

DATE : July 19, 2005
TO : Fellow Milton Precinct 9 Republican Voters
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SUBJECT : Update

NEWS SINCE MY JUNE 20 PRECINCT LETTER

-- Many Republicans have announced that they want to challenge Blagojevich (DuPage State's Attorney Joe Birkett, State Senator Bill Brady, Businessman Ron Gidwitz, U.S. Congressman Ray LaHood, Businessman Jim Oberweis, and State Senator Steve Rauschenberger), but so far, fewer have announced that they want to challenge Quinn, Lisa Madigan, White, or Hynes
-- It appears that State Senator Roskam will be unopposed in the Republican primary for the 6th U.S. Congressional District seat now that Rick Carney and State Senator Carol Pankau have dropped out
-- Naperville Councilman Richard Furstenau and State Representative Randy Hultgren are seeking to fill the 48th State Senate District seat that Roskam is vacating
-- West Chicago Mayor Mike Fortner and Wheaton Precinct Committeewoman Pam Mitroff are seeking to fill the 95th State House District seat that Hultgren is vacating
-- Many Republican elected officials, candidates, and their supporters walked in Wheaton's Independence Day Parade

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/7 EVENT: BIRKETT FUNDRAISER AT THE KANE COUNTY COUGARS BALL PARK
8/10 EVENT: MILTON TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MTRCC) MEETING
8/14 EVENT: TAPROOT REPUBLICANS ANNUAL PICNIC
8/18 EVENT: REPUBLICAN DAY AT THE STATE FAIR
8/25 EVENT: DUPAGE REPUBLICAN DAY
9/11 EVENT: SECOND ANNUAL PATRIOT DAY PICNIC IN MEMORIAL PARK
9/14 EVENT: MTRCC MEETING
10/14 EVENT: MTRCC OKTOBERFEST

9/11 EVENT: COX, DILLARD, GIDWITZ, FURSTENAU, HENRY, HULTGREN, JENISCH, KATHURIA, LABARBERA, LEVINE, NALEPA, OBERWEIS, OLSON, PANKAU, POE, RASINS, RIOS, ROSKAM, RUSCITTI, SANCHEZ, WEGMAN, & WHELAN TO ATTEND PATRIOT DAY PICNIC IN WHEATON

DATE & TIME: Sunday, September 11, Picnic: Noon - 3:00 PM, Program: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Memorial Park, Wheaton

SPEAKER & MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Speaker: Jim Nalepa – West Point graduate and USO Board Member

MC: Sandy Rios – Conservative Activist and Spokesperson, Former President of Concerned Women for America

FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES: Pork sandwiches, hot dogs, Polish sausages, Jays Potato Chips, Oberweis ice cream and flavored milk, soft drinks

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ACTIONS I HAVE TAKEN SINCE JUNE 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. 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, 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/: **June 21** Illinois Republican County Chairmen's Association (IRCCA) to meet this Saturday in Springfield, **June 23** New GOPUSA ILLINOIS poll asks: Which State Central Committee (SCC) member is doing the best job of advancing the Illinois Republican Party (IRP)?, **June 24** Important questions to ask your representative on the IRP SCC, **June 24** Many Republican elected officials and candidates to participate in Wheaton Independence Day Parade, **June 24** IRCCA members urged to pass a resolution concerning election of SCC members, **June 26** Illinois Center Right Coalition (ICRC) holds its annual convention, **June 27** Many attend Hultgren Brunch, **June 27** ICRC calls the IRP to post its rules, **June 29** Many attend Hultgren campaign announcement, **June 29** Many attend Oberweis campaign kickoff party, **June 30** Many Republican elected officials and candidates to participate in Wheaton Independence Day Parade, **June 30** Schillerstrom joins Allstar Printing, Cox, Diersen Consulting, Kathuria, Oberweis, Poe, and Prutzman in sponsoring September 11 Patriot Day Picnic in Wheaton, **July 1** Oberweis addresses Renew Illinois

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meeting in Chicago, **July 2** Democrats badmouth Republican participation in Wheaton's Independence Day parade, again, **July 3** ICRC calls on IRP to issue revised SCC election rules, **July 4** Questions concerning the liberal Illinois news media, **July 5** Many Republican elected officials, candidates, and their supporters participate in Wheaton Independence Day parade – Brady and Oberweis attend Wheaton History Center breakfast, **July 6** LaHood asked to urge Cross and Saviano to reconsider their opposition to SB600, **July 8** Dr. William C. Dam not likely to run again for IRP SCC, **July 8** Many attend Dillard fundraiser, **July 9** Brady to speak at July 16 TAPROOT meeting, **July 10** ICRC fills steering committee vacancies, elects officers, establishes a blog, **July 10** Questions for liberal Illinois political reporters, **July 11 & 12** Voters should be happy to see elected officials, candidates, and their supporters in parades, **July 12** GOPUSA Illinois Editor makes a patriotic statement by ordering a new Corvette, but he needs to sell his 62 Impala SS and 68 Dodge Charger R/T to pay for it, **July 13** Many attend Birkett golf outing, **July 15** Carney, Carr, Fortner, Gresk, Muehlfelt, Roskam, Suess, and many others honor Wheaton's Carlson family, **July 16** Over 1,000 attend Hastert picnic in Sandwich, **July 16** Wheaton should be happy to see so many elected officials, candidates, and their supporters in its Independence Day parade, **July 17** TAPROOT hears Brady give an outstanding presentation and invites all Republican elected officials and candidates to attend its August 14 picnic, **July 17** GOPUSA ILLINOIS encourages all Illinois Republicans to be in Springfield on Thursday, August 18, **July 17** GOPUSA ILLINOIS will take the lead in defending the right of Republican elected officials, candidates, and their supporters to walk in Wheaton Independence Day parades, **July 18 & 19** Diersen letter to the Wheaton Sun Editor: Elected officials, candidates, and their supporters should be encouraged to walk in parades, **July 19** GOPUSA ILLINOIS encourages all Republicans to be in Springfield on Thursday, August 18

