

Chairman's Chat

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Defending Faith, Family & Freedom

This Issue: Limited Government - Government is best when it governs the least. Big government infringes upon the rights of the citizens, is prohibitive, inefficient and extremely expensive.

Next Issue: Healthcare - We believe that the best healthcare model is one with very limited government intervention, based around the principle of individual responsibility.



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BACK TO BASICS – THE PREAMBLE TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

We are a few days away from President Donald J. Trump's inauguration as our 47th President and with that brings hope and optimism based on his promise to Make America Great Again by restoring fundamental "Common Sense" to government.

The Preamble to the United States Constitution not only outlines the document's purpose and the fundamental values of the new government, it is also a guideline for the course corrections we desperately need if we are going to succeed in saving our beloved United States of America.

This preamble sets the tone for the Constitution, not by granting powers but by establishing the ideals upon which those powers will be based. It serves as an introduction to the document, highlighting why the Constitution was necessary and the broad goals it aims to achieve for the Nation.

Fundamentally these Goals or Tenants are to:

- **Establish Justice:**
 - Create a fair legal system where laws are applied equitably to all citizens.
- **Ensure Domestic Tranquility:**
 - Maintain peace within Our Nation's Borders.
- **Provide for the Common Defense:**
 - Ensure the security of the country against domestic and foreign threats.
- **Promote the General Welfare:**
 - Promote the well-being of all Citizens.
- **Secure the Blessings of Liberty to Ourselves and Our Posterity:**
 - Preserve our God Given Rights and Freedoms for current and future generations.
- **Form a More Perfect Union:**
 - An ongoing effort to improve and refine the union of states.

Later this month I will launch a survey asking for your assessment of how our State and Local governments are performing using the tenants of The Preamble as the standard for the assessment and the basis for solutions.

The data and information we gather from the survey will be used to shape strategy for the 2025 and 2026 election cycles which are stacked with critical local races that impact every citizen and resident of Spokane County. I hope you will take a few minutes and respond when the request goes out.

The Washington State Legislative Session has commenced and with it the potential for great damage to our Faith, Families, and Freedoms. I'll close by asking each of you to take a minute and pray that every politician will exercise wisdom and discernment, and make decisions that are beneficial to all Washingtonians as we all want that "More Perfect Union" for "Ourselves and our Posterity."

God Bless

You're Invited

Spokane City Council recently updated its rules. You may have heard of all the bad proposed ideas that included all sorts of creative ways to shut out the conservative, minority voice. With a lot of public opposition to these egregious proposals from individuals and organizations, that effort failed.

But, in a bit of good news out of the Spokane City Council rule changes, 15 people are now able to testify at committee meetings on proposed legislation. This now gives citizens the ability to participate earlier in the process before everything is baked in. Make sure to take advantage of these opportunities as they are the best time to have your voice heard. The regularly scheduled committee meetings are Mondays at noon in the council chambers.

Jonathan Bingle, Spokane City Councilman

More about testifying at Spokane City Council meetings: City Council will now hold all standing committee meetings, Briefing Sessions, Legislative Sessions and study sessions in City Council Chambers – Lower Level, **City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.** And will continue to stream live on Channel 5 and online: [Spokane City website](#) and on the [Spokane City Council Facebook page](#).

For a list of committees, when they meet, minutes and the next agendas, go to <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/committees/>. Committees that generally meet monthly on various Mondays are Public Safety & Community Health (1st Monday), Urban Experience (2nd), Public Infrastructure (3rd) and Finance & Administration (4th). More information about testifying virtually: Available [here](#).

ARE YOU READY?

By Juli Skinner

The anniversary of “Jan 6” is reminiscent of an era of two polar Party ideologies; one seeking justice, the other seeking power. As January 20, 2025 approaches, we will again see the same two men (and Parties) set the tone for the entire nation, albeit, the world. That is how powerful the nucleus of our government has become and how social order is dependent upon whom is in Office at the time. We already see social change. But where it be by currying favor, conformity or deflecting rath, donations for [President] Trump’s inaugural fund from known far Left tech companies is as disingenuous as Mr. Biden’s “promise” to unite the country after the Jan 6 protest (“riot” if you prefer, though the term brings loaded commentary). Leading up to January 6, 2021, voting anomalies persisted and voters saw President Trump as rectification. Instead, Mr. Biden swiftly answered their concerns with arrests, thus setting the tone for the country. (Voter fraud slip of the tongue: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGRnhBmHYN0>)

