

Greetings All,

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1. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee will be Monday, Oct 3rd at the Hawkeye Brokerage Center, 2010 Keokuk St, Iowa City. Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m and all are welcome to attend!

2. Johnson County Republican Fall Barbeque

Final preparation is underway for the 2005 Johnson County Republican Fall Barbeque. The Barbeque will be Oct 23rd from 2 to 6 p.m. at Building C of the Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds. A wonderful BBQ dinner will be prepared by Ruzicka's Catering out of Solon. The cost for the dinner is \$15.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6-18, and kids 5 and under eat free.

We have several candidates lined up to meet Johnson County Republicans including Secretary of State candidate Dr. Chuck Allison, Secretary of Agriculture candidates Mark Leonard and Bill Northey, and other candidates to be announced later.

We will have tickets available for Cent. Committee members to sell at the meeting on Monday night. You can also contact Deb Thornton at 338-5579 to make a reservation for tickets as well. We are also seeking individuals willing to donate to the Host Committee for the event. Please contact Deb Thornton if you are interested in assisting our efforts.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Barbeque on Oct 23rd!

3. CR's in Homecoming Parade

The University of Iowa College Republicans will be marching in style in the UI Homecoming Parade on Friday evening beginning at 5:45 p.m. in Downtown Iowa City. The CR's have worked hard this week on preparing their float and would greatly appreciate JCR members coming out and showing their support for them at the Homecoming Parade. We have outstanding CR chapters at Iowa and at Kirkwood. The CR's have always been more than willing to assist us whenever we need it and they deserve our thanks for all their hard work over the years.

4. Dems Dirty Tricks--Caught In the Act!

Two senior staffers with the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee are under investigation by the FBI over revelations that the staffers had illegally obtained the credit report of Maryland Lt. Governor Michael Steele, who is considering a run for US Senate. What is ironic about this is that the DSCC is lead by Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, a longtime advocate of privacy rights! Fox News host Tony Snow has come up with an imaginative idea that I think hits the nail on the head of how Republicans can respond to this issue: contact Sen. Schumer's office at (202) 224-6542 and ask him to get a free copy of YOUR credit report!

5. Caucus Planning

Planning for the 2006 Republican Caucuses is well underway. At Monday's meeting, a list will be submitted for review of proposed Caucus sites for Johnson County. Since this is a non-presidential year caucus, we will be able to have multiple precincts meet at one single location to ease the logistical issues of finding 58 different sites for caucuses. If anyone has ideas as to where they'd like to have a caucus held, please speak up Monday night. Also, we will begin recruitment of Caucus temp. chairs and secretaries that help to run the caucus smoothly.

6. Daily Iowan--"County Needs More Jail Space"

The Daily Iowan editorial board printed a very interesting opinion piece this past Tuesday in which they come out and now publicly state that more jail space is needed.

This is coming from the same paper that was against a new jail in 2002 and 2000 and endorsed Lonny Pulkrabek for Sheriff because he was for "proposing alternatives for the current problem" Johnson County Republicans had 2 candidates in 2004 who were communicating the message that the Daily Iowan has now seemed to have discovered.

Here's the link to the article:

<http://www.dailyiowan.com/news/2005/09/27/Opinions/County.Needs.More.Jail.Space-999340.shtml>

Read it, and send in Letters to the Editor and let's point this out to the DI writers. Our friends in the media need some reminder of what they said previously.

7. Pink Locker Rooms and the Politically Correct Professors Who Hate Them

Once again, a professor bent on enforcing militant political correctness has managed to embarrass the Univ. of Iowa on a national stage. Erin Buzuvis, an adjunct professor (lecturer) at the UI College of Law has accused the UI of being guilty of homophobia and sexism for having the visitors locker room decorated in pink. Pardon me, but are those our taxpayer dollars going to pay the salary of this person? If it is, I want our money back. Of all the things in this world that Ms. Buzuvis could work to change at the Univ of Iowa, she chooses to rail against how the visitors locker room is painted at Kinnick Stadium. Just make me warm and fuzzy inside knowing I'm paying for this kind of education to our future leaders.

8. Introducing Emma Aquino-Nemechek

We are proud to announce a Republican candidate has stepped forward to run for the Iowa House District 29 seat which covers the northern and western parts of Johnson County. Emma Aquino-Nemechek is a Marion businesswoman who owns an entertainment booking company. She is working hard to begin organizing her campaign and she will be coming to a Central Committee meeting in the near future. Welcome Emma!

9. RPI Phone Bank--Oct 4th

Republican Party of Iowa is going to be holding a phone bank on Oct 4th in Coralville ReMax, 1006 5th St from 6-8 p.m. We'll be contacting voters to get their feelings on activist judges in California who want to take the word "God"

out of the Pledge of Allegiance. If interested in helping out please contact Evan Peterson at epeterson@iowagop.org

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With Republican Pride,

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