

DATE : October 17, 2005
TO : Fellow Milton Precinct 9 Republican Voters
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SUBJECT : Update

ANNOUNCED/POTENTIAL CANDIDATES: MARCH 21, 2006 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION

FEDERAL: Representative, District 6: **Peter Roskam**; **ILLINOIS:** Governor: **Joe Birkett, Bill Brady, Ron Gidwitz, Jim Oberweis, Steve Rauschenberger, Judy Baar Topinka**; Lieutenant Governor: **Lawrence Bruckner, Chirinjeev Kathuria, Raymond Poe, Eric Wallace, Sandy Wegman**; Attorney General: None; Secretary of State: **Dan Rutherford**; Comptroller: None; Treasurer: **Topinka**; Senator, District 48: **Richard Furstenau, Randy Hultgren**; Representative, District 95: **Mike Fortner, Pam Mitroff**; **DUPAGE:** County Board Chairman: **Robert Schillerstrom**; Clerk: **Gary King**; Treasurer: **Bob Heap, Gwen Henry**; Sheriff: **Tim Connell, John Zaruba**; Regional Superintendent of Schools: **Darlene Ruscitti**; County Board Member, District 4: **Grant Eckhoff, John Noel**; Forest Preserve President: **Dewey Pierotti**; Forest Preserve Commissioner, District 4: **Mike Formento**; and Precinct Committeeman, Milton Precinct 9: **David John Diersen**. Almost all the announced candidates have provided me with copies of their petitions to be on the March 21, 2006 ballot in our precinct -- needless-to-say, if you would like to sign one or more of them, please let me know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/17: Roskam to attend Glen Ellyn Republican Women meet the candidate night at Danby's Station; **10/18: Hultgren** fundraiser at Egg'Lectic Café; **10/27: Fortner** fundraiser at Venice Tavern in Batavia; **11/03: Olson** fundraiser at VanDerMolen home in Wheaton; **11/10: Roskam** fundraiser at the Chicago Golf Club; **11/10: DuPage Young Republicans** annual GOP party in Oak Brook; **11/17: Birkett** fundraiser at Danada House

NEWS SINCE MY SEPTEMBER 20 PRECINCT LETTER

-- Illinois Republican Party (IRP) National Committeeman **Bob Kjellander** continues to be very critical of **Jim Oberweis** and **Steve Rauschenberger** and other conservatives, that is, people who support the IRP platform, and he continues to ignore calls from House Republican Leader **Tom Cross** and others to resign
-- Certain influential IRP leaders, including **Kjellander**, who disapprove of the announced Republican gubernatorial candidates, urged **Jim Edgar** to run for governor and now they urge **Topinka** to run for governor
-- **Topinka** continues to ignore calls from many to announce her decision to run for Governor or Treasurer
-- **Edgar's** delay in announcing his decision not to run for governor harmed the IRP and now **Topinka's** delay in announcing her decision harms the IRP -- that harm is evidenced by the lack of candidates announcing for Attorney General, Treasurer, and Comptroller
-- Outrageously, certain influential IRP leaders would rather have a Democrat governor they could "work with" than a Republican governor they could not "control"
-- According to a recent poll, if **Topinka** runs in the March 21, 2006 gubernatorial primary, she gets 31%, **Oberweis** 15%, **Bill Brady** 7%, **Rauschenberger** 7%, **Joe Birkett** 5%, and **Ron Gidwitz** 4% and if **Topinka** does not run, **Oberweis** 22%, **Rauschenberger** 13%, **Brady** 11%, **Birkett** 9%, and **Gidwitz** 6%

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SENT THE DAILY HERALD

Biased political reporting prompts letters to the editor

In its October 15 edition, the Daily Herald published **James P. Jones'** letter to the editor titled "Excess in printing political thank-yous." **Jones** blasted the Daily Herald for printing my recent letters to the editor. **Jones** argued that I wrote those letters "to publicly acknowledge and thank (my) political cronies" and "to list the names of all (my) political friends that attended the recent Patriots Day celebration in Wheaton's Memorial Park...a virtual Who's Who of the DuPage Republican Party" and "to thank everyone in DuPage County for supporting (my) political agendas" and to engage in "political pandering." **Jones'** arguments are outrageous because he knows full well that the Daily Herald outrageously refused to report that Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic and ceremony took place let alone how many attended the picnic, now many attended the ceremony, who participated in the ceremony, what the ceremony included, or who the event's sponsors were. If the Daily Herald had published a fair and balanced report of the event, there would have been no need for me to write any letters to the editor. **Oberweis, Rauschenberger, and Roskam** addressed over 400 at the Milton Township Republican Central Committee's (MTRCC) Oktoberfest fundraiser and straw poll last Friday evening -- the Daily Herald's refusal to report on that event forces me to write another letter to the editor. Outrageously, the Daily Herald never seems to have enough resources to report on events that reflect positively on the elected officials and candidates it disapproves of. The Daily Herald's political writer **Eric Krol** should have attended the MTRCC Oktoberfest and written a fair and balanced article on the event. However, it appears that he spent that time writing another front page editorial to harm all the Republican gubernatorial candidates.

