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MESSAGE from the CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

Good always comes from people working together for a common good. This is nothing new to America or Macomb County. We are made up of hard-working, able people to whom many blessings have come. When determined people come together and do what is best for their land, good prevails. Macomb County is in need of this now. There are issues facing this county and we must do what is best for it and those who live here. As members of the Macomb County Republicans, please make your voices heard next month. May 6, 2008 is an election that includes the County Executive issue. Those who initiated the timing of this issue on the ballot are hoping that Republicans will not show up to vote. The timing of this election is done in concurrence with school board elections, in which many of us do not usually participate. If you find yourself unable to make it out to vote that day, please consider registering for an Absentee Ballot ahead of time. Remember that this issue will directly affect all of us as Macomb County residents, and you are ALWAYS encouraged to vote! The exact wording is below for your convenience, and please note its vagueness. Please do what you feel is best for our county and our future.

God bless you, your family and friends,
James Carabelli
 Chairman, Macomb County Republicans

Charter Commission Direct Ballot Wording:

“Shall the County of Macomb elect a charter commission for the purpose of framing and submitting to the electorate of the county a county home rule charter under the constitution and laws of Michigan?”

Attention Executive Committee Members

The next Executive Board Meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7PM.
This meeting is open to all MCRP membership, so we hope to see you on the 21st!

Please remember that this is a mandatory meeting for all Executive Board Members. It is an open meeting, so please bring a friend!

It will be held at the County Party Headquarters located at 48711 Van Dyke Road.

May's meeting is May 19, 2008.

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Congresswoman Candice S. Miller
Michigan's 10th Congressional District

House Armed Services Committee
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

REP. MILLER ANNOUNCES HER APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

WASHINGTON, DC—Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) today announced that she has been selected as a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security. This move will allow her to focus her efforts on building a stronger presence of homeland security assets at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, enhancing homeland security efforts in our airways, roadways, railways, and seaways, fortifying safe and secure food and water supplies and protecting the Northern Border. Miller released the following statement:

Miller said, "Our nation, our state and our district face many challenges in the area of homeland security," said Miller. "I am honored that Republican leadership in the House asked me to take on this important committee assignment which will allow me to address those challenges. My district is a border district. It is home to the Blue Water Bridge which is the second busiest commercial border crossing on the northern tier, Selfridge Air National Guard Base which has expanding missions in the area of homeland security, Coast Guard stations at Selfridge, Port Huron and Harbor Beach, it borders Chemical Valley which is one of the largest collections of petro-chemical operations in North America, the CN Rail Tunnel which is the busiest rail artery in the U.S., and is the genesis of important trade arteries interstates I-94 and I-69. Since my arrival in Congress I have advocated for an enhanced homeland security presence at Selfridge and for a greater focus on northern border security. This posting will allow me to focus on those important issues."

Miller continued, "Since my election to Congress, I have recognized the critical role Michigan must play if we are to adequately defend our nation. I was the first to propose the concept of Selfridge as the Midwest regional homeland security headquarters, which has garnered broad support in Michigan and in Washington. This new post will allow me to push for more resources at Selfridge and throughout Southeast Michigan to ensure the security of our nation and of the people in this vital region of the country."

"Congresswoman Candice Miller has been a leader in advocating for improvement in our homeland security," said Congressman Peter King, Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Committee. "Her addition to the committee will help us to put a sharper focus on northern border security and protecting our nation from the threats we face in a dangerous world."

As a result of this new posting Miller will be leaving her seat on the House Armed Services Committee. Miller used her seat on the Armed Services Committee to act as a strong advocate during Base Realignment Closure (BRAC) process on behalf of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. As a result of her action and those of others Selfridge was protected from closure by the commission in 2005.

"It has been an honor to serve on the House Armed Services Committee and I am glad that through a collaborative effort we were able to keep Selfridge open during the last BRAC round," Miller continued. "I now believe that much of the future growth at the base will be in the area of homeland security and this new committee assignment will allow me to be an even stronger advocate for the future of Selfridge. I will also continue to be a strong advocate for our active duty, reserve and National Guard personnel and border patrol agents at the base and for veterans throughout the region."

