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December 2016 - Christmas Party

Date: Thursday, December 8th, 2016
Time: 5:30 pm doors open
Place: Sherwood Country Club
 8100 Fine Rd., St. Louis, MO 63129
Cost: \$15 per person



Our Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 8th at Sherwood Country Club, 8100 Fine Road, STL 63129. Take Telegraph Road south and turn left onto Fine Road. This is near the Ameren power plant. The cost is \$15/person with a cash bar. Doors open at 5:30 with hors d'oeuvres served. TFTRC officers for 2017 will be installed at this meeting. Come celebrate the holidays along with our Republican election wins.



November Meeting Highlights

Just two days after a historic election that shocked the nation, members of the TFTRC celebrated some hard-fought election victories. We also recognized the sacrifice and service of our veterans. There were a number of veterans present at our meeting and each one briefly shared their personal story. Howard Brandt served in the Korean War while the remainder served either before or during the Vietnam War. We say "thank you" to each one of you for your service.

Our speaker was Ms. Ramona Davis, Executive Director of the Pregnancy Help Center of South County. Ramona is also Board President of the Missouri Alliance for Life, which is a lobbying group representing 79 pregnancy help centers and other organizations in the pro-life movement. Ramona shared her personal testimony regarding life issues. When Ramona was sixteen, her mother became pregnant at the

age of forty-three. It was 1973 and the physician advised her mother to have an abortion since it was now legal and the pregnancy posed some health threats. Her mother chose a different doctor. Years later, Ramona and her husband adopted two girls whose mothers faced crisis pregnancies.

The pro-life movement has been making steady progress over the years as evidenced by the closing of abortion centers. There are now 2,500 pregnancy help centers compared to 500 abortion centers in the United States. Still abortion is a big business in this country: \$1.2 billion per year to be exact. Sadly, the Planned Parenthood in St. Louis performs approximately 100 abortions per week. The good news is that nationwide a baby is saved from abortion every four minutes.

Ramona described the work of the Pregnancy Help Center of South County as a non-denominational Christian ministry to women facing crisis pregnancies. The center offers free ultrasounds, counseling and referral services. It also communicates a Christian message to young people who are surrounded by a culture that presents a very different set of values. Check out their website: <http://thepregnancyhelpcenter.com/>

Other club business included a change to the by-laws to create a social media co-coordinator position to manage the website and other social media. In addition, we elected our board members for 2017.

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MO Legislators Take Oath of Office in January

Congratulations to all our State Senators and State Representatives elected in Missouri on November 8th. All of the campaign volunteers deserve a special “thank you” for their efforts. One hundred seventeen Republicans will be sworn in at the house chamber on Wednesday, January 4th at noon. You can watch this and take photos from the House gallery. If you want a ticket, contact your respective representative. In Tesson, Representatives Gregory, Brown, Haefner and McCaherty all won.

Congratulations to 15th District Senator Andrew Koenig! Thanks for all you did for both Andrew Koenig and Dr. Randy Jotte. Your Senators will be sworn in on January 4th at noon. You can watch this and take photos from the Senate gallery. Eleven Republican senators will take their oath of office in January. Contact Andrew Koenig if you want a ticket. God bless all of your efforts in 2017!

John Judd-Committeeman



GOP Maintains Control of Congress

The people have spoken! Republicans continue to maintain the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives which they assumed in 2010. All six of our Missouri House members won re-election. All members of Congress will be sworn in on January 3rd in Washington, D.C. with Ann Wagner taking the oath for her third term. On that same date, the GOP House caucus will nominate Paul Ryan for election as Speaker.

Americans also voted to keep our GOP Senate majority which Republicans gained in 2014. Our own Roy Blunt won re-election to his second term. With your help we will hold onto both houses in the 2018 election. In Missouri, we must vote out Claire McCaskill. If you have more questions about the swearing in, call Roy Blunt's office at 314-725-4484 or Ann Wagner's office at 636-779-5449. Thanks for all your efforts in 2016.

John Judd-Committeeman

Coming Events



- **Thursday, December 8th**, TFTRC Christmas Party, Sherwood Country Club, 8100 Fine Road. Doors open at 5:30pm, food served at 6:00 pm.
- **Sunday, January 1st**, Noon, swearing in of Ernie Trakas as District 6 Councilman, St. Louis County Council Chamber, 41 S. Central Ave
- **Wednesday, January 4th**, noon, swearing in of Missouri representatives and Senators, MO State Capitol.
- **Thursday, January 12th**, 7:00 pm., TFTRC meeting, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 4355 Butler Hill Road.



Looking for Candidates

Well the next campaign season is around the corner. That will be for candidates for the school boards of Mehlville and Lindbergh school districts. We all know the importance of education and we need conservative voices on these boards to offer a counter-weight to the teachers unions and tax-and-spend liberals. If you live in the Mehlville School District, contact Jamey Murphy at 795-5436 for additional information. If you live in the Lindbergh School District, contact Mike Tschlis at 265-1961 for his advice and insights.

It's That Time Again



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.