Over 400 attend Milton Township GOP event

Over 400 including many elected officials and candidates attended the Milton Township Republican Central Committee's (MTRCC) Oktoberfest HoeDown fundraiser and straw poll at the Carlisle in Lombard Friday evening, October 14.

Congressional candidate **Peter Roskam** and gubernatorial candidates **Jim Oberweis** and **Steve Rauschenberger** addressed the audience. Possible gubernatorial candidate **Joe Birkett** could not attend, but 48th District senate candidate **Randy Hultgren** read a letter **Birkett** had written for the event. Gubernatorial candidate **Ron Gidwitz** could not attend, but **David Carlin** read a statement that **Henry Hyde** had written about **Gidwitz**. 300 voted in a gubernatorial straw poll -- many had anticipated that **Rauschenberger** would win it. **Rauschenberger** received 151 votes (50.3%), **Birkett** received 78 votes (26%), **Oberweis** received 31 votes (10.3%), **Gidwitz** received 21 votes (7%), **Bill Brady** received 14 votes (4.7%), and **Judy Baar Topinka** received 5 write-in votes (1.7%). 225 voted in a 48th District senate poll - **Hultgren** received 207 votes (92%) and **Dick Furstenau** received 18 votes (8%). 410 of the tickets for the event were purchased by table sponsors -- four tables of ten were purchased by Gary Muehlfelt, two tables each were purchased by the Rauschenberger campaign and by the Mike Fortner campaign, and one table each by Jeff and Judge Blanche Fawell, Leonard Sanchez, Debra Olson and John Noel, Chitkowski Law Office, John Zaruba, Peter Roskam, Sandy Pihos, Lori Carlson, Barbara Murphy, Christopher Edwards, Jim Flickinger and TSC, Gail Hinkle, Pam Mitroff, Julie & Dr. Stephen Morscheck, Dan Cronin, David and Arlene DeMotte, Chris Heidorn, Franco Coladipietro, Ruth and Brian Miller, Darlene Ruscitti and Jim Rasins, Grant Eckhoff, Robert Larsen, Robert Schillerstrom, Carole Pankau, Randy Hultgren, Urquart Media, Dave Diersen and Tim Whelan, Sal Falbo, Birkett campaign, Robert Earl, and Chris Kachiroubas. Full page ads were taken out in the MTRCC 2005 Directory or Event Program by Suburban Bank & Trust, Franco Coladipietro, Peter Roskam, Dan Cronin, Sandra Pihos, Pam Mitroff, Mike Fortner, John Zaruba, Darlene Ruscitti, Gwen Henry, Debra Olson, Roger Jenisch, Bob Heap, Jim Zay, Linda Kurzawa and Roger Kotecki, Chris Heidorn, Gary Muehlfelt, Arlene DeMotte, Bob Jacobsen and Bill Koser and Ray Ribisch, Fawell and Associates, Miller Technologies, Wheaton Women's Republican Club, Citizen Corps, Dave Diersen, J.C. Muehlfelt & Sons, Blanche Fawell, Bob Schillerstrom, DuPage County-Wide Officials, Grant Eckhoff, Jeff Redick, Bartel's Auto, Jim Meyer, Tim Whelan, Joe Birkett, and Randy Hultgren. MTRCC Vice Chairman Leonard Sanchez served as the event chairman and his committee members were Mark Klage, Gary Muehlfelt, Pam Mitroff, Dr. Bob Krzyzewski, Julie Morscheck, Lori Carlson, and Chris Edwards.

ACTIONS I HAVE TAKEN SINCE SEPTEMBER 20 TO HELP ELECT REPUBLICANS

EMAILS SENT: Early each morning, I send an email to hundreds of Illinois Republican elected officials, party leaders, candidates, and activists. Each email contained articles and event information of interest to Illinois Republicans. If you would like to be added to the list, just email me at [**Diersen@aol.com**](mailto:Diersen@aol.com). Your email address will not be shared with anyone.

