

Douglas County Republican Women May 2012

May Meeting

The May meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14 at 6 pm at the home of Doris Yoder in Rural Arthur. Directions: Drive 1 mile west of Arthur on Route 133 to Road #1700E; then south 3/8 mile.

Menu Served Family Style:

2 Meats Potato
Vegetable Pie
Coffee and Tea

The cost will be \$12.50 if less than 10 in attendance and \$15 if more than 10 in attendance. RSVP needed.

Annual Retreat

The Douglas County Republican Women annual retreat was held Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Douglas County Ag building at 8:00 a.m. Those present were Linda Brown, Laura Henry, Caryl Knox, Becky Lucas and Julie Mills. Laura gave an opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda asked Julie if she would consider putting the meeting

minutes on-line. Laura offered to help. Linda also asked Julie to send thank you notes to meeting speakers.

Julie's goal for the group is more support for local candidates. Laura suggested making up packets for the precinct committee persons to pass out in their precincts. Becky suggested including information about the DCRW in the packet as a membership tool for the organization. Becky also said she would be willing to help distribute the packets.

Caryl wants us to use our money wisely to support the Republican Party. Linda asked Caryl to work with Laura on preparing a budget for publicity. Linda would also like to budget money for gifts for speakers. Julie suggested a miniature golf outing as a fundraiser for next year.

Becky said she has asked Wanda Crouse and Bark Eckstein to work with her on the By-Laws committee. To amend, the change must be presented at one meeting and voted on and passed by two-thirds of the members present at the next meeting. Becky will present the changes at the May meeting and the vote

taken at the first meeting in the fall.

Linda would like to step down as Campaign chairperson. Laura suggested asking Debbie McGrew to take the position.

Sharon Corum no longer wants to be the Ways and Means chairperson.

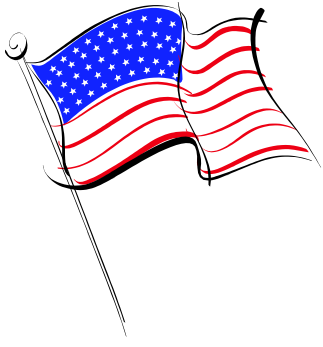
Congressman Tim Johnson is not available to speak at our spring luncheon at the Kaskaskia Country Club on April 28th. Linda will attempt to find another speaker. The Arcola Girl Scouts are going to do the flag ceremony. Scholarship winners are to be present and read their winning essays. Julie is to ask Areta Joines to do a special flag minute. Linda will send an email to members about the luncheon.

Laura will start taking pictures of members for a directory. It may be put online, accessible only by members.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mills



Spring Luncheon

The Douglas County Republican Women's Spring Luncheon was held April 28 at the Kaskaskia Country Club at Rural Arcola. There were approximately 24 in attendance.

Members from Arcola Brownie Troop 2400 and Junior Troop 3002 from the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois performed an opening flag ceremony. They led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and stated the Girl Scout Promise.

Julie Mills gave a Flag Minute about the creation

of the flag.

Laura Henry gave a prayer and a delicious plate lunch was served.

Following the meal, guest speaker, Illinois Rep Chapin Rose shared his thoughts on the State's budget crisis. Plans to decrease the debt include cutting expenses and paying down the state's smaller debts and rolling those payments into other debts to pay more debt down quickly.

This strategy is known as Debt Snowball. Rep. Rose will be running for State Senate in the next election due to the redistricting in Illinois. You can visit his website to find out more about his campaign, volunteer or donate.

<http://chapinrose.org/>

The recipient of the

Douglas County Republican Central Committee Scholarship, Jeff Broch, read his winning essay. Hannah Davis of Arthur won the Douglas County Republican Women's Scholarship but was unable to attend the Luncheon. Sandra Bragg read her essay. The theme for the essay was "The Pledge of Allegiance and American Flag- What they mean to me".

Sandra Bragg coordinated the Scholarship program. Frank and Marlene Lincoln read and judged the twelve essays received from Seniors throughout Douglas County. Proceeds from the Calendar Dinner were used for each of the \$500



John Quincy Adams – 6th President (1825-1829)

"If your action inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader."

If Anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:11

Republican Forum

The following is an excerpt from an email newsletter from Illinois Senator Dale Righter. I found this forum to be an interesting idea. I logged in and discovered it was a great way to express our thoughts on many current issues. You can even start your own forum within the site. Please take a look online. Here is the web address: <http://www.bythepeople.senategop.net/>

“The Senate Republicans have established a website to give citizens a voice in legislation introduced. [By the People](#) is an initiative of the Illinois Senate Republicans that encourages Illinois residents to become a direct part of the lawmaking process.

While citizens have a say in who they choose to represent them in the Illinois General Assembly, today's technologies make it easier for citizens to participate in government on a more direct, ongoing basis. [By the People](#) is an online legislative forum to allow individuals to not only offer suggestions for new legislation but also comment and expand on the ideas of others. The intent of this forum is to also allow citizens to be able to suggest changes and repeals of current laws.

The Senate Republican staff will review the forum proposals, and the public will be allowed to vote on the top suggestions. The final proposals will be chosen based on the amount of public support a suggestion received, as well as the likelihood that a proposal could realistically be approved by lawmakers and signed into law. The final proposals will be drafted into legislation that will be sponsored by a Senate Republican lawmaker.”

Information for the newsletter needs to be submitted to Laura Henry by the third week of each month. Thank you

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Please feel free to copy or share your newsletter.

We welcome new members and volunteers.

If you have not paid your 2012 Dues, please be sure to mail your check for \$15 to:

Caryl Knox
100 Hickory Lane
Villa Grove, IL 61956



Illinois State Bird: Cardinal – In 1928, the Macomb branch of the National Federation of Professional Women's Clubs urged that Illinois Schoolchildren select a state bird. The cardinal was chosen from a list of five birds conspicuous in Illinois. Rep. James Foster introduced a bill that was adopted in 1920. Taken from 2009-2010 Illinois Handbook of Government

Happy Birthday

Audrey Ingram – May 7

Areta Joines – May 8

Linda Dunning – May 26

Happy Anniversary

Jan Johnson – May 6

Nancy Broch – May 11

Tammy Baer – May 24

