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June 2016 Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 9th, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
4355 Butler Hill Road , Cafeteria
Speakers: State Legislators giving a report on
legislation this session



Our speakers for June will be our state representatives whose districts take in part of Tesson Ferry Township and a staffer from Sen. Schmitt's office. They will summarize what happened in this past legislative session. Our regular meeting will be 7:00 pm on June 9th 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.

May Meeting Highlights

Dr. Randy Jotte, candidate for Missouri Senate District #1, addressed our May meeting. He is one of eight children born and raised in St. Louis. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and Harvard Medical School. He and his family moved back to St. Louis fifteen years ago and reside in Webster Groves. Dr. Jotte is an emergency room doctor at Barnes Hospital and is an associate professor of emergency medicine at Washington University. In 2004, he was elected to the Webster Groves city council.

Randy outlined three major priorities when he is elected state senator. (1) Growing our economy. St. Louis is a very cost-competitive area for business. He feels that we should focus on tech start-ups rather than granting TIFs to retail stores. The focus should be on long-term benefits to the region. From 1990 to 2006 the St. Louis area granted \$2.6 billion in TIFs which created 5,700 jobs. This was \$370,000 per job created: a lot of money spent with little to show for it. (2) Fixing healthcare. With 25

years experience as a physician, Dr. Jotte sees many areas in the healthcare field that need reform, starting with Medicaid. (3) Healing our communities. The political process actually fuels tensions and conflicts. As a city councilman in Webster Groves, he has spent many hours listening to citizen's complaints and concerns. He focuses on identifying the problem and finding ways to fix it.

Dr. Jotte views this race as very winnable. His experience serving in Webster Groves gives him name recognition and a solid record of achievement in this community. In addition, the March 15th primary had 24,000 Democrat voters and 37,000 Republican voters which bodes well for Republican candidates. Please visit his website at: www.randyjotte.com.

A number of candidates were endorsed by club members present. Please see the following article. Lindbergh School Board member Mike Tschlis updated us on developments in the Lindbergh School District.

Upcoming events include: (1) the Cloria Brown fundraising banquet on Wednesday, June 15th; (2) the Ernie Trakas fundraising banquet on Sunday, July 10th, and (3) the TFTRC picnic at Cliff Cave Park on Sunday, July 17th.



Support the TFTRC Endorsed Slate in the August 2 2016 Primary

Name	Office
Bev Randles	Lieutenant Governor
Eric Schmitt	Treasurer
Josh Hawley	Attorney General
Randy Jotte	Senate – District 1
Marsha Haefner	Representative –District 95
John McCaherty	Representative-District 97
Ernie Trakas	County Council-District 6
Christy Hessel	Tesson Committeewoman
John Judd	Tesson Committeeman

Re-Nominate Ann Wagner for Congress on August 2, 2016



I invite you to join me in supporting Congresswoman Ann Wagner in the August 2nd primary. Ann is a strong supporter of the right to life, our second amendment rights and the traditional definition of marriage. She is the 218th vote that will lead to GOP control of the House for two more years. We need to remember 2009-2010 when

Nancy Pelosi was Speaker of the House. In those dark days Congress passed Obamacare, the disastrous Dodd-Frank financial overregulation and the failed stimulus bill that added over \$800 billion to the out-of-control deficit. These are just a few of the bad bills passed when Obama had a Democrat-controlled house. We can never again afford to see the people's House go to control of the Democrats. To see Ann's website go to www.annwagner.com. Thanks for your consideration.

John Judd-Committeeman

Re-Nominate Roy Blunt for U.S. Senate on August 2nd



I am personally inviting you to support Roy Blunt in the August 2nd primary. He supports the right to life, our Second Amendment rights and the traditional definition of marriage. He and his campaign team have a tremendous work ethic. Roy will drive across the state to meet with 20 to 30 patriots. With your help, Roy has the ability to raise the money necessary to win the race and he could very well be the 51st Republican vote in the U.S. Senate in January. You don't need to be reminded of all the bad things that happened the last time the Democrats controlled the Senate. Most importantly, he favors the Senate taking no action on Judge Garland to fill the Justice Scalia seat. You can sign up for campaign updates at www.royblunt.com. Thank you and please vote for Roy on August 2nd.

John Judd-Committeeman



Support Photo ID for Voting on November 2016 Ballot

The General Assembly and Governor have put HJR 53 on your November ballot. If it passes, it allows the General Assembly to require by law a photo ID for voting. Please support it wholeheartedly.

Other groups turned in signatures to put issues on the ballot but we won't know until September 1st if they met the signature requirements. Here are the issues. (1) Placing limits on the monetary contributions a person can make to a candidate of their choice. (2) Prohibiting sales/use taxes for your trip to the barber or doctor. (3) Taxing cigarettes (again). (4) Legalizing medical marijuana. (5) A separate tobacco tax. Please stay involved so we can keep you informed.

