

**DATE** : December 6, 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 communications 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, IRP, DCRCC, and Milton Township Republican Central Committee.

### **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES: MARCH 21, 2006 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION**

**FEDERAL:** Representative, District 6: **Peter Roskam**; **ILLINOIS:** Governor: **Bill Brady, Ron Gidwitz, Jim Oberweis, Steve Rauschenberger, and Judy Baar Topinka**; Lieutenant Governor: **Lawrence Bruckner, Chirinjeev Kathuria, Raymond Poe, Sandy Wegman**; Attorney General: **Stewart Umholtz**; Secretary of State: **Dan Rutherford**; Comptroller: **Carole Pankau**; Treasurer: **Christine Radogno**; 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**

**12/7:** Gwen Henry fundraiser in Wheaton; **12/11:** **Jim Oberweis** to attend 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; **12/16:** DuPage Young Republicans Christmas party in Wheaton; **2/7:** Wheaton League of Women Voters Candidate Forum; **3/3:** DuPage salute to Henry Hyde in Oak Brook; **4/19:** DuPage County Republican Convention in Wheaton

### **NEWS SINCE MY OCTOBER 17 PRECINCT LETTER**

-- Illinois Republican Party (IRP) National Committeeman **Bob Kjellander** continues to be a member of "The Combine," a group of influential individuals who reject most if not all of the IRP platform and are in politics to make money for themselves  
-- **Kjellander** continues to ignore calls from **Tom Cross, Jim Oberweis, Steve Rauschenberger**, and many others to resign as IRP National Committeeman  
-- The Combine continues to be very critical of **Oberweis** and **Rauschenberger** and 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 **Judy Baar 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  
-- Recently, **Stewart Umholtz** announced his candidacy for Attorney General, **Christine Radogno** announced for Treasurer, and **Carole Pankau** announced for Comptroller  
-- Outrageously, certain influential IRP leaders would rather keep **Rod Blagojevich** as governor because they can "work with" him rather than a Republican governor like **Bill Brady, Ron Gidwitz, Oberweis, or Rauschenberger** who they could not "control"

## **ACTIONS I HAVE TAKEN SINCE NOVEMBER 14 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: **NOV 15 Matt Barber** gives outstanding presentation at Illinois Family Institute meeting, **NOV 16 Roskam** speaks at Wheaton event – attendees include **Birkett**, **NOV 17** Questions that Illinois political reporters should ask **Topinka**, **NOV 17** Other questions that Illinois political reporters should be asking, **NOV 18** About 75 attend **Birkett** fundraiser, **NOV 20** Unanswered questions concerning **Topinka**, **NOV 20** Other unanswered questions concerning Illinois Republican politics, **NOV 20 Mark Aguilera** addresses TAPROOT Republican meeting, **NOV 22** Letter sent **McKenna** concerning **Kjellander**, **NOV 23** DuPage County Election Commission has a new Chairman, **NOV 23 Connell, Heap, Henry, Novak, Pankau, Philip, and Zaruba** speak at outstanding Bloomingdale Township Republican meeting, **NOV 23 Oberweis** to attend joint TAPROOT and ICRC December 11 Christmas party in Downers Grove, **NOV 23** December 21 remarks of **Mark O. Stern** to Wheaton City Council concerning its proposed budget, **NOV 24** Looks like **Topinka** is going to kick off her gubernatorial campaign on Wednesday, November 30, **NOV 24 Brady, Gidwitz, Oberweis, and Rauschenberger** to participate in gubernatorial candidate forum for Sun City residents in Huntley, **NOV 24** Daily Herald fails to post article concerning **Rod McCulloch**, **NOV 26** Questions Illinois political reporters should be asking **Topinka**, **Nov 26** Other questions Illinois political reporters should be asking, **NOV 26** What basis does **Diersen** have to suggest questions for Illinois political reporters to ask?, **NOV 27 Pearson** and **Sweet** more than happy to report progress the combine is making to destroy what remains of the Illinois Republican Party (IRP), **NOV 29 Brady, Gidwitz, Oberweis, and Rauschenberger** address Sun City residents, **NOV 29 Sheila A. Weinberg** rumored to be **McKenna's** choice for Treasurer, **NOV 30** Suggestions to improve the IRP website, **NOV 30 Carol Smith Donovan** elected IRP State Central Committeeman (SCC) for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, **NOV 30** According to the Federal Election Commission, **Sheila Weinberg** gave \$500 to **Obama**, **NOV 30** Questions Illinois political reporters should be asking **Topinka**, **DEC 1** The “conservative wing” wanted **Oberweis** to fill the **Jack Ryan** vacancy, but **Kjellander** and **Topinka** filled it with **Keyes**, **DEC 1 Biggert, Dillard, and Edgar** speak for **Topinka** at her campaign kickoff in Cicero, **DEC 1 Gidwitz and Rutherford** among 800 who attend outstanding **Schillerstrom** holiday reception, **DEC 2** IRP SCC December 3 agenda and draft SCC election rules posted on [\*\*www.gopillinois.com\*\*](http://www.gopillinois.com), **DEC 3 Kjellander** problem dominates December 2 IRP meeting, **Topinka** 38%, **Oberweis** 12.5%, **DEC 4 Pankau, Radogno, Rutherford, and Umholtz** speak at IRP SCC meeting in Bolingbrook, **DEC 4** Sadly, those who control the IRP continue to refuse to highlight the party's platform, by-laws, and ethics rules, **DEC 5** Questions concerning the gubernatorial race, **DEC 6** Republican gubernatorial straw poll results: Conservatives 19, Moderate 0, and Liberal: 12 **DEC 6 Greg Hinz** responds to **Diersen's** question **DEC 6** Illinois Republican Party has posted its platform

**EVENTS ATTENDED:** **NOV 14 Matt Barber** presentation at Illinois Family Institute in Glen Ellyn, **NOV 15** Wheaton women's Republican Club event, **NOV 17 Birkett** fundraiser, **NOV 18** Illinois Policy Institute phone conference, **NOV 19 Mark Aguilera** presentation at the TAPROOT Republican meeting in Lombard, **NOV 22** Bloomingdale Township Republican meeting, **NOV 28** Republican gubernatorial forum in Huntley, **NOV 30 Topinka** campaign kickoff in Cicero, **NOV 30 Schillerstrom** holiday reception in Medinah, **DEC 2** Illinois Republican Party (IRP) meeting in Chicago, **DEC 3** IRP State Central Committee meeting in Bolingbrook