



The Tesson Times

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March 15th - Presidential Preference Primary

March 2016 Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 10th, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
4355 Butler Hill Road , Cafeteria
Speaker: Ryan Johnson- MO Alliance for Freedom



Our speaker for March is Ryan Johnson from the Missouri Alliance for Freedom. Our regular meeting will be 7:00 pm on March 10th at Abiding Savior Lutheran church, 4355 Butler Hill Road. (North of the Schnucks shopping center at Highway 55 and Butler Hill Road.) Our meeting room is located on the lower level of the church and is accessible by elevator. Park in the back of the church.



February Meeting Highlights

Mehlville Fire District chief Ed Ryan addressed the group regarding Proposition S. Please see the wording of the proposition in this newsletter. Ed explained that the purpose of this proposition is to allow the fire board greater flexibility and efficiency in spending and budgeting. We were happy to see Ed's wife Maryann walk into the meeting. As you remember, Maryann was hit by a bicyclist while she was walking on Grant's Trail early last June. She suffered life-threatening head injuries and her recovery is truly miraculous. Ed and Maryann thank all of you for your prayers and support. Ed also referred to the "Better Together" project for the St. Louis metro area. Their most recent fire protection report recommended 24 additional fire stations for the St. Louis County area with 1255 new hires. This would be something paid for on a

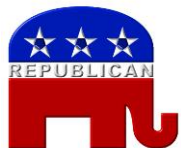
county-wide basis. To see this report online go to www.bettertogetherstl.com and click on the Regional Comparison tab. On the left side click on “Public Safety” and from there go to “Fire Protection” and click on the more recent report.

Mr, Kevin Schartner, candidate for Mehlville School District Board, addressed the group. Kevin and his wife have two school-age children in the Mehlville schools. He has an advanced degree in electrical engineering and was an employee of Anheuser-Busch for 14 years before his current position as Continuous Improvement Program Manager for Ameren. He was active in the campaign supporting Proposition R last fall because he felt that the Mehlville School District was “on the edge” and he supports passage of Proposition A this April. He ran for this office because he wants to see the money spent as it was promised and he wants academic excellence in this district. Kevin describes himself as “fiscally conservative and socially moderate” when it comes to values issues such as abortion, traditional marriage and second amendment rights. Please visit Kevin’s website: www.KevinSchartner.com for more information.

Mehlville School Board incumbent Lori Trakas was unable to attend the TFTRC meeting because the school board scheduled a working meeting on the same date. Lori’s husband Ernie addressed the group. Lori has a proven record as a conservative voice on the board. She has consistently supported fiscal responsibility, transparency and accountability. Later in the meeting, the group voted to endorse Lori and to donate \$200 to her campaign.

The group voted Matt Chellis to be Sergeant-at-Arms for 2016 and President Dan Ried appointed John Judd to be Treasurer for a temporary term of 90 days until a new Treasurer can be elected to fill this position.

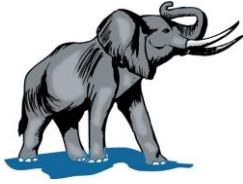
Committeeman John Judd updated the group about a number of upcoming events: (1) the March 12th St. Louis County Lincoln/Reagan Days banquet; (2) the March 15th Presidential Preference Primary; (3) the April 9th township caucus; (4) the April 17th ROY banquet; and (5) the April 24th Republican governor candidates debate. These events are described in further detail in other articles included in this newsletter.



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.



Choosing a President

The Missouri Presidential Preference Primary is Tuesday, March 15th. So much depends upon the results of all the primary elections and ultimately the presidential election in November. The next president could select up to four Supreme Court justices. He or she will be dealing with a fine mess of domestic debt and a foreign policy run amok. Ultimately it boils down to one thing: will this person defend your freedom or shrink it? Visit the website Conservative Review which has a wealth of information on the Republican candidates. This website has a comparison chart with all the candidates. For the sake of brevity here are the results of Cruz, Rubio and Trump.

[\(https://www.conservativereview.com/2016-presidential-candidates/\)](https://www.conservativereview.com/2016-presidential-candidates/)

	Cruz	Rubio	Trump
1. Budget, Spending & Debt	Good	Good	Mixed
2. Civil Liberties	Good	Mixed	Bad
3. Education	Good	Good	Good
4. Energy & Environment	Good	Good	Good
5. Foreign Policy & Defense	Good	Mixed	Good
6. Free Market	Mixed	Mixed	Bad
7. Health Care & Entitlements	Good	Good	Bad
8. Immigration	Good	Good	Mixed
9. Moral Issues	Good	Good	Mixed
10. Second Amendment	Good	Good	Mixed
11. Taxes, Economy & Trade	Good	Good	Mixed

Voting for Club Treasurer

The TFTRC will be voting for a club treasurer in its March meeting. If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact Dan Ried at 845-2762.

