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## ***PLANNING MEETING FOR THE PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY***

The Pettis County Republican Committee, with other interested individuals, will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 19, 2011, in the first floor courtroom of the Pettis County Courthouse for the purpose of adopting a 2012 Pettis County Republican Plan. Much of the success of the Pettis County Republican Party strives from careful planning and effective execution of a political plan every two years. A copy of the draft plan will be sent to the members of the county committee prior to the meeting and will be available to other interested individuals by contacting Stanley Cox at 826-5488. If you have any questions about this important meeting, please contact County Chairman Carla Young.

## **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PETER KINDER TO ADDRESS ANNUAL MCKINLEY DINNER AND VICTORY CELEBRATION**

The Pettis County Republican Committee announces the **Annual Pettis County Republican McKinley Day Dinner and Victory Celebration**, to be held **Thursday, March 17, 2011, at State Fair Motor Inn, 3120 South Limit Avenue, Sedalia, Missouri.** A cash bar begins at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be **Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder**, who is expected to seek of office of Governor next year. Other individuals interested in state-wide office are also expected to be in attendance. Additionally, a live and silent auction will be held.

A highlight of the evening will be the recognition of the officers of the Auxiliary Organizations, including Pachyderm, Republican Women, TARGET and Young Republicans.

Tickets to this event are available from any member of the Pettis County Republican Central Committee or from Chairman Carla Young. The ticket price for this event is \$25.00 per person, or \$40.00 for two, if purchased in advance. Tickets at the door will be \$30.00 per person and \$50.00 for two. The public is encouraged to attend this county wide event.

## ***DONATIONS INVITED FOR MCKINLEY DAY AUCTION***

**AUCTION ITEMS ARE NEEDED** for the live and silent auction which will be held in connection with the McKinley Day Celebration on Thursday, March 17, 2011. New items, as well as collectibles, are needed for donation. If you have items which you would like to donate, we would ask that you deliver them to Carla Young, Chairman, 809 W. Broadway, Sedalia, Missouri, or to the office of State Representative Stanley Cox at 202 West Fourth Street, Sedalia, Missouri. These items should be delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14th in order that they may be prepared for the auction to be held on Thursday that week. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like your items picked up, please call Carla Young.

## **REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**PETTIS COUNTY T.A.R.G.E.T.** (The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together). President Frank Higgins; Vice-President Keith Kirby; Secretary Meg Liston; Treasurer David Dick. This club participates in numerous fund raising events. For more information, please contact President Frank Higgins.

**PETTIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**—President, Teresa Kelley; 1st Vice-President Sherri Bond; 2nd Vice-President Cheryl Brown; Secretary Kris Cox; Treasurer Lorraine Jackson. Meetings are held February thru May and September thru December. Guests and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact President Teresa Kelley.

**PETTIS COUNTY PACHYDERM**— President Dean Dohrman; Vice-President Vaughn Hart; Secretary Betty Hopkins; Treasurer Meg Liston. This club meets every Friday at 12:00 noon at State Fair Motor Inn. For more information, please contact President Dean Dohrman, or visit our website.

**PETTIS COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS**— President Brennan Moriarty; Vice-President Erica Crabtree; Secretary Tiffany Walters. For more information, please contact President Brennan Moriarty.

## COMMENTARY

## ***“CHALLENGING TIMES”***

***BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE STANLEY COX***

In our last newsletter issued prior to the November 2010 election, I encouraged Republicans throughout the county to participate in the 72-hour Task Force. I was sincerely impressed by the enthusiasm and the number of volunteers who participated. After a tough year in 2008, 2010 has certainly become a high water year for Republicans both in Pettis County and in the State of Missouri. The efforts of local volunteers was critical to these successes. More than 50 volunteers worked over 350 hours during the last five days prior to the election in connection with our 72-hour Task Force.

The Republican candidates on the state-wide ballot in the November 2010 election included Roy Blunt, now a United States Senator, who won locally with 64 percent of the vote, and Thomas Schweich, now State Auditor, who won locally with 58 percent of the vote. The 4th Congressional District now has a Republican Congressman, Vickie Hartzler, for the first time since the 1950s. The Missouri House of Representatives now has 106 Republican members out of 163 total, and the Missouri Senate has 26 Republican members out of 34 total.

Pettis County includes portions of four State Representative districts, all of which are occupied by Republicans, including Wanda Brown, Stanley Cox, Caleb Jones and Scott Largent. In local Pettis County races, five Republican candidates had no general election and were unopposed, Judge R. Paul Beard, Judge Robert Liston, Circuit Clerk Susan Sadler, Pettis County Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Mittelhauser and County Auditor Connie Purchase. Pettis County Republicans held on to the office of Presiding Commissioner with the decisive election of John Meehan, who garnered 70 percent of the vote. Marsha Boeschen won the County Collector with 66 percent of the vote. Republicans rounded off a complete sweep of all other County offices by electing Nick LaStrada as County Clerk with 248 votes more than his opponent, and Barbara Clevenger won the office of Recorder of Deeds with 589 votes more than her opponent. We have much to celebrate and should be proud of these fine individuals who have been elected to local Pettis County offices.

Republicans won all of these races for a couple of reasons. First, people were sick and tired of President Obama and his liberal agenda. Secondly, we ran superior candidates who worked hard to get the approval of the voters. It is good to celebrate our victory, but most importantly, we must keep our eye on the challenges ahead and continue our work for good government locally and for the entire State of Missouri.

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