Is it too much to hope and believe that the Left has been relatively quiet, suspiciously so, because they realize it is futile to fight against the MAGA movement? Probably. The anticipation that the Left is seething into full-on scheming is a very real possibility. January 6, 2025 went off without a hitch; a message from the Left that they are “good sports who can handle defeat”. Pshaw! (Don’t count your chickens before January 20.) The typical pattern of behavior does not support the mindset that they will ever submit to the “America First” policy. Sad. If there is an impending riotous demonstration (or peaceful protest as the Left would sell it) on January 20, 2025, it will be a catalyst as to how OUR new president’s four years will proceed. His response would indicate four years of retaliation or four years of healing. I am banking on the latter. It would also strongly support the fact that Mr. Biden’s first task in office was a failure. A leader exploits government power, fueling discord, OR puts its voluminous power in check. Mr. Biden chose the former...with help from his “friends” of course.

Mr. Biden’s puppet masters seemingly held an antithetical view of our Constitution whereby deteriorating social relations. (Gallup shows more Democrats view Biden negatively than Republicans view Trump negatively). <https://news.gallup.com/poll/654878/americans-think-history-rate-biden-presidency-negatively.aspx>. It is evident that fairness, values, decency and law enforcement didn’t track with the expected presidential character post-inaugural. Political prisoners sit in jail facing 20 [years] while illegal aliens break into our country and kill our citizens get 20-life. <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/09/05/enrique-tarrio-prison-sentencing-proud-boys-00114104> <https://www.uscc.gov/research/quick-facts/federally-sentenced-non-us-citizens>

A man was prosecuted for saving lives by taking one who had threatened passengers on a train but sympathy grows for a United Healthcare CEO’s alleged killer. Summer of Love yields no large-scale condemnation while Whoopi Goldberg and company continue to call Jan 6 an insurrection and liken it to the Holocaust. <https://komonews.com/news/nation-world/the-view-host-likens-jan-6-riot-to-world-war-ii-holocaust-worst-moments-sunny-hostin-january-6-2021-capitol-riot-trump-election-certify-victory>. The marginalized are elevated over hard-working, law abiding, decent citizens who contribute to our communities. And don’t forget the countless bogus charges against our incoming president. All has eroded our social fabric because it was allowed.

Many of us were oblivious to the year over year power growth in government. Then, President Trump began to expose it and coupled with the big Covid-19 reveal, opened the eyes of many. Now, after a short (relatively speaking) interruption in momentum and subsequent proven failed policy of the Left, we are excited to finally reap what was sown eight years ago. As we celebrate President Trump’s return, we must continue to support common sense policies and rid (at the ballot box) all who seek self-interest power. Because, we are, We The People...



The Constitutional Corner By Lori Burns

Limited Government

We are overwhelmed on a daily basis with the negative results of over-governance. The Founding Fathers must surely be spinning in their graves as they observe the mess we have made of things. Limited governmental powers, particularly at the Federal level, were a mainstay in their philosophical approach to our Constitution. It was no easy task to transition from the Articles of Confederation into the Constitution because of the debate over federalism.

Rocket scientists are not required to demonstrate the high costs to consumers and the strangulation to the economy that result from over-regulation. You may ask, where is the line that changes from appropriate regulation to over-regulation? Obviously, that question does not have a simple answer. However, a study of the federal powers granted in the Constitution limits the government to negotiating treaties, providing for the common defense, the power of taxation, the creation of a postal service and the establishment of the three branches of government. That's a simple description of a fairly straightforward government and they don't even really do that well! And yet they continue to pile it on.

It is unrealistic to think we will ever go back to that simple plan as new challenges will often require new laws. However, we as a nation, have gotten to a place where the knee-jerk reaction to every problem is that a new law is required; that a new government institution should be formed; that a new tax should be levied. Legislators see the creation of legislation as a justification for their existence. Unelected bureaucrats create "rules" over which we have no say and no ability to refute. This is not freedom.