St. Louis County Sales Tax Wording

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.

Proposition “A” – Mehlville Sales Tax

Mehlville School District voters will decide whether to continue a 4-cent sales tax that was due to expire. The key word is **increase**. Here is the wording you will find on your ballot.

PROPOSITION A

Shall the Board of Education of the Mehlville R-9 School District, St. Louis County, Missouri, be authorized to increase the operating tax levy of the District by \$0.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the next ten years (10 year period of 2016 through 2025) for the purpose of paying costs of the repair and replacement of roofs and HVAC systems resulting in the estimated total tax levy of the District remaining unchanged due to an expected reduction of \$0.04 per \$100 of assessed valuation to the debt service levy of the District? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating levy of the District is estimated to be \$4.2288 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Prop “S” - Mehlville Fire District Tax Change

PROPOSITION S

Shall the Board of Directors of the Mehlville Fire Protection District be authorized to abolish the Alarm levy, reducing the authorized tax levy five cents (5 cents), while increasing the General Revenue authorized tax levy by five cents (5 cents) per one hundred dollars assessed valuation as a cost saving measure to simplify and streamline accounting procedures of the District? If this proposition is approved by a majority of the voters, the overall authorized tax levy will remain the same and there will be no reduction in service.

The Tesson Times will be mailed by US Postal Service only to TFTRC members who requested it and whose dues are paid. After you read this newsletter, please pass it on to a neighbor or friend. The opinions printed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Tesson Ferry Township Republican Club, but those of individual writers. Paid for the Tesson Ferry Township Republican Club, John Judd, Treasurer and not authorized by any candidate or candidate committee

MSD Bond Election and Tax Hike

Proposals for April 5th Ballot

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?



Silent Auction Items Needed

You can help the April 17th Spring Fundraiser by donating items to the silent auction. Use your creativity in thinking of things people might be interested in bidding on. If you have items to donate to the auction, please contact Jim Murphy at 314-603-9253.

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



St. Louis broadcast celebrity Larry Connors will be the featured speaker at the Tesson Ferry Township Republican Club's annual spring fundraiser. Connors is currently executive producer and host of Larry Connors USA, a three-hour talk show on KTRS-550. He is best known as a news anchor on local TV from 1975 to 2014 where he covered every major story in the St. Louis region. He has received numerous awards from a wide variety of groups and has given back to the community through various charities, foundations and fund-raisers for veterans and first responders. He also served his country in the Marine Corps.

Christy Hessel will be recognized as the 2016 "Republican of the Year". Hessel has been newsletter editor for the club since 2013. She been a computer programmer most of her career and has served as a volunteer for her church and the Republican club.

This year's event will be held at the Andre's South Banquet Center, 4254 Telegraph Road, on Sunday, April 17th. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., to be followed by the program. Cost per person is only \$30.00, which includes a buffet dinner and open bar. There also will be a silent auction. Checks for the event should be made payable to the Tesson Ferry Township Republican Club and mailed to 4769 Cactus Wren Court, St. Louis, MO 63128. For more information, contact program chair Earlene Judd at 314-416-4605.

Coming Events

- **Thursday, March 10th, 7:00 pm**, TFTRC meeting, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.
- **Saturday, March 12th,2016**- STL County Lincoln Days Dinner at Orlando Gardens-North, Mark Cox will emcee.
- **Tuesday, March 15th**, Presidential Preference Primary.
- **Monday, March 28th, 7:00 pm.**, TFTRC board meeting.
- **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.
- **Sunday, April 24th, 7:00 pm**, Missouri Republican governor candidates debate at Lindenwood University.
- **Saturday, April 30th**, 2nd Congressional Caucus, Parkway West High School.
- **Saturday, May 21st**, State Convention, Branson, Missouri.



April 9th - 10:00 am Caucus at Concord Church

You won't want to miss the April 9th Tesson Ferry Township Republican caucus to be held at Concord Church, 13775 Tesson Ferry Road. Doors open at 9:00 am and will be closed at exactly 10:00 am. That means that you must be in line by 10:00 in order to be admitted. There are a number of important issues to be decided regarding the 2016 presidential election as well as the Republican Party platform.

