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June 2010

June Membership Meeting



Montgomery (Monk) Elmer, MD
1st State Senate District Candidate

Monday, June 28th
7:00 PM

Francis Creek Sportsman's Club
9309 Parkway Road
Francis Creek

Public Invited – Free Admission

Montgomery (Monk) Elmer, M.D. is running to be the next State Senator from the 1st District. Monk believes that the people of Northeast Wisconsin deserve new, dynamic leadership. He wants to cut through the gridlock and find innovative ways to address the issues facing Wisconsin families.

Dr. Elmer has been a Family physician in Kimberly for the last 20 years. In that time he has received numerous awards and commendations for his outstanding care, culminating in 1998 when he was recognized as the Wisconsin Family Physician of the year. In addition to his practice, Monk has taken a leadership role on a variety of medical boards, committees, and outreach groups.

In 2008 Dr. Elmer was elected to the Kimberly School Board. Almost immediately he was selected to be the Board's president and has served since in that role. On the school board he has devoted himself to providing world class education while balancing the needs of schools, teachers, students, and taxpayers. He is known as a pragmatic consensus-builder, and plans to bring this results-oriented approach to Madison.

www.monkelmer.org.

RETURNING 17-YEAR-OLDS TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Commentary by Darlene Wellner

Moving most 17-year-olds out of the adult courts and back into the juvenile system is "the right thing to do" according to Atty. Randi Othrow, Chair of the State Bar Association Children and Law Section. She was speaking on April 1st to the State Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts in support of Assembly Bill 732.

This legislation, proposed by Rep. Fred Kessler and Sen. Lena Taylor, would increase the age at which persons would be subject to the states adult criminal code from 17 to 18 years of age. (17-year-olds committing serious crimes could still be waived to adult court.)

This legislation has widespread support from Bar Association prosecutors, defense attorneys, and guardian ad litem who, from their professional experience, realize that the 1995 legislation to reduce the age to 17 was a mistake. Other organizations that have studied the impact of the legislation such as Wisconsin Council on Children and Families and The League of Women Voters also strongly support this change. The Bar Association's Board of Governors official position states "the best way to protect society against further crimes from 17-year-olds is to treat them in the juvenile justice system, not the adult criminal justice system."

Why is this change so important?

Anyone working with juveniles knows they need time to grow up. Parents know this with their own children. No matter how big and tough they appear at 17, no matter how severe the crime, the judgment

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centers of their brains are still developing well into their 20's. Providing appropriate consequences and treatment for their criminal behavior is necessary at any age, but they still need time to mature.

National research shows a lower recidivism rate for 17-year-olds when treated as juveniles. The adult system is not equipped to handle them in adult jails and prison and assure their safety. Most at 17 are still in high school. In all other aspects of their life, 17 year olds are still considered children.

New brain research, including MRI's to observe brain function, show scientifically what we know from experience and observation – that adolescent brains are immature, especially in areas that control impulsivity, judgment, future planning, and foresight of the consequences of their behavior. They need guidance, proper role models, and time.

One serious consequence of the current age of 17-year-olds considered as adults in the criminal justice system is that a felony crime at that age follows the convicted for the rest of his/her life. It becomes a 'scarlet letter' on a job application no matter how capable the person might be in performing the job responsibilities. Ask any felon trying to start over.

There is a price tag for this legislation, but in the long run it is the right thing to do and in everyone's best interest. This legislation needs to begin anew in 2011. It deserves our support.



MantyDems Summer Picnic
Monday, July 26th
5 to 8 PM
Lincoln Park Cabin #2, Manitowoc
\$10 Donation per Person
Price includes Food, Beer, Soft Drinks

Sponsored by Curtis Green, Preston Jones, Ron & Dolly Stokes and Kerry Trask.

Our Summer Picnic is priced right to encourage you to bring family and friends.

Tickets have been mailed to members, and it is the hopes of the sponsors, who are defraying costs, that you will be encouraged to bring family and friends and get fired up for the Fall Campaigns. Nor do we want to discourage the Singles Crowd. What we want is a large turn-out to meet and greet the Fall Candidates, eat hardy, play games, win prizes and just have a great time.

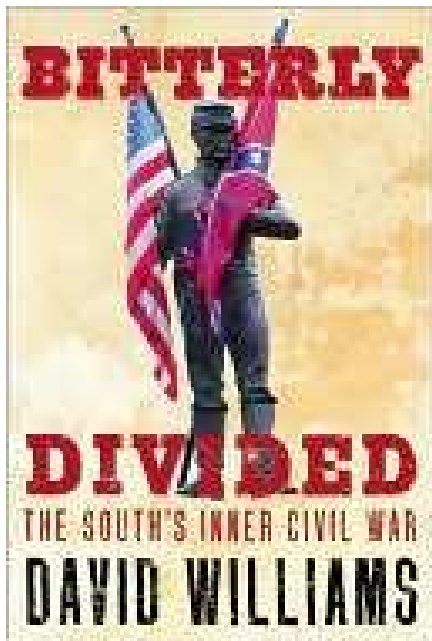
It is also important that you RSVP so we are sure to have enough food and drink.

