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From the Committee Chair...

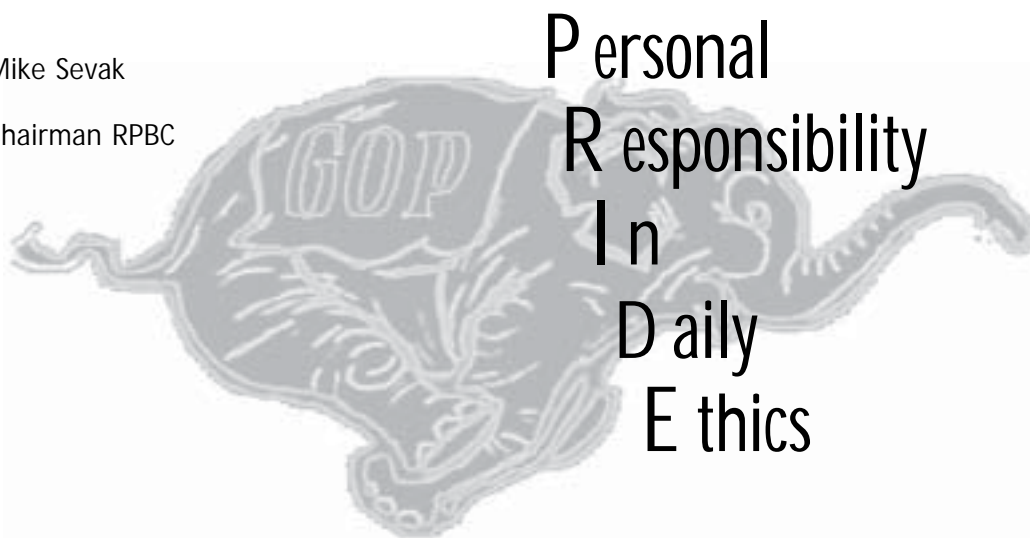
Freedom's Reflection

I hope that each of you had a wonderful 4th of July and that you took the time to remember the reason that we celebrate this important Holiday.

My family and I spent the time out at the lake and we had the opportunity to watch firework at two different locations. The first was pretty amazing. The crowd of boats alone, was awesome, each one of them displaying the American flag and decorated in America's colors. The show was great as you might imagine, you could hear people from far across the lake chanting "USA". When I heard those words... faith welled up inside me. I felt that *perhaps* there is still hope that America can and will continue to be a Nation where the people can believe in their Government. *Perhaps* there is still hope that America can become like it has for so many, a symbol of freedom, hope and prosperity. But, *instead*, sadly, for some, America has become a nation that many wish to harm. I believe in this great nation. I believe in the people who help make this land all that it is. I believe in those that have given their life to protect and grant all of us another day of freedom. And thus I say, that *We* as Americans have *got* to start standing up for what is right and what is wrong, for if *We* don't, then who will? As a Party, *We* must strive to improve not only our personal lives but the lives of those around us. What can *We* do to make a difference in our community and this nation?

Mike Sevak

Chairman RPBC



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In the News...

Conservatism Foothold for California Transplant... Interview with Michelle Blaty, Justice of the Peace, District 10

Southern California... illegal immigration problems, crowded schools, cost of living out of this world... these are some of the reasons that Michelle and husband Matt decided to start looking for a new world... a place they could go to do their work in media relations and live by their beliefs of Faith, Family, Friends and Conservatism.

Michelle's focus as JP in District 10 is quite simple... to be the voice of caution when it comes to spending tax payer's money. Hard economic times have caused the Benton County Finance Committee to cut 1 million dollars from this year's budget. You might ask how's it possible to cut such a large amount from such necessary services, but as Michelle knows, "You save anywhere you can just like in a household budget...every dollar counts". So when it comes to the board of JPs, "they need to remember that small things add up and we should be cautious about what we are funding". Her "no" vote was one of only two of thirteen recently on a vote to fund a \$2000 ordinance to go to NWA Council to apply for funding for a watershed project.... in her eyes, "you have to start somewhere and the funding was not mandatory and would tap into government matching grant funds". She added that projects that should be funded "like the Siloam Springs Health Dept." are ones that she can support.

