



The Tesson Times

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July 2016 Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 14th, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
Topic: Proposed Apartment Complex at
Bauer & Tesson Ferry Roads



Our regular meeting will be on Thursday, July 14th 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.) South County residents have a particular interest in July's topic: the proposed apartment complex at the intersection of Bauer and Tesson Ferry Roads. Park in the back of the church. We will have a number of speakers addressing this controversial subject. Come and bring your questions and concerns.

June Meeting Highlights

State Representative Cloria Brown briefed the club on some of the major accomplishments of the legislative session. There were 138 bills passed with no new taxes. There was an additional \$70 million allocated for grades K-12 and a 4% increase for public universities. More money was allocated for scholarships under the A+ program which now includes private schools. There was a ban on public funding for abortions and a 2% pay raise for state employees. Public assistance laws have been changed so that Medicaid recipients can have up to \$2,000 in a checking account without penalties. The previous limit had been \$1,000 and was too restrictive with today's inflated prices. HJR53, the Voter ID amendment to the Missouri constitution was passed. The voters will now have the right to decide this matter in the November election. A law regarding step therapy for prescription drugs also passed. Basically, if you've tried numerous prescription drugs before finding one that effectively treats your condition, you will not have to repeat the same sequence of drugs if your insurance changes.

When asked about SJR39, the bill that protected religious freedom of clergy and people serving in various businesses related to weddings, Cloria stated that the bill did not get out of the House committee and was not brought up for a vote. The reason given was that it would not be held constitutional if brought before the Missouri Supreme Court. However, the Missouri senate passed the bill with no such objections.

Matt Panik, a staff member of Sen. Eric Schmitt updated the club regarding the Missouri senate SB5, which Sen. Schmitt wrote, deals with Municipal Court reform. This bill limits the amount of traffic ticket revenues for municipalities. Other ordinance violations are being added to this law including a ban on traffic ticket quotas. He also mentioned that Sen. Schmitt sponsored the Missouri ABLE legislation which allows families of children with special needs to contribute to tax-exempt 529-savings accounts for disability-related expenses.

Lindsey Reinholdt, St. Louis Area Field Director for Bev Randles, briefly addressed the group. Bev Randles is a candidate for Missouri Lt. Governor and has been chairman of the Missouri Club for Growth. She has led the way in getting the first tax decrease in state history. To volunteer for Bev Randles' campaign, contact Lindsey at 314-330-0973 or lindsey@bevforlg.com.

Ernie Trakas, candidate for St. Louis County Council District 6 addressed our group. Ernie is originally from Washington, DC and graduated from law school in Virginia. He worked in the House of Representatives for five years and well understands the legislative process. He went on to become a public defender before going to civil practice. Ernie is running for public office because people are taking their freedom for granted and we're giving our republic away. He wants to represent the interests of District 6 and intends to be held accountable for his actions.



South County Residents Deserve Better Government Than This

Typical of corrupt Democrat-controlled government, St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger wants to move the St. Louis County Board of Elections to Northwest Plaza. Really? No one who values their personal safety wants to venture to this neck of the woods, not to mention that the location is grossly inconvenient for South County residents who might want to serve as poll workers. But it makes perfect sense when you consider that Stenger received \$130,000 in donations from the developers of this site. Not to mention that the developers will be getting \$40-50 million in a no-bid contract.

Do you want to put a stop to this corruption? Do you want to see South County residents treated as though they actually paid taxes? Help Ernie Trakas in his election bid for District 6 of St. Louis County Council. Ernie will be a strong advocate for the kind of government we'd like to see replace this mess.



March in the July 4th Webster Groves Parade with Randy Jotte

Please join us on Monday, July 4th to walk in the Webster Groves 4th of July Parade as part of team *Dr. Randy Jotte for State Senate*. We will have campaign t-shirts – or wear a white shirt and we will have campaign lapel stickers!

