



The Republican

Newsletter of the Macomb County Republican Party



Message from Chairman Jared Maynard

Dear Fellow Republican,

I'd like to start by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Even in the difficult times we are facing, there is much to be thankful for and we should take time to reflect on our blessings.

We have had an incredible month. It started with a tremendous effort to assist Mike Nofs in getting elected to the State Senate. Macomb County was the top county in making calls on Senator Nofs' behalf and I would like to congratulate all the phone bank volunteers for an outstanding job.

A couple weeks ago we held a very successful fundraiser, our Headliners Breakfast with special guest RNC Chairman Michael Steele. Mr. Steele gave an impassioned and incredible speech that points our way to victory in 2010. It emphasizes the importance of Macomb County in the next elections when the national chairman visits us and shares his vision.

Last week the MCGOP moved its headquarters to the new Macomb Fix

Michigan Center in the Shelby Corners Shopping Center in Utica. We are sharing this space with the state party and it will serve as the hub for our activities to push Republican candidates for key county and statewide offices.

Many of the pieces are in place for us to forge ahead to victory in 2010. The last piece is each and every one of you. We showed what grit and determination can do in successfully getting Mike Nofs elected. Now we need to enjoy the holidays and come back energized to take back Macomb County and Michigan in 2010.

Our December meeting will be on Wednesday, December 9 at the Macomb Fix Michigan Center. This will be our Christmas party and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Sincerely,

Jared Maynard
Chairman, Macomb County
Republican Party

Macomb GOP HQ / Fix Michigan Ctr. Open

The new Macomb GOP Headquarters is now open for business.

Also dubbed the Macomb Fix Michigan Center, the facility is also the local office for the Michigan Republican Party and will be the hub for all political activity to promote Republican candidates in the county in 2010. The Center will feature a phone bank, a training area and multimedia capability.

Please stop by and visit the Center which is located at 13285 Hall Rd. (NW corner of Hall Rd. & Schoenherr, next to Gamestop) in Utica.

Next Meeting of the Macomb GOP

Wed., Dec. 9, 2009 at 6 p.m.
Macomb County GOP HQ
13285 Hall Rd.
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Welcome the Newest Members of the MCGOP

• Dave and Donna Magliulo
(Sterling Heights)

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MCGOP/12th District Christmas Party

The Macomb County Republican Party and the 12th District Republicans will be having a joint Christmas party on **Wednesday, December 9**. It will be held at the Macomb Fix Michigan Center, the new home of the Macomb GOP (see address in this newsletter), from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a champagne toast at 8 p.m. This is a pot luck event so please bring a dish to pass. The District and County will provide the meat and cheese tray and veggie tray.

We will have an undecorated Christmas Tree and we're asking that everyone bring one ornament and place it on the tree when they arrive. Also, in lieu of canned goods, we're asking for cash donations. Three charities will benefit from your generosity: the Salvation Army, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Disabled American Veterans.

Please R.S.V.P. to Jean Uhl at JAUhl@att.net or 586-264-1304.

Shop the MCGOP Mall and Support the Party

The Macomb GOP is pleased to introduce the MCGOP Mall, a new digital partnership with Amazon.com that allows members, family and friends to shop for their favorite books, DVDs and music. The MCGOP Mall can be found on the Macomb GOP website at <http://macombgop.com/mcgop-mall/> with certain products being displayed on future electronic communication.

This is a great way to do your online Christmas shopping and support the county party at the same time – the MCGOP will receive a portion of every sale. Just go to the MCGOP Mall and have a look around. Below are some products that you can purchase through our partnership.

Macomb County Republican Women's Update

Thank you to all our local Michigan Military Moms who attended our November Macomb County Republican Women's Club meeting. We found out that our U.S. soldiers still need basic items while serving our country. The fact is the media is not reporting on this and the troops are very grateful for any small gesture that Americans send to them.

Please join us for our free 2009 MCRWC Christmas Party which will be held on **Monday, December 14th at 7 p.m.** at the new Macomb Fix Michigan Center. We will feature our special guests: Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, Candidate for Governor; State Senator Cameron Brown, candidate for Secretary of State; and State Senator Alan Sanborn.

