



The Republican

Newsletter of the Macomb County Republican Party



Message from Chairman Jared Maynard

Dear Fellow Republican,

This time last year, we were picking our new executive board and moving forward with our plans for 2009. This has been a great year and we should all be proud of the party's success. We have helped in School Board and City Council Races. We have our earliest start ever on precinct delegate and candidate recruitment. We are on schedule to meet fundraising goals despite the Cherry economy.

It is with great pride that the Macomb GOP announces our First Headliners Breakfast. On **Friday, November 13, 2009** we will be hosting special guest **Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele** at the Fern Hill Country Club in Clinton Township.

The ticket prices are \$25 a piece or \$250 for a table of 10. See the article on Page 2 of this newsletter which explains how you can order tickets. I know the economic times are tough but any support you can give will help. Jean Uhl is coordinating the breakfast for the party and I thank her for her dedication.

Our next meeting will be held on November 5 at the American Legion Post on Groesbeck, south of Elizabeth Rd. in Mount Clemens. I am excited for our next meeting and hope each of you will attend.

Sincerely,

Jared Maynard
Chairman, Macomb County
Republican Party

Eat & Greet with SoS Candidates a Success

Every seat was filled at the Eat and Greet on October 12 with a debate between the GOP Secretary of State Candidates. The event featured Calhoun County Clerk Anne Norlander, State Senator Michelle McManus, State Senator Cameron Brown and State Representative Paul Scott in a lively debate. The candidates fielded questions submitted by the audience on topics such as improving service at the Secretary of State offices and protecting the integrity of elections.

Thanks to debate organizer Vici Rewiako-Smiley and her team of Fred and Ladene Schoen and Tom Christ for all their hard work. Our thanks also goes out to the Gazebo for their hospitality. It was an enjoyable and informative evening. Thank you all for attending. (contributed by Jean Uhl)

Next Executive Meeting of the Macomb GOP

Thurs., Nov. 5, 2009 at 7 p.m.
American Legion Post
401 N. Groesbeck Hwy.
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

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Welcome the Newest Members of the MCGOP

• Martha Bible (Sterling Heights)

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MCGOP Headliners Breakfast with RNC Chairman Michael Steele



The Macomb County Republican Party is proud to host its first Headliners Breakfast and is pleased to welcome special guest Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele. Chairman Steele was elected to lead the party earlier this year and he is electrifying Republicans with the new direction of the party.

The breakfast will be held on **Friday, November 13, 2009 from 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.** at Fern Hill Country Club. Fern Hill is located at 17600 Clinton River Rd., Clinton Twp, MI 48038.

The ticket prices are \$25 per admission or \$250 for a table of 10 and can be purchased by one of the following methods:

- Pay with credit card or Paypal by going to the MCGOP website at <http://macombgop.com/events/macomb-county-republicans-headliners-breakfast-michael-steele/>.
- Pay with a check by filling out the enclosed flier and mailing in your payment to the MCGOP office.

Any questions can be directed to Jean Uhl at (586) 264-1304, Janice Nearon at (586) 776-0128 or Jared Maynard at (586) 731-6217.

The MCGOP is very excited about having the Chairman visit us. We hope you will come to the breakfast and support Chairman Steele and the efforts of the Macomb GOP.

Updates from the 12th District

The next meeting of the 12th District Republicans will be held on **Thursday, November 12, at 7 p.m.** It will be held at the National Coney Island, located at 30410 Van Dyke, between 12 Mile Rd. and 13 Mile Rd.

During the past year, some of the projects we were involved in included donating blankets for troops and donating funds to the Salvation Army and Compassion Pregnancy. We joined three other Districts for the Reagan Dinner with Guest Speaker Peter Sessions. Our members made several thousand phone calls for the State Senate 19 race and attended the recent Eat & Greet.

Meeting attendance is growing to a standing room only status -- what a wonderful problem this is to have! Members of the 12th District, stand up and take a bow. You are making this happen and making our district's activities a great success! From your grateful officers: Janice Nearon, Chair; Dave Maquera, Vice-Chair; Jean Uhl, Secretary; Pete Vitale, Treasurer.

Next Meeting of the 12th District Republicans

Thurs., Nov. 12, 2009 at 7 p.m.
National Coney Island
30140 Van Dyke
(btwn. 12 Mile Rd. & 13 Mile Rd.)
Warren, MI 48093

Contact Jean Uhl with questions at (586) 264-1304 or jauhl@att.net.

