

It is the first day of spring and it's probably the coldest day of the year. I am grateful to have survived the most recent weekend of bad weather without any damage. My thoughts go out to those that are dealing with the damage and the loss of their homes. I hope that we can soon calm the storms.

By the time you read this, candidates filing for office will be complete. We are fortunate to have a number of qualified candidates. In primaries, we tend to support candidates because we know them. They are a friend, neighbor or acquaintance. Be supportive of your particular candidate, but remember that we all come together in August to support the Republican nominee.

It was a privilege to join the Republican Women's Club for their meeting in March. What a great group they have. Keep up the good work and I look forward to working with you during the campaign.

The Greater Ozarks Pachyderm Club has some exciting changes coming in April. Join them for a meeting and you'll be hooked.

April 10th is a holiday in Redbird Country. See you at the New Busch Stadium!

Cindy Stein, Chairman

T.A.R.G.E.T. NEWS

The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together was formed on January 1, 1966. What a great idea, an organization that gets people together to promote the Republican principles and provides support for our candidates'. For 40 years T.A.R.G.E.T has provided a service for Greene County Republicans. Today the Greene County Central Committee provides a staffed office, a news letter, networking and volunteers, thru the efforts of the T.A.R.G.E.T. organization. Thru the social events that we sponsor we also are able to help financially support our local candidates. All these things happen, because individuals get involved. How are these individuals involved? One of several ways, they pay yearly fees to T.A.R.G.E.T, sponsor events, buy and sell tickets, donations and volunteer. The T.A.R.G.E.T. Board appreciates the efforts that the volunteers have done to make our fund raising successful. This year is going to be a very busy election year. We will need everyone's support to succeed in the November elections.

Dave O'Dell, President

SILPADA DESIGNS JEWELRY PARTY

You're invited to a Silpada Designs Jewelry Party at Ginny Imhof's house, 4954 S. Bellhurst, on Tuesday, April 4th, open house from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We had so much fun at our first jewelry party we decided to do it again. A girls night out to have fun and at the same time raise money for the Greene County Republican Party. There are no formal presentations, just friends, fun and fine sterling jewelry. Bring a friend to share the fun. Finger foods, dessert and soft drinks will be served. **R.S.V.P.** to Ginny at 887-8300.

IMHOF FOR JUDGE FUNDRAISER

Barbecue and jazz fundraiser for Dan Imhof on Thursday, April 27th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine Mosque Lower Level. Friend - \$100 per couple, Sponsor - \$325 per couple, Host - \$650 per couple. For more information call 833-1992.

SHANE SCHOELLER FUNDRAISER

Friends of Shane Schoeller will have a BBQ on Thursday, May 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Willard community Center. \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per family. For more information contact Peggy Kubicek at 459-0649.

SENATOR TALENT FUNDRAISER

There will be a dinner honoring Senator Jim Talent with special guest Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday, April 10th at the University Plaza Hotel. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Ticket price begins at \$250.00 and all tables must be completed no later than Thursday, April 6th. For more information call Ryan Christensen at 314-786-0220.

GREENE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Greene County Republican Women will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 6th at 12:00 noon, at the Price Cutter Restaurant, 3260 E. Battlefield. Our guest speaker will be Steve Helms who is running for State Representative in District 138. Please come early and enjoy lunch and spend some time getting to know the other members of the Club.

Pat Hackett, President

GREATER OZARKS YOUNG REPUBLICANS

The Young Republicans will be hosting the Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures on Thursday, March 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the University Plaza Hotel in the John Q. Hammons Meeting Room. They will have a presentation on stem cell research. This group is the main force behind the stem cell amendment in Missouri. Everyone from all groups and ages is invited and encouraged to attend. Donations will be welcome to offset the cost to our group.

Aaron Bucy, President

GREATER OZARKS PACHYDERM CLUB

The overall purpose of Pachyderms is to encourage political education, promote and develop political leaders and to disseminate information that is of interest to the community.

For over twenty years we have been doing exactly that every Friday at noon.

After two years of discussion and planning, it's time to unveil the new Pachyderms. We have responded to your request and will now be meeting twice a month, the second and fourth Friday. The second Friday will be a quick breakfast meeting before work. "Start Your Day the Republican Way" at Panera Bread at National and Elm at 7:00 am. The fourth Friday will be a lunch meeting at Cartoons at 1614 S. Glenstone. Bring your family and friends, we're about to start a new way of doing things!

Friday, April 14th at 7:00 am at Panera, we will feature Kirk Elmquist of the Springfield Cardinals. If that's not a great way to start the morning, I don't know what is. I have it on good authority that the Greene County Chairman will be giving away two tickets to a St. Louis Cardinal game in the New Busch Stadium. Be sure to attend for your opportunity at the hottest ticket in town. Start Your Day the Republican Way!

Dean Thompson, Republic City Administrator will be presenting at the meeting on Friday, April 28th at noon at Cartoons. If you haven't heard his presentation about his trips to Afghanistan and Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, it is not to be missed.

Good government involves active citizen participation. Why not join in? There's something to be learned at each meeting and we're having fun doing it. Mark your calendars for the very special meetings in April. I look forward to seeing you there.

Miles Ross, President

Shane Schoeller, 1st Vice President

Ethics Commission will be having a Seminar on Ethics on Wednesday, April 5th, 6:30 p.m. at the Library Center.