The Committee on Homeland Security was established in 2002 to provide Congressional oversight for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and better protect the American people against a possible terrorist attack. Many of the programs at Selfridge and the armed service reserves throughout the 10th Congressional District fall under the purview of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Committee on Homeland Security provides oversight for the department and handles issues dealing with transportation security, border and port security, critical infrastructure protection, cyber security and science and technology, emergency preparedness, emerging threats, intelligence and information sharing, investigations, and management and procurement.

CONGRATULATIONS MACOMB COUNTY TEEN AGE REPUBLICANS!!

The Macomb County TARs will be holding their first official meeting on April 7, 2008. Stephanie Jaczkowski, one of our Macomb County Republicans Youth Chairs, along with the help of her Co-Youth Chair, Meredith Langlois, have been working hard to officially organize the Macomb County Teen Age Republicans! These young ladies' determination and positive attitudes have led to their success! Stephanie has managed to contact many of the schools within the county and has even secured press attention for their April 7, 2008 meeting. MCRP Chairman Jim Carabelli and State Representative Kim Meltzer of Michigan's 33rd District will be their featured speakers for the evening. It is encouraged to invite all teens to this meeting as it will be very informative and beneficial! It will be held at the MCRP Headquarters on Van Dyke at 6:30PM. *Congratulations Stephanie and Meredith for your hard work and great accomplishments!*



Homes for our Troops Event!

Homes for Our Troops is an organization that builds homes for our wounded and disabled veterans. They will be having their 5th Annual Fundraiser at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 15 Mile and Dequindre on MAY 10, 2008 from 6-11PM. This year's proceeds will be used to help build a home for a disabled Michigan Marine. Our own Ron Babin and Stephanie Pazdro attended last year to represent the MCRP and found it to be an exceptional and truly patriotic event. This year it is our hope that many of the Macomb Republicans will be able to attend and help represent the MCRP also. In our efforts to show our support, please consider attending as part of the MCRP group.

Tickets are only \$35, which include a large dinner, open bar, raffles, a beautiful dedication and a live band! It would be wonderful to have a large showing from the Macomb County Republicans! If you would like to attend, please let us know either by detaching the form below and mailing it to PO BOX 182245, Shelby Twp. MI 48317 or contacting Stephanie at the MCRP Headquarters at 586-731-6217 or info@macombgop.com. Deadline to register is April 30, 2008. All payments should be made out to "Homes for Our Troops".

Please consider joining the MCRP as we support those who gave so much for us!

Name _____

Contact Number and/or Email: _____

Tickets Requested: _____ (If paying by check, please make all payments out to "Homes for Our Troops".)

Donations To Be Sent To Our Soldiers

The Macomb County Republicans will be collecting the items listed below to send to our soldiers overseas and Walter Reed Hospital. We have been receiving some donations, and we are truly grateful for your generosity! If you have not brought in an item, please consider doing so as **the shipments will be sent after the April 21, 2008 Executive Board meeting**. Or, if you would prefer to donate towards the postage costs, that donation would also be much appreciated! Within each box there will be a letter, and we look forward to having our soldiers open them!

God bless America and those who defend Her!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Wipes Letters and Postcards Phone Cards—AT&T are the best to use overseas Batteries (AA, AAA) Hand-held water fans (can be found in Dollars Stores) Magazines and Local Newspapers Music CDs DVDs Chess and Other Board Games Mach 3 Blades Personal Hygiene Items Female Hygiene Items Male Hygiene Items Personal Size Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Shaving Products, Lotions, Q-Tips | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Forks, spoons, knives Plastic/Paper plates Hot and Cold Cups Anything Microwavable (Ramen Noodles, Easy Mac, Soups) Other Non-perishable Canned Foods, fruit snacks, breakfast snacks, pop tarts Beef Jerky Cereal, Granola, Protein or Fruit Bars Sugarless and Regular Gum Hard Candy Individual Regular and Sugarless Drink Mix Packets, Kool-Aid or Gatorade Coffee, Powdered Cream, Sugar, Coffee Filters, Coffee Makers Pepper, Salt, Spices |
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NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Several members have asked me to explain the membership process. Each member has an anniversary month based on when they joined the party. I send a first dues notice on the first of each member's anniversary month. If dues are not received, a reminder notice is sent on the first of the next month. On the fourth month, I send a notice that your name is being removed from the MCRP active membership list, unless dues are paid immediately. Two weeks later I submit your name to the Party Chairman for removal.

