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August Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 13th, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
School Cafeteria
Speaker David Gregory-candidate for MO
state representative seat 96th
District



Our August 13th 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. Our speaker will be David Gregory, who is running for the Republican nomination for the state representative seat – 96th District.



July Meeting Highlights

Our July meeting was a fundraising event held at Dulany's Grille and Pub on Sunday July 19th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Fifty-five people attended with a number of elected officials and candidates for next year's elections introducing themselves to the crowd. The appetizers were satisfying and a good time was had by all. Mehlville Fire Board Director Ed Ryan gave us an update on his wife, Maryann, who was hit by a bicyclist while she was walking Grant's Trail on June 28th. Maryann suffered head injuries and is making very slow progress in her recovery. Please continue to remember Ed and Maryann in your prayers.



Expansion of Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

Fellow patriots, please heed this call to action. At issue is whether St. Louis County should sell 38 acres of Sylvan Springs Park to the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. If the sale goes through the park would still be 32 acres. If the cemetery gets the land they will be able to bury our veterans until 2045.

Please e-mail Councilman O'Leary at dvalenti@stlouisco.com. Please e-mail Steve Stenger at [sstenger@stlouisco.com](mailto:ssstenger@stlouisco.com). If you like to make phone calls O'Leary's number is 615-0159 and Stenger's number is 615-7016. Here is a sample:

Councilman O'Leary,

Please do everything in your power to sell 38 acres of Sylvan Springs park to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. I have relatives who are veterans and would like them to have a final resting place at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

It's time for the silent majority to be heard. Please do your part and forward this to your sphere of influence. Thank you.

John Judd, Committeeman

Candidates Announce Their Intentions for 2016 Races

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Marsha Haefner, currently serving as representative for the 100th district in the Missouri house, officially announced her intention to run for the Missouri senate seat for the 1st District. Her kick-off campaign was Wednesday, July 8th at the Haefner greenhouse on Telegraph Road. With Marsha's house seat becoming vacant, two candidates have announced their intention to run: Bill Zobrist and Jamie Murphy. Both are members of our club and you will have ample opportunity to meet them personally and ask them questions regarding their experience and their political views.

Eric Schmitt, currently serving as state senator for district 15 is being term limited out of this seat. Mike Leara, the current representative for the 96th district in the Missouri house is being term limited out of his seat and is running for the senate seat vacated by Eric. Two candidates have announced their intentions to run for Mike's vacant seat:

David Gregory and Dan Reuter. In addition, Andrew Koenig, current representative for the 99th district in the Missouri house will be running against Mike Leara for the district 15 state senate seat. As you can see, there is a lot of activity going on and many good candidates running for elected office on all levels. Be sure to attend our meetings to talk to these candidates and give them your support.



South County GOP Townships' Picnic – Sunday August 30th

The annual South County Republican Township Clubs' picnic will be held Sunday, August 30th at Cliff Cave Park from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. We reserved the large pavilion overlooking the Mississippi River which offers plenty of shade and a beautiful setting for a fun event. The event is FREE, but you need reservations so that we have enough food for all who attend. You may reserve your spot online at <http://www.concordlemaygop.com/> or mailing the attached form to Rene Artman, 1530 Winter Chase Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. When you make your reservation, you will receive a receipt that you should bring with you. This receipt will put you in the food line ahead of those who did not make reservations. Hope to see you there!



Coming Events

- **Thursday, August 13th, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 4355 Butler Hill Rd.
- **Thursday, August 20th, 7:00 pm,** Mehlville HS library. Public meeting deciding if Mehlville School District tax increase gets on the ballot.
- **Monday, August 24th, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC board meeting.
- **Sunday, August 30th, 4:00-8:00 pm,** South County GOP Township Picnic at Cliff Cave Park.
- **Thursday, September 10th, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. Speaker: Jay Ashcroft, candidate for Missouri Sec'y. of State.
- **Friday, September 25th.** TFTRC Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament at Sherwood Country Club. Cash bar, snacks provided. See flyer for details.
- **Thursday, October 8th, 7:00 pm.** TFTRC meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. Debate over Mehlville School District tax increase.

