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## DONATIONS INVITED FOR MCKINLEY DAY AUCTION

Auction items are needed for the live and silent auction which will be held in conjunction with the Annual McKinley Day Celebration. New items, as well as collectibles, are needed for donation. If you have items which you would like to donate, please deliver them to the home of County Chairman Carla Young, at 809 West Broadway, Sedalia, or to the office of State Representative Stanley Cox, at 202 West Fourth Street, Sedalia. These items should be delivered by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2009 in order that they may be prepared for the auction scheduled that Thursday. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

## *Republican Women to host 4th District MoFRW Spring Meeting in Sedalia*

Pettis County Republican Women will host the **MoFRW Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 4, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Ivory Grill Restaurant**, located in the Bothwell Hotel. Representatives of 14 Republican Women's clubs will be in attendance. Invited guest speakers include Rep. Tom Self, Rep. Larry Wilson, Rep. Mike Parson and Rep. Ed Ebring. A luncheon will be served at noon followed by a live auction. Registration is \$15.00 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register to attend, please contact President Teresa Kelley at 826-8828, or Secretary Kris Cox at 620-2464.

## *Mo House Speaker Ron Richard to address Annual McKinley Day*



The Pettis County Republican Committee announces the Annual Pettis County "McKinley Day" Celebration scheduled for **Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the State Fair Best Western Motor Inn, 3120 South Limit Avenue, Sedalia, Missouri.** A cash bar will begin at 6:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Missouri Speaker of the House of Representatives Ron Richard. In addition, a live and silent auction will be held in connection with this event. An additional highlight will be the recognition of officers of Pettis County auxiliary organizations, including the Pettis County Pachyderms, Pettis County Republican Women, Pettis County Young Republicans and TARGET (The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together). Tickets for this event are \$25.00 per person, or \$40.00 for two tickets, if purchased in advance. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$30.00 per person, or \$50.00 for two. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Pettis County Central Committee or by telephoning Chairman Carla Young at 826-0860. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this county-wide event.

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

The Pettis County Republican Committee, with other interested individuals, will meet at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 in the first floor courtroom of the Pettis County Courthouse**, for the purpose of adopting a 2010 Pettis County Republican Plan. Much of the success of the Pettis County Republican Party is derived 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 this 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, contact Chairman Carla Young at 826-0860.

# 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 provided for your information.

**PETTIS COUNTY T.A.R.G.E.T.** (The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together). President Frank Higgins; Secretary Meg Liston; Treasurer David Dick; This club participates in numerous special and fund raising events. For more information, telephone 826-5488.

**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 Feb-May and Sept-Dec in members homes. Guests and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Secretary Kris Cox at 827-1597.

**PETTIS COUNTY PACHYDERM**— President Frank Higgins; Vice-President Rodney Boone; Secretary Betty Hopkins; Treasurer Meg Liston. This club meets every Friday at 12:00 noon at State Fair Motor Inn (Conference Room). Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit our website at [www.PettisGOP.org/Pachyderm.html](http://www.PettisGOP.org/Pachyderm.html).

**PETTIS COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS**— President Nick LaStrada; Vice-President Brennan Moriarty; Secretary Erica Crabtree; Treasurer Tiffany Walters; Sasha Hogg, Marketing; John Ragland, Fund Raising and Dusty Heimsoth, Event Coordinator. This club has regular meetings and many special events, including Co-Ed Soccer, Co-ed Softball and Men's Softball. For more information contact Nick LaStrada at 660-287-0065.

## COMMENTARY *“Challenges Ahead”*

In our last newsletter, prior to the November 4, 2008, election, I encouraged Republicans throughout the county to participate in the “72-Hour Task Force”. In the days prior to that general election, everyone realized that the race between John McCain and Barak Obama for the eleven Missouri Electoral votes could be decisive. More than 50 volunteers worked 350 hours during the last five days of the campaign in connection with the “72-hour Task Force.” Everyone’s hard work paid off with great dividends locally, even though the national and state-wide results were seriously disappointing. Although Barak Obama won the presidency, our efforts in Pettis County helped to deny him the eleven “show me” electoral votes. McCain carried Pettis County by over 60% of vote.

Unfortunately, our other state-wide candidates, except Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder, were unsuccessful. Peter Kinder carried almost 58% in Pettis County. The most serious state-wide disappointment was the defeat of Kenny Hulshof. Hulshof carried significantly less than 50% in our own county. Both Eastern Commissioner Rod Lindemann and Western Commissioner Larry Wilson had extremely close races despite the clear superiority of these two candidates over their opponents. In the difficult election of 2008, I personally was happy to carry over 57% of the vote in the 118th Representative District. The local highlight of the November election was the decisive win and reelection of Kevin Bond in garnering over 60% of the vote in Pettis County. Vincent Phang was unsuccessful in his bid for Public Administrator.

County Assessor Dean Dohrman and Coroner Skip Smith were unopposed in their respective elections. These results indicate that despite our efforts locally, we need to increase our efforts if we are to retain our majority status in Pettis County. We have much to celebrate and are proud to be represented by such fine individuals.

Nevertheless, we must keep our eye on the challenges ahead and continue our work for good government here at the local and state level.



State Representative Stanley Cox  
District 118