



The Republican

Newsletter of the Macomb County Republican Party



Message from Chairman Jared Maynard

Fellow Republicans,

I'd like to open by thanking all our veterans for their service and contribution to our freedom. Your dedication and perseverance is symbolic of what makes this country great.

To honor our veterans, the Macomb GOP participated in two Memorial Day Parades, one in St. Clair Shores and the other in Sterling Heights. We received a great reception in both parades.

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in our efforts.

Finally, our thanks to Attorney General Mike Cox, the guest of our

latest Eat and Greet. It was a great event and many members of the MCGOP attended to hear him describe his plan to turn Michigan around. Today, the Attorney General announced his candidacy for governor in 2010.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Executive Committee meeting on **June 4**. Please remember that we are meeting at the Ukrainian Cultural Center on Ryan Road in Warren.

Sincerely,

Jared Maynard

Chairman

Macomb County Republican Party

Next Executive Meeting of the Macomb GOP

Thurs., June 4, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Ukrainian Cultural Center
26601 Ryan Rd.
Warren, MI 48091

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River Day Cleanup Hosted by State Rep. Meltzer

I would like to invite all of our members to join State Rep. Kim Meltzer for her annual River Day Clean-Up being held this year on **Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m.-noon** at Canal Park in Clinton Township. The park is located on Clinton River Road near Canal Road.

Volunteers will pick up refuse, trim weeds and spread wood chips on the trails of this beautiful park to get ready for the summer season. We welcome your participation in this project that

helps maintain the Clinton River watershed.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact me at 586-601-4287.

Pam Weiss
Legislative Aide for State Rep.
Kim Meltzer
33rd District

Editor's Note: A flyer with details of this event can be found on the MCGOP website at www.mcgop.com.



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Tea Party Convention on June 13

There will be a state wide Tea Party Convention on **Saturday, June 13** for anyone looking to participate for change in government. There will be speakers and sessions for grassroots action. Votes will be taken on issues to support. It is a non-partisan, grassroots action-based meeting.

Details can be found at <http://www.teapartyconvention.com>.

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Macomb County Young Republicans

The next meeting for the Macomb County Young Republicans will be **Tuesday, June 2nd at 7 p.m.** at Aspen Restaurant and Bar (see sidebar for address).

Our 2nd Annual Bowling Fundraiser will be **Thursday, June 11th** at Total Sports located at 40501 Production Dr., Harrison Twp., MI (corner of I-94 and North River Rd). Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. We hope to see you and your family there.

If anyone is interested in being a delegate to the National Convention in Indianapolis Indiana on **July 8-12**, please email your interest to macombcountyyr@gmail.com so we can be sure your name is placed on the delegate list when the state board meets in June.

Macomb County Republican Women's Club

Our next Macomb County Republican Women's Club meeting will be **Monday, June 8th at 7 p.m.** at the Macomb County GOP Office (West side of Van Dyke Rd., just south of 22 Mile Rd.) with guest speaker Kathleen Elliott from the Macomb County's Commission on Women.

For information, please contact Marianne Weiss via phone at (586) 752-4763 or email at macombrepublicanwomen@usa.com.

Presentations Available to Learn About the Fair Tax

The Michigan Fair Tax Association is looking for any organization, group or individuals interested in hosting a presentation to learn about the Michigan Fair Tax (<http://www.mifairtax.org>) or the National Fair Tax (<http://www.fairtax.org>) and the benefit this tax proposal could have for our economy.

Presentations can be held in a home, business, library, restaurant, etc. A speaker with materials will be provided.

For more information, email Calendar@MIFairTax.org or call 586-871-7147.

Next Meeting of the Macomb County Young Republicans

Tues., June 2, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Aspen Restaurant and Bar
20333 Hall Rd.
Macomb, MI 48044



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Miller Statement on Chrysler Dealership Closings

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10) today gave the following statement on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives regarding the closing of 789 Chrysler dealerships across the United States:

“Madam speaker, I represent a district in southeast Michigan. We are part of the very heart and soul of our domestic auto industry, an industry that has served our country very well. It’s built the weapons that America needed in times of war when our freedom itself was at risk. It’s provided millions of Americans an opportunity for a good job with good benefits and a secure retirement.

And we all understand that the American auto industry has fallen on very, very hard times. Those of us in southeast Michigan understand it well. It’s not a new development. We are painfully aware of it. We have dealt with plant closings and thousands of jobs lost. We have dealt with families torn apart, home foreclosures, and communities devastated. And we have even endured unfunded mandates placed upon our industry which has made it very difficult to compete. We have watched as federal and state incentives have been offered to foreign competitors to come into our home market on equal terms, even though similar access to foreign markets has not been offered to our domestic companies. We have seen this government neglect and not formulate a manufacturing polity that protects vital American interests and good-paying American jobs. And for years we never asked for help.

But when Wall Street melted down last year, our problems were made even worse because 80% of the people who are going to buy an automobile require credit and not enough credit was available, so of course auto sales have fallen through the floor. When the auto companies came to Capitol Hill to ask for similar assistance that’s been given to the Wall Street banks, those whose actions made their problems even worse, the auto industry was treated with disdain and their pleas for help were rejected by this Congress which seemed indifferent to the problem and to the desire to protect American jobs.

This was a Michigan problem we were told, not an American problem. We tried to remind our colleagues of everything that this industry has meant to our great nation, and again we received indifference and we were told, just let them go into bankruptcy. We were told that these companies needed to shed their legacy costs. Guess what? Legacy costs have names. They are people, and we are told that this has to be done because these foreign competitors, who were given free access to our market, do not have such legacy costs, or imports which are built by low-wage workers overseas do not have these legacy costs. We are told we need to drive American wages down to match third world competitors in order to compete.

Well, today we see that this is not just a Michigan problem anymore. Today it is an American problem. Today Chrysler is in bankruptcy court — exactly what many in this Congress advocated for. And today Chrysler filed a list of 789 dealerships whose franchise agreements it is asking the court, the bankruptcy court, to sever.

That means the closure of 789 dealerships in communities all across our great nation. These represent not just a place to buy a car, but they represent community leaders. The sponsors of the little league teams or the chairman of the rotary. In many cases the biggest job provider in the town. The average dealer in this nation, Madam Speaker, employs over 50 people, so this move means the loss of over 40,000 more jobs. Now 789 communities across this nation will feel the pain of a contracting domestic auto industry— the pain of jobs loss. The pain of families who will be devastated. Tomorrow that pain will only get worse as General Motors is also set to release a list of dealers it hopes to shed and a list that will be much, much larger than 789 dealers.

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Miller Statement (continued)

Madam Speaker, this list was submitted as a part of that bankruptcy filing. A bankruptcy that many members were advocating for when they believed it was just a Michigan problem. Now we see members lamenting the fact dealerships in their district are closing and they fail to realize if this bankruptcy had happened last December when they voted against bridge loans for the auto industry, it would have included every Chrysler dealer because a disorderly bankruptcy would have led to the liquidation of Chrysler. So some members got what they advocated for: Chrysler in bankruptcy which today has led to the loss of 40,000 jobs and tomorrow it will get worse. It is time to understand that preserving, protecting, and defending our auto industry doesn't just solve a Michigan problem, it solves an American problem and it defends jobs in every community in our great nation. And it is a shame, Madam Speaker, that we had to learn this lesson on the backs and livelihoods of another 40,000 of our fellow Americans. I yield back."



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