



RWC of St. Louis

# Republican Women's Club of St. Louis

To Educate, Empower and Engage Republican Women  
So They Can Make a Difference in Their Communities

July 13/2011

When I first joined the RWC of STL almost two years ago I had a difficult time finding a place to sit because there were so many members at our meetings. I knew I needed to get to the meeting early in order to get a "good" seat. At the June meeting, there was enough room for each of us to have a row of seats to ourselves. (Thank you, Ellen Elmore, for sitting in my row or I would have had a row to myself.)

I am surprised that during this most important time in our country--when America and all we stand for is under assault--we don't have standing room only at our meetings. Unfortunately, we have fewer members attending the meetings even though our club is growing.

Historically, we women have been the true movers and shakers, not only in the U.S., but worldwide. The conflict in Ireland was solved by the strong women in that country who just wouldn't put up with the strife any longer.

Now it is OUR turn. Are we, the conservative women, going to stand by and allow "hope and change" to dramatically alter our country as we know it?

I would like to start a dialogue about how we can reach out to our members and encourage them to come to the August 23rd meeting. Eileen Tyrrell has done such a great job inviting interesting speakers to our meetings that it is a shame that more people are not hearing them.

One of the things that brought me to the RWC of STL was a hunger for conversation with bright, well-informed women who had an opinion about what was going on in our country, our state, and our community. I look back fondly at the discussions that took place at our table over lunch. How can we return to those days?

We need YOU to come to the August 23rd meeting. Since we don't have lunch at our meetings at this time, I am inviting you to join me for lunch at a nearby restaurant where we can resurrect a lively conversation and perhaps we can begin to "fundamentally change" our sphere of influence one lady at a time. Now **that** is hope and change I can truly embrace!

Send an e-mail to [debfisher324@hotmail.com](mailto:debfisher324@hotmail.com) or call me at 314-753-5805 if you want to "do lunch".

Sincerely,

Deborah Fisher  
Newsletter Editor

P.S. Once again, I am happy to acknowledge that this month's newsletter is sponsored by **Susan Unger**. Thank you, Susan. You are truly an outstanding member to ensure our newsletter is sent to everyone in the RWC of STL.

The June RWC of STL meeting was outstanding and informative. Please read the article about Bev Randles and the Missouri Club for Growth in this issue. She was an outstanding speaker.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I trust that every one of you had a very safe and happy Independence Day!!! July 4th - perhaps more than any other day of the year - is a reminder of just what this Country stands for and what sacrifices were made by the early founders of this Nation. Can we do no less now?

The very foundation blocks of this great Republic are under attack - do we sit on the sidelines and do nothing? Or... do we fight!! Do we do everything humanly possible, sacrifice whatever needs to be sacrificed, humbly pray on our knees EVERY day that this Country will be saved? Do we stay actively involved fighting every wrong turn? Do we give our time and energy unselfishly to take back what has been slowly stripped from us? Do we want this Country the way it was - or the way it is heading?

Only each one of us can decide what kind of future we want for our children and grandchildren. Only each one of us can decide how much work and effort we are willing to put into any activity that will get this Nation back on the right track.

Just how much are YOU willing to do?

Sharon Barnes, President

## BEV RANDLES SPEAKS AT JUNE MEETING

### Missouri Club for Growth Board Member

by Deborah Fisher



The June 28 meeting of the RWC of STL was a highlight of the year. Bev Randles provided an enlightening and entertaining talk and inspired the members to become active participants in politics. "Growing up, I heard 'If you don't vote, you can't complain'," she said. "Now it is if you don't become **involved in the process** you can't complain."

Mrs. Randles is certainly involved in the process in Missouri. She is a board member of the Missouri Club for Growth, an organization dedicated to spreading the message of low taxes and economic freedom throughout Missouri, **and** she is the wife of Bill Randles, candidate for Governor of Missouri.

"Missouri Club for Growth actually gets in the game in a very tangible way," Bev told the group. "We get behind conservative candidates that have a proven track record." In 2010, Missouri Club for Growth supported 13 candidates with "100% success."

Some of the candidates the Club helped elect were new to politics. The Missouri Club for Growth continues to monitor what those elected are doing. "If they do not hold fast to what they say they believe, we will not continue to stand behind them."

Bev shared her experiences about being a black, conservative woman. She told the women in the audience that the black community is concerned about the future of children. "We [conservatives] need to do a better job letting the public know how we are working on the future for children," she said. "Those people, [black conservatives], are already Republicans; all they need is for someone to tell them."

