

**DATE** : September 20, 2005  
**TO** : Fellow Milton Precinct 9 Republican Voters  
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**SUBJECT** : Update

**ANNOUNCED/POTENTIAL CANDIDATES: MARCH 21, 2006 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**FEDERAL**

Representative, District 6: **Peter Roskam**

**ILLINOIS**

Governor: **Joe Birkett, Bill Brady, Jim Edgar, Ron Gidwitz, Jim Oberweis, Steve Rauschenberger, Judy Baar Topinka**  
Lieutenant Governor: **Chirinjeev Kathuria, Raymond Poe, Eric Wallace, Sandy Wegman**

Attorney General:

Secretary of State: **Dan Rutherford**

Comptroller:

Treasurer: **Judy Baar Topinka**

Senator, District 48: **Richard Furstenau, Randy Hultgren**

Representative, District 95: **Mike Fortner, Pam Mitroff**

**DUPAGE**

County Board Chairman: **Robert Schillerstrom**

Clerk: **Gary King**

Treasurer: **John Novak**

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: **Gwen Henry**

Precinct Committeeman, Milton Precinct 9: **David John Diersen**

**NEWS SINCE MY AUGUST 22 PRECINCT LETTER**

-- People, including Illinois Republican Party (IRP) National Committeeman **Bob Kjellander**, who disapprove of the announced Republican gubernatorial candidates continue to urge **Jim Edgar** to run again

-- **Jim Edgar** continues to ignore calls from Speaker **Dennis Hastert** and others to make his decision to run again or not

-- **Bob Kjellander** continues to be very critical of 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

-- More than 600 attended the September 9 Wheaton Leadership Prayer Breakfast including many Republican elected officials and candidates

-- The Daily Herald, Wheaton Sun, and Wheaton Leader eagerly and positively reported on the September 7 **Cindy Sheehan** anti-Bush rally in Danada sponsored by **Democrats** but refused to report on the September 11 Wheaton Patriot Day pro-America picnic and ceremony in Memorial Park sponsored by **Republicans**

-- **Bill Brady** supporters were the most numerous, the best prepared, and the most outspoken at the September 17 Conservative Summit Conference in Mundelein

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/24 EVENT: TOWNHALL MEETING WITH JUSTICE **ROY MOORE** IN WHEATON

9/25 EVENT: **JOHN ZARUBA** FOR SHERIFF ANNUAL LUNCH

10/12 EVENT: MTRCC MONTHLY MEETING

10/14 EVENT: MTRCC OKTOBERFEST

10/15 EVENT: TAPROOT BREAKFAST MEETING

12/11 EVENT: TAPROOT CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR PUBLISHED IN THE SEPTEMBER 16 WHEATON SUN**

**Patriot Day picnic was rousing success - Dave Diersen**

Attendees at Wheaton's 2005 Patriot Day picnic in Memorial Park honored the individuals who lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks against America. They showed their support for America, for its war on terrorism and for its military and law enforcement personnel. I had the honor of introducing the event's master of ceremonies — nationally known conservative activist, Fox News Channel contributor and Culture Campaign President **Sandy Rios**. Wheaton Second Baptist Church Pastor **Andre Allen** gave the invocation. Korean War veteran **Ron Smith** led the pledge of allegiance. **Harry Newman** sang the national anthem. **Rios** read President Bush's 2005 Patriot Day proclamation, introduced the elected officials and candidates, and thanked the event sponsors. DuPage County Board member **Bob Heap** spoke about DuPage's implementation of 9/11 recommendations. 9/11 Families for a Secure America founder **Peter Gadiel** gave an outstanding