GOP Candidates

Governor

- Mike Bouchard
www.bouchardforgovernor.com
- Mike Cox
www.mikecox2010.com
- Tom George
www.georgeforgovernor.com
- Pete Hoekstra
www.hoekstraforgovernor.com
- Rick Snyder
www.rickformichigan.com

Attorney General

- Mike Bishop
www.mikebishop.com
- Bill Schuette
www.billschuette.com

Secretary of State

- Cameron Brown
www.cameronsbrown.com
- Michelle McManus
www.michellemcmanus.org
- Anne Norlander
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Lund & Meltzer: School Funding Transparency Victory

by State Representatives Pete Lund and Kim Meltzer

There was good news and bad news coming out of the state budget this year. The victory was that Republican efforts to stave off Democrat tax increases have so far been successful, despite the governor's best efforts. There were unfortunately many deep cuts made as a result, some good and some bad.

Despite numerous claims to the contrary from local schools, Michigan schools took a modest 2.6 percent funding cut this year for the FIRST TIME since the per-pupil funding was put in place 15 years ago.

This has caused a nuclear reaction from the powerful lobbying group known as the Michigan Education Association. Despite the fact that state revenues are down more than 20 percent and the cuts to education were held to only 2.6 percent, the resistance to the republican solution was shocking. To keep this all in perspective, let's compare the education cuts with the cuts imposed on Michigan families. Many lucky enough to still have a job have seen pay cuts up to 25 percent or more! On top of that, many have lost their health benefits entirely.

The K-12 education budget has been spared cuts faced by other departments for many years due to the MEA's scare tactics. Legislators have been hesitant to vote for any reductions, even while the MEA has refused to comply with any cost-savings reforms. Educators present any proposed cuts in education funding as increasing class size and eliminating programs, while failing to mention the elephant in the room: most per-pupil funding goes to their employee benefits, not into the classroom.

While other state employees converted to 401K retirement in 1996, new teachers still hire in under a costly pension plan. According to a study by the Kaiser Foundation, schools pay an average of nearly \$3,400 more per covered public school employee for health insurance than private companies. Yet the MEA is vehemently opposed to considering any changes that may produce cost savings, such as the proposal by Speaker Andy Dillon to pool all public employee health care. In 2007, a proposal to limit superintendent pay to the level of the state superintendent drew loud opposition from Utica Community Schools, where Superintendent Christine Johns was reported to be earning \$194,400 annual salary.

Public education can no longer be insulated from the economic forces that have affected employees and taxpayers throughout the state. Chippewa Valley Schools Superintendent Mark Deldin, who earns at least \$165,000 plus a generous package of perks, has been quoted in the past saying leadership is needed in Lansing. Leadership needs to come from school administrators, who must come to the table to be part of the solution. Republicans have had a plan in place since July that balances the budget without raising taxes. As we work through an emergency budget that keeps government open until Nov. 1, we will continue to fight for common sense reforms and cost-saving measures that will move Michigan forward.

One of the common sense reforms we are fighting for is House Bill 5500, a measure to demand spending accountability and transparency for taxpayers to know the percentage of school funding spent in the classroom.

Under the proposal, school districts are required to calculate and publish a statement on the percentage of operating budget used for instruction. The report would then be published on each school's website and submitted to the state Dept. of Education, who would prepare and publish statewide transparency reports each year.

Michigan taxpayers have an inherent right to know how and where their money is being spent, especially when it comes to educating their children. Schools are facing tough budget cuts, just like the rest of the state, which is why it is crucial that we know the limited funds we have make it into the classroom. This bill would give the public greater transparency in knowing how their tax dollars are used on public education, ultimately leading to better spending decisions.

As a result of the school aid budget, school districts must now also post costs for instruction, support services, business and administration, and operations and maintenance. Schools are also required to post current collective bargaining agreement for each bargaining unit, health care benefits plan offered to any bargaining unit or employee, total salary and a description and cost of each fringe benefit included in the compensation package for the superintendent and for each employee whose salary exceeds \$100,000, and the annual amount spent on dues paid to associations and for lobbying.



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MCGOP Women's Club Updates

The left-wing extremists are re-energizing the GOP with their unpopular strong-arm tactics. Tea parties are happening now on a regular basis. We had a great October meeting with seven new ladies joining the MCRWC because people are FED UP with the liberal "changes" here in Michigan and in Washington D.C.!

The Macomb County Republican Women's Club will meet again on **Monday, November 16th at 7 p.m.** at the Macaroni Grill Restaurant on Hall Road in Shelby Township. Come early at 6 p.m. for dinner (dutch) and bring a friend! Our speaker is from Michigan Military Moms (Macomb Chapter) who will discuss the good work they do supporting our troops. For more information call Marianne Weiss at (586) 752-4763.

Bonus Content at

www.macombgop.com

Read additional articles online at macombgop.com. This month's articles feature:

- Congresswoman Candice Miller discusses ACORN in her recent radio address. Read what steps the Congresswoman said should be taken in dealing with the group.

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