



# Republican Women's Club of St. Louis

To Educate, Empower and Engage Republican Women

So They Can Make a Difference in Their Communities

March 28/2011

**Dear Sharon,**

Thank you for opening the e-mail. The RWC of STL Tomorrow's Leaders Forum was a great success. Read all about it in the article below.

We are happy to announce that **Susan Unger** has volunteered to sponsor the newsletter for the next six months. Thank you, Susan for your contribution to the RWC of STL. Your support will ensure our members can stay informed of RWC of STL activities.

One more request: please consider writing an article for next month's edition. Here is an idea for an article: interview one of the RWC of STL members, take a photo or ask the member to provide a jpeg file (digital photo) so we can include it in the newsletter, and send the article and photo to [debfisher324@hotmail.com](mailto:debfisher324@hotmail.com). Let's introduce our members to everyone who reads the e-newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Fisher  
Newsletter Editor

## FROM THE RWC OF STL PRESIDENT

*by Sharon Barnes*

The year is quickly speeding by! It is almost spring and already we are so busy! Local elections are in a week, and I know that all of you are busy working for your favorite local candidate - whether it be for mayor, school board, etc. Be sure to keep track of those campaign hours and report them to me so our Club gets credit for all the hard work you do!!

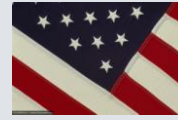
As we work so hard to "do the right thing" and "get the right people elected", do you ever run across those who say to you, "Oh, that's political. I don't do politics."? Even those conservative ladies that we know would benefit from our Organization sometimes give us this excuse. Do you have a comeback? How about the following ideas:

"You don't do politics? So.....

You don't complain about taxes?  
Or, illegal aliens?  
Or, the way the City maintains the roads?  
Or, the new health care legislation?  
Even the mere act of voting is political."

I am sure you can think of even more. If more of us speak up and ask these questions of those that "don't do politics" perhaps we can get more done and get this Country back!

## APRIL MEETING



You are not going to want to miss our April meeting!! Our Americanism Chair, Sally Owens, and our First Vice President, Joan Langenberg, have been working hard on research and putting together a great program! Their topic? Flag Etiquette.

Do you think you already know all about flag etiquette? We all know about placing our right hand over our heart when saying the Pledge of Allegiance. We know to stand and place our hand over our heart when the flag is carried past us. What other rules are there about proper respect and handling of our American Flag - the symbol of our Freedom and this great Country - that we don't know?

Mark your calendars for April 26 and find out! We will start promptly at 11:15am and finish at 12:30pm. We meet at Spazio's in Westport.

For those of you that want to join us, please RSVP to Jeanne Gosen at [jmgosen@aol.com](mailto:jmgosen@aol.com). RSVP is NECESSARY to attend. Thank you for your cooperation.

## WHO ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS?



Panelists (left to right): Former Missouri State Representative Allen Icet; Radio Talk Show Host and Author, Dr. Gina Loudon; Moderator, Deborah Fisher; Owner of Tones Real Estate Management LLC, Anthony Kuenzel; Vice Chairman Missouri State Republican Party, Susie Eckelkamp.

WOW! What a great event! All of our panelists gave us very good information that we could take away and use to make each of us one of those leaders of the future!! Deborah Fisher, one of our RWC members, moderated this forum with great professionalism (and some humor!)

The response was so overwhelmingly positive about this event, there is another one in the planning stages for this Fall. Please let Eileen Tyrrell ([emtyrrell@yahoo.com](mailto:emtyrrell@yahoo.com)) know of any topics you would like to have discussed or if you have panel members from whom you would like to hear!

Thanks to those of you who participated. We got FIVE new members, three renewals and 2 Associate Memberships from this event with the possibility of another 3 new members later. Great job!

## Calendar of Events

### Mark Your Calendar with these Important Dates

April 5	ELECTION DAY!
April 6	1st, 2nd, 3rd District Meetings - Greenbriar Country Club
April 22	Good Friday
April 24	Easter Sunday
April 26	RWC of StL April Meeting - Joan Langenberg, 1st Vice President
April 27	Administrative Assistant Day
May 8	Mother's Day
May 21	Armed Forces Day
May 24	RWC of StL May Meeting - Rep. Tim Jones, Majority Floor Leader
May 30	Memorial Day

## RWC of St. Louis Dues

*by Sharon Barnes, President*

RWC of St. Louis has not raised dues for 2011 - it is still only \$22 to get membership in this Club, the 2nd District Republican Women, the Missouri Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. That is only \$5.50 to join each of these Organizations!! Wow!! That is really a great bargain.

Did you know that we are still offering a FREE membership to the member who recruits the most NEW members for 2011?? NO??? Well, we are so get busy contacting your friends, family, neighbors, church members, etc. and get them signed up! Below is a membership form you can use! Be sure to put your name at the bottom to get credit for the recruit before sending it in!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (month and day) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have already renewed, THANK YOU! If not, please submit your check for \$22 (\$30 if you would like to add your husband, significant other, daughter, son, or etc. as an Associate Member) made payable to RWC of St. Louis to Jeanne Gosen at 2765 Kehrs Mill Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017-3500.

Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful organization.

## NEW MEMBERS

*by Sharon Barnes*

As our Club continues to grow, I would like to recognize those women who have made the decision to fight with us to "Take Our Country Back"! Below are the new members for 2011:

Ruth Alemeier  
Chandra Fessler

Elise Kostial  
Laura Kostial

Holly Litner

Erin Maurer

Sharon Norton

Sue Morton O'Brien

Margaret Peterson

Vicki Pickle

Andrea Schmiemeier

Kathy Schweich

Marlys Smith

Carol Veillette

Ann Wagner

Julie Yates

It is not too late to get even more ladies involved! Ask everyone you know - our voice gets louder and you could win a free membership for yourself!!

## May Birthdays

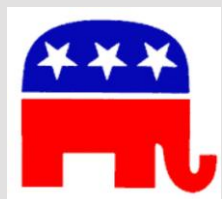


Happy Birthday to these wonderful ladies and members of RWC of StL!

May 02	Eleanor Keim	May 21	Marlene Kuszaj
May 04	Susan Cox	May 23	Dorothy Manzo
May 07	Janet Hadfield	May 24	Sydney Jumper
May 18	Bobbi Thomas	May 24	Sharon Nelms
May 19	Jerri Doss	May 27	Betty Poore
May 20	Melissa Brown	May 28	Teresa Reece

## What We Believe

*by Sharon Barnes*  
Republican Party



### **We are fortunate to live in America.**

The Republican Party believes that the United States has been blessed with a unique set of individual rights and freedoms available to all.

### **You can be what you are, and become what you are capable of becoming.**

The Republican Party is inspired by the power and ingenuity of the individual to succeed through hard work, family support, and self-discipline.

### **Helping those around you is worthwhile.**

The Republican Party believes in the value of voluntary giving and community support over taxation and forced redistribution.

### **Small government is a better government for the people.**

The Republican Party, like our Nation's founders, believes that government must be limited so that it never becomes powerful enough to infringe on the rights of individuals.

### **You know what to do with your money better than the government.**

The Republican Party supports low taxes because individuals know best how to make their own economic and charitable choices.

### **Free markets keep people free.**

The Republican Party is supportive of logical business regulations that encourage entrepreneurs to start more businesses so more individuals can enjoy the satisfaction and fruits of self-made success.

### **Our Armed Forces defend and protect our democracy.**

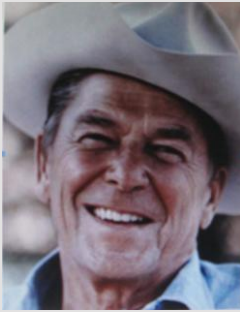
The Republican Party is committed to preserving our national strength while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

*The Republican Party is guided by these principles as it develops solutions to the challenges facing America.*

**Why are you a Republican? Make your voice heard.**

## Salute to Ronald Reagan

*by Sharon Barnes*



### The Reagan Centennial Honoring President Reagan in 2011

It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.

-----Ronald Reagan

There will be a quote from President Reagan each month this year to celebrate the life of Ronald Reagan.

## Prayer

*by Sharon Barnes*



As we work so hard to Take Back our Country, we must all take time out of our busy schedules to give thanks to our Creator and ask for his many blessings.

I will try to share a new prayer with you each month in this newsletter. If any of you have prayers of your own that you would like to share with other members, please submit them to either Deborah Fisher or myself.

We will make sure they get into the newsletter.

"Heavenly Father and God of Creation, we thank you for Your wisdom and marvelous works. We ask You to give wisdom and understanding to those in authority over us that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life.

Father we ask that the eyes of our understanding be enlightened that we may not walk in darkness. Give to us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You and Your ways.

Lord, you are abundant in strength, and Your understanding is infinite, and Your loving kindness everlasting. Hear our petition, Oh Lord, and bless our Nation, its leaders and peoples. We praise You that we abound and increase in love towards all mankind, being the light of the world, a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden.

In Thy name we pray.

Amen"

From NFRW Prayer Book, Alabama

## Contest

### Win a Prize!!

by Sharon Barnes

Each month, we will have a contest in our newsletter. All you have to do is answer the question correctly!! Write down your answer on a slip of paper provided at the next month's meeting to be entered into a drawing for a free prize!! It is that simple!

This month's question:

Who is the Chairman of the RNC?

## Garden Party Reception



There will be a Garden Party Reception to honor State Representative and House Majority Caucus Secretary Sue Allen, one of our own members! Senator John Lamping will be introducing Sue. The details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, April 21

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Where: Residence of Susan Lewis  
#1 Wendover Drive  
Ladue, MO 63124

Cost: \$50 per person or suggested donation \$250\_\_\_ \$500\_\_\_ \$1000 \_\_\_

RSVP: Ruth Ahlemeier, [ruth@oemlogistics.net](mailto:ruth@oemlogistics.net)

If you are unable to attend but wish to donate, please make your check out to **Citizens to Elect Sue Allen**, PO Box 6123, St. Louis, MO 63006.

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