Dues payments are received at the Party Headquarters. The Political Director sends me a weekly email message listing members who remitted their dues. The monies received are given to the Treasurer and the Master File is updated which is then sent to me. I use this file to double check the weekly information I am sent and reconcile any differences.

The system seems to work quite well. However, there have been instances where I have sent reminder notices to members who I find later had paid their dues. Invariably, this happens because the member had included their dues along with a payment for another reason, such as a Lincoln Day Dinner. I will not know that he/she had paid until such time as I receive the Treasurer's updated list.

Welcome to the Newest MCRP Members!

David Auwen (Chesterfield Twp.)

Phil Brecht (Rochester Hills)

Thomas and Donna Christ (Macomb Twp.)

Bert Copple (Warren)

Leo Garry (Macomb Twp.)

Nathan Hlavin (Macomb Twp.)

Rep. Brian Palmer (Bruce Twp.)

Amy Zarate (Chesterfield Twp.)

THE MACOMB COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

March's meeting was quite successful and we hope to see many of you again at the April meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:30PM at the Macomb County Republicans' Headquarters on Van Dyke.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Flag Day Celebration on June 14, 2008 at Stoney Creek Park. We will be honoring our Military and Veterans with special guests Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, State Senator Alan Sanborn, State Representative Kim Meltzer and Michigan's Supreme Court Chief Justice Clifford Taylor. Please join us at this free and patriotic event!!

12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

The next 12th District meeting will be on April 28, 2008 at 7:00PM at National Coney Island Restaurant located at 30140 Van Dyke in Warren (north of 12 Mile, east side of Van Dyke). We WILL have a private room to conduct our meeting. Food and Beverages will be available. We heard your request for a more PRIVATE environment, one FREE of compromising staircases & a convenient route for our Oakland County members. We trust you will be pleased with this new location. (*Oakland County Members: 696 E.—exit Van Dyke, Next: Michigan Turn Around, then north on Van Dyke, past 12 Mile Road. National Coney Island will be on your right.*) We encourage our members, during this very important election year, to INVITE AND BRING A GUEST(S). Every guest, is a POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER!

MACOMB COUNTY TEEN AGE REPUBLICANS

Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:30 PM will be the Macomb TARs first OFFICIAL meeting. It will be held at the MCRP Headquarters located at 48711 Van Dyke. MCRP Chairman Jim Carabelli and State Representative Kim Meltzer will be the special guests, and a lot of information will be shared about the youth and Macomb County!

MACOMB YOUNG REPUBLICAN UPDATE

Thank you to everyone involved in our bowling fundraiser. The goal was met and it will go a long way to ensuring that the Macomb Young Republicans will grow into a force to be reckoned with in the future. We want to congratulate our 650 series high bowler and winner of the \$200 prize Rick Maynard, and give honorable mention to our second place finisher Randy Wood from state party. Our March meeting was very informative as Commissioners Rengert and DeSalle stopped by to fill us in on the disastrous County Charter proposal and what it will mean for us here in Macomb County. The Macomb YR's look forward to working to help stop this by informing our friends and neighbors about the movement to raise our taxes and impose a Wayne County style government on us.

Our next business meeting will be on Tuesday April 1st at 7 PM on the 3rd floor of Hatchy's in downtown Utica. We encourage all to come out and find out what we are all about. April's Third Thursday meeting is to be determined.

