

DATE : May 24, 2005
TO : Fellow Milton Precinct 9 Republican Voters
FROM : Dave Diersen, Republican Precinct Committeeman, 653-0462, Diersen@aol.com
SUBJECT : Update

UPCOMING EVENT

Brien Sheahan is a member of the DuPage County Board and the President of the DuPage Young Republicans and he is doing much to advance the Illinois Republican Party in DuPage County. Please urge Republican voters between the ages of 18 and 40 to attend the following event:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 EVENT: DUPAGE YOUNG REPUBLICANS OUTREACH

DATE: Wednesday, May 25

TIME: 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

LOCATION: Cozymel's Mexican Grill, 311 East Loop Road, Wheaton

COST: Free

CONTACT: Brien Sheahan at 833-4314

MAY 24 DIERSEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR RE: ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN PARTY

Process for electing those who govern the Illinois Republican Party needs to change

The Illinois Republican Party (IRP) platform is conservative and the IRP's job is to help elect candidates who will advance that platform. The members of the IRP State Central Committee (SCC) have an extremely important responsibility – governing the IRP. Jim Oberweis has always made it very clear that he supports the IRP platform and that he would advance the IRP platform if elected. Many Illinois Republicans, including myself, remain extremely disappointed that the SCC did not immediately give the opportunity to fill the Jack Ryan vacancy last year to the candidate who received the second most votes in the primary – Jim Oberweis. Illinois Republicans used to elect SCC members, but that right was taken away in the 1980s by influential politicians who outrageously reject many of the planks in the IRP platform, argue that conservatives caused all of the IRP's problems, and/or defend Scott Fawell, Bob Kjellander, and George Ryan. Those influential politicians gave your right vote to people who they have tremendous influence over -- 50 Cook County Township Committeemen, 30 Chicago Ward Committeemen, and the Precinct Committeemen in the other 101 counties. Under the current system, no one has a realistic chance of being a SCC member without the approval of the aforesaid influential politicians. Senator Lauzen's Senate Bill 600 passed the Illinois Senate unanimously on April 14 -- many Illinois Republican leaders and grassroots organizations have endorsed the bill. SB600 would give back to Illinois Republicans the right to vote for the person who will represent them on the SCC. I have been one of the most active Republican Precinct Committeemen in Illinois since 1999. While I am fully aware of the arguments against SB600, I fully support the bill for the reasons that Senator Lauzen stated in his May 4 press release posted on his website at www.lauzen.com. Please phone Republican House Leader Tom Cross today at 217-782-1331 and urge him to immediately call SB600 to the floor of the House for a vote.

ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM AND BY-LAWS NOW AVAILABLE

Recently, I finally succeeded in getting the Illinois Republican Party (IRP) to post the IRP platform and the IRP by-laws on the IRP website. Sadly, I had to overcome tremendous opposition from many influential politicians who reject many important planks in the IRP platform. Overcoming that opposition took almost as much effort as it took to get AT&T Broadband (now Comcast) to begin carrying the Fox News Channel in Wheaton. While the IRP should post links to the platform and to the by-laws prominently the website's homepage, they are currently buried on the website at: www.ilgop.org/campaigns

ROSKAM FOR CONGRESS CAMPAIGN

Needless-to-say, because Senator Roskam's voting record in the Illinois House and in the Illinois Senate is consistent with the Illinois Republican Party platform, I fully endorse him for Congress. I and many others attended his May 16 campaign kickoff in Glen Ellyn. I was one of the first to visit his campaign website is at www.RoskamForCongress.com, to sign up to volunteer for his campaign, to donate to his campaign, and to begin displaying a campaign yard sign. Please join me in taking those actions to help assure that he wins the primary election on March 21, 2006 and that he wins the general election on November 7, 2006. I anxiously await Representative Hultgren's campaign kick off for the Illinois Senate and I hope that Debra Olson decides to run for the Illinois House.

ACTIONS I HAVE TAKEN SINCE APRIL 25 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. Your email address will not be shared with anyone.

