



The Republican

Newsletter of the Macomb County Republican Party



Message from Chairman Jared Maynard

Dear Fellow Republican,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and spent some quality time with family and friends. A little rest and recuperation is always a good thing too.

With the close of 2009, we made some great strides in laying the foundation for the 2010 elections. We've recruited new members, we've moved into a new headquarters and we've set the standard that the Republicans of our county can make a difference. Now that the New Year is here, it is time to build on this foundation and execute to victory.

This year will present some familiar challenges with Congressional and state races. We will also face some new challenges with the election of a

County Executive and a tighter pool of County Commissioners. But all of these challenges are very exciting as they could lead to rewarding results for the Republican Party.

Our platform of promoting constrained government, fiscal responsibility, personal accountability and family values is resonating with the electorate. The time is now to make sweeping changes at all levels of government. I ask for your energy, creativity and passion to ensure our values prevail. Let's make it happen.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Jared Maynard
Chairman, Macomb County
Republican Party

Become a Precinct Delegate

We are asking all Republicans looking to be involved in local politics to sign up to be a Precinct Delegate. The role of a Precinct Delegate is important to the political process as the delegate represents their voting precinct at their party's county conventions. To see further information about the role of a Precinct Delegate as explained by the Cooley Law School Republicans, go to <http://thomasmcooley07.camp7.org/Default.aspx?pageId=109863>.

To sign up as a Precinct Delegate, please fill out the Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity which can be found at the State of Michigan website at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Aff-ID_Precnt_139901_7.pdf. **Please do not sign the form.** Bring the form to the next MCGOP Executive Committee Meeting to be signed and notarized.

Next Meeting of the Macomb GOP

Wed., Jan. 13, 2010 at 7 p.m.
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Updates from the 12th District

The next meeting of the 12th District Republicans will be on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7 p.m. It will be held at the National Coney Island at 30140 Van Dyke, between 12 Mile Rd. and 13 Mile Rd. Our guest speaker will be State Representative Paul Scott, candidate for Secretary of State. Come early and have dinner. Your input is always welcome. Feel free to bring a guest.

For questions, please contact Jean Uhl at JAUhl@att.net or 586-264-1304.

Macomb County Republican Women's Update

In December, the Macomb County Republican Women's Club had its 13th annual Christmas Party with State Representative Kim Meltzer introducing special guests Senator Alan Sanborn, Senator Cameron Brown and Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard. Our members donated gifts to be sent to our U.S. Troops overseas. One of the Michigan Military Moms who attended our gathering brought her injured son with her - who was on leave from his duties in the war and honored us by leading us in the pledge to our American Flag. Special thanks goes out to all who contributed items for the soldiers and to our wonderful speakers.

We also elected Beverly Moracco as our new MCRWC Vice President. Our membership drive begins in January. For info on our 2010 schedule, click here for our website: <http://sites.google.com/site/macombcountygopwomen> or call Marianne Weiss at (586) 752-4763. Happy New Year!!!

Rep. Miller: Happy Holidays America From the Democrat Majority – Here's More Debt

Democrat Majority in the House of Representatives Votes for Increase of National Debt Limit, Use Repaid TARP Funds for Additional Spending

WASHINGTON – U.S. Representative Candice Miller (MI-10) today made the following comments in response to the Democrat Majority passage of the Debt Limit Increase bill, a measure to increase the national deficit limit by \$290 billion for a total of \$12.394 trillion in debt. In addition, the House passed the \$154 billion Stimulus 2.0 bill, a measure to direct billions of dollars, plus \$75 billion in returned Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) program funds, for additional federal spending.

Representative Miller said:

"Washington Democrats again proved they cannot control their spending and they have no desire to reduce our massive debt. Members of Congress had only about 24-hours to review legislation that would increase our federal debt to over \$12 trillion and add another \$150 billion in deficit spending.

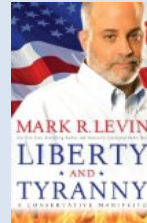
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Welcome the Newest Members of the MCGOP

- Jeffrey Farrington (Utica)
- Jason Johnson (Harrison Twp.)
- Christopher Quattrin (Clinton Twp.)

