.
- Yard Signs: TEA TIME \_\_\_\_\_ and/or STOP EXCESS SPENDING \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Indicate quantity and design. Be sure to give us your phone number and address so we can arrange for free delivery to you!

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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