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October 2016 Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 13th, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
Topic: Ballot Issues



Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 pm at Abiding Savior Lutheran church, 4355 Butler Hill Road. (North of the Schnucks shopping center at Highway 55 and Butler Hill Road.) Park in the back of the church. We will be discussing the various ballot items that we will be deciding in the November election.



September Meeting Highlights

Ken Newhouse, Republican committeeman from the Wild Horse Township is the St. Louis campaign manager for Josh Hawley, Republican candidate for Missouri Attorney General. Ken gave us a brief background on Mr. Hawley's legal credentials: a graduate of Stanford with a law degree from Yale. Hawley was a clerk for a Supreme Court judge and is an expert on constitutional law. He teaches this subject at the University of Missouri. Hawley was a co-counsel in the Supreme Court case *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* in which he successfully defended religious freedom. Josh Hawley has three major goals as attorney general in Missouri. (1) He wants to get rid of the pay-to-play lobbying in Jefferson City. (2) He wants to deny illegal immigrants in Missouri any state benefits. (3) He wants to help Missouri farmers fight the EPA's federal over reach.

Other noteworthy items are: Carl Hendrickson had an excellent article on 9/11 published in *The Concord Call*. Ernie Trakas, candidate for St. Louis County District 6 spoke about how citizens in this district are disenfranchised. Current councilman O'Leary ignores his constituents and Democrat Pat Yaeger promises a continuation of this policy. Ernie became a voice for the citizens opposed to the proposed Bauer 21 apartments and he promises to pay attention to your concerns and will return your

phone calls. Jamey Murphy, member of the Mehlville School Board spoke about the redistricting taking place in the school district and the debate regarding block scheduling versus the traditional 7-period scheduling.

Club members voted on endorsements for elected officials and donations to the campaigns of the state representatives, senators and county councilman representing parts of Tesson Ferry Township.

Roy Blunt	US Senator	Ann Wagner	US Rep. – MO 2 nd Dist.
Eric Greitens	Governor	Mike Parson	Lt. Governor
Jay Ashcroft	Secretary of State	Eric Schmitt	Treasurer
Josh Hawley	Attorney General	Dr. Randy Jotte	MO Senate – 1 st Dist.
Andrew Koenig	MO Senate – 15 th Dist.	Cloria Brown	MO Rep. – 94 th Dist.
David Gregory	MO Rep. – 96 th Dist.	John McCaherty	MO Rep. – 97 th Dist.
Ernie Trakas	STLCO. Council Dist 6		



Ballot Issues in November Election

Amendment 1 – Conservation Tax

Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?

Amendment 2 – Campaign Contribution Limits

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Establish limits on campaign contributions by individuals or entities to political parties, political committees, or committees to elect candidates for state or judicial office
- Prohibit individuals and entities from intentionally concealing the source of such contributions
- Require corporations or labor organizations to meet certain requirements in order to make such contributions, and
- Provide a complaint process and penalties for any violations of this amendment?

Amendment 3 – Cigarette Tax for Childhood Health & Education Trust Fund

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Increase taxes on cigarettes each year through 2020 at which point this additional tax will total 60 cents per pack of 20.

- Create a fee paid by cigarette wholesalers of 67 cents per pack of 20 on certain cigarettes, which fee shall increase annually, and
- Deposit funds generated by these taxes and fees into a newly established Early Childhood Health and Education Trust Fund?

Amendment 4 – Taxpayer Protection Amendment

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to prohibit a new state or local sales/use or other similar tax on any service or transaction that was not subject to a sales/use or similar tax as of January 1, 2015?

Amendment 6 – Voter ID

Shall the Constitution of Missouri be amended to state that voters may be required by law, which may be subject to exception, to verify one’s identify, citizenship, and residence by presenting identification that may include valid government issued photo identification?

Proposition A – Cigarette Tax to Fund Transportation & Infrastructure

Shall Missouri law be amended to:

- Increase taxes on cigarettes in 2017, 2019 and 2021, at which point this additional tax will total 23 cents per pack of 20;
- Increase the tax paid by sellers on other tobacco products by 5 percent of manufacturer’s invoice price;
- Use funds generated by these taxes exclusively to fund transportation infrastructure projects; and
- Repeal these taxes if a measure to increase any tax or fee on cigarettes or other tobacco products is certificated to appear on any local or statewide ballot?

