



# The Tesson Times

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## December Meeting – Christmas Party

**Date:** Thursday, December 10th, 2015  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Place:** Frailey's Southtown Grill  
4329 Butler Hill Road (Near Schnucks)  
**Cost:** Pay for your own dinner & drinks  
**RSVP** Dan Ried – [riedsrock@gmail.com](mailto:riedsrock@gmail.com) or  
314-845-2762



Our regular meeting will be December 10<sup>th</sup> at Frailey's Southtown Grill where we will have our own private room. Doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. We ask that you RSVP so that we have some estimate of the number of people expected. Our officers for 2016 will be installed at this time. Please join us for a fun evening.



## November Meeting Highlights

**Speaker:** Andrew Koenig, Missouri State Representative District 99 spoke. He is currently running for the state senate seat for the 15<sup>th</sup> district. He and his wife Brooke have three young sons and are also foster parents for a set of twin babies. He is a strong advocate for family values and a pro-life champion. He is the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the state house and has been a leader in investigating Planned Parenthood's practices in Missouri after a series of videos revealed the sale of body parts from aborted babies in Planned Parenthood facilities in other states. He noted that Missouri has been successful in reducing the abortion rate from 22% in 1984 to 5% currently.

Rep. Koenig has a three-pronged approach to attracting new business to Missouri. (1) Simplify the tax code. He noted that currently we are giving away 2/5 of our taxes through corporate welfare. We need to tighten up our laws regarding TIF projects.

TIFs favor one business over another and do not generate the tax revenue promised. (2) Enact Right-to-Work. This would allow Missouri to compete with neighboring states who have right-to-work laws. It would allow employees to choose whether they want to join a union or not if their company is a union shop. (3) Reduce regulations. As a small business owner, Rep. Koenig knows first-hand the red-tape created by needless regulations created at both the federal and state level.

Finally, he emphasized the importance of protecting our personal freedom. Government should function to protect the individual's natural rights. Our Declaration of Independence said that "all men are created equal." This does not mean we are equal in every respect, but that we are created on an equal basis as human beings. It is not the function of government to ensure equal outcomes.

Later in the meeting, Committeeman John Judd gave a ringing endorsement of Andrew Koenig's candidacy for state senate. He said that every candidate claims that they are a "constitutional conservative", but Andrew is one who has a backbone. His campaign flyer notes that he has a 100% rating from "United for Missouri"; a 100% rating from "Americans for Prosperity Missouri" and an "A Rating" from Missouri Alliance for Freedom. Rep. Koenig's website is **ElectAndrewKoenig.com**. His email address is [AndrewPKoenig@Yahoo.com](mailto:AndrewPKoenig@Yahoo.com).

#### **Election of 2016 Officers:**

After reading the pertinent by-laws regarding the election of officers the following people were elected to serve as the 2016 officers.

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| President         | Dan Ried       |
| Vice President    | David Gregory  |
| Treasurer         | Bill Hogan     |
| Secretary         | Larry Eaves    |
| Membership Chair  | Earlene Judd   |
| Sgt-at-Arms       | Vince Smugala  |
| Newsletter Editor | Christy Hessel |

#### **Committee People:**

Zina Hackworth reported that the St. Louis County Lincoln Days dinner will be held March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Orlando Gardens. The theme will be "Reclaiming America" and the emcee will be FM97.1 radio host Mark Cox.

Zina reported that the landlord licensing bill passed in St. Louis County and will be effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This was unanimously opposed by a wide variety of groups on all ends of the political spectrum, but a tone-deaf county council passed it anyway. Expect this bill to be challenged in the courts.

John Judd reported that the caucuses will be held Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The location will be Concord Church, 13775 Tesson Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63128. There will be 13 delegates and 13 alternates selected to attend the state

convention in Branson, Missouri on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be 13 delegates and 13 alternates selected to go to the Congressional District Conventions to be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The rules are set by the party.

### Other Business

Linda Bowen, President of Concord-Lemay Township Republican Club invited our members to attend their meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm. They meet at the Green Park City Hall, 11100 Mueller Road, Suite 6. The guest speaker for the evening will be John Brunner, candidate for Missouri governor.



## Coming Events

- **Monday, November 23rd, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC board meeting.
- **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm.** TFTRC meeting at Frailey's Southtown Grill, 4329 Butler Hill Rd.
- **Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm,** Concord-Lemay meeting, Green Park City Hall, 11100 Mueller Road. Speaker, John Brunner, candidate for MO governor.
- **Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016-** STL County Lincoln Days Dinner at Orlando Gardens. Mark Cox will emcee.
- **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 10:00 am.** - Tesson Ferry Township caucus, Concord Church, 13775 Tesson Ferry Road.