"If we keep forgetting about slivers of populations...what we will see in about five years is a country we do not recognize," she said. Mrs. Randles ended her talk by asking the Republican women to spread the word and let people know about the Missouri Club for Growth and their efforts to "streamline government and make Missouri a state everyone can be proud of."

What this writer concludes is that we are very fortunate to have Bev Randles working on our side. She is a dynamo!

[To learn more about the Missouri Club for Growth follow this link to their website.](#)

## NO MEETING IN JULY

*There will be NO meeting in July*

Again, thanks to all of you who were willing to take the time to participate in the coach trip to Springfield, IL. What a fun time that would have been! Unfortunately, not enough of you wanted to go.

It was very disappointing to have to inform IL Congressman Schock; IL State Senator Larry Bomke; IL State Representative Raymond Poe; IL Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka plus a couple of other surprise guests that we had to cancel our plans.

Enjoy your time off. I look forward to seeing lots of you in August!

## NEW MEMBER

*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 is the new member for June, 2011:

Loris Clifford

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!

## AUGUST MEETING FEATURES YOUNG SPEAKER

*by Sharon Barnes*

PLEASE be sure to mark your calendars for our Republican Women's Club meeting on August 23. Our guest speaker will be our very own member, Elise Kostial. She is the co-founder and creator of Concerned Young Women for America and is on the Board of Directors for Tea Party Youth. Elise drafted and got passed her first piece of legislation at age 13. Elise will be sharing with us her experiences as a young person within the Republican Party as well as ideas on ways we can attract more of these young people to join us in our fight to take back our Country!



Mark your calendars! Don't be left behind or in the dark!

Members, we have another interesting and thought-provoking forum slated for our September meeting.

**September 20, 2011** (note date change)

## **"Do Conservative Values Resonate With Voters For Local School Board Elections?"**

**Featuring:**

**Melanie Abrajano, Exec. Dir., Missouri Club for Growth**

**Mike Geller, Political Consultant**

**Stacy Washington, Board Member, Ladue School District**

**Moderator: Deborah Fisher, Exec. Dir., MO Alliance for Arts Education and Federated Republican Woman**

**Deer Creek Club  
9861 Deer Creek HI  
St. Louis, MO**

**ALL ARE WELCOME! \$10 PER PERSON**

**5:00PM - Hors D'Oeuvres Reception**

**5:30PM - 7:00PM - Forum**

**RSVP: Jeanne Gosen, 636-391-1292 or rwcofstl@yahoo.com**

**Questions? Eileen Tyrrell, 636-549-3259 or eileenmtyrrell@gmail.com**

### **FLAG ETIQUETTE**

*by Sally Owens*



The U.S. Flag should always be treated with the utmost care and respect. The Flag Code contains specific instructions on how the flag is NOT to be used:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.

The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding or carrying or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object.

The flag should never be used for advertising purposes or printed on items designed for temporary use and discard. It should not be used as part of a costume or

athletic uniform.

## July Birthdays



Margaret Peterson July 3  
Susan Newsom July 8  
Joyce Veit July 11  
Michelle Reed July 13  
Kimberly Mills July 17  
Janet Renner July 19

Donna Downer July 21  
Linda Boyd-Shell July 26  
JoAnn Jones July 30  
Gina Perna July 31  
Kathy Schweich July 31

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

AND a very special "Happy Birthday" to President George W. Bush on July 6!

## Calendar of Events

### Mark Your Calendar with these Important Dates

July 17 St. Louis City Central Committee FREE Picnic  
August 23 RWC Meeting - Elise Kostial - Young People & Rep. Party  
August 27 Woman of Tribute luncheon, Columbia, MO  
September 20 Panel Forum, Deer Creek Inn  
Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 NFRW Convention, Kansas City  
October 25 RWC Meeting - Election of Officers  
November 15 Annual Board Meeting - Committee Reports  
December 6 Annual Charity and Christmas Party - Officers Installed

## Grassroots Coalition is Formed

### ***Rockwood Stakeholders for REAL Solutions***

***An RSD Stakeholder: any student, parent, grandparent, taxpayer and business owner, living and/or involved in the Rockwood School District Community.***

**The RS for RS Coalition was formed to give a REAL VOICE to the stakeholders.**

Teachers have the NEA; **don't you think it is time for the stakeholders to have a coalition working for them, and supporting their issues and concerns?**

We are simply citizens striving to "make a difference". Please join us.

Visit our Facebook page @ [\*\*\*Rockwood Stakeholders for Real Solutions\*\*\*](#)

Or email us @ [rsdstakeholders@gmail.com](mailto:rsdstakeholders@gmail.com).

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### **Mission Statement:**

To provide a volunteer coalition that works for the Rockwood School District Stakeholders and supports the **real issues** that matter to them.

