

The Tesson Times

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February Meeting

Location: Hessler's Pub, 11804 Tesson Ferry Rd. (at Baptist Church Road)
Time: Dinner at 6:00 pm/ Meeting at 7:00 pm
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2013
Speaker: Ron Martin, Former Des Peres Police Chief
Topic: Chicago Politics and Its Influence on the Present Administration

February Meeting



The February meeting will be held on Thursday evening, February 14th, 2013 at Hessler's Pub, 11804 Tesson Ferry Rd. Ron Martin, former police chief of Des Peres, MO will address the group regarding Chicago Politics and Its Influence on the Present Administration. Please join us for dinner as well as a fun and informative evening.

Town Hall Meeting Generates Lively Discussion

Ninety five people attended our January 23rd town hall meeting at the Tesson Ferry Branch library. Topics discussed covered the gamut from gun control, social issues, military and domestic spending and climate change. There seemed to be agreement that the Republican Party has a messaging problem that fails to reach the uninformed voter on a personal level. Our approach is too subdued rather than confrontational and our opponents define us and the issues.

Some of the remaining questions are:

- What are the issues dividing the Republican party and how do we unite?
- What should our message be and what arguments do we use to reach low-information voters?
- How do we attract younger voters to the party?
- What priorities should we set for ourselves and how do we go about achieving them?

Some suggestions as to concrete steps people can take are: (1) join your township Republican club and take an active role in it; (2) support candidates' campaigns financially as well as volunteering to distribute literature and get out the vote; and (3) call your congressmen/women at all levels and express your opinion on issues coming up for vote. Phone calls are especially effective and catch the attention of our political leaders.

Our January 10th club meeting featured Judge Dean Plocher who explained the Missouri method of appointing judges. One advantage of appointing judges rather than electing them is eliminating costly elections and the corruption of "bought" judges. Two helpful websites on this topic are: www.mobar.org (for information on judges) and www.courts.mo.gov (for information on the court system.) State Rep. John McClaherty also spoke at this meeting. He updated us on the legislature's goals for 2013 and answered a variety of questions.

Now We're on Facebook and Twitter!



Jamey Murphy has put together a Facebook page for TFTRC. Check it out here: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tesson-Ferry-Republican-Club/135472113275926> . (Use Cntl+Click to access from here.)

Be sure to click "*LIKE*" on the page to get as many visitors to the page as possible. In addition, you may follow *tessonferrygop* on Twitter. These are milestones for our club and will help make it a stronger, more effective organization. If you have any suggestions, please e-mail them to Jamey at Jamey.murphy@tfrepublicanclub.com.

Support Lori Trakas & Ed Ryan Campaigns!

Happy New Year! The election is April 2nd and there are a number of important votes you can cast. Please join me in supporting **Lori Trakas** for Mehlville School District Board member. Her ongoing dedicated service to TFTRC as well as her common sense vision for the Mehlville School District makes Lori a great candidate. Focus, concentrate and empower your vote by voting for *only* Lori Trakas. Voting for

one and only one person has worked many times in the past. It can work if we all vote for only Lori. *To volunteer for her campaign call her at 578-7652.*

Ed Ryan has done a great job for the Mehlville Fire District and is running for re-election. To volunteer for his campaign call him at **729-7137**. We can also vote against an exorbitant tax increase by opposing the Arch tax on the April 2 ballot. Please urge everyone you know to vote against this proposition as well.

I attended the January 9 swearing-in of the Representatives and Senators. You heard about the Chief Justice trying to change the oath (from supporting the Constitution of Missouri to supporting the government). We have veto-proof majorities in the House and the Senate. Tim Jones is Speaker. Tom Dempsey is Pro-tem.

There are two fundraisers in March. **Saturday, March 23rd** features the **County GOP annual fundraiser**. Use the flyer in this newsletter if you want to attend this fun event. **Sunday, March 24th** is our **annual TFTRC spring fundraiser** with the Republican of the Year Award going to Jim Murphy. More details will follow. Please make plans to attend.

The **annual Statewide Lincoln Days is in St. Louis on February 15-17**. Ed Martin as our new State Chairman will preside over this gathering of grassroots Missouri Republicans, which dates to the 1890's. Please attend this event by using the flyer in this newsletter.

