

Brother and Sister Legislature Candidates

The campaign for the Legislature has attracted a brother and sister to run for separate seats in the Wisconsin legislature. Dane Deutsch of Rice Lake is a candidate for the 25th Senate District and his sister, Tamara Deutsch of Tainter in Dunn County, is running for the assembly seat in the 67th district. Both are conservative Republicans and share the traits of honesty, integrity, and accomplished leaders.

Dane Deutsch, 53, is a self-employed businessman, teacher by degree, entrepreneur and motivational speaker by profession, leader with character, and a head gymnastics coach. Dane and his wife Kathy have been married for 33 years and have four grown children and two grandchildren.

Although Dane's decision to get into the race was announced in October of 2009, Tamara's decision to get into the 67th Assembly seat race was a little delayed. She was the last one of six challengers for the seat that will be vacated by Jeff Wood this year.

Tamara, 52, is a professional truck driver for Wal-mart's Private Fleet and was chosen as one of eight drivers out of 8,000 in the country to serve in that capacity.

With five candidates in the race already, why would Tamara join such a crowded field? "I just had to do something. I was not familiar with the candidates that had already entered and I just knew that to sit on the sidelines was no longer an option. I was as guilty as most about waiting for someone else to do something. I didn't see anyone with the right character that could speak for me. Since I have never been shy about speaking up, I decided to join the race."

Tamara Deutsch has taken a focused, but lighthearted, approach to the issues. She is "tee'd" off about the way things are going in Madison and Washington. Tamara admits that she is having a little fun with the "tee'd" off theme. If there wasn't a little humor in the process we might as well all just give up," said Tamara.

Tamara continued, "People are angry and fearful and they're uncertain about why there's so many lost jobs, so much reckless spending, high property taxes, regulations and red tape that stifle business and job growth. Why is it so easy for elected officials to forget who elected them?"

How do two such different people with different backgrounds and different careers paths end up running for elective office at the same time? "We both seen an overwhelming need for leaders with character and common sense and that is what compelled us to get into the race."

“We’re cut from the same mold, we cherish the conservative values that we learned while growing up. Tamara and I are blessed with character, leadership, and common sense; values that the legislature so badly needs. We’ve both decided to run positive campaigns because, after all, our opponents are good people but simply have not always made the decisions that are best for Wisconsin.”

When asked what she wants to accomplish if elected, Tamara says, she "would like to restore the integrity that has been lost in recent years. Currently, there’s not a lot of trust out there. Everyone, on both sides of the political aisle, is skeptical. It shouldn’t be this way. People that work in government are our neighbors and friends yet, somewhere along the way it became an ‘us against them’ mentality. That needs to change." Dane wholeheartedly agreed with his sister’s statement.

Dane Deutsch does not have a primary challenge. His race will be decided on November 2, 2010. Tamara Deutsch will face a six-way primary challenge on Tuesday, September 14th, 2010. Dane Deutch’s website is at: www.daneforsenate.com. Tamara’s website is: www.votetamaradeutsch.com.

If both Deutsch’s are elected, it will be the first time a brother and sister have served in the Wisconsin Statehouse.