



Republican Women's Club of St. Louis

To Educate, Empower and Engage Republican Women

So They Can Make a Difference in Their Communities

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Thank you for opening the e-mail. We have many articles for you this month. Thanks to **Susan Unger** for sponsoring this month's newsletter.

As we approach Independence Day, take a moment to reflect upon the bravery of the citizens who took up arms against the British soldiers and the amazing foresight of the Founding Fathers. I am not sure we could unite our citizenry in a similar effort today. Your work to maintain the principles upon which this country was founded is vitally important to our future.

I hope you can attend this month's meeting of the Republican Women's Club of St. Louis.

Sincerely,
Deborah Fisher
Newsletter Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are almost halfway through the year and even though we have the majority in the House of Representatives, *we are still seeking solutions to some of the same problems that plague our Nation.* Maybe it is time that we get off this merry-go-round and engage ourselves to find solutions based on the ideals, convictions and spirit on which this great Nation was based.

The easy thing to do would be to sit in our living rooms thinking only of ourselves and our personal agenda. But that isn't the American way. Let's stand up with the strength and courage of this great Nation and challenge ourselves to get down to the work of finding real solutions for our Community, State and Nation. It isn't enough to just say, "someone else will 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 cannot stand idly by and let lawmakers do this on their own. We need to stand up and be present on every level during the decision making process that affects us and our families.

The 2012 elections are fast approaching. We are enjoying a bit of "down" time before gearing up for these all important campaigns. We will need to be rested to attack and work even harder than we did in 2010. However, no more sitting on the fence. It is time to get involved and sit at the table. If you don't, you may not like what is served up and then it will be too late.

Sharon Barnes, President

JUNE MEETING

DATE: June 28, 2011

TIME: 11am - 12:30pm

PLACE: St. Louis County Library Auditorium
1640 S. Lindbergh (I64/40 and Lindbergh)

SPEAKER: Bev Randles, Board Member, Missouri Club for Growth



Bev Randles is also a lawyer and lifelong student of communication. Bev attended Murray State University in part on a writing scholarship. She graduated *cum laude* in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts in English (emphasis in creative writing) and a minor in political science. From 1994-1996, Bev worked for the English Language Institute of Murray State University as a grant writer where she received several grants on behalf of the Institute.

In 1999, Bev graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law. Upon graduation, she joined Shook, Hardy & Bacon's National Product Liability Division. During her years at Shook, Bev was a highly successful litigator and distinguished herself for her impeccable writing skills. She has drafted and argued many motions all over the country for the firm's largest clients and trained younger lawyers to do the same. Bev was also an active member of Shook's Diversity Committee. As a Diversity Committee member, she facilitated diversity training for other attorneys, recruited and mentored numerous diverse attorneys, and created liaisons between Shook and local law schools to increase the firm's pool of diverse candidates.

Bev is a member of the Board of Directors of the [Missouri Club for Growth](#). She is a member of the Missouri Advisory Council to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. She is also a member of the Pachyderm Club in the Kansas City area. Bev has given a number of speeches about how conservatives can attract minority and disenfranchised voters in the current political climate. Bev and Bill were the featured speakers for the Missouri State Pachyderm Federation at the 2010 Missouri Lincoln Days. Their topic was "Race and the GOP: A New Framework."

Hope to see you there. No reservations needed.

Republican Women's Club of St. Louis is pleased to offer:

**Coach Trip to
Abraham Lincoln Museum
Tuesday, July 19th**

Departing: Spazio's parking lot @ 8:45am
Arriving back in St. Louis: 5:00pm

***Cost: \$40 - RWC of StL members
\$60 - non-members****

***includes transportation to and from Springfield, IL and admission into the Museum.
all travelers must be over the age of 13

Bring your own lunch or purchase from Museum Café

All paid reservations must be received no later than June 30th.
Monies will not be collected the day of the event.