So that you have a car at the end of the parade route, we will be shuttling people from **the baseball field near the entrance to Memorial Park** to the Parade drop off point at Big Bend and E Swon Ave. **Please plan on arriving at the baseball field by 9:00 a.m.** There are several places to park nearby including the Webster Groves Rec Center, Hixson Middle School, and Annunciation Church, and street parking. We will have coffee and doughnuts for our walkers and plenty of water available during the parade. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Selma and Lockwood. We are Entry Number 55. The parade takes approximately an hour and will end near Memorial Park.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the campaign office at (314) 939-1251 or Mary Catherine at (314) 517-0375.



Ernie Trakas Fundraiser - Sunday July 10th

Ernie Trakas is a strong voice for South County and will do an outstanding job representing us on the St. Louis County Council. But we need to support him in every way we can. His fundraising banquet will be Sunday, July 10th at Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph Road. In addition, Alan Leaderbrand will be recognized for his dedicated service to the SOCO Republican party. The cost is \$30/person. The doors open at 4:30 with dinner served at 5:00 pm. If you are interested in joining an *optional* tour of the museums at Jefferson Barracks, meet at Genesis at 3:00 pm to board the air conditioned bus. Make your checks payable to “Friends of Ernie Trakas” and RSVP Earlene Judd, 4769 Cactus Wren Court, St. Louis, MO 63128 or call Earlene at (314) 416-4605. Please see the flyer attached. Thank you.

South County GOP Picnic September 11th- Sylvan Springs Park



The South County GOP Picnic has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 11th at Sylvan Springs Park, 300 Halsey Road, STL, MO 63125. A flyer will be sent to all as soon as details are put in place. This is a great way to meet political candidates and fellow conservatives as well as learning about election issues. We hope to see you there.



Trivia Night Fundraiser for David Gregory Saturday, July 30th

Invite your friends to join your table for a trivia night fundraiser for David Gregory, candidate for Missouri House of Representatives, District 96. The event will take place at Sunset Hills Community Center, 3915 South Lindbergh, Sunset Hills, MO 63127. Doors open at 6:30 pm and trivia begins at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person or \$160 per table of eight. RSVP Christopher Stuffle at (314) 803-8040 or email him at stuffle.chris@gmail.com.

Coming Events

- **Sunday, July 3rd**, 1:00-4:00 pm, City GOP Picnic at Carondelet Park, Pavilion 1. FREE with no need to RSVP.
- **Monday, July 4th**, 10:00 am, Webster Groves parade, Randy Jotte's volunteers meet at 9:00 am at baseball field near entrance to Memorial Park at 9:00 am.
- **Sunday, July 10th**, Ernie Trakas fundraiser banquet, Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph, doors open at 4:30. Additional details to follow.
- **Thursday, July 14th**, 7:00 pm, regular TFTRC meeting, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.
- **Monday, July 25th**, 7:00 pm, TFTRC board meeting.
- **Saturday, July 30th**, Trivia Night fundraiser for David Gregory, candidate for District 96 – House of Representatives. Sunset Hills Community Center. See attached flyer.
- **Tuesday, August 2nd**, **Missouri Primary- Vote!**
- **Sunday, September 11th**, SOCO GOP picnic at Sylvan Springs Park, 300 Halsey Road, 63125. Details will be forthcoming.

Sinquefeld's Plans for St. Louis



Wealthy St. Louis businessman Rex Sinquefeld is trying to turn St. Louis into the “Chicago of Missouri” as he tries to take over our metropolitan government and run it. That’s Fred Sauer’s summary of what is motivating the push for a St. Louis City-County merger without the consent of the citizens of either geographical entity. Sauer is a financial advisor who spent eighteen months doing intense research into the finances of both St. Louis City and St. Louis County to produce a booklet entitled: *Wake Up St. Louis County! Rex Sinquefeld Wants You to Pay for His Empire.* Fred and a number of other speakers associated with *Common Sense for St. Louis* presented a two-hour talk at the Sheraton Westport on Thursday, June 30th regarding the implications for St. Louis County residents if such a merger were to happen.

