



Republican Party of Benton County Newsletter

January 2009
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A Newsletter for Committee Members, Republican Elected Officials, Candidates and Friends

Chairman's Column

You will read elsewhere in this letter details about a Washington County Lincoln Day Dinner to take place on February 7th. The speaker is **Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal**, and I cannot tell you how excited I am about this. I want to encourage all of you to give strong consideration to attending.

I am excited not because **Governor Jindal** has a reputation as an effective executive for one of our neighboring states. I am excited not because **Governor Jindal** is one of the two most exciting Republican figures on the national scene (the other is, of course, **Governor Palin**). I am not excited because **Governor Jindal** as a young, effective, conservative office holder of Indian descent is generally identified as the Republican response to **Barack Obama**. I am not even excited because this dinner will be held in the month marking the 200th anniversary of **President Lincoln's** birth. While all these are true, I am excited because of what this dinner says about us as Republicans.

We have had a rough few years. Our Republican values have been challenged from both inside and outside the party. Nationally, we have had setbacks in the

number of our office holders which will likely take many years to correct. Here in Arkansas, with the death of **Lt. Governor Rockefeller** and the term-limit encouraged matriculation of **Governor Huckabee** to new vistas, we have similarly suffered a drawback in the Executive Branch of State government.

But we are not resting. This dinner features a person who almost certainly will be rising on the national scene. What an opportunity for us to be able to get this early glimpse of him. And of course, even more than that, these dinners raise funds so that we can work toward electing Republicans in the future. We certainly are not resting — we are rising. I hope to see all of you there.

—George R. Spence

RPBC Meeting

We will meet this month on January 27th at 7:00 pm at the Benton County Public Services Building on Highway 102 West.

Our speaker this month will be **Justice of the Peace Marge Wolfe**, who will talk to us about her work with the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank. **It is requested that each member attending the meeting bring at least**

one canned good which will be donated to Samaritan House, which is a client of the Northwest Arkansas Food Bank.

We will also be hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing officers for the County Committee for the upcoming biennium.

Washington County Lincoln Day Dinner

Each year in Northwest Arkansas, the Washington County Republicans celebrate Lincoln's birth with a special dinner in Springdale. This year's Lincoln Day Dinner speaker and special guest is the **Governor of Louisiana, the Honorable Bobby Jindal**.

The dinner will be held on February 7, 2009, at the Northwest Arkansas Convention Center in Springdale. A reception will be held at 5:30 pm in Salon H with the dinner following at 6:30 pm.

Purchase Dinner Tickets: contact **Julie** 479-750-7754 or email: JJonHarris@aol.com

Purchase Reception Tickets: contact **Robin** 479-935-9858 or email: rlundstrum@cox.net

Purchase Program Ad: contact **Matt** 479-409-7998 or email Smmendenhall@aol.com

Silent Auction Info: contact **Norma** 479-751-3880 or email npatt@cox.net

QUOTE...

The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance.

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Important Dates

Jan 20, 2009

BCRW—Noon Lunch/Networking
12:30 Meeting
Samaritan Community Ctr
1211 Hudson Rd., Rogers

Jan 23, 2009

RMBC—No Meeting!

Jan 26, 2009

BVRW—9:00 am Coffee, 9:30 Meeting
Concordia
Bella Vista

Jan 26, 2009

SSRW—6:30 Fellowship, 7:00 Meeting
Signature Bank Community Rm
200 Progress Ave
Siloam Springs

Jan 27, 2009

RPBC Committee Mtg—7:00 pm
Public Services Bldg.
Hwy 102 West, Bentonville
Please bring one canned good

Feb 7, 2009

Washington Co Lincoln Day Dinner
NWA Conv. Ctr., Springdale
Reception Salon H—5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

Feb 9, 2009

RPBC Newsletter submission deadline

Feb 21, 2009

Third Dist. Committee Mtg—9:00 am
Clarion Inn, Fayetteville

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G O P ALLIED CLUB NOTES

Bella Vista Republican Women

BVRW will meet January 26 at Concordia. Coffee at 9:00, meeting begins at 9:30. Dues for 2009: \$15.00 Check out the new BVRW website: www.bvrepUBLICanwomen.org

Benton County Republican Women

BCRW will meet at Samaritan Community Center, 1211 Hudson Road in Rogers on January 20. Lunch provided by the Center for a donation to their soup kitchen (suggested donation is \$5.00). Lunch/networking at 12:00 noon, meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of a program, the club will work on volunteer hours for the NFRW awards this fall at the biennial convention.

Republican Men of Benton County

Will not meet again until February. New officers will be elected then. Yearly dues run from Jan. to Dec. and are \$15/yr. Information: **Gene Luber email whitebuffalo67@yahoo.com or call 479-426-3607 after 4 pm.**

Republican Women of Bentonville

For contact **Olga Berg 479-273-3828** or **Karen Wenzel 479-876-2599.**

Siloam Springs Republican Women

The SSRW will meet January 26 at The Signature Bank Community room, 200 Progress Ave. Fellowship time is 6:30 and Program is at 7:00 pm. **Dee Vanlaningham, Tyler Burton Scholarship Chairman for Arkansas Federation of Republican Women** will conduct Installation of 2009 officers of the club. Special guest speaker will be **Ginger Macfarlan, NRA Representative to the Youth Education Summit in Washington D.C.** This is an open meeting, the community is invited. Additional information, call 479-524-3461 or 479-524-9440.

Third District Committee Meeting

The Third District Committee of the Republican Party of Arkansas will meet at the Clarion Inn in Fayetteville, Arkansas on February 21, 2009 at 9:00 am. The primary business will be elec-

tion of District officers for the next two years.

Following is a list of voting members of the Third District Committee:

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| 1. Mary Neal | 17. Dist. Committeewoman Judi Spann |
| 2. Jack Sandlin | 18. 1st VP Bella Vista Rep. Women |
| 3. Patricia McKeegan | 19. 1st VP Benton Co. Rep. Women |
| 4. Richard McKeegan | 20. 1st VP Rep. Women Bentonville |
| 5. A.L. Hollingsworth | 21. 1st VP S. Springs Rep. Women |
| 6. Lorene Hollingsworth | 22. County Judge |
| 7. John Tate | 23. County Clerk |
| 8. June Pelphrey | 24. Circuit Clerk |
| 9. Marcia Reynolds | 25. County Sheriff |
| 10. Dr. Charles Akin | 26. County Treasurer |
| 11. James Baker | 27. County Assessor |
| 12. Donna Marlow | 28. County Collector |
| 13. Robert Vinson | 29. County Coroner |
| 14. Ray Bunch | 30. County Surveyor |
| 15. County Committee Chairman | 31-43. All 13 Justices of the Peace |
| 16. Dist. Committeeman Duane Neal | |

It is extremely important that the above listed members make every effort to be present at the District Meeting to enable Benton County to be properly represented in the election of District Officers.

EMAILING RPBC NEWSLETTER

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Of course, anyone who does not have email service will continue to receive the newsletter and minutes via US Postal service.