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This month's featured product is Liberty and Tyranny by Mark Levin.

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

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Ethics and Elections Update from Reps Lund & Meltzer

by State Representatives Pete Lund and Kim Meltzer

While elves are busy stuffing stockings, Democrats are busy drafting bills that could stuff our ballot boxes with fraudulent votes. Many elections bills are promoted as making voting more convenient. While this is a worthwhile goal, it must never come at the expense of the integrity of the voting process.

Let's review a few problematic proposals:

House Bills 4337 and 4261 (tie-barred) – “Pre-register” teens

With this proposal, teens could “pre-register” to vote starting at age 16. When the pre-registered teen turns 17.5, the local clerk shall send him a voter registration card. On the surface there is an argument to be made that by registering early will encourage teens to vote. What causes concern, however, is the high rate of transience of teens as they move out of parents' homes where they reside at 16 and into college towns and apartments away from home at 18.

There will be an inevitable lag period while a teen is still on the voter list in mom and dad's hometown while actually living elsewhere. Chicago used to be infamous for all the dead people whose votes were counted in elections. Do we really want Detroit to become infamous for all the teens whose votes were counted but no longer live here?

House Bills 4359-4540 – E-mail voter registration

We realize that e-mail has become an integral part of our daily communications. HB 4359-4540 attempts to modernize voter registration by allowing e-mail voter registration. However, serious issues remain with the concept of validating e-mail applications. How do we authenticate who is sending the transmission without any initial in-person transaction? On-line scams abound, and no doubt some technologically savvy players may find this opens the door wide open to fraudulent voter registrations.

Fortunately none of these bills have cleared both the House and Senate to date. For those who ask if voter fraud is really a problem, Republican State Senator Michelle McManus notes that she has heard from local clerks who have reported having greater than 100 percent of all eligible residents registered to vote, thanks to

nefarious groups such as ACORN.

On a more positive note, there is a bi-partisan bill that gives us Christmas cheer:

House Bill 5279 (H-3) – Military and overseas e-mail ballots

The Pew Center on the States this year named Michigan one of 16 states that don't allow adequate time for overseas troops to vote. Local clerks report that it can take several weeks or more to process an absentee ballot request, mail the ballot, and receive the ballot back. Often the ballot does not make it back to the clerk until after the polls have closed.

HB 5279 requires that local clerks send ballots via e-mail to overseas and military voters. This will greatly speed up the receipt of ballots, allowing enough time for votes to be completed. In order to ensure the integrity of these votes, Rep. Meltzer added an amendment to require that the ballots be returned by a traditional mail carrier service such as the U.S. Postal Service. This way a signed ballot will still be on record. This bill was signed into law, and we count this as a worthwhile gift to our troops, who deserve to have full participation in our elections they defend the right for us to hold.

Merry Christmas to all of you, and God Bless our troops!

Gift Drive for Overseas Troops

Macomb County Commissioner Kathy Vosburg of Chesterfield and Jarvis Property Construction are sponsoring a gift drive to send gift boxes for troops shipped overseas and separated from their families during the holiday season.

The drive is running from now until January 15. Items may be donated between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. , Mon.-Fri. at Jarvis Property Restoration's office at 41800 Executive Dr. in Harrison Twp. The packing will be conducted on Saturday, January 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jarvis' office.

For more information about the event, contact Kathy Elliott at (586) 873-9239 or Michele DeWitte at (586) 634-8652.



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“The \$154 billion Stimulus 2.0 is a continuation of the majority’s policy to borrow and spend, and by using returned TARP funds to pay for this new spending they have broken a promise made to the American people that those funds would be used to pay down the debt. I voted against the TARP program because I believed at the time that the promise to reign in spending would not be kept, and with today’s actions that promise has indeed been broken.

“What our country needs is targeted solutions that will create jobs, such as reducing government over-regulation, increased infrastructure investment and real tax relief efforts aimed at our working families and small business job creators paid for by redirecting unspent funds from the failed stimulus package passed earlier this year.

“The present every American wants this holiday season is a growing economy and new jobs. Unfortunately, all they are getting in their stockings from Democrats in Washington is broken promises, more debt and bigger government.”

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