



# 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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It is the day after the Missouri Presidential Primary and the voter turnout was light. Although the Primary was nonbinding, it is important to take every opportunity to exercise our right to cast a vote. As I said, the results are nonbinding on the delegates however it is meaningful for the winning candidate. Rick Santorum paid respect to the citizens of our state by campaigning in the state and spending campaign dollars to share his vision with the voters. That deserves at least a trip to the polls, right?

Now, let me share my experience at my St. Louis City polling place. I can sum it up in one word: hostile. I am fairly confident all of the workers were Dems. They could hardly contain their disdain for a Republican ballot. While that may intimidate and discourage future voters, it makes me realize how important it is to make time to work at the polls--especially in the City. I thank Sharon Barnes and all of the other Republicans who met the challenge.

Each month I ask for ideas for the newsletter and I have very few takers so I am really at the mercy of the 28 of you (out of a distribution list of 125) who actually open the newsletter. Here I go again...

Click here if you have ideas for the newsletter? [Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions.](#)

Sincerely,

Deborah Fisher  
Newsletter Editor

## FROM THE PRESIDENT – Sharon Barnes

The holidays are over - trust yours was truly blessed with family and friends - so time to gear up and get back to work!!

This will be an exciting year in Republican politics - as well as crucial. It is going to take every single one of us working our hardest to be sure we get a Republican in the White House this November and a Republican in the Missouri Governor's mansion as well. We must work hard for our preferred candidate and then band together to back whoever our Republican candidates are after the primaries are over to insure overwhelming Republican victories. There can be NO excuses - any Republican is better than a Democrat.

I want to thank you for your overwhelming support of confidence in electing me to a second and final term as your President. It is pure joy to serve as your President. I eagerly look forward to each meeting to see and talk with each of you, get your ideas and suggestions on our direction and make plans for the future of Republicans and our Club.

There is much work to do -- but I am confident that Republican Women can get it done!

## FEBRUARY 28 MEETING

by Sharon Barnes



### Ed Martin for Missouri Attorney General

You will not want to miss this exciting meeting. Ed Martin, our Republican candidate to take the Attorney General's office, will be our featured speaker.

Ed Martin is a graduate of St. Louis University Law School and completed a one-year judicial internship with the Honorable Pasco M. Bowman II of the Federal Court of Appeals in the Eighth Circuit. He is an accomplished attorney with experience in taking on corrupt politicians like his successful suit against disgraced former Governor Rod Blagojevich. Ed closed down the ACORN office in the city of St. Louis while serving as the Chairman of the Board of Elections and even took on the state of Missouri to make sure taxpayer dollars were not used to fund abortions. Most recently, Ed has begun the STOP MOBAMCARE initiative by starting a petition on stopmobamacare.com to gain support against the implementation of Obamacare in Missouri through the opening of healthcare exchanges.

Ladies, I hope to see many of you at this meeting where you will have the opportunity to "Ask Ed Anything"! Our meeting will be at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters on Lindbergh just off I64. Our social time starts at 10:30am with the meeting at 11:00am. Come join many of us for lunch next door after the meeting.

## Engaging Young Voters

### The Cultural Commonality of Political Ideas

by Elise Kostial



Politics and political ideologies have permeated nearly every aspect of our lives. However, there are areas of our culture in which this should not be the case.

Over several editions of the newsletter, I have been outlining my ideas for engaging more young people in our party. This month I would like to discuss the "cultural commonality" of political ideas. I use the term "cultural commonality" for lack of a better one to describe the prevalence of an ideology in unlikely areas of our culture. Specifically, this is the subtle, or sometimes overt political message in movies, TV and radio shows, books, songs, games and other aspects of entertainment in our society.

A liberal bias appears to exist in entertainment, even in material directed at children. Actually, it seems the younger the target audience, the more overt the political message is. From Disney shows promoting labor unions and disparaging businesses owners, to animated movies denouncing private property rights, I have seen some surprising examples of political messaging in children's entertainment. Unfortunately, many children probably watch these shows without knowing they are infused with ideologies.

This subtle messaging undoubtedly effects the political views of young people by making the views presented appear common and even conventional. So, as conservatives, we need to provide balanced alternatives for parents and children. Children's entertainment without an agenda would provide a choice to a market currently lacking balance. While most people obviously do not have time to write books or screenplays, we can still make an impact in this area. There are companies trying to fill this void that are in need of support. Patronage and financial contributions as well as word-of-mouth promotion can improve this situation.

om in our educational system. This month, I would like to address another, equally important point: the manner in which our policy ideas are presented to young people.