Republican Governor Candidates Debate – April 24th



The St. Louis and St. Charles County Central Committees are hosting a debate for our gubernatorial candidates on April 24, 2016 at Lindenwood University's auditorium, 2300 W. Clay, St. Charles MO 63301. Plan to arrive well before the 6:30 pm starting time. Our candidates are: Eric Greitens, Catherine Hanaway, John Brunner and Peter Kinder. You can get your free ticket after March 1st at the FM Newstalk 97.1 website or at Lindenwood University's website. Plan to get your ticket early as we hope to fill the place. The website for more information is www.GovernorForum.gov. We hope to see you there.

John Judd - Committeeman



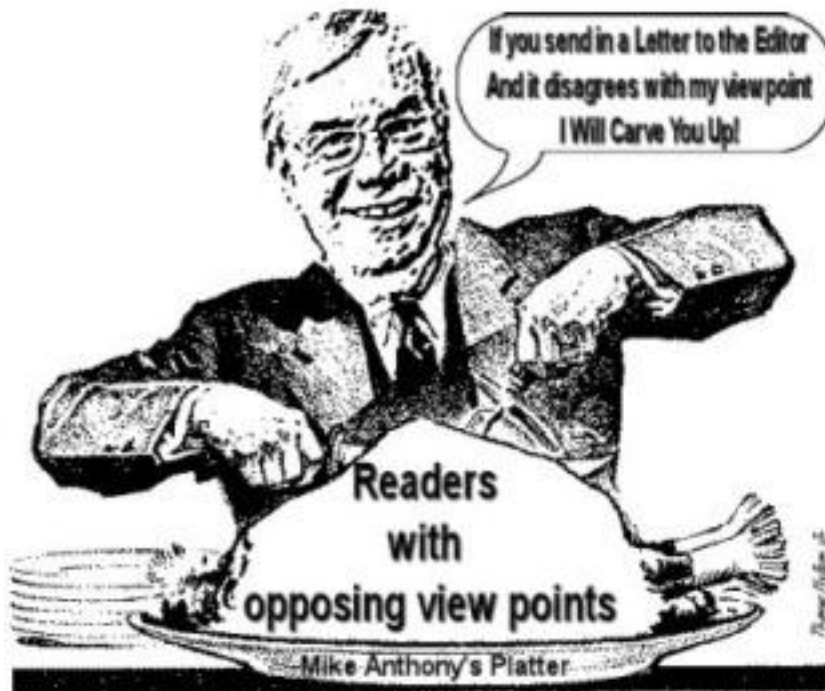
Dr. Randy Jotte Announces Candidacy for Missouri State Senate Seat

Dr. Randy Jotte has announced his candidacy for the 1st District Missouri Senate seat. He will be opposing incumbent state senator Scott Sifton (D). Dr. Jotte is an emergency room physician at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and an associate professor of Emergency Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine. You won't want to miss our May 12th meeting when he will be our featured speaker. Dr. Jotte is a man of impressive accomplishments and the highest integrity coupled with humility. We're thrilled to see him run for this seat.



Poor Richard's Alternative Almanac

Call Newspaper's Editorial Policy



When reader Sue Jernigan submitted her letter to the editor entitled "Mehlville Political Machine Unleashes Chicago-Style Politics Here", *The Concord Call* editor Mike Anthony couldn't let readers think for themselves. In his usual partisan way he wrote a rebuttal to her letter; a highly unusual action for a newspaper editor to take. Could this be his way of drawing attention away from the fact that Mehlville School District announced that the \$8 million deficit did not materialize even though none of Proposition R has taken effect?

Renew Your Memberships

If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership for 2016. A single membership is still only \$20/year and a family membership remains \$30/year. 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

What distinguishes the rule of law from the dictatorship of a shifting Supreme Court majority is the absolutely indispensable requirement that judicial opinions be grounded in consistently applied principle.

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

Good Book to Read



Dinesh D’Souza’s latest book *Stealing America* is the one book voters need to read before the 2016 election. As an immigrant to the United States from India, D’Souza has a profound appreciation of the freedom and wealth that Americans take for granted. He has written a number of best-selling books and produced two hit movies including *Obama’s America: Unmaking the American Dream*. This movie put him on Obama’s hit list. In his desire to help a college friend in her 2012 campaign for a senate seat, D’Souza broke campaign finance laws by contributing over the donor limits. He readily admitted his guilt, but it set him up for major problems with the Obama “justice” department. As a result, D’Souza was fined and sentenced to eight months in a detention center in Los Angeles. He used this experience to write an insightful, hard-hitting book about the mentality of gangs; however the biggest gangs are not in confinement centers, they’re running our government. He equates the world-view of gang members to that of progressives who are basically shaking down the American people to benefit themselves. He summarizes Saul Alinsky’s radical influence on Obama and Hillary Clinton and where this is ultimately leading. D’Souza’s humor coupled with his gift for writing make this a book that is hard to put down. Check it out at the St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

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