



# The Tesson Times

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## April Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Abiding Savior Lutheran Church  
School Cafeteria  
**Speaker:** Sen. Will Kraus – Candidate for Missouri  
Secretary of State



State Senator Will Kraus, candidate for Missouri Secretary of State is scheduled to speak. Sen. Kraus represents a large part of Jackson County Missouri near Kansas City. Our April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the school cafeteria at **Abiding Savior Lutheran Church at 4355 Butler Hill Road**. This is north of the Schnucks shopping center at Highway 55 and Butler Hill Road. The cafeteria is located on the lower level of the church and is accessible by elevator. Park in the back of the church to enter.

## April 7<sup>th</sup> is Election Day – Vote For

**Tony Pousosa - 6<sup>th</sup> County Council District**  
**Jamey Murphy - Mehlville School Board**  
**Kyle Haubrich – Mehlville School Board**  
**Kate Holloway - Lindbergh School Board**



## March Meeting Highlights

The following candidates for the Mehlville School Board spoke: Lisa Dorsey, Kyle Haubrich and Jamey Murphy.

Lisa Dorsey is associate vice president, undergraduate education; assistant professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training; and assistant professor, Program in Health Sciences at St. Louis University. She has 19 years experience in higher education. She and her husband, have two children who attend Mehlville schools.

Kyle Haubrich is an attorney with his own law firm. He and his wife, home-school their three school-age children and plan to send their oldest child to Margaret Buerkle Middle School in two years. They are expecting their fourth child soon.

Jamey Murphy, served as chief of staff for state senator Jim Lembke who was a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee that wrote the state's budget including making financial decisions for Missouri schools. Jamey and his wife have two children — 2 years old and 1 month old.

Lisa was clearly more liberal in her stances on fiscal and social issues. Kyle and Jamey both held traditional values with regard to social issues and fiscal conservatism in managing the school district's finances. All candidates emphasize a need for high educational standards. Mehlville school board members Lori Trakas and Venki Palamand were also present and answered some questions that were directed to them to clarify some points.

Since the club secretary position was vacant, John Judd nominated Jerry (J.R.) Schultz to be secretary of the club. This was seconded and passed.

In addition to last month's endorsements of Jamey Murphy, Tony Pousosa and Kate Holloway, the club endorsed Kyle Haubrich for election to the Mehlville School Board. The campaign committees for Tony Pousosa, Jamey Murphy and Kyle Haubrich were each given \$300 as approved by the club. Kate Holloway is self-financing her campaign.

Representative John McCaherty updated the group on business within the state legislature. The budget includes \$75 million more for elementary and secondary education, which is more than past budgets, if the governor releases the money. It was pointed out that if the state actually paid the foundation formula to the school districts, Mehlville's financial problems would be solved. John said that this formula was based on what we thought we could do back in 2005 and that we have a spending problem

with the state rather than a revenue problem. One major problem is that districts start with administration and facilities rather than with classroom teachers; however, he is seeing some signs of improvement. With regard to Medicaid spending, Missouri currently receives \$130 back from the federal government for every \$100 we send to Washington. Missouri will not be expanding Medicaid. With regard to the Right to Work bill that is currently in the Missouri senate, the bill will probably sit there until the session is adjourned.

Tony Pousosa updated the group regarding his campaign for the South County seat on the St. Louis County Council. He has three billboards in South County and plenty of yard signs. Sign-up sheets were passed around for phone banks and lit drops before April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Karl Hendrickson announced that we now have a speaker for the Republican of the Year fundraiser to be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He is Eric Greitens who is a former Navy SEAL, a Rhodes Scholar, a boxing champion and a humanitarian leader. His newest book is *Resilience: Hard Won Wisdom for Living a Better Life*. He is regarded as a potential candidate for state office in Missouri.

Committeeman John Judd raised the point that we need people to serve as election supervisors. Workers get \$50 for the training they must attend and \$100 for their service on Election Day. For more information, call Gary Fuhr, Director of Elections at 314-615-1854 or email him at [GFuhr@stlouisco.com](mailto:GFuhr@stlouisco.com). In addition, John read a resignation letter from committeewoman Anita Zolman who is resigning because of family commitments. As committeeman, John is authorized to appoint Anita's replacement to serve until the 2016 election.

