

### Message from the Chairs

Both Congressman Ron Kind and Rep. Jenifer Shilling inspired the delegates at the Third Congressional District Convention in Potosi on April 18. Congressman Kind said the Republicans were 8 years too late with their tea parties. Eighty percent of the national debt was added by Bush 1, Bush 2, and, Ronald Reagan. He marveled at the inauguration of President Obama with 2 million people and not one arrest. Congressman Kind feels that President Obama will change the culture in Washington, but it is a slow process.

Rep. Shilling spoke of having the majority in Madison. She spoke of the difficulty in maintaining services in these difficult economic times. She challenged the delegates to continue to be involved in keeping the majority in Madison if we are to reach our goals.

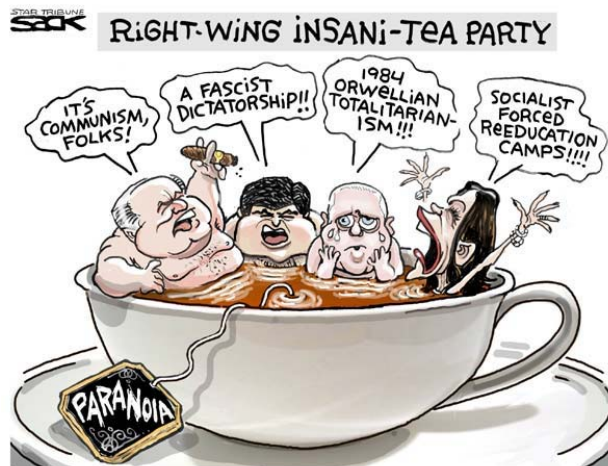
J.D. Wine was elected the Chair of the Central Section. Congratulations!! Melanie Franklin was reelected Chair of the Third CD. She will be at our May 18th meeting along with Mike Tate, candidate for State Chair of the Wisconsin Democratic party meeting.

Mark your calendars for the Sept 21st. meeting. Mike McCabe, Director of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, will speak. Of the Wisconsin Supreme Court races he has said, "We're headed down an extremely dangerous path that has turned our (Supreme Court) election into an auction." Don't miss this speaker!

Remember to renew your membership. The membership amounts are listed below. Please send the amount with your name and address to La Crosse County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 1861, La Crosse, WI 54602-1861

Vicki Burke & Pablo Ruiz,

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## [Colin Powell Slams Sarah Palin, Rush Limbaugh: "Nothing Wrong With My Value System"](#)

By HuffPost/ThinkProgress.com

**F**ormer Secretary of State Colin Powell took aim at Sarah Palin and the Republican party's emphasis on small-town values during an interview with CNN's Fareed Zakharia that will air this Sunday.

Powell also says that we should rethink its "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuals in the military. And he [tells](#) Republicans that they should stop listening to Rush Limbaugh:

"Can we continue to listen to Rush Limbaugh?" Powell asked. "Is this really the kind of party that we want to be when these



the right, and I think she had something of a polarizing effect when she talked about how small town values are good. Well, most of us don't live in small towns. And I was raised in the South Bronx, and there's nothing wrong with my value system from the South Bronx.

kinds of spokespersons seem to appeal to our lesser instincts rather than our better instincts?"

As noted by [Think Progress](#), Powell says:

Gov. Palin, to some extent, pushed the party more to

And when they came to Virginia and said the southern part of Virginia is good and the northern part of Virginia is bad. The only problem with that is there are more votes in the northern part of Virginia than there are in the southern part of Virginia, so that doesn't work.

### **Organizing for America Meeting with State Director of OFA**



Dan Grandone spoke on the need to support the policies of President Barack Obama and to continue to grow the grassroots organization and activism which had so much success in the 2008 elections. He said that the election is over but we must now "move these issues that we care about forward." OAF will focus on health care, energy, and education. Dan will be letting us know the results of the listening tour, and then we will continue to organize to support our President. If you would like to help, please contact us.

### **3rd CD Convention Photos**



Congressman Ron Kind addressing 3rd CD Convention delegates in Potosi on April 18.

Representative Jennifer Shilling urges delegates to stay active to maintain Assembly majority.



Pablo Ruiz, Vicki Burke, Kris Troyanek, Rachel Collins, J.D. and Marcia Wine, Bob Johnson, Hank Zumach, Betty Hammond, John Medinger, Matt Ullsvik and Tawni Kind represented the LCDP.

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