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ELECTION ISSUE

Sierra Club Political Endorsements

The Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses these Fox Valley Area candidates:

U.S. House of Representatives District 8

STEVE KAGEN
1-800-255-9355
<http://www.kagen4congress.com/>

Wisconsin State Assembly

PENNY BERNARD-SCHABER (Appleton)
920-739-9001
<http://www.pbsforassembly.com/>

TOM NELSON (Kaukauna/Oneida/Seymour/Green Bay)
920-759-7404
<http://www.nelsonforassembly.com/>

AME GRAIL (Door County)
920-559-6788
<http://www.grailforassembly.com/>

These candidates have races that are very important and they need Sierra Club help and support. Also, these races are where Sierra Club efforts can make a real difference. We would not have to fight so hard to protect the places we love if we would just elect intelligent people in the first place. Any member who would like to help re-create a “pro-conservation” government is strongly encouraged to help at least one of these campaigns in at least one of the following ways:

1. Call today and VOLUNTEER to work for one of these candidates. They have all kinds of work that needs to be done. It is fun and you meet some great people!
2. Donate MONEY. Their opponents are very well-financed and these people depend on you for their support.
3. Tell them “the Sierra Club sent me”. Let the campaign know that you are a Sierra Club member (acting as an individual) and that clean air and clean water are very important to you.

4. **VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Do Something! Sign Up For Activist Email Alerts

The Fox Valley Sierra Group has an email alert list called "The Write Place". You can subscribe by sending a "Subscribe to Write Place" email message to Rich Krieg at rich.krieg@wisconsin.sierraclub.org. By doing so, you will receive occasional calls to action about local environmental issues.

FROM THE CHAIR

As a Sierra Club member you may wonder why we make political endorsements and try to influence the political process.

Sierra Club membership consists of more than 750,000 of your friends and neighbors. Inspired by nature, we work together to protect our communities and the planet. The Club is America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization.

The Sierra Club Mission Statement:

1. Explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth.
2. Practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources.
3. Educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment.
4. Use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

Our activities often involve service projects to clean up or protect something. But we recognize that good politicians are capable of doing good works far beyond what our membership is capable of. However, the wrong politicians can do severe damage and destroy everything that we work for.

It is important as individuals that we do not forget our small projects. But we must also remember to vote for the best possible leadership.

This issue tries to highlight some of the candidates that our organization feels are better qualified to lead our society. Sierra Club members hope their leaders understand and appreciate the science of global warming, and understand the earth's ecosystems and resources. We hope you find this useful.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback.

- Alan Lawrence, FVSG Chair
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Too Many Failing Grades!

The Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters recently released their legislative scorecard for the 2005-06 session. With the exception of Tom Nelson, who scored an impressive 82%, all of Northeastern Wisconsin Assembly members received abysmal ratings. These grades are based upon seventeen key conservation votes and are listed below. Does your representative deserve your vote? You decide, then call them today to let them know what you think of their conservation voting record. To see the complete LCV Scorecard go to: www.conservationvoters.org

Steve Wieckert, Appleton, 920-830-1811 – 6%
Gary Bies, 920-845-2811, Sister Bay – 6%
J.A. "Doc" Hines, 608-586-5489, Oxford – 12%
Dean Kaufert, 920-722-6946, Neenah – 6%
Judy Krawczyk, 920-498-0913, Green Bay – 6%
Frank Lasee, 920-465-9220, Bellevue – 12%
Phil Montgomery, 920-496-5953, Green Bay, 6%
Alvin Ott, 920-989-1240, Forest Junction – 29%
Carol Owens, 920-589-4262, Oshkosh – 6%
John Townsend, 920-923-0935, Fon du Lac – 6%
Karl Van Roy, 920-217-7483, Green Bay – 6%

The "White Pelican" is an internet blog for Green Bay environmentalists. It is a place for people to share thoughts and information about sustainable lifestyles and political activism. To join the discussion, just click on "comments"! This blog can be found at <http://whitepelican.blogspot.com/>



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