

Defending Marriage & Liberty ~Musings by Julaine K. Appling, President

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2010 Elections: Quick Look

We have 1 more primary election and 1 general election in Wisconsin this year. The Fall Elections are for partisan offices (e.g., governor, legislators, etc). Both dates are Tuesdays.

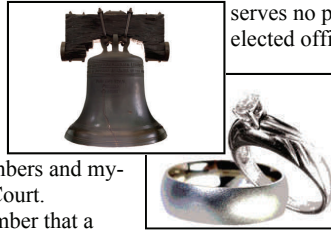
- ★ Sept. 14—Fall Primary
- ★ Nov. 2— Fall General

Visit WFA's election central website, yourwisconsinvote.org for voter information, WFC's 2010 Voter Information Publication (VIP), WFA PAC's endorsements and general election information.

Love Won Out Conference 9/25/10

- ★ Pre-Registration: \$65
- ★ Student Registration: \$45
- ★ Registration at the door: \$75
- ★ Registration fee includes lunch

Last month several of our WFA board members joined me in filing a complaint with the Dane County Circuit Court, asking it to declare the statewide, same-sex-only domestic partnership registry unconstitutional. A great team of Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) attorneys and ADF Allied attorneys are representing the 4 board members and myself before the Court.



You'll remember that a year ago, the board members and I filed a petition directly with the State Supreme Court. Last November, the Court refused to take up our petition, sending us down to the trial court level. The High Court did not rule on the substance of the case, but chose not to take up our request for an injunction on the registry.

My fellow board members and our attorneys believe the registry violates the Wisconsin Marriage Amendment

approved by nearly 60 percent of Wisconsin voters in November 2006 by creating a legal status *substantially similar to that of marriage*, in direct violation of the Wisconsin constitution, Article 13, section 13.

Friends, our system of government serves no purpose whatsoever if our elected officials can completely and capriciously ignore the will of the people with impunity. A reasonable person observing this registry would easily conclude that it is intended to mirror marriage. For example, the registry borrows the requirements and eligibility standards for marriage, even to the point of requiring that the price of the registry certificate be the same as for a marriage license!

Do not be deceived by the rhetoric surrounding this issue. The registry is not about "benefits"—benefits already available to almost anyone through legal contract. This is about making an end-run around the Constitution and the will of the people to replicate marriage

in spite of the clear language in our Marriage Protection Amendment. That language, by the way, was unanimously confirmed by the State Supreme Court in June of this year, as having a single purpose—"to preserve the legal status of marriage in Wisconsin as between only one man and one woman."(!)

Over 1.25 million voters legitimately amended the state constitution in a fair election. This registry is nothing more than political payback from Governor Doyle to those who helped him get re-elected in 2006. It is a stealth attack on marriage by those who are determined to redefine marriage in the Badger State. The Governor and the legislators who approved the registry will not get a free pass for being more concerned with advancing the agenda of a fringe activist group than representing the people who elected them and upholding the constitution there are sworn to defend! It's time to hold them accountable and we have a wonderful opportunity to do that at the polls this fall on September 14 and November 2.

Helping You Find a Good Candidate

This Election Year, we have several resources at your disposal to help you find good candidates to vote for.

The newest resource is the Wisconsin Family Action PAC. The WFA PAC was organized to find solid, pro-family candidates for elected office. We do not seek out candidates for endorsement; we give every candidate an opportunity to seek our endorsement. Candidates who desired endorsement had to complete a lengthy, in-depth questionnaire as well as an in-person interview with WFA PAC members.

We've endorsed almost 70 candidates in time for the September 14 Primary Election, from gubernatorial candidates to a county sheriff candidate. **Our endorsements are listed on our "election central" website, www.YourWisconsinVote.org.**

On the Your Wisconsin Vote 2010 website, you can access all of our election-related material, including our **Wisconsin Family Council**



members and neighbors.

YourWisconsinVote.org also contains information on voter registration, absentee ballots, general Wisconsin election information, tips on how to find a good candidate, and much, much more. We encourage you to visit the site and to come back regularly as we update it throughout the following months.

Voting is an important right—one you should exercise whenever possible. However, an **informed** vote is a powerful tool to help shape policy, and eventually culture, in our society. WFA PAC, the WFC 2010 VIP and WFA's YourWisconsinVote.org website were all designed with you, the voter, in mind, to help you be as informed as possible when you head to the polls this fall. We want you to vote with confidence on September 14 and November 2.

To order VIP's or for questions or comments, please contact our office at 888-378-7395 or email us at info@wifamilycouncil.org.

2010 Voter Information Publication (VIP).

The WFC 2010 VIP contains candidates responses to 12 important issues impacting families in Wisconsin. The online 2010 VIP contains contact information and websites (where available) for candidates, including those who did not respond to the survey.

We also have a print copy of the 2010 VIP which we can mail to you or you can download from the YourWisconsinVote.org website.

The VIP is an extremely helpful tool and we encourage you to share it with family, friends, fellow church

Love Won Out Conference

The Love Won Out Conference will be in **Rockford, IL on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The conference is being held at Rockford First from 8:00 a.m.—4:45 p.m.** To register, call 888-264-0877 or sign up at <http://lovewonout.com/>. At the Love Won Out Conference, Christian experts will address everything from why some people struggle with homosexuality to practical ways the church can respond with the truth and grace of Christ. Whether you are a parent or friend of a gay loved one, a pastor or therapist looking for help to assist those struggling with unwanted same-sex attractions—you won't want to miss this event.

WFC is considering sponsoring a bus to drive attendees from Wisconsin to the conference. If you are interested, **contact our office at 888-378-7395** by September 15 for more information.