You may pay your reservation at our
May 24th or June 28th meeting

OR

Send checks made payable to RWC of St. Louis directly to
Jeanne Gosen, RWC of StL Treasurer
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**For more information contact Eileen Tyrrell, Program Chair @
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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 May, 2011:

No new members this month

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!!

THE ORIGIN OF THE REPUBLICAN ELEPHANT

From William Safire's "New Language of Politics"

by Sharon Barnes

I thought this was interesting and wanted to pass it along to you!!!



This symbol of the party was born in the imagination of cartoonist Thomas Nast and first appeared in Harper's Weekly on November 7, 1874. An 1860 issue of Railsplitter and an 1872 cartoon in Harper's Weekly connected elephants with Republicans, but it was Nast who provided the party with its symbol.

Oddly, two unconnected events led to the birth of the Republican Elephant. James Gordon Bennett's New York Herald raised the cry of "Caesarism" in connection with the possibility of a third term try for President Ulysses S. Grant. The issue was taken up by the Democrat politicians in 1874, halfway through Grant's second term and just before the midterm elections and helped disaffect Republican voters.

While the illustrated journals were depicting Grant wearing a crown, the Herald involved itself in another circulation-builder in an entirely different, nonpolitical area. This was the Central Park Menagerie Scare of 1874, a delightful hoax perpetrated by the Herald. They ran a story, totally untrue, that the animals in the zoo had broken loose and were roaming the wilds of New York's Central Park in search of prey.

Cartoonist Thomas Nast took the two examples of the Herald enterprise and put them together in a cartoon for Harper's Weekly. He showed an ass (symbolizing the Herald) wearing a lion's skin (the scary part of Caesarism) frightening away the animals in the forest (Central Park). The caption quoted a familiar fable: "An ass having put on a lion's skin roamed about in the forest and amused himself by frightening all the foolish animals he met within his wanderings."

One of the foolish animals in the cartoon was an elephant, representing the Republican vote - not the Party, the Republican vote - which was being frightened away from its normal ties by the phony scare of Caesarism. In a subsequent cartoon on November 21, 1874, after the election in which the Republicans did badly, Nast followed up the idea by showing the elephant in a trap, illustrating the way the Republican vote had been decoyed from its normal allegiance.

Other cartoonists picked up the symbol and the elephant soon ceased to be the vote and became the party itself; the jackass, now referred to as the donkey, made a natural transition from representing the Herald to representing the Democrat Party that had frightened the elephant.

FLAG ETIQUETTE

by Sally Owens



Those of you who did not attend the April meeting missed the presentation on Flag Etiquette. Here are some excerpts from the talk.

We give homage to the flag because it stands for the courageous, earnest and unselfish experiences of our people who have given us strength as a nation and pride as citizens.

We respect our flag because we have respect for our fellow citizens and because our love for country finds its center in our flag.

As Woodrow Wilson said on Flag Day in 1914: "The things that the flag stands for were created by the experiences of a great people. Everything that it stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history"

JUNE Birthdays



Harold Brunner June 1
Jean Russell June 1
Annie deLeon June 3
Rita Cornett June 5
Pamela Bocek June 9

Charlotte Fink June 9
Jeanne Gosen June 15
Geoffrey Barnes June 22
Gloria Fox June 24
Alyce Ficken June 27
Julie Yates June 27

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

Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendar with these Important Dates

June 10-12 MoFRW Convention, Hilton Airport, Kansas City
June 19 Father's Day
June 28 RWC of StL Meeting - Melanie Abrajano, MO Club for Growth
July 4 Independence Day
July 6 President George Bush Birthday
July 17 St. Louis City Republican Central Committee FREE Picnic
July 19 RWC of StL Coach Trip to Lincoln Museum, Springfield, IL
August 23 RWC of StL Meeting - Elise Kostial, Young Republicans
September 20 Panel Forum - 5:30pm - 7pm
October 25 Elections of Officers for 2012/2013
November 15 Annual Board Meeting - Committee Reports
December 6 Officers Installation - Annual Charity and Christmas Party

A Gift to the Fallen

A short poem by Charlie Gragg

by Sally Owens



For each soldier that has fallen so that many may stand
We honor their spirit as they pass to God's hand.
For without their sacrifice we would live forever in fear.
We pray for their loved ones, and provide and salute and a tear.
God help us heal the wounds of hate and the misery of war.
That is our gift to our fallen heroes that are amongst us no more.

