



# The Tesson Times

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## January 2017 Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Abiding Savior Lutheran Church



Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## December Highlights

The December 8<sup>th</sup> TFTRC Christmas party was at the Sherwood Country Club on Fine Road. Members enjoyed a delicious spread of sandwiches, Swedish meatballs, cheese, appetizers and Christmas cookies. Our officers for 2017 were sworn in: Zina Hackworth President; Matt Chellis – Vice President; Larry Eaves – Secretary; Joe Garavaglia – Treasurer; Earlene Judd – Membership Chair; and Christy Hessel – Newsletter. Jim Murphy, Social Media Coordinator and Lou Holtmann – Sgt- at-Arms were not present but will be sworn in at the January meeting. Ernie Trakas, our newly-elected county councilman for District 6, thanked the group for their support. Mike Tschlis of the Lindbergh School Board spoke about the upcoming April election and the issues that Lindbergh taxpayers will address. The board provided some impromptu entertainment as they donned elf hats and played Christmas tunes on whistles: a sight to behold. We also enjoyed Christmas trivia questions and singing Christmas carols.

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## **2016 – Year in Review**

Club president Dan Ried had asked me to give a recap of 2016 for the club Christmas Party. And what a year it was! It was a complete and total blow-out victory for Republicans up and down the ballot and across the country – much to the surprise of the liberal media and the experts who dismissed Donald Trump as a bad joke. The TFTRC played a part in making this happen. Along with our regular monthly meetings, there were numerous fundraising banquets, trivia nights, a golf tournament, a fashion show, picnics, a pancake breakfast, wine and cheese tastings, rallies and endorsements. In addition you participated in lit drops, door knocking, putting up signs and taking them down. A number of you worked inside the polls as election supervisors and others worked outside the polls, encouraging voters to vote for our candidates. Then there were the parades: the Webster Groves Fourth of July parade, Affton Days and the Greentree Festival Parade.

We had four elections: the Presidential Preference Primary in March, the school board election in April, the August primary and the general election in November. We had our township caucus on April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Second Congressional District caucus on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Missouri Republican Convention at the end of May and the National Republican Convention in July. Members of our club participated in each one of these events.

We had numerous candidates speak at our club meetings as well as Jeremy Cody from the Missouri Alliance for Freedom, Ramona Davis from the Pregnancy Help Center of South County, and Gail Choate from the St. Louis County Planning Board. Larry Connors was our keynote speaker at our ROY banquet in April.

We welcomed a number of new members into our midst and some of our members now have children who voted for the first time this year. Sadly a few members have passed as well: Jerome Davis, Kate Holloway, Al Haugens and Dennis Beaver. They were all active in their community as well as this club and they are missed.

Finally, there was one thing we didn't get accomplished this year: our picnic. It was a lesson learned. The Tesson folks know how to get things done, but when we coordinate with other groups, that doesn't necessarily apply. So next year, the Tesson Ferry picnic will happen because we're doing it ourselves.

In summary, it was a tremendously successful year because you made it happen. Thank you.

*Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor*



## November Ballot Issues Recap

TFTRC led by endorsing the November ballot issues. Here's a recap from my point-of-view. Voters continued the one-tenth of one percent sales tax for soil and water conservation and for state parks. The people voted for campaign contribution limits to elect candidates for state office. I'm thankful our Representatives and Senators raised substantial money before this bad idea went into effect in December.

If you believe in limited government it was helpful there were two tobacco tax increases on the ballot. Missourians aren't likely to vote in favor of two tax increases. Voters defeated the exorbitant cigarette tax increase known as Constitutional Amendment 3. Voters trounced the excessive cigarette tax increase know as Proposition A. A \$27 billion state budget is enough government spending. We are taxed enough already.

Citizens voted to give the General Assembly the authority to require voters to show photo ID when voting. Our GOP General Assembly has been pursuing this noble goal since at least 2006. Voters approved Constitutional Amendment 4 which was known as the Taxpayer Protection Amendment. It prohibits politicians and bureaucrats from putting new sales taxes on services that families use every day. Services aren't currently taxed and Missourians want to keep it that way. We are taxed enough already.

Stenger and his liberal Democrats put a property tax increase on the ballot that was billed as being for seniors. Voters rejected it. We are taxed enough already. Thanks for all you did to educate your fellow citizens about ballot issues prior to the November election. Stenger has put a one-half cent sales tax on our April 2017 ballot. More information to come.

*John Judd - Committeeman*

## Coming Events

- **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, noon**, Ernie Trakas swearing in, St. Louis County Council chambers, 41 S. Central Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105.
- **Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, noon**, Missouri state representatives and senators swearing in.
- **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am**, MO Governor swearing in on Capital steps.
- **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**, TFTRC meeting, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.
- **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**, Inauguration of President Donald J. Trump.
- **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm**, TFTRC board meeting.
- **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, Lincoln-Reagan Day banquet, Orlando Gardens South. See attached flyer.
- **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, ROY banquet, Genesis Banquet Center.