Here are some suggestions that might

help us revert to more freedom (i.e. personal accountability) and less government: 1) Congress must take responsibility for their legislation and stop giving away their power either to the courts or the bureaucrats. Legislation, if it is ESSENTIAL, should be detailed and refined before it ever goes to the pencil pushers. 2) Legislators should be part-time employees of the People and part-time private citizens who are required to live under their own laws and feel the effects thereof. 3) For every law that is passed, two should be removed from the books. 4) Unconstitutional institutions such as the Department of Education should be eliminated. 5) We need a flat tax for individuals and businesses and effectively eliminate the IRS.

It's always fun to dream, isn't it?

**Spokane Trump
Inauguration
Celebration on
Monday, Jan.
20: <https://eastwafree.com/presidential-inauguration-celebration-spokane>**



WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY AND WASHINGTON STATE



<https://www.bing.com/search?q=WA%20State%20election%20results&FORM=ARPSEC&PC=ARPL&TAG=30532075>

Both President Trump and Governor Candidate Dave Reichert lost 13 blue counties and won 26 red counties. Overall, Reichert had 178,895 more votes than Trump.

**WE HAVE WORK TO DO.
LET'S DO IT.**

Above correction includes blue and red counties won/lost.

Standing Committee Chair Appointments:

- Lincoln Day – Lyle Dach
- Budget – Jenelle Simpson
- Candidates – Brenda Dutton
- Credentials – Brian Boyer
- Elections – Tim Kinley
- Bylaws and Policies & Procedures -Tim Archer
- Finance – TBA

Special Committee Chair Appointments:

- Audit – Natalie Poulson
- Budget – Jenelle Simpson
- Legislative – Stephanie Brenden
- Marketing – Colleen Simpson
- Platform – John Scherling
- Resolutions - John Scherling
- Volunteers – Debbie Smith
- Young Republicans – Enrique Rico
- Events – TBA
- Judiciary - TBA

Excerpt from a column published January 19, 2023 in *The Spokesman Review* on bills the 2023 legislature. For the complete column and additional commentary: <https://suelanimadsen.substack.com/p/dr-renata-moon-and-the-first-amendment>

Speaking freely has a high cost for formerly local doctor When Dr. Renata Moon let her medical license lapse in Washington last summer, it wasn't because she'd made a medical mistake. It was the political climate that drove her out. "Words can't describe what I see now in the loss of free speech in America," said Dr. Moon on a recent visit to Spokane. "I can't practice in a state where I can't have honest conversations with parents."

What was this dangerous speech that got her into trouble? In December 2022, Dr. Moon accepted an invitation from U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin) to join a panel of physicians testifying in the other Washington. She arranged for coverage of the classes she was teaching at WSU. She attended on her own time as a private citizen and provided her professional opinion based on data and observations as a practicing physician.

And she questioned the U.S. government's official position on Covid-19 vaccines, still being used under an emergency use authorization as the emergency subsided. She questioned why an untested vaccine was being pushed for healthy children who had a statistically zero risk of fatality. She questioned the risk versus benefit, the kind of medical evaluation doctors and the medical academy should be providing to patients and the public. Dr. Moon sees a direct parallel between how she was treated by WSU in 2023 and her mother's university experience under Communist control in Czechoslovakia.

Her mother had often told young Renata the story of how she had listened to her professor in the next room being berated for teaching an unorthodox biology lesson in Mendelian genetics. Under communism, the Mendelian concept that specific traits might be inherited had been declared a pseudoscience. That professor was taken away and her mother never saw him again.

Renata was taught to be careful when the family had rare telephone contact with relatives because government sensors were listening. On a family visit to Prague at age 11, she was invited to secretly listen to Radio Free Europe with her grandmother, and was proud to be a citizen of an America that stood for truth. She knew her relatives were not free to speak. The Constitution is strong. It will withstand political drama. But not if we lose the First Amendment. Not if we lose freedom to speak without fear of retribution.

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PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)

PCOs elected in the Primary Election on August 6, 2024 began two-year terms on December 1. If there was a contested GOP PCO race in your precinct this August, you can see the results at <https://www.spokanecounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/56087/August-6-2024-Primary-Election-PDF>. (Starting on Page 7) Questions: Spokane County Republicans 509-838-6162 ext. 802.

Consider becoming a PCO, Precinct Committee Officer.