To more effectively reach young people with our message, we must update its presentation. Our policy ideas, as good as they may be, cannot gain support without effective messaging. We need to show young people that our policies are cool and exciting. To do so, we should discuss issues that are important to young people. Specifically, we need to promote ideas with tangible goals that young people can see as beneficial, not only to themselves but to the community and the economy as well.

In the presentation of our ideas, however, we, as Republicans, have not been very effective. For example, environmental policy is an area where Democrats have very successfully presented their message to young people. Contrarily, Republicans are often seen as "anti-environmentalists". As this topic is very important to many young people, we must actively work to alter our image in this area.

Another aspect of presentation is the actual delivery of our message. We should present our ideas passionately and in terms young people can relate to. Serious or technical presentations, as informative as they may be, are not interesting or exciting to young people, and will not motivate them to action. However, passion is contagious.

Essentially, if young people see that our policies benefit them, are exciting, and are part of a larger scale goal, then more of them will consider our policies worth supporting.

## MoFRW Board Meeting Report

*by Sharon Barnes*



The 2012 MoFRW spring Board Meeting was held on Saturday, January 28, at the Truman Hotel, Jefferson City.

I was pleased to see members of our Club in attendance. This is a great opportunity to meet other Republican ladies from across the State as well as to see and to weigh in on how our State Federation is run. You do not have to be a board member to attend.

This was the first Board Meeting for your new State Officers. For those who may not know who they are, here is the list:

President	Kathy Chinn
1st VP	Tane' Schwartzmann
2nd VP	Sharon Barnes
Secretary	Nancy Franz
Treasurer	Jacqueline White

All of us are here to serve you - the members of the Missouri Federation of Republican Women. We went over last year's expenses and approved the budget for 2012. There were reports from Committee Chairs and the approval of the appointments of new Committee Chairs for the 2012/2013 term. There were workshops on duties of President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Membership. Breakfast and lunch were provided.

Great fellowship was had by all. I hope to see many more of you at our next meeting during the MoFRW Convention on June 9 here in St. Louis. Be sure to check your newsletter and emails for more information as it becomes available!!

## CAUCUS INFORMATION

### General Republican Caucus Info

by Sharon Barnes



The delegate selection process, as agreed to by the State Committee:

\*The County Caucuses will take place on March 17, 2012. (The St. Louis County caucuses will be by township and the St. Louis City caucus will be held on March 24, 2012.) These caucuses are open to any strong and faithful Republican who is residing and registered to vote in that county. Attendees will select delegates and alternates to the Congressional District Convention and Missouri State Convention. No delegates to the national convention are selected at this time. The number of delegates and alternates per county is determined by the Missouri Republican Party based upon the number of GOP votes cast in the last presidential election. The platform will also be discussed.

\* The Congressional District Convention will take place on April 21, 2012. (As Congressional Districts have changed, the MO Republican Party will call these caucuses.) At each of these 8 conventions, delegates chosen at the county level will select 3 delegates and 3 alternates to the National Convention and 1 presidential elector. The delegates and alternates will be required to declare allegiance to a candidate prior to the voting, and they will be bound to that candidate on the first ballot-unless they are released prior to the National Convention.

\*The Missouri State Convention will take place on June 2, 2012. At the convention (held at University Plaza in Springfield, MO), delegates chosen at the county level will vote on 25 at-large delegates and 25 at-large alternates to the National Convention and 2 at-large presidential electors. The delegates and alternates will be required to declare allegiance to a candidate prior to the voting, and they will be bound to that candidate on the first ballot-unless they are released prior to the National Convention.

In total, Missouri will have 52 delegates and 49 alternates to the Republican National Convention-24 selected at the congressional district caucuses, 25 selected at the state convention, and 1 delegate (but no alternate) for the state Party chairman, national committeeman and national committeewoman.

## Constitution Minute

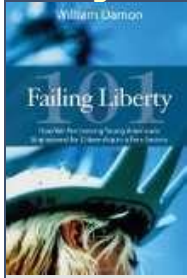
by Sharon Barnes



This will be a new feature in our monthly newsletter. Each of us should take a minute out of our busy schedules to learn more about our Constitution. Each month I will endeavor to put some tidbit about our Constitution in this space. If you would like to write the article for this section, please let me know as I would be THRILLED to have you do it!!!

