

**DATE** : November 14, 2005  
**TO** : Fellow Milton Precinct 9 Republican Voters  
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**SUBJECT** : Update

In my role as the Illinois Editor of GOPUSA since 2000, I have spent a lot of time gathering and sharing information to help elect Republicans in Illinois. Illinois Republican Party (IRP) Executive Director John Tsarpalas has publicly stated that my daily GOPUSA ILLINOIS emails are filling an important void in the IRP. DuPage County Republican Central Committee (DCRCC) Chairman Kirk Dillard has publicly stated that he reads my emails every day. Please let me know what your concerns and questions are concerning Republican elected officials and candidates, the IRP, the DCRCC, and the Milton Township Republican Central Committee.

### **REPUBLICAN 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**, **Sandy Wegman**; Attorney General: **None**; Secretary of State: **Dan Rutherford**; Comptroller: **None**; Treasurer: **None**; 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**. 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**

**11/15:** **Roskam** to speak at Wheaton Women's Republican event; **11/17:** **Birkett** fundraiser at Danada House; **11/19:** **Mark Aguilera** to speak at TAPROOT Republicans event; **12/4:** **Mitroff** fundraiser in West Chicago; **12/11:** Joint TAPROOT Republicans and Illinois Center Right Coalition Christmas party in Downers Grove; **12/14:** Milton Township Republican Central Committee Christmas party at the Wheaton Bowl Banquet Hall; **12/15:** Illinois Family Institute Christmas party in Glen Ellyn; **3/3:** DuPage salute to Henry Hyde in Oak Brook

### **NEWS SINCE MY OCTOBER 17 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, failed in their 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 no candidates having announced at this late date for Attorney General, Treasurer, or Comptroller  
-- Outrageously, certain influential IRP leaders would rather have a Democrat governor they could "work with" than a Republican governor they could not "control"

### **MY LETTER TO DAILY HERALD EDITOR PUBLISHED OCTOBER 20**

#### **A good reason for letters to the editor**

In its Oct. 15 edition, the Daily Herald published **James P. Jones'** letter to the editor, "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. The Daily Herald outrageously refused to report that Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic and ceremony took place let alone how many attended the picnic and 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. **Jim Oberweis**, **Steve Rauschenberger**, and **Peter Roskam** addressed over 400 at the Milton Township Republican Central Committee's (MTRCC) Oktoberfest fund-raiser and straw poll last Friday evening -- the Daily Herald failed to report on that event. 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.

## **MY LETTER TO WHEATON SUN EDITOR PUBLISHED OCTOBER 21**

### **More than 400 attend 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 (Oct. 14) at the Carlisle in Lombard. 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**. Three-hundred voted in a gubernatorial straw poll — many had anticipated that **Rauschenberger** would win it. **Rauschenberger** received 151 votes (50.3 percent), **Birkett** received 78 votes (26 percent), **Oberweis** received 31 votes (10.3 percent), **Gidwitz** received 21 votes (7 percent), **Bill Brady** received 14 votes (4.7 percent) and **Judy Baar Topinka** received five write-in votes (1.7 percent). 225 voted in a 48th District senate poll — **Hultgren** received 207 votes (92 percent) and **Dick Furstenu** received 18 votes (8 percent). Four-hundred-ten of the tickets for the event were purchased by table sponsors. 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 OCTOBER 17 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 that contained relevant articles and event information. 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/](http://www.gopusa.com/illinois/).