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

ARTICLES WRITTEN, EMAILED, & POSTED: I wrote the following articles and included them in my daily emails and I posted some of them at www.gopusa.com/illinois/: **April 25** Draft Illinois Center Right Coalition (ICRC) resolution calling for IRP to post its platform and by-laws; **April 25** Important questions concerning statewide issues for Illinois political reporters to ask; **April 25** Important questions concerning DuPage County issues for DuPage County political reporters to ask; **April 28** ICRC calls for the IRP to post the IRP platform and IRP by-laws on the IRP website; **April 29** Many attend Senator Rutherford's DuPage County reception; **May 2** Open letter to Illinois Republican Representatives in support of SB600; **May 2** Qualities that candidates of Illinois Republican Party State Central Committee positions should have; **May 3** Illinois Republican National Committeewoman Mary Jo Arndt supports direct election SCC members; **May 4** Representative Froehlich co-sponsors SB600, Senator Dillard disappoints SB600 supporters; **May 5** Olson fundraiser attendees include Schillerstrom and Oberweis; **May 6** Open letter to Ron Smith RE: May 13 SCC meeting in Springfield; **May 6** Senator Lauzen responds to arguments against SB600, Representative Mathias co-sponsors SB600, Dr. Dam releases his letter to Representative Cross RE: SB600, Jason Gerwig no longer listed on IRP website; **May 6 & 7** At its May 13 meeting, the SCC should vote on returning to direct election, posting the IRP platform and the IRP by-laws, etc; **May 7** Schillerstrom sends disappointing message to Platform Republicans by hiring Gerwig; **May 8** Diersen postcard to 671 DuPage Precinct Committeemen in support of SB600; **May 8** Senator Lauzen v. Ron Smith debate RE: SB600?; **May 8** Roskam for Congress campaign kick off; **May 9** Diersen postcard to 671 DuPage Precinct Committeemen in support of SB600; **May 10** Open letter to members of the Illinois House Rules Committee in support of SB600; **May 10** Republican Assembly of Lake County publishes outstanding 32-page "Platform;" **May 10** DuPage County liberals ecstatic over Gerwig hiring; **May 10** Freedom of Information Act request filed for DuPage County Communications Manager position description; **May 10** President Bush might address U.S. Conference of Mayors in Chicago; **May 11** Representative Ruth Munson has become a sponsor of SB600; **May 12 & 13** Illinois Republican Party State Central Committee asked to vote on important issues; **May 12** Many attend Milton Township GOP meeting; **May 13** Chirinjeev Kathuria to attend September 11 Patriot Day Picnic in Wheaton; **May 14** Initial GOPUSA ILLINOIS report on May 13 IRP SCC meeting in Springfield; **May 14** Brady, Durkin, McKenna, Poe, and Roskam speak at Jenisch precinct committeeman breakfast; **May 15** Questions Illinois political reporters should be asking; **May 16** Lee Daniels, Bob Schillerstrom, and Rich Williamson speak at 2nd annual Chris Kachiroubas brunch; **May 16** Paul Caprio recommends signing up to receive GOPUSA ILLINOIS daily emails; **May 17** Roskam campaign kickoff a big success; **May 17** Gerwig buries IRP platform on IRP website, does not post IRP by-laws; **May 18** Leffingwell posts link to IRP by-laws next to link to IRP platform on campaigns page of IRP website; **May 18** Edgar, McKenna, and Schillerstrom speak at Sheahan fundraiser; **May 19** Senator Lauzen holds SB600 press conference; **May 20** Who really is a Republican and who really is a Democrat?; **May 20** Gerwig position description is posted on the Download Files page of www.gopillinois.com; **May 22** Suggested questions for Illinois political reporters to ask concerning SB600; and **May 23** Crane, McCulloch, McNeal, McSweeney, O'Malley, Redfern, and Tobin address Illinois Forum meeting

LETTER SENT 53 ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVES: On **May 2**, I sent a letter to all the Illinois Republican Representatives urging them to co-sponsor SB600 – Direct election of Republican State Central Committee members

POSTCARD SENT 671 DUPAGE COUNTY PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN: On **May 9**, I sent a postcard to 671 DuPage County Precinct Committeemen urging them to support SB600

LETTER SENT 5 MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE RE: SB600: On **May 10**, I sent a letter to the five members of the Illinois House Rules Committee in support of SB600

DOCUMENTS POSTED ON THE DOWNLOAD FILES PAGE OF WWW.GOPILLINOIS.COM: **April 28** SCC member William Dam letter to Representative Cross in opposition to SB600, **May 2** Senator Dillard letter to 671 DuPage County Precinct Committeemen in opposition to SB600, **May 4** Senator Lauzen letter to 4,000 Illinois Republican Precinct Committeemen in support of SB600, **May 2** Diersen letter to 53 Illinois Republican Representatives in support of SB600, **May 4** Senator Lauzen article in support of SB600, **May 4** Diersen article in support of SB600, **May 5** Republican Young Professionals (RYP) Doug Ibandahl article in support of SB600, **May 7** RYP Alert in support of SB600, **May 13** Springfield State Journal-Register (SJ-R) article on the **May 13** IRP SCC meeting, **May 18** Senator Lauzen press release in support of SB600, **May 18** Turner press release in opposition to SB600, **May 19** SJ-R article on SB600, **May 20** Bond Buyer article, **May 2005** Republican Assembly of Lake County 32-page newsletter, and DuPage County Communications Manager position description.

EVENTS ATTENDED: **April 27** Illinois Center Right Coalition monthly meeting in North Aurora, **April 28** Senator Dan Rutherford DuPage County Reception in Woodridge, **May 2** Wheaton City Council meeting, **May 3** Fort Dearborn Group monthly meeting in Chicago, **May 4** Debra Olson fundraiser in Wheaton, **May 6** Illinois Policy Institute phone conference, **May 10** Milton Township monthly meeting, **May 11** Milton Township Republican Central Committee monthly meeting, **May 13** IRP SCC meeting in Springfield, **May 14** Representative Jenisch committeeman breakfast in Glendale Heights, **May 14** Illinois Center Right Coalition meeting in Alsip, **May 15** Kachiroubas brunch, **May 16** Roskam campaign kickoff, **May 17** Brien Sheahan fundraiser in Oak Brook, **May 18** Senator Lauzen SB600 press conference in Springfield, and **May 22** Illinois Form monthly meeting in Brookfield.

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