



# Republican Women's Club of St. Louis

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

January 8/2011

The new year promises to be one of the best for the Republican Women's Club of St. Louis. I hope you will join us at the January meeting on Tuesday, January 25 at Spazio's Westport. The articles in this newsletter give the details.

Thanks to Eileen Tyrrell for sponsoring this issue. The RWC of STL appreciates your support!

Sincerely,  
Deborah Fisher  
Newsletter Editor

## FROM THE RWC OF STL PRESIDENT

**Happy New Year!!**  
*by Sharon Barnes*

Happy New Year!! I trust all of you had a safe and happy Christmas season with your family and friends. I am so proud of the accomplishments you were able to achieve in 2010 for your Republican Women's Club. We have a new logo, a banner, new meeting format, a suggestion box, a lending library, a newsletter, participation in more MoFRW and NFRW programs, almost a complete Board of Directors, a HUGE increase in membership that resulted in us being the largest Club in the State of Missouri, our first large event in December as well as many other milestones throughout the year. Each and every one of you have contributed to these successes. I look forward to building on these as we move into 2011.

2010 was also referred to as "The Year of the Republican Woman". Let's keep that theme going for 2011 and beyond. It was Republican Women that worked the hardest, worked the longest hours, made the most phone calls, etc. for all our Republican candidates - and that resulted in our overwhelming number of Republican victories; many of whom are women!!!

As we move forward into 2011, I know that most of us will be taking some time off (albeit a short time) to bask in our Republican victories. I also know that we will be watching these new Republicans to see if they fulfill their promises to us - if not, we will hold them accountable!

I look forward to meeting the challenges that 2011 may hold. RWC of St. Louis is growing and our visibility is increasing with each passing month. As ever, I am available should you have questions, suggestions, etc. I am humbled by your support and thank you most warmly for it.

Sharon Barnes,  
President

## JANUARY MEETING UPDATE

### January Speakers

by Eileen Tyrrell

#### *January 2011 Program Speakers Announced*

***Gretchen Logue and Lisa Naeger of  
Missouri Education Watchdog***

**[www.missourieducationwatchdog.com](http://www.missourieducationwatchdog.com)**

**Gretchen Logue**, a wife and mother of two children, went to her first tea party rally back in February 2009 and two years later finds herself the co-editor of Missouri Education Watchdog, a blog dedicated to reporting on local, state and national education issues. A native Southerner (Jacksonville, FL), she moved to St. Louis so her older son could attend Central Institute for the Deaf and then the Moog Oral School for education. The family made this life changing decision because their son's needs were not being met in the only system available to him in Florida; the public education arena. This is when she became convinced parents should have choices in their children's education using their own tax dollars as they see best.

She began blogging in 2010 when it was discovered no one was reporting that our nation's school districts were signing on to an education plan referred to as "Race to the Top". Her passion was ignited, when she discovered Race to the Top was being promoted by the states' Departments of Education, and there were increased federal mandates being foisted on the states.

In 1999, **Lisa Naeger**, after heading up a parent's group in the Francis Howell school district, (Parents Advocating Challenging Education), to raise awareness of educational issues and advocate for higher educational standards, ran for the school board amidst a contentious and scandalous financial crisis. She was elected and spent the next 3 years investigating and exposing various malfeasances, financial and academic. Lisa also learned more than she ever wanted to know about the NEA. After her first year of service on the FH BOE, she pulled her two children out of the school district and began homeschooling, which made for an uncomfortable final two years of her term on the school board. Lisa retired from FH BOE, in 2003 and spent the next 5 years under the radar, happily and successfully homeschooling her children; until her ex-husband filed for divorce in 2008. The next 2 years were spent entangled in the family court system, fighting it and her ex-husband, for the right to continue homeschooling her children. In January of 2010 Lisa was granted the right to finish schooling her children at home.

Together with other educational activists, Gretchen and Lisa hope to work to further the conservative movement and pull the culture back into something their children and future generations can live in and enjoy the freedoms we all cherish.

Submitted by:

Eileen M. Tyrrell,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Program Chairman

## RWC of St. Louis Dues

*by Sharon Barnes, President*

It is that time of year when once again our yearly dues must be paid. RWC of St. Louis has not raised the 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.

The NFRW will once again be printing and MAILING their Spring magazine. However, for you to receive your copy, you MUST have your dues paid by February 1. 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.

Your prompt payment of your dues will insure that you do not miss any of our monthly notices, monthly newsletters, the NFRW magazines, and other information provided by us, MoFRW and NFRW.

Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful organization.

## January Birthdays

Judith Bass	January 5
Kate Stratton	January 11
Patricia Carroll	January 18
Karen Pudlowski	January 18
Sharon Norton	January 27

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

## Calendar of Events

### **Mark Your Calendar with these Important Dates**

January 25	RWC of STL Monthly Meeting
January 29	MoFRW State Board Meeting, Jeff City
February 22	RWC of STL Monthly Meeting - Featured Speaker, Kathy Drake, President, MoFRW
February 25-27	MO State Lincoln Days, Springfield, MO

## MoFRW Board Meeting

### **Registration Form**

*by Sharon Barnes*

Below is the registration form for the annual MoFRW Spring Board Meeting. PLEASE consider attending this important event. The cost is minimal and carpooling is available for travel. Thank you.

**The Official Call to the Missouri  
Federation of Republican Women  
2011 Board of Director's Meeting**

Truman Hotel, 1510 Jefferson St., Jefferson City, MO 573-635-7171

**Saturday, January 29, 2011**

**In case of snow - meeting will be held February 5, 2011**

9:00 - 9:30 - Registration, Coffee, Tea and Rolls  
9:30-10:00 - Opening Remarks & Introductions  
10-15-11:00 - The New World of Communication - Molly Teichman  
11:15-11:45 - Let's Keep Growing - Ways to Obtain and Retain Members -  
Cathern Long & Sharon Barnes  
12:00 - Lunch - Baked Potato & Salad Bar  
1:00 - Annual Board Meeting  
2:30 -Adjourn

All members of the MoFRW are invited to attend. This is a good time to meet fellow Republican Women, share ideas and learn about our Organization. Please bring items for the silent auction.

**Reservations (\$20) are required by Wednesday, January 19, 2011**

**(At the door/walk-in reservations will be \$25). Please be prompt with your reservation and fee.**

**Please send Reservations to:** Louise Reasoner, MoFRW Treasurer, 9573 Hwy. 65, Chillicothe, MO 64601, 660-646-4197. Her email is [justonewoman@live.com](mailto:justonewoman@live.com).

Checks should be payable to MoFRW.

Respectfully Submitted: Kathy Drake, MoFRW President, [kaeidr@yahoo.com](mailto:kaeidr@yahoo.com) 417-326-2506

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## My View

### Take Care with a Strong and Generous Spirit

by Eileen M. Tyrrell

Say what you want about the United States of America; its leadership; its foreign or military policies; its over-inflated government or the darkest days of its history; but what you *can't* say about the United States of America is that its citizens are selfish.

We are an extremely generous country, full of compassionate, caring citizens. No matter what the natural disasters or international crisis, the American people are the first to step up, put forth and stand by.

In our own communities, we, too, take care of our own, and it's not just during the holiday months, but throughout the year. Via our churches, schools and community groups, we continue to seek out how our country and its citizens can be better served. The economy may increase the number of the less fortunate or those in dire straits, but it doesn't decrease the charitable spirit of the American people. In fact, that is when the spirit is at its best.

Everyone has at least a story or two that describes the incredible kindness and goodness of a family member, friend, neighborhood or an unnamed Good Samaritan whose spirit touched our lives and made a difference.

As 2011 begins with a newly inducted Missouri House of Representatives and Senate; along with a new majority in the US House of Representatives, ***we are still seeking solutions to some of the same problems that plague our Nation.*** Maybe it is time we all get off this merry-go-round, engage ourselves and find solutions that are based on the ideals, convictions and spirit on which this great nation was founded.

The easy thing to do would be to sit in our own living rooms or stand on our preferred side of the aisle, thinking only of ourselves and our personal agendas; being stubborn and unwilling to engage in the real solutions.

But that isn't the American way. Let's stand up with the strength and courage of this great nation and challenge ourselves to put aside personal feelings and begin getting down to the work of finding real solutions for our community, state and nation.

It isn't enough just to sit on the sidelines and say, "someone else can do it" or "so and so is my representative and he/she represents my point of view" or "he/she is a great conservative". How do you know? What makes them a great conservative? Is there a litmus test?

We can't stand by and let lawmakers do it on their own. On every level, citizens need to stand up and be present amidst the decision making process that affect their families, communities and country.

No more sitting on the fence. It is time to get involved and sit at the table - because if you don't, you may not like what is served up, and then it will be too late.

Deb Fisher

**Republican Women's Club of St. Louis**