## Josh Hawley for Attorney General



Please join me in supporting constitutional conservative Josh Hawley for Attorney General. Josh was co-counsel in arguing the Hobby Lobby case before the Supreme Court. This was the most important decision on our First Amendment liberties in decades. Josh graduated from Yale Law School and taught at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is fiscally responsible, pro-life and supports Second Amendment rights. Josh and his wife Erin have two sons. He is not a politician or part of the political establishment in Jefferson City. Most of all, he can beat the Democrat candidate. His campaign website is [www.hoshawley.com](http://www.hoshawley.com). Thanks for your consideration.

*John Judd-Committeeman*

## **GOP Wins Governor Races**



On November 3rd Matt Bevin won the Kentucky governor's race and Phil Bryant, Republican incumbent governor of Mississippi won re-election. This was the first time in ages that Kentucky elected a Republican governor. With over thirty Republican governorships, Missouri needs to elect a GOP governor in Missouri in 2016. In Ohio, voters rejected the proposition that would have legalized marijuana. In Houston, voters rejected the proposition to make gender identity a protected class.

Thanks to all who helped Dean Plocher win the 89<sup>th</sup> district special election. He garnered over 60% of the vote. Please help him get re-elected. Because he was elected to fill an unexpired term, he can run in 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022. He'll never serve a second in the minority party!

*John Judd - Committeeman*

## **Make Your R.O.Y. Nominations**

It's that time of year. We need your input for Republican of the Year. The flyer is attached to your e-mail message. Please return the forms to R.O.Y., 5040 Kirkey Court, St. Louis, MO 63128 or e-mail your response to [riedsrock@charter.net](mailto:riedsrock@charter.net).

## **Faith-Based Voters Club**



The Faith Based Voters Club meets at the Sisters of St. Paul Book Store at 9804 Watson Road in Crestwood. Use the rear entrance of the building on the lower level. Meetings start at 6:30 pm every third Wednesday of the month except December. There is no charge to join and there is an open forum. The group has over 30 members and is open to anyone who wants information about issues on the local, state, or federal level. Most members are from the South County area and tend to be Republican with a few Independent voters.

## **Membership Renewal Time**

With the end of 2015 fast approaching, it's time to renew your membership for 2016. 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.



## Good Book to Read

Michael Jones has written an engaging history of the last days of World War II in Europe in his book *After Hitler*. The story begins with Hitler's suicide on April 30<sup>th</sup> 1945, continues through VE-Days May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 19<sup>th</sup> when the last German pockets of resistance surrendered. The unstable political situation of Germany and the mutual distrust of the United States and Britain regarding their Soviet ally created numerous tense moments between Allied commanders. It also led to two separate VE-Days: May 8<sup>th</sup> for Britain and the US and May 9<sup>th</sup> for Russia. Jones chronicles the liberation of numerous concentration camps and the horrors they concealed. He carefully details the dilemma Allied commanders faced in complying with agreements made with the Russians that forced Western troops to turn down Czech resistance requests for aid against the Germans. Jones used accounts from diaries and some remaining survivors to provide a personal view of how it felt to live in this tumultuous time. Find this book at St. Louis County Library.

*Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor*



## Call It What It Is

Well if you thought that the Prop R issue was settled with an election, you would be wrong. There's more to this than a tax increase debate. After the election, *The Concord Call* published a cartoon mocking all the leaders who spoke out against Prop R. Now that's all protected under our First Amendment's guarantee of free speech, but targeting individuals for ridicule is also straight out of Saul Alinsky's playbook *Rules for Radicals*. Barack Obama is the most famous advocate of this writing. The rule states: "*Ridicule is man's most potent weapon.*"

Another Alinsky rule is: "*Keep the pressure on. Never let up.*" At the school board meeting following the election approximately twenty individuals took turns calling for the resignations of Jamey Murphy and Lori Trakas, the two conservative members of the school board. Now mind you, Jamey and Lori were elected by voters in the community who felt they best represented their values, but these twenty ignorant folks don't think elections matter when they don't agree with the results. Apparently public

temper tantrums are the way we should determine public policy. It works at times: it led to the resignation of the chancellor and president at Mizzou. How's that for running a university?

In another issue of *The Call*, Lori Trakas was blasted in a front-page article. A third Alinsky rule that came into play is: "*Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it.*" One of the corollaries to this is that you don't attack a group; only individuals. This is commonly called "bullying" and is the preferred tactic of cowards. We've seen every leader who opposed Prop R targeted for harassment in this past election. This is done to silence them and discourage others from speaking or acting on their behalf. Apparently there are a lot of cowards out there.

My final thought is that the opposition is engaging in this manner because it can't argue logically based on the truth. So make up lies, attack people personally to destroy their desire to continue supporting an opposing viewpoint. Do anything to win. It will be interesting to see how things work out in the years ahead when the school district is still having financial problems even though it has significantly more revenue. Who will they target at that point?

*Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor*

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