News from the Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County

County Commissioner Don Brown of Washington Twp. will be the guest speaker at the Romeo Rotary Club. He will be giving an update of Macomb County activities and also discuss the impending proposal for the County Executive form of government that will be voted on at the May 6 elections. The meeting will be held at 12:15PM on Tuesday, April 8 at the Apple Orchard Inn on Van Dyke and 29 Mile Road. Reservations are required. Call Bill Himelberger at (586) 752-2565 or Dave Damron at (586) 752-3651.

RCNMC Chair, Nancy Nevers, hopes everyone will become knowledgeable on the issues of Charter Equals County Executive. She urges all of us to help Nathan Hlavin in his grassroots efforts to fight the May ballot proposal. If the Charter Equals County Executive ballot proposal is approved, we will need to find competent, concerned conservatives willing to run for "Charter Commissioner". That means we need 26 dedicated candidates to take up the challenge. The filing deadline for Charter Commissioner is in early May. Interested individuals must get their applications in right away.

The Macomb County Republicans
can be found on the web at www.macombgop.com

2008 Calendar of Important Dates

- March 31 Representative Kim Meltzer's District Greeting Hours at Country Inn (41411 Garfield in Clinton Twp) from 8-9:30AM
- April 1 Macomb Young Republicans Meeting at Hatchy's at 7PM
- April 7 Macomb Teen Age Republicans Meeting 6:30PM at the MCRP Headquarters.
- April 8 Women's Civic League of St. Clair Shores Town Hall Meeting to discuss the issue of County Executive. This event will be held at the Blossom Heath Inn located at 24800 Jefferson Ave and will begin at 7PM. Come and hear both sides of the issue. Refreshments will be served.
- April 14 Macomb County Republicans Women's Club Meeting at 7:30PM
- April 18/19 **MI Republican Party State Committee Meeting- Lansing, Michigan.**
- April 21 **MCRP Exec Board Meeting 7PM at the MCRP Headquarters on Van Dyke**
- May 5 12th Congressional District meeting at NATIONAL CONEY ISLAND (12 Mile and Van Dyke) at 7:00PM
- May 5 Macomb Teen Age Republicans Meeting 6:30PM at the MCRP Headquarters on Van Dyke
- May 6 Election Day: Issues: County Charter and School Boards
- May 10 **Homes for Our Troops Event** from 6-11PM at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 15 Mile and Dequindre. This event benefits the injured soldiers and helps to equip their homes with handicap-accessible features. Tickets are only \$35 and that includes a large dinner, open bar, silent auction, raffles, a beautiful dedication to the troops and a great band afterwards. Please contact Stephanie at the MCRP Headquarters at 586-731-6217 or stephaniep@macombgop.com.
- May 13 Filing Deadline for: Precinct Delegates, County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk/ Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Public Works Commission, State Representatives. *All forms must be in by 4PM.*
- June 14 Macomb County Republican Women's Club 2008 Flag Day Celebration and Picnic at Stoney Creek

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to those who are writing in! Your thoughts and comments are very much appreciated! Please continue to do so, as we find it very important to voice the conservative opinion of the county!

Please send all comments to: info@macombgop.com or PO BOX 182245 Shelby Twp., MI 48318

Thank goodness for the Michigan Senate! Especially for the leadership of Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop and Macomb county's own State Senator Alan Sanborn for their part in stopping the "re-do" national primary. My family and neighbors I talk with certainly do **not** want to pay for careless Democrats' past mistakes. By not letting the national Democratic party bully us into hurried legislation which would force Michigan taxpayers to try and de-tangle their political in fighting, our state Senate is doing a great service for its constituents. People should realize that with our state's economy just beginning to show signs of a slight rebound, we don't need to throw any money away by paying for another Democratic primary! Their claim it would be privately funded is a farce.

All the hard work Senator Bishop and Sanborn do, as well as the other conservatives in Lansing, has had an enormous impact on national politics. I am so grateful that there is a common sense (Republican controlled) Michigan Senate to stop frantic, unnecessary overspending. Many people just don't believe that we would not have to fund this on some level, even if the Democrats say it will be privately done... they have made these kind of promises before.

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