John Judd - Committeeman

SOCO GOP Picnic – Sunday, July 17th



Picnic

The South County GOP Picnic will be Sunday, July 17th at Cliff Cave Park from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. As always, it is free. A flyer will be sent to all as soon as details are put in place. This is a great way to meet political candidates and fellow conservatives as well as learning about election issues. We hope to see you there.

Help Re-Elect Representative Cloria Brown!



Cloria Brown has done a great job as our state representative and we need to help get her re-elected. She'll hold her annual "Tribute to Our Veterans" fundraiser on Wednesday June 15th, 2016 at Royale Orleans Banquet Center. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. The ticket price is \$35 per person or \$60 for a couple. 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 early momentum that will lead to her victory in 2016! Please see the flyer in this newsletter. Thank you.

John Judd –Committeeman



Ernie Trakas Fundraiser - Sunday July 10th

Ernie Trakas is a strong voice for South County and will do an outstanding job representing us on the St. Louis County Council. But we need to support him in every way we can. His fundraising banquet will be Sunday, July 10th at Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph Road. In addition, Alan Leaderbrand will be recognized for his dedicated service to the SOCO Republican party. The cost is \$30/person. The doors open at 4:30 with dinner served at 5:00 pm. If you are interested in joining an *optional* tour of the museums at Jefferson Barracks, meet at Genesis at 3:00 pm to board the air conditioned bus. Make your checks payable to "Friends of Ernie Trakas" and RSVP Earlene Judd, 4769 Cactus Wren Court, St. Louis, MO 63128 or call Earlene at (314) 416-4605. Please see the flyer attached. Thank you.

Coming Events

- **Thursday, June 9th, 7:00 pm.**, TFTRC meeting, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
- **Wednesday, June 15th**, Cloria Brown fundraiser banquet, Royale Orleans, 2801 Telegraph Road. \$35/person, \$60/couple, doors open at 5:00 pm.
- **Monday June 28th, 7:00 pm**, board meeting.
- **Sunday, July 10th**, Ernie Trakas fundraiser banquet, Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph, doors open at 4:30. Additional details to follow.
- **Sunday, July 17**, TFTRC picnic, Cliff Cave Park.



Angry? Think Twice – Part 2

In last month's newsletter I wrote something directed at Republicans who supported a candidate in the presidential primary other than Donald Trump. Some of these folks have been talking about sitting out this presidential election or worse yet, voting for Hillary. I summarized the reasons why this is unthinkable for people who truly want the best for this country. The month's article is part two. It's directed at the Donald Trump supporters.

I was a delegate at the 2nd Congressional District Republican Convention held on April 30th at Parkway West High School. There were a number of Trump supporters sitting directly in front of me and a few individuals who were beyond enthusiastic in their support of their man. They were yelling at the people next to them that they were "Never Trumpers" and supporters of Hillary. This was ignorant and offensive on several levels and I'll name a few. People who engage in such behavior probably don't take the time to read a newsletter like this, so I'm probably wasting my time, but here goes.

Just because someone didn't vote for Trump in the primary doesn't mean they would vote for Hillary in the general election. This is simple logic and if you were thinking logically I wouldn't have to spell it out for you. Secondly, whoever gets the Republican nomination is going to need all Republicans to support him. That means that Trump needs the support of people who didn't vote for him in the primaries. If you scream insults at these people during this process, do you think these same folks are going to work for Trump's election much less vote for him? Just saying... Finally, have you no pride in your personal demeanor? You look like a three-year-old throwing a tantrum. This reflects badly not only on yourself, but also on the candidate you support. If you want to support Donald Trump, please do so in a classy way, rather than looking like an out-of-control nut case. He deserves better and so do we.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

Good Book to Read



Ed Morrissey is a conservative columnist and political analyst who studied seven key counties in swing states that Republicans need to win in November 2016. Morrissey's book *Going Red* is one that every Republican candidate needs to read before this election. All of these counties went for George W. Bush in 2004, but went for Obama in one or both of the last two elections. He visited each of these counties and interviewed numerous people to get a feel for the changes taking place in each battleground and what needs to change in order for Republicans to regain the electorate. There were a number of trends that applied to all of them. Republicans need to actively seek the votes of minority voters rather than writing them off as hopeless causes. Candidates need to personally meet with voters and ask them what issues they are most concerned about. Voters are more concerned about pragmatic solutions to problems rather than conservative ideology or principles so Republicans need to frame their message accordingly. And finally, an increasing number of voters are turned off by social issues such as gay marriage and abortion. This last trend reflects the diminishing role of Christianity in our society. Mark Steyn has said that we can't expect a conservative government to flourish in a culture that rejects traditional Christian values and we see this trend in the seven battleground counties featured in *Going Red*. This book may not be the most exciting one around, but it offers a wealth of insight into trends in our electorate. You can find it at St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

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Poor Richard's Alternative Almanac

Hillary Clinton vs. the Trump Train



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