

DATE : February 13, 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 (www.roskamforcongress.com)

ILLINOIS

-- Governor: Bill Brady (www.citizensforbillbrady.com), Ron Gidwitz (www.ron2006.com), Andy Martin (www.AndyforIllinois.com), Jim Oberweis (www.OberweisForIllinois.com), and Judy Baar Topinka (www.judyforgov.com)
-- Lieutenant Governor: Joe Birkett (www.joebirkett.com), Lawrence Bruckner (www.brucknerforillinois.com), Steve Rauschenberger (www.thesteveteam.com), and Sandy Wegman (www.SandyWegman.com)
-- Attorney General: Stewart Umholtz (www.umholtz.net)
-- Secretary of State: Dan Rutherford (www.danrutherford.org)
-- Comptroller: Carole Pankau (www.pankau.org)
-- Treasurer: Christine Radogno (www.radogno2006.com)
-- Senator, District 48: Richard Furstenau (www.furst4senate.com) and Randy Hultgren (www.hultgrensenate06.com)
-- Representative, District 95: Mike Fortner (www.mikefortner.org) and Pam Mitroff (www.pamelamitroff.com)

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-- County Board Chairman: Robert Schillerstrom (<http://bobforillinois.com>)
-- Clerk: Gary King
-- Treasurer: Bob Heap (www.bobheapfortreasurer.com) and Gwen Henry (www.gwenhenry.com)
-- Sheriff: Tim Connell (www.connellfordupage.com) and John Zaruba (www.zaruba2006.com)
-- Regional Superintendent of Schools: Darlene Ruscitti
-- County Board Member, District 4: Grant Eckhoff (www.gelawoffices.com), J.R. McBride (www.votemcbride.com), and John Noel (www.noellaw.net)
-- Forest Preserve President: Dewey Pierotti
-- Forest Preserve Commissioner, District 4: Mike Formento (www.mikeformento.com) and Kaaren Oldfield
-- Precinct Committeeman, Milton Precinct 9: David John Diersen (www.DiersenForMilton9.com)

I am very familiar with all of the candidates, especially with their qualifications and their positions on the issues. They are all highly qualified for the offices they seek. Please visit their websites. 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 stress the fact that Republican platform is conservative and I expect Republican elected officials and candidates to advance that platform. 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. If you have decided which candidates to vote for, please consider taking advantage of early voting which begins **FEB 27**. If you have any questions concerning the candidates or early voting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

UPCOMING EVENTS: **FEB 17** Formento fundraiser in Glen Ellyn, **FEB 20** GOP gubernatorial debate hosted by Daily Herald and WBEZ, **FEB 21** Last day to register to vote, **FEB 18** Bruckner to speak at TAPROOT monthly breakfast meeting in Lombard, **FEB 27** Early voting starts, **MAR 3** DuPage salute to **Henry Hyde** in Oak Brook, **MAR 8** MTRCC monthly meeting, **MAR 16** WTTW & City Club of Chicago GOP gubernatorial debate, **MAR 18** TAPROOT monthly breakfast meeting, **MAR 20 & NOV 6** GOP Days at the Wheaton train station, **MAR 21** Primary Election Day, **APR 19** DuPage County GOP Convention in Wheaton, **JUL 4** Royal Airs Drum & Bugle Corp to march in Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Independence Day parades thanks to GOP elected officials and candidates, **SEP 11** Patriot Day, **NOV 7** General Election Day

NEWS SINCE MY JANUARY 16 PRECINCT LETTER: Mayor Carr agreed to invite the Navy Band Great Lakes to march in Wheaton's 2006 Independence Day parade; Community Unit School District 200 agreed to replace the term "diversity" with "individual differences" in its vision and mission statement; Despite many phone calls (including my calling in to **Tom Roeser's** JAN 22 program with **Birkett** and his JAN 29 program with **Rauschenberger**), email messages, and personal requests, no GOP Lieutenant Governor debate has been scheduled; Sadly, starting JAN 25, **Brady** "went negative" on **Oberweis**

ARTICLES WRITTEN AND EMAILED: Since **JAN 16**, I wrote the following articles and included them in my daily GOPUSA ILLINOIS emails and they can be viewed on the "News Clips" page of www.gopillinois.com: **JAN 16** Parrillo posts a link to the Illinois Republican Party (IRP) platform on the homepage of the IRP website, **JAN 17** GOPUSA ILLINOIS suggests text for Mayor Carr's State of the City Address concerning Wheaton's Independence Day parades, **JAN 18** Registrants for the January 25 GOP gubernatorial debate in Naperville given opportunity to submit questions for candidates, **JAN 18** GOPUSA ILLINOIS suggests text for Mayor Carr's State of the City Address concerning Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic and ceremony, **JAN 19** GOPUSA ILLINOIS suggests question for Topinka to answer at the January 25 Naperville GOP gubernatorial debate, **JAN 20** Daily Herald gives gubernatorial candidates until January 23 to respond to questionnaire, **JAN 20** GOPUSA Illinois Editor Dave Diersen thanks Jake Parrillo for spotlighting him on the homepage of the IRP website, **JAN 21** Chicago Tribune Editorial Board to interview Republican Lieutenant Governor candidates, **JAN 22** DuPage Treasurer candidates Heap and Henry give outstanding presentations and answer tough questions, **JAN 23** OUTRAGEOUS: Certain individuals and institutions want to ban additional banks and financial institutions in Wheaton's Business and