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Good Book to Read



Is it possible to find a sleazier couple in modern politics than Bill and Hillary Clinton? I don't think so and neither does Peter Schweizer in his latest book *Clinton Cash*. This book traces the sordid history of the Clintons after Bill left the presidency in January 2001. According to Hillary they were "dead broke" at that point but their estimated net worth is now around \$130 million. Perhaps she could share her money-making secrets with the rest of us, but that would land the average person in prison. Schweizer outlines how the Clinton Foundation has basically served as a money-laundering organization in which wealthy businessmen, often with questionable backgrounds, use their access to the Clintons as a means to gain contracts with foreign countries for mineral rights and access to other natural resources in various countries around the world. It's the same pay-to-play game the Clintons used while occupying the White House, but now it's on a global scale. Their shamelessness is incredible. If Hillary actually gets the Democratic nomination for president, her Republican opponent should use this book for talking points throughout the campaign. It's amazing that anyone would still vote for another Clinton presidency. The book is available at St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor



Who You Follow...

A lot of things have happened in just the past couple of months. Gay marriage appears to be the law of the land. Our president has agreed to a suicidal nuclear deal with Iran while trying to by-pass Congressional ratification. Recent videos show that Planned Parenthood (which is funded through taxpayer dollars) has sunk to even lower depths with the sale of aborted baby organs.

A children's message in my church centered upon "Who you follow makes a big difference where you end up." So true. For years, the majority of American voters have been preoccupied with superficial things like celebrities, sports and the latest gadgets. When something of substance is presented, it's done with a liberal bias. The rest of the time we've been fed inconsequential fluff in the hope that nobody cares about the things that really matter. Now we have an unaccomplished radical president who was elected by voters who bought into "hope and change." This leader that people followed has led us to disaster.

Mark Steyn made the observation that “You can’t have conservative government in a liberal culture, and that’s the position the Republican Party is in.” He’s right. Until people start focusing upon substantial cultural and political issues, we’re stuck with leadership determined by sound bites and ignorance pushed by a liberal establishment. Republicans won a majority in the last election due to the electorate’s dissatisfaction with the liberal agenda. But it took six years before voters started focusing on the dismal facts that things were going terribly awry. But the same people who elected this Republican majority are now becoming increasingly disillusioned with the legislation this Congress has passed or in some cases failed to pass. Ted Cruz summed it up recently when he called Senate majority leader McConnell a liar. McConnell campaigned for reelection in 2014 as a conservative, but his actions tell us he was lying the entire time.

It’s way too early in this presidential election cycle to be able to predict who the Republican nominee will be. Republican leaders want to dismiss Donald Trump as a sideshow entertainer with little substance even though his message resonates with a large number of people. Many of these folks probably don’t know much about Trump’s actual politics: he’s not a conservative. But his message has struck a nerve because he has the courage to speak his mind about illegal immigration and not back down in the face of the liberal media. That’s a lesson the Republican leadership should learn from rather than dismiss. People are looking for a strong leader who is in tune with issues that middle class voters are concerned about. Rather than dancing around issues that might offend one class of voters or another, Republican candidates need to speak directly and honestly to voters and show that they have the courage of their convictions. We saw it once in Ronald Reagan and conservatives are hoping to find another candidate of the same dynamism and integrity. In the meantime, each one of us needs to look at where our focus lies and who we are willing to follow; because who you follow makes a big difference where you end up.

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TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

**PRESENTED by the Tesson Ferry Republican Club
to benefit the election of Conservative Candidates**

Location: Sherwood Country Club
8100 Fine Rd, Saint Louis MO 63129

Date: Friday, September 25th

Time: Registration 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tournament begins promptly at 7:15 pm



Spectators welcome as this will be a fun social event!

Bring all your friends and have fun! Poker skills not required.

Beginner's table will be formed for those wishing to learn the game.

Prizes Galore!

- ♠ \$25 Buy-In includes \$1000 worth of chips
- ♥ \$200 Bonus chips for all paid reservations prior to September 15th
- ♣ \$20 Add-Ons or Re-Buys available during first hour
- ♦ Blinds starting \$25/\$50
- ♠ 20 minute Blind Increments
- ♥ Blinds Double every round
- ♣ Snacks provided – Cash Bar

Space is limited so make your reservations early!
For additional information call or email Jim Murphy:
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To reserve your spot send check
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