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June Meeting

Date: Thursday, 11th, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
School Cafeteria
Speakers: State Representatives
Topic: Recap of Legislative Session



Our June 11th 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 speakers will be our state representatives who will summarize the accomplishments and issues addressed in our most recent legislative session. This is your opportunity to ask questions and gain insight into the workings of our state legislature.



May Meeting Highlights

The speaker for the May meeting was Dan Reuter, candidate for the Missouri State Representative seat – 96th District. Dan started by giving us some of his personal background. He grew up in Affton and has lived in South County for over 30 years. He has been married to his wife Pat for 40 years and has three adult children. Dan is a lawyer specializing in elder care law. He has a sister with cerebral palsy and is particularly aware of the legal needs of people with disabilities and special needs.

Dan supports states' rights and would like for states to get away from their dependence on federal money. He is pro-life and supports traditional marriage. He supports second amendment rights to bear arms but qualifies that with the need to prevent the mentally ill from getting possession of firearms.

He would like to see Right to Work tested in Missouri. He thinks that TIFs and the abolition of the state income tax are worth exploring when it comes to economic development for the state of Missouri. He would like to reduce the burdens placed on employers when it comes to paperwork and compliance with regulations. He feels that his activity with the Missouri Bar Association has made him familiar with the legislative process and will contribute to his effectiveness as a state legislator.

In response to a question about campaign donations, Dan acknowledged that he made a contribution to a long-time personal friend of his who was running as a Democrat. This was based on friendship rather than agreement with the political party.

John Judd updated us on the Republican Central Committee. The central committee discussed outlawing the use of touch-screen voting machines. They had previously passed a motion to this effect. When they voted to rescind the previous motion, it failed. There is a strong suspicion among some of the Central Committee members regarding the security of the machines with regard to hacking.

John also noted that Ryan Johnson from the Missouri Alliance for Freedom spoke to the Republican Central Committee. The website address for this group is: <http://missourifreedom.com/> and is worth visiting.

A motion was made and passed that the Tesson Ferry Township Republican Club serve as host to all the South County townships at one of its regular monthly meetings once in 2015. This will probably be the October meeting. Plans are being made to include a speaker running for state-wide office so that more people will be motivated to attend this meeting.



Flood St. Louis County with Property Assessment Appeals

I urge you to appeal the Assessor's value of your home and cars. With taxing districts always increasing your tax rates, you need some tax relief. You can get your assessed values lowered by appealing and thereby save money on your December 31 tax bills.

First, go to www.stlouisco.com. Then under **Your Government** choose **Assessor**. At that page go to **Look Up Your Preliminary Assessed Value Now**. You'll be able to figure the Assessor's Fair Market Value for your home.

Second, under **Your Government** choose **County Departments** and then **Revenue**. Once you are at the **Revenue** page click on **Board of Equalization**. Then click on **BOE Appeals Forms**. Then click on **2014 Appeal Form**. Print off that **Property**

Assessment Appeal Form and mail it in. The deadline to have your form postmarked and in the mail to the County is July 14. The office you will be going to for your appeal is conveniently located in the 9100 block of Watson Road.

To appeal your cars' values, you can print off the form called **PP4 Supplemental Individual Personal Property Appeal Form**. A few years ago the Assessor said that used cars can at times go up in market value. After the public outcry the Assessor changed his position and said he would not raise values on used cars. In 2011 Jake Zimmerman was elected Assessor. He said used cars can increase in value. Is there anybody out there who thinks a car can go up in market value as it gets older?! You drive your car all year long and then he can say it went up in value?

I appeal and I get my car value reduced every year and I also get my home value reduced every two years. To save yourself some money I strongly urge you to do the same.

John Judd – Committeeman – Tesson Ferry Township



Eric Schmitt for State Treasurer

I am writing on behalf of our great candidate for State Treasurer Eric Schmitt. Please wholeheartedly support him. Eric has served us in the Senate for 7 years, is pro-life and supports our Second Amendment rights. He was a leader in getting rid of the franchise tax and in last year's income tax cut bill. This year he passed SB 5 which lowers the amount that municipalities can take in from traffic fines. Please go to his website which is www.schmittformissouri.com.