DOCUMENTS POSTED ON THE DOWNLOAD FILES PAGE OF WWW.GOPILLINOIS.COM: June 25 IRCCA meeting notice and agenda, Rules that governed 2002 SCC election and related documents, July 2005 TAPROOT newsletter

EVENTS ATTENDED: **June 21** Gidwitz Campaign Kickoff in Dixon, **June 24** Illinois Policy Institute (IPI) Phone Conference, **June 25** ICRC Annual Convention, **June 26** Hultgren Brunch, **June 28** Hultgren Campaign Kickoff, **June 28** Oberweis Campaign Kickoff in Aurora, **June 29** Schillerstrom Golf Outing, **June 30** Renew Illinois Luncheon in Chicago, **July 4** Wheaton Independence Day Parade, **July 5** Fort Dearborn Group Meeting in Chicago, **July 7** Dillard Reception, **July 8** IPI Phone Conference, **July 9** ICRC Monthly Meeting, **July 12** DuPage County information fair, **July 12** Birkett Reception, **July 14** Carlson's 90th Anniversary, **July 15** IPI Phone Conference, **July 15** Hastert Fundraiser in Sandwich, and **July 16** TAPROOT Monthly Meeting in Lombard

IRCCA JUNE 25 MEETING: On June 27 I asked many IRCCA members to write an article that summarized what happened at their June 25 meeting. To date, I am not aware of any such article having been written.

JULY 4 WHEATON HISTORY CENTER BREAKFAST AND INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE: On June 24 I encouraged many Republican elected officials and candidates to attend the July 4 Wheaton History Center breakfast and participate in Wheaton's July 4 Independence Day Parade. On June 27, I asked the question: Will the news media promote, participate in, and favorably report on the Wheaton Independence Day parade like it did for the Chicago Gay & Lesbian Pride parade? Please see my July 18 letter to the Wheaton Sun editor below.

WHEATON PATRIOT DAY PICNIC: I have encouraged many Republican elected officials and candidates to participate in Wheaton's September 11 Patriot Day Picnic. Please mark your calendar and attend the event.

Elected officials, candidates, and their supporters should be encouraged to walk in parades

DuPage is Illinois' second most populous county, Milton Township is at the heart of DuPage, and Wheaton is the county seat. Next year, Wheaton voters may very well determine who the next Illinois Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Treasurer will be and who will represent the 6th Congressional District, the 48th State Senate District, and the 95th State House District.

Wheaton should be proud that so many elected officials and candidates recognized the important role that DuPage County, Milton Township, and Wheaton play in Illinois politics by walked in its Independence Day parade this year. They included U.S. Congressman **Ray LaHood** (Peoria); State Senators **Bill Brady** (Bloomington), **Carole Pankau** (Roselle), **Steve Rauschenberger** (Elgin), **Peter Roskam** (Wheaton), and **Dan Rutherford** (Pontiac); State Representatives **Randy Hultgren** (Winfield) and **Ray Poe** (Springfield); DuPage State's Attorney **Joe Birkett** (Wheaton); Kane County Recorder **Sandy Wegman** (Elgin); West Chicago Mayor **Michael Fortner**; Naperville Councilman **Richard Furstenu**; businessmen **Ron Gidwitz** (Chicago) and **Jim Oberweis** (Aurora); and Precinct Committeewoman **Pam Mitroff** (Wheaton). All of them represent Wheaton and/or seek to represent Wheaton as a statewide office holder, as a state senator, or as a state representative.

Wheaton residents who believe in citizen participation in civic affairs should be outraged over **Christine Litavsky's** July 15 Wheaton Sun column titled "Help bring back parade residents remember well." **Litavsky** blasted campaigning, blamed parade problems on the elected officials, candidates, and their supporters who walked in the parade, and advocated a rule that would eliminate "all political candidates from the parade." If we the people want accountable elected officials, we should want to see in person, at least once a year, the people who govern us and want to govern us. Those who participate in parades show voters who they are, that they are accessible and motivated, and that they can mobilize enthusiastic and broad based support.

Elected officials, candidates, and their supporters, both Republican and Democrat, should be encouraged to walk in Independence Day parades, not discouraged.

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