Office-Research Districts, **JAN 23** Birkett agrees to participate in City Club of Chicago Lieutenant Governor debate, **JAN 25** Birkett, Brady, Gidwitz, Oberweis, Rauschenberger, Roskam, and Topinka address outstanding Bloomingdale Township GOP meeting, **JAN 25** Two reasons why people will vote in the primary and general elections this year: Defending marriage and stopping illegal immigration, **JAN 28** Suggested questions for Illinois political reporters to ask, **JAN 28** FOR SALE: Luxury home that overlooks the site of the historic July 5, 2003 Wheaton Prairie Path Park political picnic, **JAN 30** Birkett, Brady, Bruckner, Gidwitz, Heap, Henry, Martin, McKenna, Oberweis, Pankau, Radogno, Rutherford, Topinka, and Umholtz address outstanding Downers Grove Township GOP fundraiser brunch; GUBERNATORIAL STRAW POLL: Topinka 144, Oberweis 47, Brady 30, Gidwitz 11, and Martin 4, **JAN 30** Lieutenant Governor Debate, Naperville Sun includes your GOPUSA Illinois Editor in Naperville gubernatorial debate picture, **JAN 30** Event reporting shows media bias, again, **JAN 31** Cegelis, Eckhoff, Formento, Fortner, Furstenau, McBride, Mitroff, Oldfield, and Scott confirm for February 7 Wheaton League of Women Voters candidate forum, **FEB 1** Tsarpalas attends party at DuPage GOP Headquarters in honor of President Bush's State of the Union speech, **FEB 5** Bolds, Carr, Coladipiero, Ellinghausen, Falbo, Fortner, Gresk, Heap, Henry, Johnson, Kachiroubas, Mahady, Rasins, Sender, and Siekmann attend outstanding Eckhoff fundraiser in Wheaton, **FEB 5** Topinka Tattler replies to Birkett concerning Graven, Birkett responds, **FEB 7** Why aren't the news media providing us with weekly polling data on the GOP Governor and Lieutenant Governor races? **FEB 7** Why haven't the news media scheduled any GOP Lieutenant Governor debates? **FEB 7** Bruckner to speak at February 18 TAPROOT breakfast meeting, **FEB 7** Sadly, Wheaton College says NO to Wheaton College Republicans hosting a GOP Lieutenant Governor debate, **FEB 7** Sadly, Schillerstrom to endorse Topinka in Wheaton on Saturday, February 11, **FEB 7** The more you speak out against illegal immigration, the sooner Democrats and RINOs will call you a "racist bigot," **FEB 8** Candidates give outstanding presentations at Wheaton League of Women Voters forum, **FEB 9** Bruno Behrend's Extreme Wisdom radio program is back, **FEB 11** Rove participates in 2-hour off-the-record White House briefing for more than 100 CPAC "Diamond Registrants," **FEB 12** Schillerstrom endorses the Topinka-Birkett ticket, **FEB 12** 33rd Conservative Political Action Conference a tremendous success, again

EVENTS ATTENDED: **JAN 19** Rod McCulloch status hearing, **JAN 19** Mayor Carr's State of the City address, **JAN 19** Protect Marriage Illinois (PMI) phone conference, **JAN 20** Illinois Policy Institute (IPI) phone conference, **JAN 21** Bob Heap and Gwen Henry debate hosted by TAPROOT Republicans in Lombard, **JAN 24** Oberweis press conference in Aurora, **JAN 24** GOP gubernatorial debate in Bloomingdale, **JAN 25** City Club of Chicago gubernatorial debate, **JAN 25** Televised GOP gubernatorial debate in Naperville, **JAN 25** Oberweis post-debate party in Naperville, **JAN 27** IPI phone conference, **JAN 28** GOP candidates forum in Batavia, **JAN 29** Downers Grove Township Republican Organization fundraiser brunch, **JAN 30** Meeting with Mr. Catalani, **JAN 31** DuPage GOP State of the Union party, **FEB 3** IPI phone conference, **FEB 4** Grant Eckhoff fundraiser, **FEB 7** Wheaton League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, **FEB 8-11** CPAC in Washington, DC, **FEB 10** IPI phone conference