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MESSAGE from the CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Republicans,

Congratulations again to all of the candidates who have filed for office as Republicans! It is great to see so many Republicans on the filed list, and also becoming active members of our Party, but with filing comes increased responsibility for each candidate. Dutiful responsibility to run your campaign on your own attributes and ideas, and how they can improve the area, will result in an honorable race of which we can all be proud. It is important to keep the Republican name as one which values integrity and virtue, since these are part of our core beliefs. I wish every candidate 'good luck' and a successful next few months.

Also, the County and State Convention dates have been confirmed. The County Convention will be held on August 14 at 7:30PM, and the State Convention will be held on August 23 in Novi, and more information will follow.

In efforts to increase voter turnout and voter identification, a Voter Registration Drive will be taking place. During the months of June, July and August, there will be 3 dates to register people to vote. These dates will be announced at the June 18th meeting, so please join us and consider helping us for an hour or two on those days.

Lastly, many thanks are due for all of the donations that were brought in for the soldiers protecting, defending and ensuring our freedoms and safety. There is an update in this newsletter about it, and again, thank you.

God bless you, your family and friends,

James Carabelli

Chairman, Macomb County Republicans

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to those of you who are writing these letters! There has been an increase in the conservative representation and it is because of your efforts! It is important to have the conservative voice heard, especially this year! Please continue to write letters to the Editor and express your views. This is a vital aspect that is often overlooked and it is our hope that all of you will write a letter a week. It only takes 10 minutes to write one, but the effects are bountiful! Keep up the good work!!

Attention Executive Committee Members

**The next Executive Board Meeting will be June 18, 2008 at 7PM.
This meeting is open to all MCRP membership, so we hope to see you!**

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.

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

House Armed Services Committee
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

REP. MILLER RENEWS COMMITMENT TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

WASHINGTON, DC—Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) today announced her renewed commitment to improving benefits for Veterans nationwide and in her district. Miller released the following statement:

"With Memorial Day approaching this Monday, I think it is important for us as Americans to take a moment to thank our Veterans for the sacrifices they have made for our great Nation. I would also like to take this one step further, and charge that as Americans it is our responsibility care for and respect our veterans. My district is home to thousands of veterans who have proudly served our country over the years—and I keep their special needs in mind when I go to the floor to fight for legislation that will provide our veterans with educational and health benefits.

Recently I was given the opportunity to support the GI Bill of 2008, which overwhelmingly passed in the House last week. The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 provided our WWII veterans with the opportunity to obtain a four-year degree at a public institution— and this legislation provides the same benefit to our men and women who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is important that we give our Veterans consistent educational benefits, and I am glad that many of my colleagues have joined me in providing this very important benefit to the members of our Armed Services."

This past week Congress brought three Veterans bills to the floor, which Miller had the opportunity to vote in favor of:

- H.R. 3819, the Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2007, provides reimbursement to veterans for all emergency-treatment received in a non-Veterans Affairs health facility. Healthcare for our veterans should not stop at doors of government healthcare facilities.
- H.R. 5826, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008, increases the rate of compensation for our veterans who sustained disabilities while serving our country. This Act also provides for surviving spouses and children of veterans while taking in to account current cost-of-living estimates.
- H.R. 5856, the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act of 2008, ensures that our Veterans Affairs health facilities remain up-to date and can provide the best possible care for our sick and injured veterans.

"As a tireless advocate for Veterans benefits I am proud to support measures that enhance veterans' healthcare," Miller continued "in the wake of this important Holiday, I renew my commitment to support and champion for Veterans' rights. The sacrifice our American heroes have made must not be forgotten once the parades and celebrations of Memorial Day fade— it is incumbent upon us to provide our veterans with the benefits they so richly deserve."

Welcome to the Newest MCRP Members!

Cynthia Allan (Macomb Twp.)

Harry Awdey (Armada)

Michael & Joy Barber (St. Clair Shores)

Tony Burser (Mt. Clemens)

Thomas Byarski (Shelby Twp.)

Denise Caputo-Cuenca (Chesterfield Twp.)

David Curtis (Shelby Twp.)

Phillip & Cynthia Dinsmore (St. Clair Shores)

Norman Dziadzio (Shelby Twp.)

Scott & Lynn Evans (Fraser)

Clifford & Rayna Freitas (Macomb Twp.)

Michael & Cheryl Gordon II (Clinton Twp.)

Donald Henry (Washington Twp.)

David Hoover (Washington Twp.)

Stuart Jason (Macomb Twp.)

Lauren Jenkins (Eastpointe)

David Joseph (Chesterfield Twp.)

Patrick King (Roseville)

David Kiurski (Sterling Heights)

Lyle Koch (Mt. Clemens)

John LaFond (Plymouth)

John Michalke (New Baltimore)

Eric Ostling (Chesterfield Twp.)

Kristina Petzer (St. Clair Shores)

Joseph Plets II (Warren)

Maurice & Joyce Sheehy (Harrison Twp.)