### **Purpose:**

- a. To inform and educate the RSD stakeholders on current and ongoing district issues via our monthly newsletters.
- b. To assist stakeholders in bringing a grievance to the attention of building administrators and/or district officials; utilizing our advocates.
- c. To establish a working relationship with the RSD Administration and Board of Education to ensure stakeholder's **true issues and concerns** are brought to the forefront.
- d. Provide an online voice for RSD stakeholders to openly, effectively and respectfully express their opinions and concerns without fear of retaliation, retribution or discrimination.

If you are interested in becoming an **RS for RS** advocate or coordinator please contact Lisa Hunt Earls (636-938-4865) or Eileen Tyrrell (636-549-3259) or email us at [rsdstakeholders@gmail.com](mailto:rsdstakeholders@gmail.com).

If you want to receive our monthly newsletter, beginning August 2011, send your email address to [rsdstakeholders@gmail.com](mailto:rsdstakeholders@gmail.com). **All names and email addresses will remain CONFIDENTIAL!**

## **SALUTE TO RONALD REAGAN**

*by Sharon Barnes*

There will be a quote from our former President each month during 2011 to celebrate the life of Ronald Reagan.



The Reagan Centennial  
Honoring President Ronald Reagan in 2011

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."

----- Ronald Reagan

## I HAD A DREAM

*From Text of a message by Thelan Paulk  
by Sharon Barnes*



I had a dream the other night, I didn't understand.  
A figure walking through the mist, with flintlock in his hand.  
His clothes were torn and dirty, as he stood there by my bed.  
He took off his three-cornered hat, and speaking low, he said:

"We fought a revolution, to secure our liberty.  
We wrote the Constitution, as a shield from tyranny.  
For future generations, this legacy we gave.  
In this, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

"The freedom we secured for you, we hoped you'd always keep.  
But tyrants labored endlessly while your parents were asleep.  
Your freedom gone, your courage lost, you're no more than a slave.  
In this, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

"You buy permits to travel, and permits to own a gun,  
Permits to open a business, or to build a place for one.  
On land that you believe you own, you pay a yearly rent.  
Although you have no voice in choosing how the money's spent.

"Your children must attend a school that doesn't educate.  
Your Christian values can't be taught, according to the state.  
You read about the current news, in a regulated press.  
You pay a tax you do not owe to please the I.R.S.

"Your money is no longer made of silver or gold.  
You trade your wealth for paper, so your life can be controlled.  
You pay for crimes that make our Nation turn from God in shame.  
You've taken Satan's number as you've traded in your name.

"You've given government control, to those who do you harm,  
So they can padlock churches, and steal the family farm,  
And keep our country deep in debt, put men of God in jail,  
Harass your fellow countrymen, while corrupted courts prevail.

"Your public servants don't uphold the solemn oath they've sworn.  
Your daughters visit doctors so their children won't be born.  
Your leaders ship artillery and guns to foreign shores,  
And send your sons and daughters fighting other people's wars.

"Can you regain the freedom for which we fought and died?  
Or don't you have the courage, or the faith to stand with pride?  
Are there no more values for which you'll fight to save?  
Or do you wish your children, to live in fear and be a slave?

"People of the Republic - arise and take a stand!  
Defend the Constitution, the Supreme Law of the Land!  
Preserve our Great Republican and GOD-Given Right!  
And pray to GOD, to keep the torch of Freedom burning bright!"

As I awoke he vanished, in the mist from whence he came.  
His words were true, we are not Free, we have ourselves to blame.  
For even now as tyrants, trample each GOD-Given Right,  
We only watch and tremble, too afraid to stand and fight.

If he stood by your bedside, in a dream, while you're asleep,  
And wonders what remains of our Rights he fought to keep,  
What would be your answer, if he called out from the grave:

"IS THIS STILL THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE??"

## 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.

"Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many Blessings of life; for the wisdom to speak without rancor, to make decisions without prejudice as to what is best for the party and our organization. Give us vision, O Lord, and the courage to rise above the petty, the personal and the selfish to the stature of womanhood to be leaders in our world today. Lead us through the open door to success on the road to world peace and understanding. Bless our members who are ill and our military and keep them safe until they can return home to their families.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen"

From NFRW Prayer Book, Delaware

## Thought For The Month

by Sharon Barnes

*"I am exceedingly anxious that this Union, this Constitution, and the liberties of the people shall be perpetuated in accordance with the original idea for which that struggle was made, and I shall be most happy indeed if I shall be a humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty, and of this, His chosen people, for perpetuating the object of that great struggle."*

-----Abraham Lincoln

## 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 was the first Republican presidential candidate?