Sinquefeld has poured \$40 million into local and state political races since 2008. This is an unprecedented violation of representative government that has never been done in any other state in the country. A single individual is trying to take over an entire state government and control it. The City-County merger is the thing that would crystallize it. Sinquefeld has donated \$750,000 to Kurt Schaefer’s run for Missouri Attorney General . And exactly what do you think he expects in return? Fred Sauer sent “An Open Letter to Senator Kurt Schaefer and the Missouri General Assembly “ along with a copy of his book to every member of the state legislature. A PDF copy of the letter is accompanying this newsletter. If a PDF version of the book becomes available, it will be sent to members of the TFTRC. It’s well-written and surprisingly interesting reading. It’s also critical that St. Louis County residents become aware of how their property values, their insurance rates and their taxes will all be negatively impacted by a merger. Meanwhile you can visit www.fredsauermatrix.com/ and read other pertinent articles.



Support the TFTRC Endorsed Slate in the August 2 2016 Primary

| Name | Office |
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| Bev Randles | Lieutenant Governor |
| Eric Schmitt | Treasurer |
| Josh Hawley | Attorney General |
| Randy Jotte | Senate – District 1 |
| Marsha Haefner | Representative –District 95 |
| John McCaherty | Representative-District 97 |
| Ernie Trakas | County Council-District 6 |
| Christy Hessel | Tesson Committeewoman |
| John Judd | Tesson Committeeman |

The Truth Shall Set You Free



A favorite Bible passage is “You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.” While this refers to spiritual matters, it also applies to everyday life. Our society seems enslaved to political correctness in which the obvious cannot be stated because it is offensive to one group of people or another. The net of censorship has become so restrictive that the resulting backlash has resulted in a person like Donald Trump becoming the presumptive presidential nominee of the Republican Party.

While people can debate the pros and cons of a Trump nomination one thing has become clear: the man isn’t afraid to speak the truth regarding his opponent Hillary Clinton. He just called her out on her blatant corruption and her ineptitude as Secretary of State. He isn’t afraid to drag up the sordid history of her philandering husband when she tries to knock him as a misogynist. He’s willing to sling as much mud at her as she slings at him. And he doesn’t have to fabricate a thing; every nasty bit of it is true.

While this might be “taking the low road”, exactly what has “taking the high road” done in the past two presidential elections? Neither John McCain nor Mitt Romney would freely speak the truth regarding Obama’s radical past, his policy failures like Benghazi, his blatant lies to the American public like Obamacare and scandals like Solyndra. They were too “honorable” to say it like it was.

But the failure to speak the truth is itself a lie and it was a betrayal to the Republican voters who expected them to fight on their behalf. Is it any wonder that many Republican voters are as enraged at their own party as they are at the opposition? And why are party leaders surprised when many flock to Trump as their spokesman? If Republican politicians had merely shown the leadership and courage to challenge this president and back it up with action, the politicians who ran in the presidential primaries wouldn’t have been so negatively branded as “insiders.” Having political experience wouldn’t have been a damning flaw on their resume.

Yes, the truth is liberating, but first it needs to be spoken and people need to be willing to listen to it. Republican leadership, let’s start with you. And Republican voters, don’t be afraid to tell the truth to your friends and family who need to hear it.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

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Good Book to Read

People who follow current events have seen a Eurozone crisis, a migrant crisis and Great Britain deciding to leave the European Union. Established political parties throughout Europe are declining while protest parties are rapidly rising. Why are these things happening? Todd Huizinga's book, *The New Totalitarian Temptation* provides the historic background for the rise of the European Union as well as its ultimate goals. Mr. Huizinga has extensive experience as a diplomat and is director of International Outreach at the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty. He has the pulse of European culture and understands the different worldview that most Europeans share. The sad fact is that the hard totalitarianism of Communism and Fascism has been replaced by a softer version under the supranational governance of the EU. The elite bureaucracy of the EU rules without any accountability to the voters and the masses are reacting with anger. Some of the same core ideas are gaining a foothold in the US as well and Americans should take note and vote accordingly. This is an intriguing and extremely relevant book for those who value freedom. Find it at the St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor

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