Arzo & Catherine Smith (Warren)

Please join the Macomb County Republican Women's Club at their
FREE Flag Day Festival at Stony Creek on June 14, 2008!



2008 FLAG DAY FESTIVAL

**A FREE Community Event Honoring Local
 Military, Veterans and Their Families**

Saturday, June 14th, 2008 at NOON

(On National Flag Day)

Oakgrove Pavilion A at Stony Creek Metro Park, Shelby Township

FREE Picnic, Games, Live Music, Youth Orchestra at 12:30 p.m.

Airplane Fly Over honoring the veterans and Selfridge Military families at 12:30 p.m.

Military Program & Keynote address begins at 1 p.m.

*Old Fashioned *RECIPE CONTEST ~ Prizes Awarded by Macomb County Judges*
 Bring a dish to pass and have your recipe included.

Keynote Speaker: Michigan's Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land
along with special guests: State Senator Alan Sanborn, State Representative Kim Meltzer and
Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Clifford Taylor

Music, fun, face painting and games for the kids, great food and more!

FREE for the entire family and everyone is welcome to attend! Bring lawn chairs & coolers/drinks if desired.

Vendor tables DEADLINE to pre-register is June 7th, for rate information

***R.S.V.P.** to Event Chair Marianne Weiss at (586) 752-4763 or **E-mail: Flagdayfestival@comcast.net**

<http://flagdayfestival2008.parks.officelive.com>

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A special FREE event of the Macomb County Republican Women's Club

Honoring our U.S. Military and their Families on Flag Day

A Note from State Representative Kim Meltzer

I'm Outraged!

A few of us in the legislature would like to see the elimination of the 6% sales tax on gas during the summer months to encourage tourism in Michigan, but the legislative leadership won't even allow us to vote on it! In response, I'm giving out one \$100 gas card every Wednesday to a Michigan resident from the week of Memorial Day to the week of Labor Day. As a state representative, I hear you. This won't solve all or even most of our economic problems, but since the legislature isn't paying attention, this is my contribution. Email me your name, address, and phone number to enter a drawing for a \$100 gas card. My email address is districtmeltzer@yahoo.com.

Sincerely, Kim Meltzer, Michigan State Representative 33rd District

Homes for our Troops Event!



The Macomb County Republicans were proud to attend the 5th Annual Homes for Our Troops Event on May 10, 2008. There was a phenomenal turnout with about 400 people in attendance. The MCRP represented over 10 percent of the crowd, and were honored to be included in the evening's program. We look forward to our continuous support of those who preserve our freedoms and protect our safety.

We've been Invited!

ARC Services Inc of Macomb will be hosting a **Legislative Continental Breakfast on Monday, June 16 at 9AM (check-in begins at 8:30AM) at the Macomb Intermediate School District** located at 44001 Garfield in Clinton Township. All of the State Representatives and State Senators who represent Macomb County have been invited, and so are you! ARC Services Inc. of Macomb assists the handicapped and mentally disabled. **This is a FREE event, and all are welcome.** This is the first time the MCRP has been invited and all are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact Stephanie at the MCRP Headquarters at 586-731-6217, as a guest check-in list will be prepared for this event.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

May was a record month for new memberships. All totaled, 34 individuals from virtually all geographic areas of Macomb County joined the party during the month. This brings the total number of new members for the year to 60. This large increase can be attributed to the fact that the Primary Election this year also includes 72 township positions and 26 charter commissioners. In these two categories alone, 198 individuals have thrown their hats into the ring to run as Republicans. With so many individuals seeking office and most likely desiring Republican Party affiliation on their resumes, it can be expected that more new members will come on board during the month of June.

We extend our kudos to Richard Pavlich for renewing his membership at the Macomb Club Level. This is the fourth consecutive year that Richard has sustained his membership at a high level. We also thank new members Maurice & Joyce Sheehy for joining at the Commissioner Club Level, and Patrick King for joining at the Macomb Club Level. All individuals were sent the newly redesigned MCRP Lapel Pin, as appropriate.

SOLDIERS' CARE PACKAGES UPDATE

The first packages were sent last month, and we will be packing up the next round of care packages for our soldiers on June 26 from 11AM-3PM. If anyone is interested in helping with that, please contact Stephanie at the MCRP Headquarters and let her know. If you know of anyone serving, please send their address to info@macombgop.com or mail it to the MCRP at PO Box 182245, Shelby Twp., MI 48318 and we will be sure to include them in our efforts! Thank you for your generosity!

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA are collecting twin size bed blankets for our injured soldiers in Iraq. Please consider donating one at our next MCRP meeting on June 18, 2008.

12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

The next 12th District meeting will be on June 23, 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 encourage our members, during this very important election year, to INVITE AND BRING A GUEST(S). Every guest, is a POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER!

