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February 2016 Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 11th, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
4355 Butler Hill Road , Cafeteria
Forum: Mehlville School Board Candidates



Our regular meeting will be 7:00 pm on February 11th at Abiding Savior Lutheran church, 4355 Butler Hill Road. (North of the Schnucks shopping center at Highway 55 and Butler Hill Road.) Come meet the Mehlville School Board candidates this evening and ask them any questions you might have. Our meeting room is located on the lower level of the church and is accessible by elevator. Park in the back of the church.



January Meeting Highlights

Club VP David Gregory introduced the new board officers. School board candidates for the Mehlville and Lindbergh school districts will speak at the February and March meetings. Committeeman John Judd spotlighted the coming events of early 2016. See the *Coming Events* section of the newsletter for the current list. The Missouri Lincoln Days will be in St. Louis February 26-28th at the Sheraton Westport Chalet. The registration fee before the event is \$30 and is \$35 if you register at the hotel. This is an excellent place to meet the candidates for state office and to network with fellow Republicans. The St. Louis County Lincoln-Reagan Days banquet is March 12th at Orlando Gardens North. If you are interested in attending, let John Judd know so that Tesson members can sit at the same table. You won't want to miss the Presidential Preference Primary on Tuesday, March 15th and the Tesson Ferry township caucus on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 am at Concord Church. More details will come as the events draw closer.



Missouri Lincoln Days 2016

The Missouri Lincoln Days are Friday February 26th through Sunday February 28th. The event will be held at the Sheraton Westport Hotel at the corner of I-270 and Page Boulevard. Visit www.mogop.org. When you get to the website you'll see "Lincoln Days Registration is now open." Then click on *Register Today* to merely get more information. The website www.lincolndays.missouri.gop is being constructed. Also follow #LDMO16. Please call John Judd if you have any questions. (Phone: 314-416-4605)

Sales Tax on St. Louis County Ballot



For your information, the following wording is a St. Louis County-wide sales tax.

Shall St. Louis County continue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer? Rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide vital services for St. Louis County and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers.



And Here's the Mehlville Sales Tax

Mehlville School District voters will also decide whether to continue a 4-cent sales tax that was due to expire. Of course this will not be marketed as a tax increase, but when your taxes were supposed to go down and they don't, it's still money out of your pocket. You can judge for yourself whether the tax is justified and vote accordingly.



Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner Saturday, March 12, 2016

The annual St. Louis County Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner will be Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Orlando Gardens (North), 2050 Dorsett Village, St. Louis, MO 63043. The theme of this year's dinner is "Reclaiming America: The Final Countdown." Marc Cox, radio host at FM97.1 will be Master of Ceremonies. The doors open at 6:00 pm. Prices for this event go up as time passes so register early. A registration form for the dinner is attached. If you are interested in attending this event, give John Judd a call at 416-4605 so that members of TFTRC can sit together.

Larry Connors Keynote Speaker at ROY Dinner April 17th, 2016



This year's Republican of the Year award dinner will be April 17th, 2016. St. Louis TV and radio personality Larry Connors will be the keynote speaker at the event which will be held at Andre's South Banquet Center, 4254 Telegraph Road. Christy Hessel, newsletter editor for the TFTRC will be honored as Republican of the Year. The cost will be \$30 per person, which includes an open bar and buffet dinner. Doors will open at 5:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. There will be a silent auction as well.

Coming Events

- **Thursday, February 11th, 7:00 pm**, TFTRC meeting, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 4355 Butler Hill Rd.
- **Wednesday, February 17th, 6:30 pm**. Faith-Based Voters club, Pauline Bookstore, 9804 Watson Road.
- **Monday, February 22nd, 7:00 pm**, TFTRC board meeting.
- **Friday, February 26-Sunday, February 28th**, Missouri Lincoln Days, Sheraton Westport Chalet, St. Louis, MO.
- **Saturday, March 12th, 2016**- STL County Lincoln Days Dinner at Orlando Gardens-North, Mark Cox will emcee.
- **Tuesday, March 15th**, Presidential Preference Primary.
- **Saturday, April 9th, 2016, 10:00 am**, Tesson Ferry Township caucus, Concord Church, 13775 Tesson Ferry Road.
- **Sunday, April 17th, 2016**. ROY fundraiser banquet, Andre's South Banquet Center.

- **Wednesday, April 20th**, Republican gubernatorial candidates debate, St. Charles, MO.
- **Saturday, April 30th**, 2nd Congressional Caucus, Parkway West High School.
- **Saturday, May 21st**, State Convention, Branson, Missouri.

MSD Has Bond Election and Tax Hike Proposals for April 5th Ballot



For your information, the following are St. Louis County-wide ballot propositions.

Tax Proposition.

