

DATE : January 16, 2006
TO : Fellow Milton Precinct 9 Republican Voters
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SUBJECT : Update

GOP CANDIDATES FOR MARCH 21, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION: **FEDERAL:** Representative, District 6: **Peter Roskam**; **ILLINOIS:** Governor: **Bill Brady, Ron Gidwitz, Andy Martin, Jim Oberweis, and Judy Baar Topinka**; Lieutenant Governor: **Joe Birkett, Lawrence Bruckner, Steve Rauschenberger, and Sandy Wegman**; Attorney General: **Stewart Umholtz**; Secretary of State: **Dan Rutherford**; Comptroller: **Carole Pankau**; Treasurer: **Christine Radogno**; Senator, District 48: **Richard Furstenau and Randy Hultgren**; Representative, District 95: **Mike Fortner and Pam Mitroff**; **DUPAGE:** County Board Chairman: **Robert Schillerstrom**; Clerk: **Gary King**; Treasurer: **Bob Heap and Gwen Henry**; Sheriff: **Tim Connell and John Zaruba**; Regional Superintendent of Schools: **Darlene Ruscitti**; County Board Member, District 4: **Grant Eckhoff, J.R. McBride, and John Noel**; Forest Preserve President: **Dewey Pierotti**; Forest Preserve Commissioner, District 4: **Mike Formento and Kaaren Oldfield**; and Precinct Committeeman, Milton Precinct 9: **David John Diersen**. Of course, for the general election on November 7, I will fully support those candidates who win the March 21 primary election. As everyone knows, I expect Republican elected officials and candidates to advance the Republican platform which is conservative. At this point in time, for the contested races, I believe that **Oberweis, Rauschenberger, Hultgren, Fortner, Henry, Zaruba, Eckhoff, and Formento** would do the best job of advancing that platform.

UPCOMING EVENTS: **1/19:** Mayor **Jim Carr's** State of the City address; **1/21:** **Bob Heap and Gwen Henry** debate hosted by TAPROOT Republicans in Lombard; **1/24:** GOP gubernatorial debate in Bloomingdale; **1/25:** Wheaton Independence Day parade forum; **1/25:** Televised GOP gubernatorial debate in Naperville; **1/29** Downers Grove Township Republican Organization (DGTR) fundraiser brunch; **2/4:** **Grant Eckhoff** fundraiser; **2/7:** Wheaton League of Women Voters Candidate Forum; **2/8** Milton Township Republican Central Committee (MTRCC) monthly meeting; **2/10:** Wheaton Women Republican Club (WWRC) Chili Dinner and Legislative update; **2/18:** TAPROOT monthly breakfast meeting in Lombard; **2/27:** Early voting starts; **3/3:** DuPage salute to **Henry Hyde** in Oak Brook; **3/8:** MTRCC monthly meeting; **3/18:** TAPROOT monthly breakfast meeting; **3/20 & 11/6:** GOP Days at the Wheaton train station; **3/21:** Primary Election Day; **4/19:** DuPage County GOP Convention in Wheaton; **7/4:** Royal Airs Drum & Bugle Corp to march in Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Independence Day parades thanks to GOP elected officials and candidates; **9/11:** Patriot Day; **11/7:** General Election Day

NEWS SINCE MY DECEMBER 6 PRECINCT LETTER

Illinois Republican Party (IRP) National Committeeman **Bob Kjellander** continues to ignore calls from **Tom Cross, Gidwitz, Oberweis, Rauschenberger** and many others to resign -- Democrats, RINOs, and combine members including **Kjellander** and **Topinka** continue to be very critical of **Oberweis** and of other conservatives, that is, people who support the IRP platform -- The combine failed in its efforts to get **Jim Edgar** to run for governor and but succeeded in getting **Topinka** to run -- **Edgar's** and **Topinka's** delay in announcing their decisions harmed the IRP -- that harm is evidenced by the late announcement of candidates for Attorney General, Treasurer, and Comptroller -- **Birkett** announced his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor with **Topinka** as his teammate and **Rauschenberger** announced his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor with **Gidwitz** as his teammate -- Outrageously, certain influential IRP leaders would rather keep **Blagojevich** as governor because they can "work with" him rather than elect a Republican governor like **Brady, Gidwitz, or Oberweis** who they could not "control" -- I was elected Chairman of the TAPROOT at its December 11 meeting

ARTICLES WRITTEN AND EMAILED: Since **DEC 6**, I wrote the following articles -- I included them in my daily GOPUSA ILLINOIS emails and they can be viewed on the "News Clips" page of www.gopillinois.com: **DEC 8** Gwen Henry hosts outstanding fundraiser in Wheaton, **DEC 8** Many