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speech about lessons learned from Sept. 11, 2001. West Point graduate and USO board member **Jim Nalepa** gave an outstanding Patriot Day address. **Newman** concluded the program by singing, "We Still Have Heroes." Attendees enjoyed 670 **Debbie Malek** hot dogs and Polish sausages courtesy of State Farm Insurance agent **Mark Prutzman**, 290 pork sandwiches courtesy of state Rep. and Lieutenant governor candidate **Ray Poe**, 108 hamburgers courtesy of state Sen. and gubernatorial candidate **Steve Rauschenberger**, 780 bags of Jay's Potato Chips courtesy of conservative activist **John Cox**, 500 ice cream servings and 180 flavored drinks courtesy of gubernatorial candidate **Jim Oberweis** and 800 soft drinks and bottles of water courtesy of lieutenant governor candidate **Charinijeev Kathuria**. The other event sponsors were **Allstar Printing, Diersen Consulting**, Milton Township Highway Commissioner **Gary Muehlfelt**, DuPage County Board Chairman **Bob Schillerstrom** and Kane County Recorder and Lieutenant Governor candidate **Sandy Wegman**. While not all the approximately 750 who attended the picnic were able to stay for the ceremony, the picnic provided everyone with a great opportunity to meet and speak with veterans, law enforcement officials, fire department officials and elected officials, including state Sens. **Bill Brady, Carol Pankau, Rauschenberger, Peter Roskam**, and **Dan Rutherford**; state Reps. **Randy Hultgren, Roger Jenisch**, and **Poe**; County officials **Joe Birkett, Fred Bucholz, Heap, Gwen Henry, Gary King, Debra Olson, Jim Rasins, Darlene Ruscitti, Brien Sheahan, Pete Siekmann, Penny Wegman, Sandy Wegman, Tim Whelan, Jon Zahm**, and **John Zaruba**; township officials **Sal Falbo, Moon Kahn, Muehlfelt**, and **Leonard Sanchez**; municipal officials **Alan Bolds, Jim Carr, Liz Corry, Mike Fortner, Dick Furstenu, and Howard Levine**; congressional candidate **Roskam**; gubernatorial candidates **Birkett, Brady, Oberweis**, and **Rauschenberger**; Lieutenant Governor candidates **Kathuria, Poe, Eric Wallace**, and **Wegman**; Secretary of State candidate **Rutherford**; state Senate candidates **Furstenu and Hultgren**; and state representative candidate **Fortner**. Former DuPage County Recorder **Rick Carney** and Mrs. Illinois **Kaili Harding** and her husband, who graduated from West Point and served in both Afghanistan and Iraq, also attended. Needless-to-say, many thanks to the program participants; to everyone who attended and the elected officials and candidates, especially to those who stayed for the program; and to the event sponsors.

### **ACTIONS I HAVE TAKEN SINCE AUGUST 22 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](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: **AUG 25** Illinois Republican County Chairman's Association President Bob Turner releases his August 23 letter to Jim Edgar, **AUG 26** Questions GOPUSA ILLINOIS hopes Tom Roeser will ask Gary MacDougal during his radio program, **AUG 28** Outrageously, Democrat Pearson paints the Illinois Republican Party as hopeless, again, **AUG 29** Jack Roeser releases his August 26 letter to Illinois Republican Party (IRP) Chairman McKenna concerning IRP's proposed ethics rules, **AUG 29** Tom Roeser has not made his case for his Kjellander reversal, **SEP 3** One more reason to attend the September 11 Wheaton Patriot Day picnic, **SEP 4** Everyone is invited to attend Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic, including those who disapprove of conservatives, **SEP 5** Letter to the editor of the Wheaton Sun concerning Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic, **SEP 6** Republican elected officials and candidates and their supporters walk in Naperville Labor Day parade, **SEP 6** Only 5 days till Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic, **SEP 6** Everyone is invited to attend Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic, including Teresa Clarkin Loving, **SEP 7** Only 4 days till Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic; Brady will attend, **SEP 8** TAPROOT Republicans issue outstanding 8-page "Trumpet," **SEP 8** Only 3 days till Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic, **SEP 9** Only 2 days till Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic, **SEP 10** Only 1 day till Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic, **SEP 10** Over 600 attend Wheaton prayer breakfast including Birkett, Bolds, Bucholz, Carr, Eckhoff, Field, Gresk, Henry, Heap, Hultgren, Mouhelis, Oberweis, Pankau, Rasins, Ruscitti, Siekmann, Smith, Whelan, and Zaruba, **SEP 10** 21 ways to be a good Democrat, **SEP 11** Please attend Wheaton's Patriot Day picnic, **SEP 11** Hundreds hear Brady, Gidwitz, Oberweis, Poe, Rauschenberger, Rutherford, and Tsarpalas speak at Kane County GOP event, **SEP 12** Nalepa gives keynote address at Wheaton's 2005 Patriot Day picnic; Birkett, Brady, Fortner, Furstenu, Hultgren, Kathuria, Oberweis, Poe, Rauschenberger, Roskam, Rutherford, Wallace, Wegman, Zaruba, and many others attend, **SEP 13** Wheaton Patriot Day attendance estimate is 750, **SEP 15** Many elected officials and candidates attend Milton Township GOP meeting, **SEP 15** Wheaton is the best place to live according to Chicago Magazine, and **SEP 16** Grover Norquist's September 15 monthly state coalition conference call

**EVENTS ATTENDED:** **AUG 25** DuPage Republican Day in West Chicago, **AUG 26** Illinois Policy Institute (IPI) phone conference, **SEP 2** IPI phone conference, **SEP 5** Naperville Labor Day parade, **SEP 7** Cindy Sheehan rally in the Danada Forest Preserve, **SEP 9** Wheaton Leadership Prayer Breakfast in Glen Ellyn, **SEP 9** Kane County GOP Roundup in St Charles, **SEP 11** Wheaton Patriot Day Picnic and Ceremony, **SEPT 13** Fort Dearborn Group Breakfast Meeting in Chicago, **SEPT 14** MTRCC Monthly Meeting, **SEP 15** Grover Norquist conference call, **SEP 16** IPI conference call, **SEP 17** Conservative Summit Conference in Mundelein, and **SEP 18** IRP SCC Member Steve Meyer Visitation in Oak Park

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