Shall the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) impose a Storm water Operations and Maintenance property tax upon all real and tangible personal property within the district at a rate of not more than Ten Cents (\$0.10) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation for the purpose of providing revenue for the operations of the district's storm water utility, including storm water system operation and maintenance, rehabilitation and limited construction of infrastructure and other capital improvements and an operating reserve?

If this proposition is approved, MSD will repeal (a) the existing storm water operations and maintenance property tax of approximately Seven Cents (\$0.07) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation that is imposed on property within the original boundaries of MSD, as defined in the MSD Charter, and within the annexed areas described in MSD Ordinance No. 3753, and (b) the existing monthly 24-Cent or 18-Cent storm water service charge that is imposed on each MSD customer account. As a result, a uniform district-wide storm water revenue system for operations, maintenance, and limited capital improvements will be in place.

Bond Proposition.

To comply with federal and state clean water requirements, shall The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) issue its sewer revenue bonds in the amount of Nine Hundred Million Dollars (\$900,000,000) for the purpose of designing, constructing, improving, renovating, repairing, replacing and equipping new and existing MSD sewer and drainage facilities and systems, including sewage treatment and disposal plants, sanitary sewers, and acquisition of easements and real property related thereto, the cost of operation and maintenance of said facilities and systems and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by MSD from the operation of its wastewater sewer system, including all future extensions and improvements thereto?

In Memory of Dorothy Davis, Member of TFTRC

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Mrs. Dorothy Davis, wife of recently deceased member Jerome Davis, died on December 26th. Mrs. Davis was an accomplished actress in St. Louis theatre groups and active in her church and educational groups. We mark the passing of another vibrant member of our community.



Good Book to Read

The Middle East seems to dominate world news nowadays with Israel at the center of much of it. Michael Oren's book *Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide* gives a first-hand memoir of his time as Israel's ambassador to the United States from 2009 to 2013. Oren has a special relationship with both countries. Born and raised in New Jersey and educated at Columbia University and Princeton University, he emigrated to Israel as a young man and served in the Israeli Defense Force. He taught history at universities in both Israel and the United States and has written three history books on different periods of Israel's history. *Ally* is a fast-moving account of the many frustrations, misunderstandings and negotiations that took place between leaders of the United States and Israel during Oren's term as ambassador. Ever the diplomat, he presents the people involved in a consistently positive light, possibly because the book was reviewed by Israel's Military Censor as well as a review committee of representatives of the Defense Justice and Foreign Ministries. I had the feeling that he didn't want to "rock the boat" in anything he wrote. This was a well-written, insightful book regarding a key nation in a tumultuous part of the world. Check it out at St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