ARTICLES POSTED: Each day, I post at least one new article of interest to Illinois Republicans on the Illinois page of GOPUSA at www.gopusa.com/illinois/.

ARTICLES WRITTEN AND EMAILED: I wrote the following articles and included them in my daily emails: **SEP 21** If Democrats had organized Wheaton's 2005 Patriot Day, **Cindy Sheehan** would have been the keynote speaker, **SEP 22 Schillerstrom** favors DuPage County hosting 2006 Patriot Day ceremony, **SEP 23** Attendees at the Justice **Roy Moore** event Saturday evening in Wheaton will include **Bill Brady**, **SEP 23 Bellock**, **Biggins**, **Dillard**, **Hultgren**, **Pankau**, **Radogno**, and **Rauschenberger** address Illinois CPA Society breakfast meeting, **SEP 24** Wheaton is the best place to live because of its conservative values, **SEP 25** 350 hear outstanding address by former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice **Roy Moore** in Wheaton, **SEP 25 Doug Booth** addresses Illinois Center Right Coalition (ICRC) meeting, **SEP 26** More than 700 attend **Zaruba** annual brunch, **SEP 26 Oberweis**, **Peraica**, others address Illinois Forum meeting, **SEP 27** Many Republican elected officials and candidates attend Naperville Chamber of Commerce luncheon, **SEP 27** Suggestions for the next conservative summit conference, **SEP 29 Oberweis** asks Illinois Republican leaders for input, **OCT 1 Edgar** has said no, will **Topinka** do the same?, **OCT 2** Illinois Republican Party leaders who believe that candidates who support the Republican platform cannot win statewide races should resign immediately, **OCT 3 Pankau**, **Roskam**, **Schillerstrom**, and **Topinka** speak at an outstanding **Ruscitti** fundraiser, **OCT 5** Does Chairman **McKenna** believe that only "moderates" can win statewide offices in Illinois?, **OCT 6 Birkett**, **Brady**, **Oberweis**, and **Rauschenberger** participate in gubernatorial debate, **OCT 8** Which candidates do certain "establishment" Republican leaders want to win?, **OCT 8 Norquist** and **Oberweis** to attend October 11 Fort Dearborn Group meeting, **OCT 11 Birkett**, **Brady**, **Gidwitz**, **Rauschenberger**, and many others attend outstanding Senate fundraiser, **OCT 13 Oberweis** and **Rauschenberger** address MTRCC meeting, **OCT 13 & 14** Six great reasons to attend the MTRCC Oktoberfest HoeDown fundraiser and gubernatorial straw poll, **OCT 15** Over 400 attend MTRCC GOP event, but neither the Tribune, Sun-Times, Daily Herald, Suburban Chicago News (SCN), nor Liberty Suburban News (LSN) sent any of their reporters to cover it, **OCT 16 Diersen** letter to the editors sent the Daily Herald, SCN, and LSN concerning MTRCC Oktoberfest, **OCT 16 Diersen** letter to the Daily Herald Editor concerning its political reporting

EVENTS ATTENDED: **SEP 21 Schillerstrom** re-election announcement in Wheaton, **SEP 22** Illinois CPA Society breakfast meeting for state legislators in Lisle, **SEP 22 Rauschenberger** reception in Glen Ellyn, **SEP 23** Illinois Policy Institute (IPI) phone conference, **SEP 24** ICRC meeting in Plainfield, **SEP 24** Justice **Roy Moore** address in Wheaton, **SEP 25 Zaruba** annual brunch at Drury Lane, **SEP 25** Illinois Forum meeting in Brookfield, **SEP 26 Jim Edgar** address in Naperville, **SEP 30 Edgar** press conference in Chicago, **OCT 2 Ruscitti** brunch at Drury Lane, **OCT 5** gubernatorial straw poll in downtown Chicago, **OCT 7** IPI phone conference, **OCT 10** Republican Senate reception in downtown Chicago, **October 11** Fort Dearborn Group meeting in downtown Chicago, **OCT 11** Protect Marriage Illinois fundraiser in Oak Brook, **OCT 12** MTRCC monthly meeting, **OCT 13 Durbin** press conference at Roosevelt and Delles, **OCT 14** IPI phone conference, **OCT 14** MTRCC Oktoberfest, **OCT 15** TAPROOT monthly breakfast meeting