We will be collecting items for the Michigan Military Moms organization to send to our U.S. Troops overseas. Also, please bring a dish to pass for our Recipe Contest. There will be prizes for the best recipes, live music and support our troops for Christmas! R.S.V.P. to Marianne Weiss at 586-752-4763. Go to <http://sites.google.com/site/macombcountygopwomen> for more details.

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This month's featured product is
Going Rogue by Sarah Palin.

GOP Candidates

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- 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
www.annenorlander.com
- Paul Scott (no website)

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Lund & Meltzer: Fund Education Through Reform, not Taxes

by State Representatives Pete Lund and Kim Meltzer

Since signing the last of the budget bills into law last month, Gov. Granholm has been traveling the state on a "don't blame me" publicity tour and taking every opportunity to point her finger at Republicans along the way.

Let's set the record straight. Lawmakers approved a bipartisan budget that cut education spending by less than 3 percent. Considering state revenues are down by more than 20 percent and much deeper cuts had to be made to every other part of the budget, it is amazing we were able to protect schools as well as we did. Lawmakers did not "gut" education as the governor frequently likes to say. Let's keep this in perspective.

Of course, immediately after signing the budget, Granholm used her executive authority to cut another \$100 million from education, in a blatantly political attempt to scare the public into supporting another tax hike.

Nobody wants to see schools cut, and we should work to restore funding. But we need to do it by finding money for education from elsewhere in the budget, not by raising taxes.

For example, a recent report from the state auditor general said there is approximately \$800 million of likely waste and abuse in the Department of Human Services, yet the state isn't taking the steps necessary to recover this loss. That is money we could be spending on education.

This summer, House Republicans proposed a series of long-term government reforms which the governor flatly refused to consider. These cost-saving reforms would free up more money to spend on education. Instead of asking lawmakers to simply raise taxes, the angry busloads of union-organized protestors at the Capitol should tell the governor to stop blocking reforms.

Michigan's unemployment rate has doubled since taxes were raised two years ago. Families and job providers cannot afford another tax hike.

Race to the Top

On the topic of reforms and education, President Obama has made \$4 billion of competitive grants available through his "Race to the Top" initiative as an incentive for

for states to make education reforms and improve failing school districts. Michigan could receive up to \$600 million from the federal government to invest in education through this program.

Considering our state is strapped for cash, this should be a no-brainer. Unfortunately, our state may not receive any of the federal funds at all because many of the education reforms our state must make to get the money, though traditionally supported by Republicans, are opposed by teacher unions.

For example, one of the reforms requires states to set up an alternative teacher certification process so that people with certain valuable skills may get certified without having to go through a four-year degree program. This reform would allow a retired auto engineer to teach math in a failing school district. Or a doctor could teach biology.

Other reforms would bring more accountability to our educational system by requiring the state to track student performance, fix failing schools and allow more charter schools.

These are positive reforms that will raise student performance and are a top priority for Republican lawmakers in Lansing.

Rep. Meltzer Hosts Manufacturing Panel

State Representative Kim Meltzer will be hosting a panel discussion on Remaking Manufacturing Jobs in Michigan. The panel, featuring leaders in manufacturing and higher education, will discuss the underutilization of manufacturing talent in the area, primarily due to automotive downsizing and the various ways this talent can be used to rebuild a robust manufacturing sector.

The event will be held on **Monday, November 30, 2009 from 6:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m.** at the Center Campus of Macomb Community College in Lecture Hall A in the Professional Development Center (located at 55475 Garfield Rd. in Clinton Twp).

For a flyer, go to: <http://macombgop.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/Meltzer-Manufacturing-flyer.pdf>.



Michigan Fair Tax Updates

Due to growth in support and activities, the Michigan FairTax Association (MFTA) has announced the addition of an Executive Director to move forward the adoption of the Michigan FairTax Proposal. Dawn Dayton (dawn.dayton@mifairtax.org) will direct strategic planning, legislative efforts, fundraising and coordination of statewide efforts. The MFTA is requesting any organization that would like a speaker to educate their membership or the general public on the affects of this proposal on our state economy to contact them at calendar@mifairtax.org.

Foreclosures, bankruptcies, families leaving the state, unemployment, uncontrolled spending -- The Michigan FairTax is the Solution!

Bonus Content at

www.macombgop.com

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

- Congresswoman Candice Miller discusses the recent decision by Attorney General Eric Holder to try Guantanamo detainees including 9-11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

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