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May Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 14th, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
School Cafeteria



Our May 14^h 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.



Eric Greitens and Jim Lembke at ROY banquet.

Greitens and Lembke Shine at ROY Fundraiser

The April 26th Republican of the Year fundraiser had record-breaking attendance at the Genesis Banquet Center. Senator Eric Schmitt presented former state senator Jim Lembke with a plaque recognizing him as the TFTRC 2015 Republican of the Year. Emcee Carl Hendrickson kept the program moving on a light-hearted, entertaining manner. Keynote speaker, Eric Greitens captivated the crowd with his compelling message of personal courage, involvement and service to the community. Greitens is a former SEAL who earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart while serving in Iraq. After leaving the service he formed "The Mission Continues", an organization that helps

veterans continue to be of service to their community through their work and volunteer activities. Jim Lembke served as a Missouri state representative and state senator. He is known for his tireless work and his devotion to his family, friends and community. He is currently serving as Chief of Staff for state senator Rob Schaaf.

In addition to Sen. Eric Schmitt, numerous elected officials from the state and local level were present including senator Will Kraus and representatives Cloria Brown, Marsha Haefner, Mike Leara, John McCaherty and Andrew Koenig . To see more pictures of the banquet visit: <http://www.tfrepUBLICanclub.com/>.



April Meeting Highlights

Representative Cloria Brown updated the group regarding legislation that has passed the Missouri House of Representatives. Here are some of the more notable bills.

- **Worker Freedom Legislation** – (Right to Work) Gives workers the freedom to choose whether to join a union.
- **Voter ID** – Two pieces of legislation – a proposed constitutional amendment and the other a statutory change – that would put in place a requirement designed to protect the integrity of the election process by requiring voters to show photo ID before voting.
- **FY 2016 State Operating Budget** - \$26.1 billion budget that increases funding for K-12 education by \$75 million to take total funding for public schools to the highest level in state history. Cuts governor’s travel budget.
- **Unemployment Reform** – Makes 13 weeks the norm. Ties unemployment benefits to the unemployment rate and requires the unemployment fund to have more cash on hand.
- **End Notification by Audit** – This bill ends the process of notifying businesses of previous tax law changes at the time they are being audited.
- **Protection of Religious Freedom of College Students** – Protects student organizations from being kicked off college campuses for their religious beliefs.
- **Hospital Disclosure Requirement** – To ensure that people understand that “observation status” is not the same as “admission status” when staying at a hospital. Medicare does not pay for “observation status”.
- **Unlawful Discriminatory Employment Practices** – Makes Missouri law just like federal employment law. There is a difference between “contributing factor” versus “motivating factor” (primary reason) when someone is fired from a job. Just because you may belong to a “protected class” doesn’t mean you cannot be fired for just cause.

Ed Ryan, Director of the Mehlville Fire District Board spoke briefly. The 2016 budget is below \$.70 per \$100 assessed property valuation. Other districts are around \$1.20. Mehlville has achieved this through careful monitoring of the budget. The fire board is setting aside money for upgrades to two fire stations. Dr. Bonnie Stegman will be serving on the board for another six years, something we can be very happy about.

Committeeman John Judd announced that the St. Louis County Republican Central Committee selected Ms. Zina Hackworth to serve as Committeewoman of the Tesson Ferry Township until the 2016 election. Zena describes herself as passionately pro-life and pro-gun. She feels most honored to serve in this capacity. John also extended congratulations to Kate Holloway for winning re-election to the Lindbergh School District Board and to Jamie Murphy for winning election to the Mehlville School District Board.

The South County Republican townships picnic will be held on Sunday, August 30th at Cliff Cave Park starting at 4:00 pm. There is no charge; however people are encouraged to RSVP so that adequate food can be prepared.

Kate Holloway Wins Re-election to Lindbergh School Board!



Congratulations to Kate Holloway who won re-election to the Lindbergh School Board! First place finisher was Karen Schuster who garnered 3635 votes and received 35.21% of the vote while Kate received 3339 votes and got 32.34% of the vote. Dan Sampson got 2263 votes or 21.92% of the vote and Andrea Gannon got 1052 votes which was 10.19% of the vote. Kate's campaign put up yard signs, went door-to-door and did other grassroots work. We wish Kate all the best as she continues her fine service on the board. Thanks to the TFTRCers who gave of their time and talent to the Kate Holloway for Lindbergh School Board campaign. Also, thanks to TFTRC for their early endorsement of Kate.

