



The Tesson Times

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January Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 8th, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
School Cafeteria
Speaker: Rep. Mike Leara



The January 8th meeting will be held in the school cafeteria at **Abiding Savior Lutheran Church at 4355 Butler Hill Road**. This is north of the Schnucks shopping center at Highway 55 and Butler Hill Road. The cafeteria is located on the lower level of the church and is accessible by elevator. Park in the back of the church to enter.

Our speaker, State Representative Mike Leara will update us on the issues that will be addressed in the 2015 Missouri legislature. Be sure to join us for an informative and enjoyable evening.



Highlights from the December Meeting

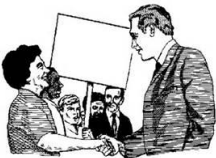
The TFTRC ended 2014 on a festive, light-hearted note. We celebrated Christmas with Santa this year. All who attended our December meeting were treated to delicious treats and *everyone* received a special gift from St. Nick. We also enjoyed raffle drawings, games and songs led by an accordion player. Our 2015 board members were sworn in to office by Rep. Leara. Many thanks go to Earlene Judd, Mary Ellen Murphy for planning this event. Thanks also to the board members who help to decorate, set up the refreshments and clean up afterwards.

We also gained four new members. That means that 2014 membership tied our highest membership record.



**Register for
Reagan-Lincoln Days
Kansas City Marriott
February 20th – 22nd, 2015**

Now is the time to make those reservations for the Missouri Reagan-Lincoln Days to be held in Kansas City from February 20th -22nd. The attached registration form can give you the tentative schedule of events, the cost for meals and contact information.



**Elect the Right Candidates
on April 7th**

Happy New Year! Our attention and focus turns to the April 7th elections. Our own Jamey Murphy is running for Mehlville School Board. To write a check to help him it is: "Murphy for Missouri", 6851 Bear Creek, St. Louis, MO 63129. His number is 795-5436.

Back Kate Holloway for Lindbergh School Board. She has done a great job. She can be reached at 578-3659. We must work to re-elect Bonnie Stegman to the Mehlville Fire Board. I'll get you information on her campaign as we proceed. When we learn the date for the 6th County Council seat election I will let you know. By working together we will have a sweeping victory in April.

Please use the enclosed form to join or rejoin TFTRC. I've been doing personal mailings for membership. I urge you to do the same. If we all work together 2015 will be a great year for TFTRC and the GOP.

John Judd - Committeeman

Time to Renew Those Memberships

Don't delay, It's time to renew our memberships for 2015. A single membership is still only \$20/year and a family membership remains \$30/year. With everything else inflating, what better value can you find? The membership form is attached.



Save the Date!

The spring fundraiser will be Sunday, April 26th, 2015 at the Genesis Banquet Hall. 2651 Telegraph Road. We always enjoy a good speaker, delicious food and fun people. We also need people who are willing to help with this event, either in planning or in donating items for the silent auction. If you can help in either capacity, please contact Dan Ried at 845-2762.



Looking Back on 2014

The end of the year is always a time for looking back at the past twelve months and reflecting on successes and failures. 2014 had a little of both for the TFTRC. The club increased its membership this year and we're happy to see new faces at our meetings as well as on our board. We had a successful ROY Banquet in April featuring Catherine Hanaway as our speaker. The July Republican picnic at Cliff Cave Park included six townships with over 200 people attending: another record. We found a new meeting place at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church which offers us a quieter, more private setting for our meetings. The 2014 election resulted in all four state representatives who represent the different parts of our township being Republicans. We also had a strong Republican candidate for St. Louis County Executive who barely lost. The Missouri Constitutional amendments also went well. We defeated early voting and the loss of local control of school districts. We now have the means to force the governor to do his job and we have the means to better prosecute serial sex offenders. Members of the TFTRC can be proud of their contributions to these efforts.

On the national level, the GOP made outstanding gains from the federal level down to the local levels. This was largely a protest vote against the failed policies of this administration. Republicans need to take this opportunity to turn back the tide of unfettered government rather than resting on their laurels. They need to educate the public regarding the failures of large government and socialism. They also need to show how conservative policies are consistently successful. 2015 is a year for hard work.

So what can we do in 2015? We need your participation and ideas. If you haven't done so, please renew your membership. If you have a topic you would like to be addressed in one of our meetings, please let one of our board members know. We are open to your suggestions. The spring fundraiser will be here sooner than you think and we need lots of helping hands. And always stay informed and stay in touch with your elected officials.



Coming Events

- **Thursday, January 8th**, 7:00 pm, regular meeting of TRTRC at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 4355 Butler Hill Road, (school cafeteria).
- **Monday, January 26th**, 7:00 pm, board meeting at Jim Murphy's home.
- **Friday-Sunday, February 20-22, 2015**, Missouri State Lincoln Days, downtown Kansas City Marriott Hotel.
- **Sunday, April 26th, 2015**, TFTRC spring fundraising banquet at Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph Road.

Good Books to Read



January is the perfect month to catch up on your reading “to-do” list. *The Means* by Douglas Brunt is a fast-moving and entertaining novel: something to take your mind off the news of the day. It focuses on two presidential candidates and an investigative reporter who plays a critical role in the outcome of the election. *The Means* delves into the politics of shaping and reporting the news: something described in great depth in Sharyl Attikisson's book *Stonewalled*. There's a number of twists and turns in the plot that will keep you engaged through the last page. Check it out at St. Louis County Library.

If you enjoy history, check out *Standing on a Volcano: the life and times of David Rowland Francis* by Harper Barnes. This book was published in 2001, but you might have missed it on the best-seller lists because it is the biography of a man who was prominent in St. Louis and Missouri history in the late 1800's through the early 1900's.; not someone we commonly remember today. Francis Park in St. Louis Hills is named after him and the land was actually donated by him personally. He was an extremely successful businessman, the youngest mayor of St. Louis, the only St. Louis mayor to be elected governor of Missouri and the head of the 1904 St. Louis world's fair. He was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to be ambassador to Russia during the First World War. During this time he witnessed the Russian revolution first-hand. In fact a major part of the book focuses on his time in Russia which was constantly in a state of turmoil and confusion. This book is enjoyable reading for several reasons. It is well-written; David Francis led an interesting life and there's a lot of St. Louis history woven throughout the book. You'll run across a lot of interesting facts here. This is available through St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor



Will This Never End?

So after six years of this administration, we have record low work force participation. The middle class is shrinking and household income is stagnating at best. Racial tension is at an all-time high. Our national borders are a joke and our foreign policy has alienated long-time allies, and rewarded our enemies. Our national debt has sky-rocketed. Our health insurance costs have risen dramatically without a corresponding increase in the number of people actually insured. The Keystone pipeline is blocked by a president who values environmentalist ideology over jobs and an improved quality of life for Americans. Other EPA mandates will impose significant additional costs for electric utilities that will be passed on to their customers. At this point, this president has nothing left to lose since the mid-terms are history. He's hell-bent on pushing his leftist agenda as far as he can through executive orders and the Republicans appear to have little desire to stop him. The worst part is that we have two more years of this. Let's hope that something changes in this picture.

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