THE MACOMB COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Macomb County Republican Women's Club meets next on June 9 at 7:30PM. All meetings are the SECOND Monday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Macomb GOP Headquarters in Shelby Township. Bring a friend. For more information, E-mail macombrepublicanwomen@usa.com or call Secretary/News Editor Marianne Weiss at (586) 752-4763.

Please mark your calendars for the Macomb County Republican Women's Club's FREE Flag Day Festival at Stony Creek on June 14, 2008. It starts at NOON at the Oakgrove A Picnic area. There will be an airplane "Fly over" at 12:30 P.M. This is a community event honoring Military Families at Selfridge ANG Base. Please bring a dish to pass for our Recipe Contest/PRIZES. For info call Marianne Weiss @ (586) 752-476. 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!!

MACOMB YOUNG REPUBLICAN UPDATE

Members of the Macomb YR's just got back from the Young Republican Leadership Conference in Washington DC. We had an amazing opportunity to network with YRs from across the nation and to participate in some great panels and training sessions. The tours of the Capitol and the White House didn't hurt the experience either. It was a great experience and we look forward to next year and the National Convention, just a ride down I-94 and I-69 in Indianapolis. More locally, the Macomb YR's are setting up summer plans. After our regular June meeting on the 3rd at Hatchy's at 7 PM, we are going to be taking our meetings out into the Michigan summer. In July, we will be having our 2nd annual mini-golf night, and in August we are planning a Republican Unity event. Stay tuned for details. Make sure you get on our Facebook and MySpace pages, and make sure you send us an e-mail at macombcountyyr@gmail.com, so we can keep you in the loop about all our goings on this summer. See you all out on the trail!

MACOMB COUNTY TEEN AGE REPUBLICANS

June 3, 2008 is the next TARS meeting at 7:30PM at the MCRP Headquarters on Van Dyke. Commissioner Pete Lund will be the featured speaker. He will be talking about the importance of grassroots involvement and the positive effect young people have on it! If you know of any teenagers interested, please invite them to this! Any questions, please contact Stephanie Jaczkowski at jaczkowskis@hotmail.com.

News from the Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County

It appears a free for all is taking shape to fill the township level positions in the August Primary Election. With 53 positions up for grabs in the RCNC nine-township area and a number of incumbents not seeking reelection, the list of candidates filing to run is quite large.

The Primary Election in our area is quite important since candidates who win in the Primary Election generally go on to win in the General Election as well. This is because (except for Chesterfield Township which has a mix of Republicans and Democrats) the elected officials in the other eight townships are either all Republicans or all Democrats-- all Democrats in Lenox Township, all Republicans in the other seven townships.

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

10th District VS 12th District Annual Softball Game SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008

At West Branch A at Stony Creek Park beginning at 10AM - ??? More information will be shared later! We hope to have everyone join us at this fun event!!

2008 Calendar of Important Dates

- June 3** Deadline for Fall 2008 White House Internship Program. Internship will last from August 26-Dec 12.
- June 3** Macomb County YOUNG REPUBLICANS meeting at Hatchy's in Utica at 7PM
- June 3** Macomb County TEEN AGE Republicans Meeting at 7:30PM at the MCRP Headquarters on Van Dyke
- June 7** Representative Kim Meltzer's River Day at Canal Park from 8AM-Noon. Come and join the Representative's team to help clean up the Clinton River!
- June 9** Macomb County Republican Women's Club meeting at 7PM at the MCRP Headquarters on Van Dyke
- June 10** 12th District Ronald Reagan Memorial Dinner 5:30PM at the San Marino Club in Troy, Michigan
- June 14** Macomb County Republican Women's Club's FREE Flag Day Festival at Stony Creek on June 14, 2008. Starts at NOON at the Oakgrove A Picnic area. Airplane fly over at 12:30p.m. This is a community event honoring military families at Selfridge ANG Base. Please bring a dish to pass for our Recipe Contest/PRIZES. **Our military and veterans will be honored and 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 will be present. Please join us at this free and patriotic event!!**
- June 18** **MCRP Executive Board meeting at 7PM at the MCRP Headquarters on Van Dyke**
- June 23** 12th Congressional District meeting at 7PM at the National Coney Island on Van Dyke in Warren
- July 20** 10th versus 12th Congressional Districts Annual Softball Game at West Branch A at Stony Creek Park festivities begin at 10AM.

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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

With all of the promotion for the Letters to the Editor campaign you are conducting, I wanted to write one to you too. I wanted to encourage everyone to send in a letter or two to the newspapers because with all of the liberal ideas and the way the media is today, we HAVE to make sure we're heard too. So, please relay my encouragement and let them know that it really does have an impact because if someone is reading the paper and reads that someone else has the same views, it validates them and makes them stronger.

Keep writing,
Jack

Dear Macomb County Republicans,

I noticed in the Memorial Day email you thanked those who have defended this country. I wanted to thank you for your continued support of our service men and women. It's important for their morale to know that all of us back home really do appreciate them. I also think it's great that you send them packages. If there's anything I can do to help, please let me know.

God bless you,
Mary



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