attend Gidwitz-Rauschenberger and Brady press conferences in Chicago, **DEC 8** GOP elected officials and candidates to sponsor the Royal Airs drum and bugle corp in the 2006 Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Independence Day parades, **DEC 9 & 10** Combine goals and strategies, **DEC 11** Questions for Edgar, Kjellander, Thompson, Topinka, and other combine members, **DEC 12** Oberweis and Birkett address joint TAPROOT and Illinois Center Right Coalition (ICRC) Christmas party in Downers Grove, **DEC 13** Daily Herald publishes 5X7 inch front page color picture that includes a GOP activist it disapproves of, **DEC 14** Milton Township GOP Precinct Committeeman filings as of December 13, **DEC 14** IRP gubernatorial survey results available, **DEC 15** Birkett, Rauschenberger, and Schillerstrom address Milton GOP Christmas party, **DEC 16** Schillerstrom addresses DuPage County Christmas Prayer Breakfast – Attendees include Birkett, Brady, Oberweis, Pankau, and Topinka, **DEC 16** Illinois Family Institute (IFI) Christmas party attendees include Barber, Fortner, Henry, Hultgren, McCarthy, Oberweis, Veenstra, and Zahm, **DEC 17** Birkett and Wegman attend DuPage Young Republicans Christmas party, **DEC 18** GOPUSA ILLINOIS encourages as many televised GOP Governor debates and televised GOP Lieutenant Governor debates as possible **DEC 19** IRP Webmaster Jake Parrillo blasts Diersen **DEC 19** Attendees at outstanding GERW party include Brady and Oberweis, **DEC 19** Sadly, as of DEC 16, no one had filed for 48 of 109 GOP Precinct Committeeman positions in Milton Township, **DEC 20** 109 Precincts in Milton Township: 78 Republicans and 27 Democrats file for Precinct Committeeman positions, **DEC 21** Conservative Republican values bring prosperity to DuPage County, **DEC 23** OUTRAGEOUS: Wheaton Independence Day parade public forum scheduled to conflict with televised GOP gubernatorial debate, **DEC 24** Merry Christmas from Dave and Karen Diersen, **DEC 25** Top Illinois GOP political stories of 2005, **DEC 27** Chicago area televised GOP gubernatorial and lieutenant governor debates, **DEC 27** GOPUSA ILLINOIS awaits Illinois political reporters to publish lists of top Illinois GOP political stories of 2005, **DEC 27** Candidates for Statewide Offices – Campaign Website Addresses, **JAN 1** All the religions of the world discourage gay and lesbian activity, **JAN 2** The more televised GOP gubernatorial debates that are held, the more votes that Brady, Gidwitz, and Oberweis will get, **JAN 3** Diersen responds to reporter concerning lack of televised GOP gubernatorial debates; **JAN 3** Candidates filed for GOP Precinct Committeeman positions in 489 (67%) of the 732 precincts in DuPage County, **JAN 5** GOPUSA ILLINOIS 2006 Wish List, **JAN 5** TAPROOT to host Saturday, January 21 debate in Lombard between DuPage Treasurer candidates Heap and Henry, **JAN 6** For sale in Diersen's Milton Precinct 9 in Wheaton at \$759,900: Developer Joe Keim's personal residence 1974-2004, **JAN 6** Flickingers hold outstanding reception for Heap and Formento, **JAN 7** Homes for sale in Diersen's beautiful Milton Precinct 9 in Wheaton, **JAN 10** Brady and Oberweis give outstanding presentations at DGTR meeting, **JAN 10** GOP Lieutenant Governor Candidate Debate in the Works, **JAN 11** TAPROOT issues another outstanding newsletter, **JAN 12** Birkett attends MTRCC meeting and predicts that he and Topinka will win the primary, Hinkle and Bohn abruptly resign as Election Headquarters Committee Co-Chairmen, **JAN 12** Wegman releases text of speech to Fort Dearborn Group, **JAN 13** GOP gubernatorial debate hosted by ABC7 and League of women Voters scheduled for March 8, **JAN 13** Heidorn argues that Bohn and Hinkle did not resign abruptly and Diersen should apologize to them, **JAN 14** GOPUSA ILLINOIS fills a communications void and reports on the first day of the Cook County GOP Convention, **JAN 14** City Club of Chicago to Host GOP Lieutenant Governor Debate, **JAN 15** The combine dominates the IRP, but the Chicago Sun-Times' Steinberg outrageously blames IRP's problems on "fundamentalist loonies," **JAN 15** GOPUSA ILLINOIS commends the Cook County GOP for adopting a platform and for posting a link to it on the homepage of its website, **JAN 15** Grover Norquist participates in IPI phone conference, **JAN 15** CORRECTIONS

EVENTS ATTENDED: **DEC 7** Gidwitz-Rauschenberger and Brady press conferences in Chicago, **DEC 7** Henry fundraiser, **DEC 9** IPI phone conference, **DEC 10** IRP phone conference, **DEC 11** TAPROOT Christmas Party in Downers Grove, **DEC 14** MTRCC Christmas Party, **DEC 15** DuPage County Christmas Prayer Breakfast in Bloomingdale, **DEC 15** Illinois Family Institute Christmas Party in Glen Ellyn, **DEC 16** IPI phone conference, **DEC 16** DuPage Young Republicans Christmas Party, **DEC 18** GERW Christmas Party, **DEC 20** McCulloch court hearing, **JAN 4** Flickinger reception for Heap and Formento, **JAN 6** IPI phone conference, **JAN 9** DGTR meeting in Willowbrook, **JAN 10** Fort Dearborn Group meeting in Chicago, **JAN 11** MTRCC monthly meeting, **JAN 12** Driscoll v. Beaubien binder check in Chicago, **JAN 13** IPI phone conference with Norquist, **JAN 13** Cook County GOP Convention in Rosemont