**ARTICLES WRITTEN AND EMAILED:** I wrote the following articles and included them in my daily emails: **OCT 18 Tom Roeser** has still not responded to my August 28 article titled “**Tom Roeser** has not made his case for his **Kjellander** reversal,” **OCT 18 Roskam** addresses Glen Ellyn Republican Women event, **OCT 18 Fortner** and **Wegman** address TAPROOT event, **OCT 18 Liberty Suburban News** refuses to publish **Diersen** letter to editor “in its current form,” **OCT 18 Daily Herald** refuses to publish **Diersen** letter to editor, **OCT 19 Daily Herald:** Top front page articles with color photos for negative stories about Republicans, but no coverage at all for positive stories about Republicans, **OCT 19 Birkett, Brummel, Bucholz, Burns, Fortner, Henry, Jenisch, Olson, Zahm, and Zaruba** attend **Hultgren** fundraiser, **OCT 20** Alternative reasons why **Edgar** did not run for governor and why **Topinka** might not either, **OCT 20** Important questions if **Topinka** does not run for governor, **OCT 20** Family-Pac Federal contributes \$5,000 to **Roskam** campaign, **OCT 23** Who has the most influence over the Illinois Republican Party?, **OCT 26 OUTRAGEOUS:** Public forum on 2006 Wheaton Independence Day parade scheduled at same time as Milton Township Republican Central Committee meeting, **OCT 28** Many attend **Fortner** fundraiser in Batavia, **OCT 30 Rick Pearson** blames all Illinois Republican Party problems on those who support its platform, again, **OCT 30** Illinois Republican Party State Central Committee to hold last of six regional meetings today, **OCT 31** Every day **Topinka** delays her decision, the more harm she does to the Illinois Republican Party, **NOV 1** Predictions if **Topinka** runs for governor, **NOV 4 Debra Olson** has another outstanding fundraiser, **NOV 5** Attendees at outstanding Federation of Illinois Young Republicans pre-convention reception include **Churchill, Fortner, Oberweis, and Wegman**, **NOV 6 Paul Green** omits important facts in his November 7 editorial, **NOV 6 Birkett, Brady, Gidwitz, Oberweis, John Rauschenberger, and Tsarpalas** address Federation of Illinois Young Republicans state convention, **NOV 8** Questions Illinois political reporters should be asking **Topinka**, **NOV 9 Lauzen** and **MacDougal** give outstanding presentations at Fort Dearborn Group meeting, **NOV 9** Reasons to support a candidate, **Nov 9** More questions Illinois political reporters should be asking **Topinka**, **NOV 10 Bill Brady** speaks at Milton Township Republican Central Committee meeting, **NOV 10** Many attend **Gwen Henry's** campaign announcement for DuPage County Treasurer, **NOV 12 Rod McCulloch** indictment: **Birkett** press release and **Morris** statement available, **NOV 12** Outrageously, Democrats and RINOs use public forum to blame problems with Wheaton's Independence Day parade on “politicians” and their supporters, **NOV 13** Many attend **Hyde/Roskam** Committeeman Breakfast, **NOV 13 Diersen** joins Society of Professional Journalists, **Nov 14 Roskam** speaks at **Bucholz** fundraiser in Lisle

**EVENTS ATTENDED:** **OCT 17** Glen Ellyn Republican Women meeting at which **Roskam** spoke, **OCT 18 Hultgren** fundraiser, **OCT 20 TAPROOT** board meeting in Downers Grove, **OCT 21** Illinois Policy Institute (IPI) phone conference, **OCT 27 Fortner** fundraiser in Batavia, **OCT 28** IPI phone conference, **NOV 1** Wheaton Lions Club Luncheon at which **Roskam** spoke, **NOV 3 Olson** fundraiser, **NOV 4** IPI phone conference, **NOV 4** Illinois Young Republicans reception in St. Charles, **NOV 5** Federation of Illinois Young Republicans state convention in St. Charles, **NOV 6** DuPage County Veterans Day Observance, **NOV 8** Fort Dearborn Group meeting in Chicago, **NOV 9 Gwen Henry** Campaign announcement, **NOV 9** Milton Township Republican Central Committee meeting, **NOV 10 Roskam** fundraiser at the Chicago Golf Club, **NOV 12 Hyde/Roskam** breakfast in Elmhurst for District 6 precinct committeemen, **NOV 13 Bucholz** fundraiser in Lisle