Josh Hawley to Address Faith-Based Voter's Club

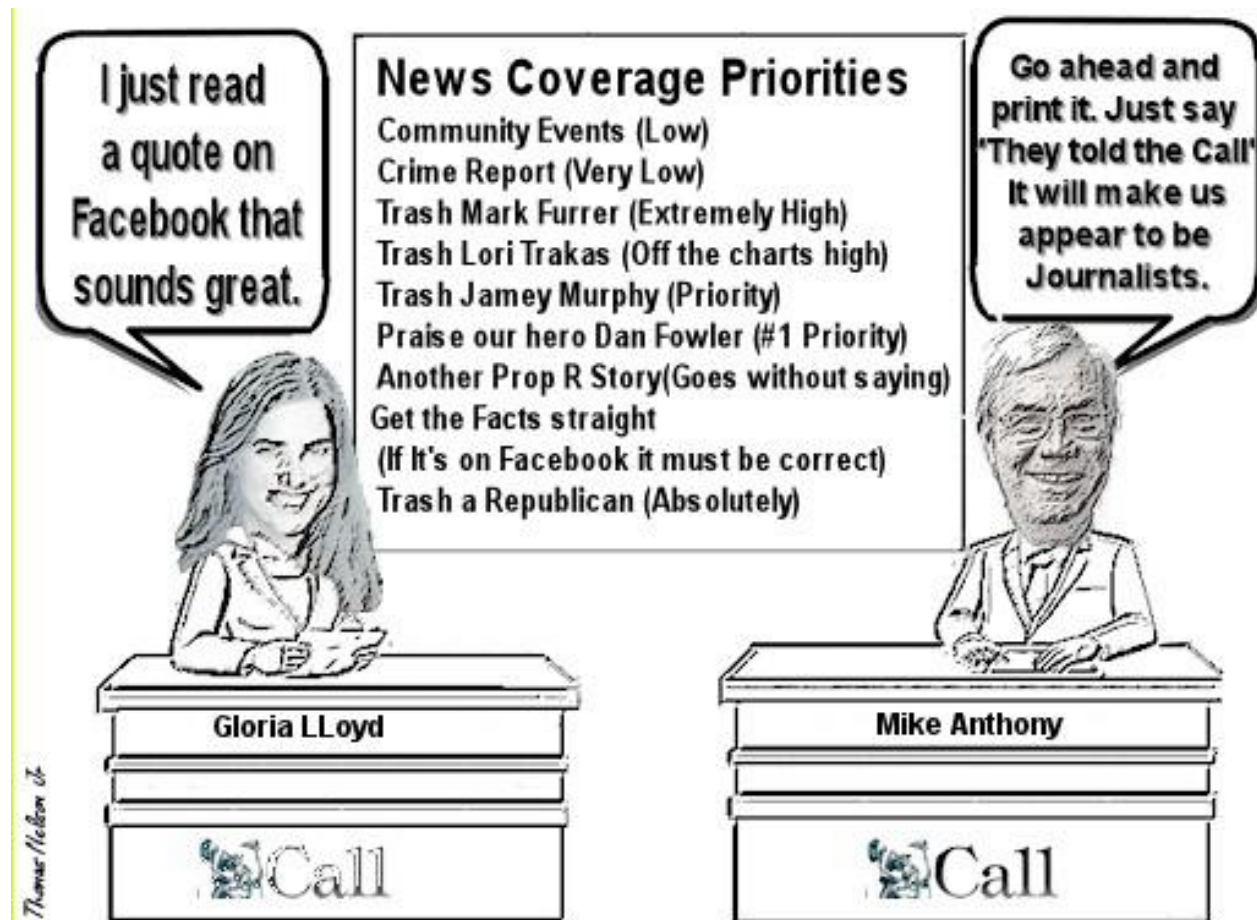


Due to a scheduling change, Josh Hawley Republican primary candidate for Attorney General will be addressing the Faith-Based Voters Club on Wednesday, February 17th. The club meets at the Daughters of St. Paul Book Store, 9804 Watson Road across from Shop & Save and Walgreens. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm. Enter the lower level of the bookstore through the back entrance..



Poor Richard's Alternative Almanac

In the tradition of founding father Benjamin Franklin, *The Tesson Times* is presenting a new column: "Poor Richard's Alternative Almanac" which features an alternative view of local events as presented in *The Concord Call*. In our first vignette we see how a FaceBook entry by Jamey Murphy is presented as some kind of interview. Really?



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Looking for Club Officers



The TFTRC will be electing a new club treasurer and sergeant-at-arms in the February meeting. If you would like to be considered for one of these offices, please contact Dan Ried at 845-2762.



It's About Freedom

With all the problems facing our country, it's easy to lose sight of what is most important. Debates focus on immigration, "women's issues" and national debt. But our founding fathers focused on freedom. They fought a bloody war to establish a national government that was kept within tightly established boundaries. Over the years this same government has morphed into a bloated, inefficient bureaucracy with a majority of our citizenry dependent upon it for handouts. The sorry little secret is that we lose more of our freedom the more we depend on government.

Remember the images of Iraqi people proudly displaying their purple fingers after they had cast their votes in their first free election? Sad to say it was probably one of their last. In sorry contrast, people in this country treat presidential elections as if they were selecting a homecoming king or queen. Recently I heard someone say "If the presidential race is between Trump and Hillary, I just won't vote for president." My head wanted to explode. This is the dumbest statement a person in a democracy can make. Our veterans fought for this right to vote and it's an insult to their sacrifice when we dismiss it for such superficial complaints.

If you were in legal trouble and were in need of a lawyer, would you refrain from hiring one because you didn't like their personality, appearance or hair? Would your legal troubles disappear because your high standards for a lawyer kept you from hiring *anyone*? Well our country is in a **lot** of trouble and we are in the process of hiring a new chief executive. All of us have been less than thrilled with candidates and yes, withholding your vote is indeed your choice. But if you're not up to the task of voting, someone else will do the job for you. Do you want to let someone else vote away your

freedom? Every four years we have a flood of ill-informed voters who flood the polls to vote for candidates promising them the most government hand-outs. As they demand more freebies, your freedom is slipping away ever so gradually. Now if you are okay with those priorities, sit on your duff on Election Day. Otherwise man up, act like a mature adult and take responsibility for your freedom.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor



Renew Your Memberships

Folks, it's time to renew your membership for 2016. A single membership is still only \$20/year and a family membership remains \$30/year. What better value can you find for the money? A membership form is attached. Send your completed membership form and check to John Judd, 4769 Cactus Wren Court, STL, 63128. Make the check out to TFTRC.

Quote of the Month

It is our passivity that encourages the abuses of power by the other side. ... We Americans now need fresh thinking and new types of action, and most of all the political virtue of courage.

Dinesh D'Souza, *Stealing America*

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