Ellen Elmore meets Sarah Palin

by Sharon Barnes



Ellen Elmore, a member of our RWC of St. Louis, attended the Christian Women's Conference in Oklahoma City over the Palm Sunday weekend. There were over 8,000 women in attendance. Sarah Palin was the keynote speaker at the Friday night event. Ellen was fortunate enough to get a picture with her during a private reception!! The conference was called "Women of Joy" and was sponsored by the Phil Waldrep Ministries.

Missouri Precinct Project

MOPP

by Frieda Keough

I am part of a new initiative across the State of Missouri - the Missouri Precinct Project or MOPP. The goal of this program is to increase our voter turnout for Republicans. I am asking each of you to sign on to MOPP to walk your neighborhoods or precincts and determine who the conservative voters are. Then you can make sure they are registered to vote, educate them on our important conservative issues and make sure they do go vote!

There will be training sessions for volunteers. You will be given walking maps, voter data, door hangers, talking points and other educational materials. The first of these sessions will be June 25 from 10am-1pm at the Pillar in Chesterfield Valley.

Please seriously consider volunteering for this very important project. Our motto: "MOPP 'EM UP IN 2012!"

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

Panel Forum - September 20th 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Members, we have another interesting and thought-provoking forum slated for Tuesday, September 20th (note the meeting date and time change!!). The panelists will be discussing;

"Do Conservative Values Resonant with Voters in Local School Board Elections"?

More information soon to follow.

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

"Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music."
----- 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.

"Most gracious Heavenly Father, it is amazing that we can come before You this day and take a moment to turn our hearts toward You, honor You and give You glory. There is so much to thank You for today...so much that has come directly from Your hand into our lives. In spite of the troubles and trials we face personally and as a Nation, we are truly blessed. We live free. We each have the opportunity to walk in the liberty and dignity that flows from Your heart and shapes us as a people. If we listen, in this quiet moment, we can hear from on high and know that we are loved by You and that we can trust You because You are Good.

We humbly ask that you come and fill this place with Your presence. We ask for Your guidance on all that is discussed and accomplished here today. We pray for our Federation that we would stand with You and that You would cause us to be successful in the endeavors that matter most to You. We ask for unity of purpose and an increase in our numbers so that we may be a force for good in this great State.

We pray for our Country; that You will continue to protect the great calling You have on this Nation, that America will continue to be a light and a hope for all the peoples of the earth that seek to live free. You tell us to pray for our leaders that it may go well with us, so we are doing exactly that. We pray for our President and those who serve in authority over us. Give them wisdom. Bless them with understanding and give them success in dealing with the forces of evil that are seeking to destroy everything that makes us uniquely American.

We put our hope in You and ask that You move heaven and earth on our behalf to protect the concepts of democracy that inspired our Founding Fathers as they laid the foundation upon which this great Nation was birthed. Never let us take Your mercy poured out on us for granted.

We ask that You raise up fearless, gifted leaders across this Nation in every level of government...from the local school board and city council members all the way to the White House...who will passionately stand and articulately defend the ideals that make our Republican Party great. Let our victories be many and may we be known as a people who do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before our God.

We ask all of these things in the Name that is above every other name.

Amen"

From NFRW Prayer Book, Arizona

Thought For The Month

by Sharon Barnes

"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions and not upon our circumstances."

---- Martha Washington

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 Republican that sponsored the legislation for the Transcontinental Railroad? Bonus question: What Republican drove the golden spike to complete?

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