St Louis County Ballot Initiative – Seniors Count

Shall St. Louis County levy a tax of five cents per each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the purpose of providing services to persons sixty years of age or older?

Coming Events

- **Saturday, October 1st**, 7:00 pm., Daniel Bogle trivia night, Crestwood Comm. Center.
- **Thursday, October 13th** – 7:00 pm, TFTRC meeting – ballot issues to be discussed.
- **Monday, October 17th**, 11:00 am, Golf tournament fundraiser for David Gregory at Tapawingo Golf Club.
- **Monday, October 24th**, 7:00 pm, TFTRC board meeting.
- **Tuesday, November 8th** – ELECTION DAY. Vote.
- **Thursday, November 10th**, 7:00 pm, TFTRC meeting.



Looking for Volunteers

You can help a great deal by volunteering to serve on a committee and make a big difference in helping things run smoothly. We need three people to serve on the **audit committee**. These people review the books kept by our treasurer to make sure things are properly accounted for. Anyone willing to help with the **Christmas Party** would be greatly appreciated. Finally, we need people who are willing to help with the **spring fundraiser** which is our main fundraising event of each year. If you are willing to serve on any of these committees, please contact president Dan Ried at 845-2762.

Support Republicans in November



Please support the following Republican candidates in the November election.

John Judd, Tesson Ferry Committeeman

Name	Office	Name	Office
Donald Trump	President	Dr. Randy Jotte	MO Senate – District 1
Roy Blunt	US Senate	Andrew Koenig	MO Senate – District 15
Ann Wagner	2 nd Dist. Congress	Cloria Brown	MO House – District 94
Eric Greitens	Governor	Marsha Haefner	MO House – District 95
Mike Parson	Lt. Governor	David Gregory	MO House – District 96
Jay Ashcroft	Secretary of State	John McCaherty	MO House – District 97
Eric Schmitt	Treasurer	Ernie Trakas	STL County Council #6
Josh Hawley	Attorney General		



Such a Deal!

The TFTRC has a limited number of copies of the book *The Conservative Case for Trump* by Phyllis Schlafly. Come to our October meeting and renew your 2017 club membership so you can receive a free copy. An individual membership is only \$20 and a family membership is \$30. If you do not want to renew your membership early, you can still purchase a copy of the book at the October meeting for \$5. But the supply is limited and is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Good Book to Read

The Intimidation Game: How the Left is Silencing Free Speech by Kimberley Strassel is a well-documented, riveting account of how the Obama administration has used government disclosure laws to coerce and silence political opposition: overwhelmingly conservative groups and individuals. Strassel is a member of the *Wall Street Journal* editorial board who writes a regular column called "Potomac Watch." She knows the intricate web of government bureaucracies and the people running them. She grabs the reader's interest with the individual stories of people and groups who were targeted by various government agencies and leftist organizations whose ultimate aim is to completely obliterate all opposition. Disclosure laws were originally intended to keep the political class in check, but have been turned around to keep the American people in check instead. Sadly many of these tactics have effectively worked in scaring individuals and groups from contributing to conservative causes. But the best response is to fight back because appeasement only invites further abuse. This book is a must-read for people who want to maintain their First Amendment rights. Check it out at St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

Anyone for Golf?



It's the perfect time of year to enjoy a day of golf. You can do just that on Monday, October 17th at Tapawingo National Golf Club, 1300 Gary Player Drive, Sunset Hills, MO 63127. David Gregory, candidate for Missouri state representative District 96 is having his annual fundraiser. Registration starts at 11:00 am with a noon tee time. The cost is \$125/person and includes lunch, dinner, 18 holes and golf cart. Special guests will be speaking at the dinner. If you don't play golf, still feel free to come for the dinner and speakers. RSVP David Gregory at 314-619-4230.

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In a world of inhumanity, war and terrorism, American citizenship is a very precious possession.
Phyllis Schlafly



Letter to an Undecided Voter

We all have friends and relatives who are undecided voters and we need to carefully respond to their concerns regarding this election. Here is my response.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

Dear Friend –

I understand the dilemma that you face regarding this coming election. It's the same thing I hear from everyone around me. Neither candidate is remotely acceptable: Hillary is corrupt and Trump seems crazy. So what are we to do? The first inclination is to either skip voting at the presidential level or vote third party. That seems logical on the surface, but it's truly evading your responsibility for what happens to this country's future and then pretending to have principles behind such irresponsibility. Third party candidates have no reasonable chance of winning and merely let others decide which way this country goes. Considering the downward trajectory that we've been on for the past ten years, we don't have much more time to turn things around. Intelligent, moral people need to put a stop to the way things are heading.