The United States Constitution has 4,440 words. It is the oldest and shortest written constitution of any major government in the world. The word "democracy" does not appear even once in the Constitution.

## Failing Liberty 101



Below is a link to the page of the author that wrote this book that I spoke about at the meeting in January. I hope everyone will take the time to read this book. Maybe if we can reach our children and grandchildren with this knowledge, we can preserve liberty for the future.

The following is taken directly from the book's introduction:

"This book's message can be summed up in four assertions:

- A free society requires, for its very survival, a citizenry devoted in large part to moral and civic virtue.

When virtue loses its public footing, too few citizens accept the responsibilities necessary for sustaining liberty in that society.

In the United States today, we are failing to pass along essential moral and civic virtues to large segments of the youth population.

Unless we rectify this failure by placing a higher priority on educating young Americans for lives of moral and civic virtue, the nation will move away from liberty and toward despotism - and this movement will be both inevitable and astonishingly quick, perhaps within the space of a generation.

These are not imaginary or hyperbolic warnings. In recent times, most cultural influences on the young have become increasingly less conducive to the cultivation of civic virtue. As I discuss in the first chapter, permissiveness, indulgence and material inducement have replaced discipline and responsibility as the beacons of child rearing in too many contemporary American homes. Most media influences on today's young commonly emphasize the glittery attractions of celebrity and instant success. The famous figures celebrated in the public limelight are too likely to have chosen vice over virtue as their modes of operation. News stories about substance abuse, sexual scandals and financial chicanery among the eminent outnumber stores of service, courage or self-sacrifice by a margin too great to count.

What's more there is undeniable evidence of vanishing attention to civic and moral virtue among those who make US education policy."

[Failing Liberty 101](#)

Of course, we also need lots of prayer along with forgiveness for this nation.

Linda Boyd-Shell, Americanism Chair

## Calendar of Events

### Mark Your Calendar with these Important Dates

February 7	Republican Presidential Primary
February 7	Charles Dickens Birthday - 200th
February 12	Pres. Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 17-18	MoGOP Lincoln Days, Kansas City
February 20	President's Day
February 22	Pres. George Washington's Birthday
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 24	St. Charles Lincoln Days
February 28	RWC of St. Louis Meeting
March 3	St. Louis County Lincoln Days
March 6	MoFRW Legislative Day, Jefferson City
March 6	MoFRW Breckenridge Scholar Day, Jefferson City

## MILITARY BOXES

### We need donations

by Sharon Barnes



Ladies, we have become lazy with our donations for the military personnel stationed overseas. Please try to bring something to our next meeting that we can put in the boxes. These men and women are putting their lives on the line everyday to protect us from the evil that exists in this world. Be generous and thank you for your support. We are also looking for donations to cover the cost of shipping the boxes.



## FLAG ETIQUETTE

by Sharon Barnes



When displayed on the floor or on a platform, the flag is given the place of honor, always positioned behind the speaker and to the speaker's right with other flags, if any, at the speaker's left.

When displaying the flag against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the flag's union, the blue field, should be displayed with the union uppermost and to the observer's left.

The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously.

## JUST FOR FUN

by Sharon Barnes

Why, in winter, do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat??

## 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 God,

We thank You today for this great Country that offers us freedom of action, freedom to win, freedom to lose, freedom to express ourselves as we remain vigilant to protect and respect the rights of people everywhere.

Give us the wisdom to discern truth and justice as individuals, to support or advise the leaders of government at any level when opportunity is presented.

We especially pray that Your presence be felt as our elected representatives consult regarding the safety, honor and welfare of the people of our Country. Direct their judgement in faithful ways of service to our great Republic.

Enable us to listen with attention rather than inattention.

Enlighten us to our responsibility for the freedom we enjoy.

Enhance our ability to share, with love, our encounter with adventure.

God Bless America!

Amen.

Taken from the NFRW Prayer Book, Florida

## Thought For The Month

by Sharon Barnes

*Watch your thoughts; they become words.*

*Watch your words; they become actions.*

*Watch your actions; they become habits.*

*Watch your habits; they become character.*

*Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.*

## 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:

Where was the first meeting held where the name "Republican" was suggested for the Party name?