You can join his team by contributing at his website. Mail a check made out to: **Schmitt for Missouri, 937 Brownell Ave., St. Louis MO 63122**. With your help we can win this race and we will once again have a GOP State Treasurer. Thank you.

John Judd - Committeeman

Cloria Brown "Tribute to Our Veterans" Fundraiser – Sunday, June 14th

Cloria Brown 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!

Save the Date – Sunday, July 19th 3:00 pm at Dulany's



Come join us at Dulany's on Sunday, July 19th at 3:00 pm for a chance to meet elected officials, candidates for office and fellow Republicans. It will also be a chance to support your club since proceeds from this event will go to the TFTRC. More details will be provided in the next newsletter and emails. The cost should be quite reasonable and you'll enjoy good food and good company. Dulany's is located at 9940 Kennerly Road, in the shopping center directly across from St. Anthony's Hospital.



South County GOP Townships' Picnic – Sunday August 30th

The annual South County Republican Township Clubs' picnic will be held Sunday, August 30th at Cliff Cave Park from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. We reserved the large pavilion overlooking the Mississippi River which offers plenty of shade and a beautiful setting for a fun event. The event is FREE, but you need reservations so that we have enough food for all who attend. You may reserve your spot online at <http://www.concordlemaygop.com/> or mailing the attached form to Rene Artman, 1530 Winter Chase Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. When you make your reservation, you will receive a receipt that you should bring with you. This receipt will put you in the food line ahead of those who did not make reservations. Hope to see you there!



Coming Events

- **Thursday, June 11th, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 4355 Butler Hill Rd.
- **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.
- **Monday, June 22, 2015,** 7:00 pm. TFTRC board meeting.

- **Sunday, July 19th, 2015**, 3:00 pm, fundraiser at Dulany's 9940 Kennerly Rd. (across from St. Anthony's).
- **Sunday, August 30 2015**, South County GOP Township Picnic at Cliff Cave Park.

Good Book to Read



On a recent visit to the Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield, Illinois I was reminded of a book about Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's only son to survive to adulthood. Jason Emerson spent ten years doing research for his book *Giant in the Shadows: The Life of Robert T. Lincoln*. Robert Lincoln was a man of considerable talent, accomplishment and wealth in his own right. He also witnessed some key moments in American history such as Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse and circumstances surrounding the assassinations of three presidents. He was a friend of many of the leaders of American business and industry during the Gilded Age and was a behind-the-scenes leader in the Republican party of his time. He served as Secretary of War, a minister to Great Britain and president of the Pullman Car Company. The book explains in detail his decision to have his mother declared insane and the extreme measures he took to ensure that his father's body was not stolen from his grave. This man led a long and productive life and his biography is an interesting read. The book is available at St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor



Apathy

I recently attended a fundraiser for the Pregnancy Center of South County. The keynote speaker was Abby Johnson, a nationally acclaimed pro-life activist. Her personal story is one of transformation and redemption. She was the director of a Planned Parenthood in College Station, Texas and was so good at her profession that she won "Employee of the Year" award from this group in 2009. Her life dramatically changed later that year when she witnessed an ultrasound-assisted abortion on a 13-week old baby. She resigned from her job and is one of the leaders of the pro-life movement.

There were a number of memorable points from her address. One was that she didn't become a director of a Planned Parenthood clinic overnight. Abby was raised in a religious pro-life family; however, a long process of small decisions led to this end. But the comment that hit me the hardest was that we are so concerned about what other people think of us when in fact, we should be concerned about what God thinks about our apathy.

Both of the above points apply to our society in general. The United States did not reach this level of cultural rot and decay overnight. It's been a long gradual process and we're finally facing the full effects of moral relativism. But the other side to this is how apathetic we've been to all of it. Most Americans have been preoccupied with their own interests at the expense of speaking out or getting involved in groups that actively resist this slide. Many of our time commitments are genuinely necessary; making a living and keeping a family going should be at the top of our priorities. But even a small commitment of time and/or money from more people might have prevented this sad state of affairs. In addition, we've let political correctness silence our voices of dissent. It's easier to remain silent and blend in with the crowd rather than speak out and be negatively labeled. I count myself guilty in both of these areas.

To all of you who have been active in your churches and clubs like the TFTRC, thank you for caring and doing your part. Let's keep trying to turn things around and worry more about what God thinks about our apathy than others' opinion of us.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

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