County Chairman Bruce Buwalda is gravely ill, please pray for him. Thanks for all that you will do in 2013. God bless all of your efforts.

John Judd – Committeeman – Tesson Ferry Township



Wording for the Arch Tax Proposition

Proposition P

“Safe And Accessible Arch And Public Parks Initiative”

For the purpose of increasing safety, security, and public accessibility for the Gateway Arch grounds and local, county and regional parks and trails for families and disabled and elderly visitors, and for providing expanded activities and improvements of such areas, shall St. Louis County join such other of St. Charles County and the City of St. Louis to impose a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax in addition to the existing one-tenth of one cent sales tax applied to such purposes, with sixty percent of revenues derived from the added tax allocated to the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District for Gateway Arch grounds and other regional park and trail improvements, and the remaining forty percent allocated to St. Louis County for local and County park improvements as authorized by the County Council of St. Louis County under Ordinance No. __ on the __ day of __, 2013, with such tax not to include the sale of food and prescription drugs and to be subject to an independent annual public audit?

United for Missouri's Future

Happy New Year to my fellow patriots in the Republican clubs across South County. As we start the New Year I am excited about the prospects for Missouri's future with our successes in the November elections.

For the first time in our state's history we have veto-proof majorities in the House and the Senate. Although it is important to remember that our state government is still divided and the fact remains it is very difficult to pass a bill in Jefferson City, the time has never been more right than now to challenge our liberal Governor.

My new role in the Capitol will be to stay involved in all things constitutional. I look forward to making myself available to giving your club legislative updates and when needed, I will give you action items that will keep your members engaged.

If you would like to help you can make your tax deductible contribution to:

United For Missouri's Future

Attn: Jim Lembke

812 Ann Lynn Ct.

St. Louis MO 63125

Keep up the good fight of protecting our freedoms and liberty!

Your servant,

Jim Lembke

Save These Dates!

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

● The **2013 Missouri Lincoln Days** will be held **Friday, February 15th through Sunday February 17th** at the St. Louis Renaissance Grand Hotel. Registration before January 25th is \$20. Additional cost for the Friday banquet is \$50 and the Saturday lunch is \$35. This event comes to St. Louis once every three years, so this is quite an opportunity to meet Republicans across the state. See attached.



● **A town hall meeting** will be held Wednesday, **March 6th** at the Tesson Ferry Branch library. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce candidates for the Mehlville school board, the Lindbergh school board and the Mehlville Fire Protection District before the April general election. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

● The **St. Louis County Annual Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner** will be held **Saturday, March 23rd** at Orlando Gardens, 8352 Watson Road. Cost is \$45 and includes buffet

and open bar. Keynote Speaker is Mychal Massie, Former Chairman of the conservative black think tank Project 21. Emcee will be KMOX radio talk show host Mark Reardon.

- **Our club’s spring fundraising dinner** will be held **Sunday, March 24th**. The Republican of the Year award is presented at this time. More details to follow.

Calendar of Events

Mon, Jan 28	Board meeting at Jim Murphy’s home at 7:00 pm
Thurs, Feb 14	February meeting at Hessler’s Pub, Speaker: Ron Martin. Topic: <i>Chicago politics and Its Influence on the Present Administration.</i>
Feb 15-17	MO Lincoln Days, St. Louis Renaissance Grand Hotel, Registration \$20
Wed, Mar 6	Town Hall Meeting, Tesson Ferry Branch Library, 9920 Lin-Ferry Drive (Lindbergh & Tesson Ferry) at 6:30 p.m. Featuring candidates running for Mehlville fire district board and the Mehlville and Lindbergh school boards.
Thurs, Mar 14	March Meeting at Hessler’s Pub, Speaker: Gary Fuhr. Topics: <i>Homeland Security and the Missouri Election Board.</i>
Sat, Mar 23	St. Louis County Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner, Orlando Gardens, Cost \$40
Sun, Mar 24	Spring Banquet –Republican of the Year Award

Good Book to Read

As Republicans, we have long understood that unions overwhelmingly support the Democrat party, but their power has reached a dangerous level that threatens the future of our democracy in several ways. *Shadowbosses* by Mallory Factor is a well-documented yet readable book that outlines the unions’ morphing from representatives of workers to corrupt and powerful political entities. The most alarming trend has been the exponential increase of union membership in public sector jobs. Available through St. Louis County Library, I hope you take the time to read this informative, yet engaging work.