Park rules do not allow for onsite sales.

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Or mail reservations and money to
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Book Review

Contributed by Ed Rappe

Bitterly Divided: The South's Inner Civil War

by David Williams, Professor of Valdosta State University - Georgia

Williams, his own ancestor a deserter of the civil war, relates some much hidden social and political history of the South.

When one reads of the 'War of the Rebellion' one gets the distinct feeling the South was very united against the Yankee North. Although there were hints that this was not so, as in the case of Sam Houston and West Virginia, the meticulous work of Professor Williams shows otherwise. The big split was along social class lines: The Planters versus the common farmer.

The planters brought the war on and then received exemptions from the draft. When asked to plant food rather than cotton, they refused. The profits from cotton rose dramatically following the invention of the cotton gin. Some said the war would go on forever. In-between time the South, which depended on food from

the Midwest, was starving. Food riots occurred from Galveston to Richmond by the second year of the war. It was "A rich man's war, a poor man's fight." This became known throughout the South.

In many districts of the south there were armed rebellions, especially in northern Alabama and areas of Georgia. Confederate patrols feared going into some areas. Deserters from the Confederate army were aided and hidden. That the black slave population did everything they could to slow down the Confederacy goes without saying.

The myth of unity came after the Civil War in such films as "Gone With The Wind" and "Gettysburg". The truth is more like "Cold Mountain". However, the myth is quite common in southern history. The feeling that the North was the oppressor of the poor, noble South.

The lesson for us in part is this myth makes Southerners think of themselves today as victims of the North and federal government when in reality many of their ancestors fought the South. The grandchildren of these people have picked up on this common misconception, and consequently, vote for the "South". This myth also has people of the South looking at the Obama Administration and the Democratic Party as their enemies, rather than viewing their more progressive stands as a means to help them with things like Social Security and healthcare. The truth is that when the southern states came up with "Super Tuesday", it was a failure.

Does history count? Think about it.

MantyDems Headquarters

The Democratic Party Campaign Headquarters will be opening August 1st. We will need the usual battery of supplies and furnishings to aid us in providing campaign spaces for our candidates. If you can lend or donate any of the following items, please contact Kathie Fishbeck at kathleenfishbeck@comcast.net or (920) 629-7979:

Equipment

Computer
Printer
Copier
Phones/System
Audio/Video Equipment

Office Supplies

Paper Cutter
Staplers/Staples
3-hole punch
3-Ring Binders
Clip Boards
Scotch Tape Dispensers
Scotch Tape
Paper
Notepads

Envelopes
Markers
Pens & Pencils
Paper Clips
Rubber Bands
Garbage Bags
Punch Pins
Waste Baskets

Refreshments/Kitchen

Water Cooler
Refrigerator
Microwave Oven
Coffee Maker

Food
Coffee / Tea
Soda / Water
Paper Plates ./ Cups

Furniture

Tables
Chairs
Trash Can/
Liners

Napkins
Snacks

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Calendar of Events

- Mon, Jun 28th Membership Meeting – Monk Elmer, Candidate for
1st Senate District. 7:00 PM Francis Creek Sportsman's Club
- Mon, Jul 5th MantyDems Executive Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM.
Pizza Garden
- Sat, Jul 10th Think Tank – Newsletter Committee – 9:30 AM, Perkins
- Mon, Jul 26th Family Picnic, Lincoln Park Cabin 2. 5:00 PM
- Sun, Aug 1st Set up MantyDems Headquarters
- Mon, Aug 2nd MantyDems Executive Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM.
Headquarters
- Sat, Aug 14th Think Tank – Newsletter Committee – 9:30 AM, Headquarters

County Fair – Tuesday, August 24th – Sunday, Aug 29th

Contact Kathie Fishbeck if you can help in the booth

- Mon, Sep 6th Labor Day – Executive Committee Meeting TBA
- Sat, Sep 11th Think Tank – Newsletter Committee – 9:30 AM, Headquarters
- Tues, Sep 14th **VOTE!!!!** Primary Election

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\$1,200 Investor* \$45 Activist

\$1,200 Investor* \$35 Pairs

\$600 Patron* \$25 General

\$240 Friends* \$10 Limited Income

\$120 Supporter* Other _____

\$75 Family *

*includes all family members

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