

PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Republican Women **ANNUAL RECEPTION**

The Pettis County Republican Women will sponsor a RECEPTION and TEA on Sunday afternoon, February 27, 2005, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the Georgetown Country View Estates Chapel located at 22378 Highway H, Sedalia, Missouri. The guest speaker will be Col. Jack Jackson, State Representative 89th District, and candidate for State Auditor. All women are encouraged to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and information about our Pettis County Republican Womens organization. There is no cost for this event, and the reception will include beverages and desserts. All members are encouraged to attend and bring guests with them to this annual event. For more information, please telephone PCRW President, Barbara Hagebusch.

McKINLEY **CELEBRATION** *and VICTORY PARTY*



The Annual Pettis County McKinley Day Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at the State Fair Motor Inn-Best Western, 3120 South Limit Avenue, Sedalia, Missouri. A cash bar reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. This year, this event will be combined with a Victory Celebration to celebrate our November victories. The keynote Speaker will be State Senator Delbert Scott (28th District). Senator Scott will help us celebrate the retention

of the successful effort in reelecting George W. Bush, electing a Republican Governor in Matt Blunt, winning the Lieutenant Governor and Treasurers office and retaining control of the Missouri Senate and Missouri House of Representatives, and all other November

victories. The highlight of the event will be the installation of the Pachyderm officers for 2005. Tickets to this event are \$20.00 per person, or \$35.00 per couple. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Pettis County Central Committee, or by contacting Chairman [Carla Young](#). The public is invited to this county-wide event.

TARGET *Annual Meeting* *and Reception*

TARGET, "The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together" has scheduled it Annual Meeting and Reception for Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. at State Fair Motor Inn-Best Western, 3120 South Limit, Sedalia, Missouri. All current members and those interested in becoming members are invited. Membership is \$12.00 per year, and the current membership is good through September 1, 2005. This event is free to all TARGET Members. In addition to the regular meeting, the gathering will have an opportunity to hear from the Republican elected officials in Pettis County. Each elected official will have a brief opportunity to address the gathering. The meeting will be held in the Gamblers Room at the State Fair Motor Inn Best Western. Reservations should be made by contacting [Stanley Cox](#) no later than 5:00 p.m on April 15, 2005. All persons interested in joining TARGET are encouraged to attend.

Planning Meeting *of the* **Republican Party**

The Pettis County Republican Committee, with other interested individuals, will meet immediately after the TARGET meeting on April 19, 2005, at approximately 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of adopting the 2006 Pettis County Republican Plan. Much of our success in Pettis County derives from careful planning and effective execution of a political plan every two years. A copy of the draft plan will be sent to members of the County Committee prior to the meeting and are available to other interested individuals by contacting [Stanley Cox](#). If you have any questions about this important meeting, contact [Carla Young](#).

PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATIONS

One of the best ways to get involved in Republican politics is by affiliating with the fine Republican auxiliary organizations which exist in Pettis County. The current officers of these organizations are provided for your information.

Pettis County T.A.R.G.E.T.-“The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together”: Officers: President Rod Lindemann; Vice-President Stanley Cox; Secretary Meg Liston; Treasurer David Dick. For more information, contact Rod Lindemann.

Pettis County REPUBLICAN WOMENS CLUB: Officers: President Barbara Hagebusch; Vice-President Cathy Chancellor; Secretary Tammy Smith; Treasurer Sheri Bond. Meetings are held in the evenings in members homes. Guests and new members are always welcome. Dues are \$15.00 per year. For more information, contact Barbara Hagebusch.

Pettis County PACHYDERM CLUB: Officers: President Dr. J.W. Bryden; Vice-President Robert Skip Smith; Secretary Meg Liston; Treasurer Max Coble. Board Members: Kevin Bond, Rozanne Coble, Lorraine Jackson, Terry Kelley, Larry Foster and Stanley Cox. This club meets every Friday at 12:00 noon at the Liberty Café, 148 South Limit Avenue, Sedalia, Missouri. Guests are welcome. For more information, contact Dr. J. W. Bryden, or our website at www.PettisGOP.org/Pachyderm.html

COMMENTARY - "Incredible Victory"

In the last newsletter prior to the November 2 election, Carla Young challenged the Republicans throughout the county to participate in the 72-hour Task Force. On the days before the general election, several polls showed President George W. Bush trailing his opponent by a few percentage points. Most observers predicted that the presidential election would be decided by a few electoral votes. Instead of being close, the President won the nations popular vote by a substantial margin and won Missouri by almost 200,000 votes. Additionally, few people predicted a substantial margin of victory that Governor Matt Blunt obtained. All of our local candidates campaigned hard in the weeks leading up to the election, as if they were trailing.

In the State Senate, the Republicans now hold 23 of 34 seats and in the Missouri House, Republicans made a gain of seven seats, now with a 97 to 66 vote majority. This is the largest percentage in Missouri history for Republicans. West central Missouri picked up two seats for Republican Senators in the election of Bill Stouffer in the 21st District and Chris Koster in the 31st District.

More than 120 volunteers in Pettis County worked over 1,000 hours in the last five days of the campaign. Everyones hard work paid great dividends. Presidents Bushs margin of victory in Pettis County was more than 2,000 votes above his Election 2000 race with more than 66% of the votes cast for President. The Republican Party won three out of four of the hard fought local races, in electing Kevin Bond as Sheriff, Matt Mergen as Assessor, and Robert Skip Smith as Coroner. Their respective percentages were 53%, 54% and 58%. Dean Dohrman polled over 46% in his race for Public Administrator against an incumbent. All of the Republican state-wide candidates polled substantially better in Pettis County than state-wide, with Kit Bond receiving over 67%, Matt Blunt receiving over 57%, Peter Kinder receiving 56% and Catherine Hanaway, who was unsuccessful, receiving almost 54%. Sarah Steelman received almost 58% in Pettis County in her successful bid for State Treasurer. Literally hundreds of local

volunteers made a real difference in all that they did.

We have much to celebrate and are proud to be represented by such fine individuals at our local level. These victories and our hard fought campaigns will be celebrated at our local McKinley Day Celebration on March 24th. I encourage all of you to come out and celebrate our "incredible victory".

Stan Cox