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1. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee will be March 6th, 2006 at the Hawkeye Brokerage Center, 2010 Keokuk St, Iowa City. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and all are encouraged to attend .

2. County Convention

The 2006 Johnson County Republican Convention will be held beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 11th at the West High School auditorium.

The Call to Convention has been mailed out to delegates and the Call has been posted on the Johnson County Republican website www.jcrepublicans.org.

If you wish to participate in the County Convention, there is still an opportunity to do so, however, you must contact JCR Chair Todd Versteegh at 828-5014

3. JCR Spaghetti Dinner

The 3rd Annual JCR Spaghetti Dinner will be held March 24th at the Moose Lodge in Iowa City. Tickets sales will begin at the County Convention on March 11th.

4. RPI Dinner

On April 29th, the Republican Party of Iowa will hold its annual Lincoln Dinner in Des Moines. The very special guests this year are Sean Hannity of Fox News "Hannity and Colmes" and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

Tickets are available now. If you would like more information about the event, please call Eric Branstad RPI at 515-282-8105

5. Quote of the Week

Yesterday, the Johnson County Democrats held their County Convention. At their convention, one of the Democratic candidates for Governor, Mike Blouin, made the following statement about our nominee for Governor, Jim Nussle.

"This man calls the Republican tax cuts fair. I call it immoral"

Wow! How refreshing is it to hear a Democrat finally admit what their party truly believes about your tax dollars.

Unfortunately, our friends across the aisle continue to believe that they are entitled to more and more of your hard earned money to waste in Des Moines on frivolous spending.

Republicans see things differently. We see a state budget that continues to spend more money than we continue to take in revenue. Our outstanding State Auditor, Dave Vaudt has constantly warned Gov. Vilsack and his party that their reckless spending in past years will result in only more painful decisions in the future to dig our state out of a growing financial mess.

For example, when it comes to taxes, Iowa is one of the few states in the nation that still taxes Social Security earnings and pensions.

Certainly a good Democrat like Mike Blouin would agree that taxing the Social Security and pensions earnings of Iowans is "immoral". Or is it only okay when those tax dollars are spent on more programs that Democrats want more of?

We look forward to seeing all of you on Monday evening. We have much to do this week with Convention coming up, so cmon and pitch in!

With Republican Pride

Todd Versteegh
Chair, Johnson County Republicans