Make Your Republican of the Year Nomination

It's that time of year. We need your input for Republican of the Year. The flyer is attached to your e-mail message. Please return the forms to R.O.Y., 5040 Kirkey Court, St. Louis, MO 63128 or e-mail your response to riedsrock@charter.net.



Good Book to Read

South County residents mourn the loss of Officer Blake Snyder who was senselessly gunned down during a routine call. We've also witnessed Black Lives Matter dominating headlines since its inception in 2014. This is part of a larger anti-law-enforcement movement in our nation. Heather Mac Donald's book *The War on Cops* chronicles how the rise in crime in the 1960s and 70's led to longer prison terms and harsher sentencing. The resulting decrease in the crime rate has been taken for granted until the Obama administration took the title of the most anti-law-enforcement administration in memory. Mac Donald's book has four major parts: (1) the Ferguson effect; (2) handcuffing the cops; (3) the truth about crime and (4) incarceration and its critics. Every chapter is filled with compelling stories to illustrate the larger themes. This fast-moving book makes a strong case for the common-sense pro-active policing that Rudolph Guiliani advanced in New York during his term as mayor. Unfortunately our current justice system is steadily moving in the opposite direction. Hopefully our president-elect will replace the people and policies that have created this mess. You can find this book at St. Louis County Library.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor



There's Work Ahead

America dodged a bullet on November 8th when Donald Trump won the presidency. We were spared a president who would have reduced our country to a banana republic with unlimited corruption, no borders, radical Supreme Court judges and a weak national defense. But the electoral sweep of the Presidency and both houses of Congress also places a responsibility upon Republicans to get to work and deliver on their campaign promises.

President-elect Trump faces a formidable task. We have 94 million Americans out of the work force. Obamacare is an imploding disaster. Our national defense has been reduced to a skeleton crew while our foreign policy has emboldened our enemies and forsaken our allies. We have nearly \$20 trillion of national debt and our society is more polarized and divided than ever. That doesn't even touch the moral rot and decay we've witnessed in the past couple decades.

Donald Trump has been elected to "drain the swamp" existing in Washington, but a lot of these folks are unelected bureaucrats in the State Department, Justice Department, the IRS and EPA. They will be resisting the new policies that our new president will be pushing. In addition Mr. Trump will be dealing with resistant Republicans who have looked askance at his campaign as well as many of his supporters. Many of these politicians actually owe him their election victories because he carried them on his coat tails. Finally, there will be the media and a bitter former-president Obama to contend with. Obama has chosen to remain in Washington after leaving the White House. No doubt his community-organizing skills will be put to good use as he tries to thwart the new administration and spin his past eight years as a success. Good luck with that.

So we as Republicans have a new task before us. We need to pray for Mr. Trump and our leaders on all levels. They will be fighting to change a lot. We need to hold our leaders accountable for their progress. Republicans need to deliver because people desperately want a change and they will be watching. We also need to keep educating people regarding the conservative principles that Republicans support. That means reaching out to minorities and immigrants who view the government as the source of entitlements.

Finally, our party needs to learn a few lessons from the Trump campaign. This man made plenty of mistakes, especially with his careless remarks and tweeting. But he taught us that taking the high road and acting with dignity simply doesn't win elections: fighting and giving tit-for-tat when dealing with a lying, corrupt opponent and media actually works. If you're going to enter the fray, you better be prepared to fight to win.

So, enjoy the victories won, but prepare for the battles ahead. They're coming.

Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor



Poor Richard's Alternative Almanac

Thank You Ernie!



Ernie Wins District 6 Race

Ernie Trakas' election victory surprised many South Countians. His opponent, Pat Yaeger outspent him 3:1 with campaign flyers smearing him as a sinister figure not to be trusted. But residents of District 6 expressed their anger and frustration with the Democrat "politics as usual" approach exemplified by County Executive Steve Stenger and current Councilman Kevin O'Leary. The campaign centered over the lack of transparency and responsiveness to citizens' opposition to a proposed apartment complex at Bauer Road and Tesson Ferry. Ernie was at the forefront in opposing this development and served as the voice for South Countians who felt disenfranchised. Ernie takes his oath of office on Sunday, January 1st at the St. Louis County

Government Center, 41 S. Central Avenue, 1st floor. The meeting starts at noon and is open to the public.



Good Movie to See

After watching Hillary Clinton's deliberate compromise of classified documents through her unsecured server and her close association with Muslim Brotherhood associates like Huma Abedin, one starts to question whether their congressional representatives could pass an FBI security check. Trevor Loudon's movie, *Enemies Within* asks that very question with some very disturbing answers given by recognized security experts. Loudon is a native of New Zealand, a country that came under Communist leadership in the 1980's. This was done through communist-influenced politicians getting elected to office, not a military coup. Loudon then moved to the United States where he saw the same trends. His documentary movie is a real eye-opener and needs to be viewed by as many concerned citizens as possible. You'll find it interesting, especially since one of our Missouri congressional representatives was listed as being influenced heavily by groups actively working against the United States. You can order this movie at: <https://enemieswithinmovie.com/order/>.

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Quote of the Month

Elections have consequences. – Barack Obama

Make America Great Again. – Donald Trump