Does your precinct have a PCO? You can find out on our [GOP website](https://spokanegop.com) under the **About Us** tab, then **Officers** which takes you to <https://spokanegop.com/leadership>; finally click on your **District** and find your **Precinct** to see if there is a PCO. PCOs listed on our website should be the PCOs elected in the 2024 Primary. If the position is vacant, please consider becoming a PCO. There are 451 precincts in Spokane County and about 272 have Republican PCOs. PCOs are an important connection between voters and the Republican Party. More PCO information can be found at: <https://spokanegop.com/become-a-pco>.

Don't know your PRECINCT? You can find it on the [GOP website](https://spokanegop.com), **Home** page. Scroll down to the link, **Find My Precinct** in the red box, then follow the directions. Or, at [VoteWA.gov](https://vote.wa.gov). Then, submit your name and birthday – click **Registration**.

Many PCOs and other Republicans work hard for our party. If you have someone in mind, please nominate that person as PCO or Republican of the Month. It is not difficult to nominate: [REPUBLICANS/PCOs OF THE MONTH form](#)

Republican of the Month for January,
Mike Drew former Spokane GOP Treasurer.



Spokane County GOP supports Helping Captives. Cleaning out your closet, storage and garage and donating gently used clothing, household items and other items will help heal victims of trafficking.



HELPING CAPTIVES

Monday-Saturday 10-5 pm

East 14415 Sprague Ave.

Check out their coffee tool

SAVE THE DATE

GOP calendar

<https://www.spokanegop.com/calendar>

January 24, 2025

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 24th, 5 PM

#whywemarch

Join us as we march from Covenant Homes and Resources at 2012 N Ruby to Planned Parenthood at 123 E Indiana to pray, worship, and CELEBRATE the SANCTITY OF LIFE.

Spokane County Republican Party Lincoln Day Gala
May 2, 2025 at the Spokane Convention Center.

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Ponderosa Republican Women kicked off 2025 with the first meeting of the year on January 14th.

Robin Ball and Ruth Ryan, both members of Ponderosa Republican Women, were speakers this month. Ruth shared her expertise on how the components of voting, observing and tabulating at the Spokane County Elections office proceeded in November 2024 and what we need to pay attention to in the future to protect our vote and ensure there's transparency in our election system. Volunteering to observe at the Elections office or at one of the drop box locations needs to continue. We've made progress, but we've got to keep going!

Robin updated us on Spokane County redistricting when we went from 3 to 5 County Commissioners and how the most recent election was impacted by changes in boundaries. This is a critical issue in both our city and county that everyone should pay attention to. The margin of retaining a Republican majority in our County depends largely on Commissioner District 5. Commissioner Al French (R) won by just 2.57%, a razor thin margin. It will take work on the part of Republicans to retain this district.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11th, when we will be celebrating 30 years of Ponderosa Republican Women and honoring those who served as past presidents of our organization. **Whiskey, Wine, & Whatever** is a special evening event on February 7 with guest speaker Bill Moos former WSU athletic director. Both events will soon be posted on the [PRW website](#) so you will be able to make reservations. Guests are most welcome to attend these events.

Jan Grayhek, PRW President <http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com>

LEGISLATIVE WATCH

Defend Faith, Family and Freedom by Taking Legislative Action!

The Washington State Legislature began on 1/13/25 and will end on 4/27/25, unless extended. The County GOP Legislative Action Committee, led by Chair Stephanie Brenden, has already started highlighting priority bills. You can sign up now for [What Up Olympia?](#) to receive periodic emails of proposed bills that especially need our attention. And, if interested, you can also sign up to be part of our Legislative Action Committee and help decide which bills should be highlighted.

When you get one of the alerts, just click the links on each bill to register your position "PRO" or "CON" for the Legislative Record. You may also register to submit written testimony and/or testify remotely via Zoom during a public committee hearing'

Since our state is the only one in the nation that has become more "blue", it is especially critical that we pay attention to the bills being proposed and that we get involved in contacting our legislators when we support or oppose these bills. The Leg Committee will keep us informed on priority bills. Watch for these emails and check out information on our County and State GOP Facebook pages. WA GOP will also highlight important information on bills on the website; go to Olympia Watch, <https://wagop.org/olympia-watch/>. On Olympia Watch near the bottom of the page.

You can even **Sign-Up for the Influencing Olympia Effectively Course** offered online.

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