Christy Hessel, Editor

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After you read this newsletter, please pass it on to a neighbor or friend. The opinions printed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Tesson Ferry Township Republican Club, but those of individual writers.

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2013 MISSOURI LINCOLN DAYS

FEBRUARY 15-17 ST. LOUIS, MO

GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE

Tentative SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (subject to change)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

12:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration
 5:00 pm - Registration Reception
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm MRP Social Hour (Cash Bar)
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Silent Auction/Raffle
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm MRP Banquet
 9:30 pm Hospitality Suites

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 am - 9:30 am Breakfast with Sen. Roy Blunt
 8:00 am - 9:00 am MAR Past Presidents Breakfast (by invitation only)
 8:30 am - 9:30 am Republican Lawyers' Event
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration Continues
 9:00 am - 10:00 am State Committee Meeting
 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Silent Auction/Raffle
 10:00 am - 11:30 am Discussion Forum

SATURDAY Continued

11:00 am - 12:00 pm State Pachyderms Open Forum
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm MOFRW Luncheon
 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Grassroots training
 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Ice Cream Social -
 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Silent Auction/Raffle Pick-up
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm MAR Gold Ticket Reception
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm MAR Social Hour (Cash Bar)
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm MAR Banquet
 9:30 pm Hospitality Suites

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 am - 10:00 am Prayer Service

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Lincoln Days will take place at the **St. Louis Renaissance Grand**. Contact the hotel at 1-800-266-9432 for room reservations prior to **January 25, 2013**, to secure your room and rate. Be sure to ask for the special Missouri Republican Party Lincoln Days rate. If you are interested in hospitality suites, vendor tables, or banners please contact Emily at 573-636-3146 or ekliet@mogop.org.

LINCOLN DAYS ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____ EMAIL _____ <i>Please include all names you are registering so that name badges can be prepared.</i> Federal Law requires us to obtain the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 per election cycle. Occupation: _____ Employer: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if self-employed	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;"></th> <th style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Number Attending</th> <th style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Registration Fee - \$20 (\$25 at hotel) <small>(Required for each attendee)</small></td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MRP Fri. Banquet - \$50 (\$60 at hotel) Speaker TBA</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MFRW Lunch - \$35 (\$40 at hotel) Speaker TBA</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grassroots Training (1:30-3:30)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No charge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MAR Gold Ticket Reception - \$125 (\$150 at hotel) (Includes MAR Banquet)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MAR Banquet - \$55 (\$70 at hotel) Speaker TBA</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yes, I'd like to contribute an additional \$5 to encourage participation of those who cannot afford the registration fee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: center;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Number Attending	Amount	Registration Fee - \$20 (\$25 at hotel) <small>(Required for each attendee)</small>	_____	\$ _____	MRP Fri. Banquet - \$50 (\$60 at hotel) Speaker TBA	_____	\$ _____	MFRW Lunch - \$35 (\$40 at hotel) Speaker TBA	_____	\$ _____	Grassroots Training (1:30-3:30)	_____	No charge	MAR Gold Ticket Reception - \$125 (\$150 at hotel) (Includes MAR Banquet)	_____	\$ _____	MAR Banquet - \$55 (\$70 at hotel) Speaker TBA	_____	\$ _____	Yes, I'd like to contribute an additional \$5 to encourage participation of those who cannot afford the registration fee	_____	\$ _____	TOTAL	_____	\$ _____
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Money Must Accompany Registration

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
 Missouri Republican Party
 TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD BEFORE FEB 10 GO TO:
www.mogop.org/lincolndays**

**MAIL TO: Missouri Republican Party
 105 E. High Street; Jefferson City, MO 65101**

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****Advance registration with payment due by February 10, 2012****
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