# Fake News

Liberals are still in a deep state of denial over the election of Donald Trump. Now they blame Hillary's defeat on "fake news" and the Russians hacking into our election results to swing the election to Trump. They can't deal with the fact that half the country couldn't stand the thought of a corrupt, out-of-touch Hillary running the country like a banana republic. It's ironic how much of the news in past elections actually was fake. Dan Rather produced a phony letter to "prove" that George W. Bush had evaded military service during the Vietnam War. When Rather's lie was exposed, the news community presented him with an award. Go figure.

Here are some more media fabrications that are fake news.

- Americans were murdered in Benghazi due to an inflammatory video.
- Michael Brown said "Hands up – don't shoot" before being gunned down by a white racist cop.
- If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor.
- Hillary Clinton was the hands-down favorite to win the 2016 election.

Let's face it. Liberals choose to live in a fake world. According to their statistics, the United States has an unemployment rate under 5% when we have nearly 95 million people out of the work force. Liberal fake science insists that it's a proven fact that world climate is imperiled due to human activity. Liberals dominate a fake education system in which many high school graduates enter college without basic math, reading and writing skills. In addition, many college graduates complete their fake education with no real job skills. They now have "safe spaces" on these college campuses because they can't deal with a reality that runs counter to their tender sensibilities. The problem with this fake world is that liberals are not content to merely delude themselves, they want everyone else to buy into this stuff as well and they dominate the media, academia and much of government. FaceBook is now using liberal "fact checkers" to censor postings.

We have a president elect who is a master at circumventing the traditional media outlets and taking his case directly to the American people through alternative media. We as conservatives need to learn how use these same techniques to reach young people because they've been immersed in this fake liberal universe. Let's expose the "fake news" myth as the lie that it truly is. As they say, "the truth shall set you free."

*Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor*

## **Quote of the Month**

*The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie – deliberate, contrived, and dishonest – but the myth – persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic.*

*John F. Kennedy*

# Make America Great Again



On June 10, 1963 Rep. A.S. Herlong Jr. read forty-five Communist goals into the Congressional Record. Here are eighteen that should be noted.

- Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.
- Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.
- Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.
- Gain control of all student newspapers.
- Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations which are under Communist attack.
- Infiltrate the press. Get control of book review assignments, editorial writing, policy-making positions.
- Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.
- Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. An American Communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings, substitute shapeless, awkward and meaningless forms."
- Control art critics and directors of art museums. "Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art."
- Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.
- Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV.
- Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as "normal, natural, and healthy."
- Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground

that it violates the principle of “separation of church and state.”

- Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with “social” religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a “religious crutch.”
- Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.
- Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the “common man.”
- Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of the “big picture.” Give more emphasis to Russian history since the Communists took over.
- Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture – education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.

When Donald Trump takes office as our next president, let’s pray that the slogan “Make America Great Again” addresses the above list.



## Good Book to Read

Donald Trump hit on a number of important issues in this past election: immigration, a lack of school-choice for those needing it most and jobs. All of these issues contribute to a still larger problem in America: the lack of social mobility. Previous generations believed that with hard work and ambition, one could go as far as one could dream. That is no longer the case. We’re now looking at a shrinking middle class, an elite aristocracy of rich professionals, media leaders and academics and a growing lower class that has little hope of breaking out of its poverty. F.H. Buckley’s book *The Way Back: Restoring the Promise of America* compares the United States with other first world countries and shows how the social mobility of Americans has been severely limited by the politics of playing both ends against the middle. We’ve seen the Democrat party become a coalition of wealthy elites combining with aggrieved minorities to win elections. But this plays out in policies enacted by both parties. Buckley offers a good analysis of what’s wrong along with excellent ideas for turning this around. The next administration needs to successfully address this problem in order to make America great again. You can find this book at the St. Louis County Library.

*Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor*



# Saved Again By the Electoral College

The following letter appeared in the *South County Times*. I urge you to write a letter-to-the-editor so we can win the battle of ideas.

*John Judd*

I am thankful for the Electoral College system for electing our President. Clinton won the popular vote by over 2 million votes, yet on December 19 a majority of electors will elect Donald Trump and Mike Pence our next President and Vice President. The Electoral College system served us well in 2000 when Al Gore won the popular vote but George Bush got 271 electoral votes and the presidency. The system served us well in 1888 when Grover Cleveland won the popular vote yet Benjamin Harrison won the electoral vote and the presidency.

Our Constitution has required that a candidate for President receive a majority of the 538 electoral votes. This majority leads to a mandate. Donald Trump is set to receive 306 electoral votes and the accompanying mandate.

The system favors conservative values, not urban liberal values. The system gives small states a voice. Does anyone in Missouri want their vote thrown in a big pot with votes from the west coast and east coast? I think not.

In conclusion, with the GOP in control of Congress I'm most thankful that there will be no changes to the Electoral College system. No matter who wins in 2020 the system will serve us well.

*Earlene Judd*

Yes, 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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