Mehlville School Board member Lori Trakas spoke about an article posted on STL Today (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*) stating that Mehlville school district residents have not passed a tax increase in 29 years. This was blatantly false and she asked for people to write letters to the editor to refute this article. The problem Mehlville faces is not a revenue problem but a spending problem. She also said that Mehlville teachers have been passing out flyers to their students to be taken home advocating a tax increase. They also had kids attending the school board meeting on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> wearing NEA buttons.

Members of the Concord-Lemay Township Republican Club attended this meeting and they invited our members to attend a dinner meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> featuring Missouri Secretary of State candidate Jay Ashcroft and Tony Pousosa.



## **Bullet Vote for Kate Holloway for Lindbergh School Board**

It is critical that we keep our common sense fiscally responsible representation on the Lindbergh School Board. To that end we are asking you to bullet vote for Kate Holloway for Lindbergh School Board. Bullet voting is defined as voting for fewer than the number to be elected in order to increase your chances of winning. Please vote for Kate and only Kate when you vote on April 7. Please don't cast a vote for Kate's competitors. You don't want to help them.

Focus your vote. Concentrate your vote. This has worked in the past. Use your sphere of influence to get others to bullet vote for Kate Holloway. To volunteer or for a yard sign call Kate directly at 578-3659. Thank you.

*John Judd - Committeeman*



## **Greitens and Lembke to Address G.O.P. Faithful**

Eric Greitens, a Rhodes Scholar, decorated Navy SEAL, author, and founder of the non-profit organization for veterans, "The Mission Continues," will be the featured speaker at the Tesson Ferry Township Republican Club's annual spring fundraiser. Greitens is expected to be a candidate for governor in 2016.

Former state senator Jim Lembke will be recognized as the 2015 "Republican of the Year" for his service to the G.O.P. Lembke served three terms in the Missouri House (2003 – 2008) and four years in the Missouri Senate (2009 – 2012). After leaving the senate, Lembke worked with United for Missouri which focuses on tax policy, economic freedom and federal intrusion issues in the state capitol. His book *Recovering the Declaration of Independence* was published in 2014.

This year's event will be held at the Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph Road, on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., to be followed by the program. Cost per person is only \$25.00, which includes a buffet dinner and open bar. There also will be a silent auction.

Checks for the event should be made payable to the Tesson Ferry Township Republican Club and mailed to 4661 Markton Drive, St. Louis, MO 63128. For additional information contact program chairman Carl Hendrickson at 314-892-6451 or [carl@hendricksons.org](mailto:carl@hendricksons.org).

## Silent Auction



## Items Needed for Silent Auction

You can help the April 26<sup>th</sup> Spring Fundraiser by donating items to the silent auction. Use your creativity in thinking of things people might be interested in bidding on. If you have items to donate to the auction, please contact Jim Murphy at 314-603-9253.

## Coming Events

- **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Election Day. Get out and vote!**
- **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 4355 Butler Hill Rd.
- **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015,** TFTRC spring fundraising banquet at Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph Road. Cost: \$25/person.
- **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC board meeting.
- **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 4355 Butler Hill Rd.
- **Sunday, August 30 2015 ,** South County GOP Township Picnic at Cliff Cave Park.

## Good Book to Read



Jason Riley is on the editorial board of the *Wall Street Journal* and a contributor to Fox News. His book, *Please Stop Helping Us: How Liberals Make It Harder for Blacks to Succeed*, addresses the many ways in which liberal government policies have actually injured the very people they were intended to benefit. Riley, who is black, includes his personal experiences to illustrate how the prevailing black culture has raised barriers to blacks who want to succeed on their own merits and live as middle-class citizens. The federal government has reinforced this negative culture through affirmative action, limiting school choice and soft-on-crime policies. This is an interesting and well-written book that is more relevant now than ever. Find it at the St. Louis County Library.

*Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor*



## Time to Renew Those Memberships

Members of our club get access to elected leaders: which means your voice gets heard! It is important to be heard so we can take our country back! Join now by filling out the membership form and mailing it to:

David Gregory  
5539 Pinewood Forest  
Saint Louis, MO 63128.

The membership form is attached to this email.

Thank you.  
Jamey Murphy, Membership Chairman

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