John Judd – Committeeman



Jamey Murphy Wins Election to Mehlville School Board

Congratulations to Jamey Murphy who won election to the Mehlville School Board! Lisa Dorsey finished first with 35.56% of the vote. Jamey received 5227 votes which was 28.19% of the vote. Incumbent Ron Fedorchak lost while getting 3667 votes or 19.78% of the vote. Kyle Haubrich got 2988 votes which was 16.12% of the vote.

Through successful fundraisers Jamey raised \$5200. His team knocked on over 5000 doors, put up yard signs, sent direct mail to over 8,000 homes in the district and did phone calls to district voters. With an electorate that is at times more focused on March Madness, it is advisable to do these things if you want to prevail.

The win was especially sweet because Jamey is a long-time GOP activist. We wish Jamey the best in his service on the board. Thanks to TFTRCers who gave of their time, talent and treasure to the Jamey Murphy for Mehlville School Board campaign. Thanks to TFTRC for their early endorsement of Jamey and their donation to his campaign.

John Judd-Committeeman

Bonnie Stegman Wins Another Term on Mehlville Fire District



Congratulations to Bonnie Stegman who won re-election to the Mehlville Fire Board! Because the special interests did not file a candidate, Bonnie's name did not appear on your April 7 ballot. With 4 years left in Ed Ryan's term, Bonnie and Ed will form the common sense governing majority for at least four more years. We hope that Aaron Hilmer runs in 2017. If he runs for re-election please wholeheartedly support him. Thank you.

John Judd-Committeeman



Help Re-Elect Representative Cloria

Cloria Brown has done a great job as our state representative and we need to help get her re-elected. She will hold her annual "Tribute to Our Veterans" fundraiser on Flag Day, Sunday June 14, 2015 at the Royale Orleans Banquet Center, 2801 Telegraph Road, St. Louis, MO 63125. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The ticket price is \$35 per person. You can make your check to "Friends of Cloria Brown" and mail it to: Cloria Brown, 3306 Lone Elm Dr., St. Louis MO 63125. By attending you will help Cloria with the early momentum that will lead to her victory in 2016! Thank you.

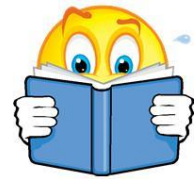
John Judd - Committeeman

Coming Events



- **Thursday, May 14th, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 4355 Butler Hill Rd.
- **Monday, May 18th, 7:00 pm,** TFTRC board meeting.
- **Sunday, June 14, 2015,** “Tribute to Our Veterans” fundraiser for Cloria Brown, Royale Orleans Banquet Center, 2801 Telegraph Road, \$35/person, dinner at 5:30.
- **Sunday, August 30 2015,** South County GOP Township Picnic at Cliff Cave Park.

Good Books to Read



Jay Cost is a respected political analyst who has been published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *National Review* and Fox News.com and he’s currently a staff writer for *The Weekly Standard*. While I was on the wait list for his newest book *A Republic No More*, I checked out his first book *Spoiled Rotten*.

Spoiled Rotten: How the Politics of Patronage Corrupted the Once Noble Democratic Party and Now Threatens the American Republic is a history of the Democrat Party from the end of the Civil War to present day. Andrew Jackson formed this party in 1828 to stand for the little guy against the elites of his day, but the spoils system he instituted led to both parties practicing patronage politics. Franklin Roosevelt used his big government programs to turn entire segments of society into clients of the Democrat Party. Truman, Kennedy, Johnson and Carter followed suit and reached out to numerous other groups so that this party no longer governs for the majority of the nation, but taxes middle class Americans to pay off the various clients.

A Republic No More: Big Government and the Rise of American Political Corruption is Cost’s latest book. He outlines how Madison and Hamilton differed in their views regarding the function and structure of government. The Constitution set up a finely-balanced set of checks and balances for a limited federal government. Cost presents the theory that the checks and balances are broken because the institutions set up in 1787 cannot effectively manage the powers of today’s vast government. This has resulted in political corruption that is so widespread that we have a special interest democracy rather than the republic designed by the founding fathers. This book is an excellent history of corruption in the federal government. It offers some suggestions for solutions at the end, but its focus is on how the forms of corruption have changed over the years. Check out these books at St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor



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5539 Pinewood Forest
Saint Louis, MO 63128.

The membership form is attached to this email.

Thank you.

Jamey Murphy, Membership Chairman

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