Voting against Trump because he has been politically incorrect and undisciplined in his remarks will naturally result in a corrupt and morally bankrupt Hillary presidency. But while Trump appears to be a bull in a china shop, his kids have all turned out to be decent people of achievement, no small accomplishment these days. He has successfully run a number of business enterprises, again something that takes intelligence, discipline and effort. He has named Governor Mike Pence as his Vice Presidential running mate: an incredibly good choice for the position. As a businessman, he knows he must place people of integrity and ability in positions of responsibility or his enterprises will fail. While his past remarks have been regrettable, he has a solid track record of achievement behind him.

And what has Hillary Clinton achieved? Her biggest accomplishment has been to remain legally married to a serial philanderer, sex addict and rapist so that she could manipulate herself into the position of presidential nominee. Her track record as senator from New York was nothing noteworthy and her record as Secretary of State has been appalling. US allies have been ignored or insulted while we've enabled totalitarian regimes like Cuba and Iran to prosper. She and Bill are the most corrupt couple in the history of this country. The Clinton Foundation is a giant money-laundering machine that sells access to Hillary's potential power as president. Foreign nations and individuals have poured millions of dollars into the Clinton Foundation to arrange crooked deals for their own benefit; to the detriment of our own country.

Her deliberate breaking of national security laws by having an illegal unsecured email server to transmit highly classified information shows a total disregard for national security. Using this server was a calculated move to conceal the fact that she used her position as Secretary of State to enrich the Clinton Family Foundation. Do we really want to reward her with more power and responsibility when she abused what she was previously entrusted with? Her closest associate, Huma Abedin, has all kinds of connections with the radical Muslim Brotherhood. This woman is her closest advisor. Again, do you want someone like this directing our nation's foreign and domestic policies?

The next president will likely select three or four Supreme Court justices. Our constitutional freedoms are truly at risk if we have a Supreme Court packed with radical leftist judges. You can watch your freedom of speech and religion shrink to nothing and the right to bear arms will be taken away at the first chance possible. That right was written into the Constitution to protect ordinary citizens from a totalitarian government. It was the first thing Hitler took away when he became leader of Germany and we know how that turned out.

Finally, Hillary and her party support the most radical abortion policies ever drafted into a Democratic Party platform. Even long-time Democrats are re-thinking their support for this position. As a Christian, it's unconscionable to cast a vote for a candidate and a party that supports the destruction of the most vulnerable people in our society. God will hold us accountable for this.

This is such an important election with long-term consequences that your children will inherit. So I urge you to vote for Trump and choose the better of the two candidates. You may not think he's ideal, but he will be held to a high standard by his own party and will have the best interests of the United States in mind as he leads. I hope you'll confidently cast your vote for Trump in November.



It's That Time Again

Yes, we'll be changing our clocks soon and with the end of 2016 just around the corner, it's time to renew your membership for 2017. 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.

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Vote "YES" on Amendment 4 – Taxpayer Protection

Jennifer Bird, Gravois Township Committeewoman, has written the following about Amendment 4. We hope to have Jennifer speak at our October 13th meeting regarding this issue. Please bring your questions.

*The Missouri Secretary of State, (yes the same one who wants to be a US senator), is playing word games again with the ballot issues! Please read & share! On this November's ballot, Amendment 4 is asking if we should have an amendment to the state constitution to PROHIBIT a Sales or Use Tax from being added to any service. Most people will read it and answer, in their minds, " No, I don't want taxes on services, "which is fine, except we need a **YES**, vote for Amendment 4 in order to prohibit sales or use taxes being added to services.*

Sales or Use Tax on services will hit seniors, disabled persons and low-income families first and worst. These people cannot afford to add to their costs for babysitting, medical or dental services, bus rides, haircuts; think of EVERY SERVICE and know costs will go up! Please spread the word for a YES on Amendment 4 on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Let's protect our Seniors, Disabled, Low-Income and ALL our friends and family members!



Poor Richard's Alternative Almanac

Most Important Topics of 1st Debate

Trump:
Loss of Jobs
Illegal Immigration
Hillary's Questionable Health
Her Poor Record as Sec. of State

Hillary:
In 1996, Trump called
Miss Universe "Miss Piggy"
after she packed on
60 pounds!