How a politician makes decisions is key to their effectiveness. Michelle mandates to read ALL the proposed legislation. She believes she is personally strong-willed enough to resist being pushed into hasty decision-making. The bottom line...always... 'Is it unconstitutional?' For example, she would have never voted for TARP or Cap and Trade. She is a firm believer in State rights... that many, many issues should be regulated at the State level and the Federal government should stay out of it. She believes that all our governmental representatives are responsible to the constituents of the entire state, not just of their party or their district... responsible to even those who did not vote for them.

Given a chance to have an effect on politics, Michelle's goal is to bring back the conservatism, Faith and unborn birth rights that the Republican party has forgotten.... in essence, it's base. She states that "if it's God's Will and through prayer with family and searching the depths of myself" – that she could consider a future in politics. For now, her plan is to build a local base of support and perhaps go further once her children are grown. She understands Sarah Palin's plight, "It's hard to do what you're called to do and still do what you have to for your family."

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GOP Allied Club Notes...

Bella Vista Republican Women (BVRW) - Party in the Park, Monday July 27th in the evening at Riordan Hall, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Hot Dogs, sodas and chips... Come meet your Legislators! Everyone Welcome! Visit our website: <http://www.bv republicanwomen.org/>

Benton County Republican Women (BCRW) - General Meeting July 23rd, 2009 at the Samaritan Community Center, 1211 Hudson Rd. in Rogers, AR., 12 p.m. Guest Speaker: Keri Wilkerson, Director of Wellness Center - discussing "Wellness for all Ages?" Please come and be our Guest! All Republican Women are welcome. Email: sjohnston@daisy.com Schedule for August Program: Guest Speaker, State Senator Cecile Bledsoe, and an update from Single Parent Scholarship Fund. Program for September: Betsy Reithmeyer - "NWA Non-Profit Center at previous St. Mary's hospital. Visit our website: <http://www.bentoncountyrepublicanwomen.org/>

Republican Men of Benton County (RMBC) - Meetings are on the fourth Friday at Metfield Club, 1 Euston Rd. in Bella Vista, at 12 p.m. Contact: Sen. Kim Hendren, Club President, Ph. 479-790-5600, kimhendren@cox.net

Republican Women of Bentonville (BVRW) - will meet July 9th at 6:30 at Bentonville Poble Library. County Judge David Bisbee will be speaking. If interested, please contact Sarah Davidson. September Fashion Show. Visit our website: <http://republicanwomenofbentonville.org/>

Siloam Springs Republican Women (SSRW) - The Siloam Springs Republican Women will not meet in July or August but in August they will host the Benton County Republican Committee for the Committee's regular meeting. Guest Speakers will be Tom Cox and Fred Raney, speaking about their run for the U.S. Senate. The meeting will be in the Administration Dining Room on the campus of John Brown University. Punch and desert will be served. For more information call 479-524-3461 or 549-5394. September Guest Speaker: Joyce Phillips, former Vice Chair for the National Federation of Republican Women.

Save the Dates:

Arkansas Federation Republican Women (AFRW) Board of Directors meeting, to be held at the RPA headquarters on Saturday, July 18th, 2009. Contact AFRW State President, Tricia Greene, for more info (501) 960-3801.

National Federation Republican Women (NFRW) Biennial Convention, Caribe Royale Hotel, Orlando, FL September 11 - 13, 2009.

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Meetings / Further Information...

Next Republican Party of Benton County Meeting:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 28th, 7 p.m. at the Benton County Public Services Building on Highway 102 West. Teresa Crossland-Oelke with Americans for Prosperity, AFP, will be speaking about the health care bill. As usual, we are asking all those that come to the meeting to please bring 2 canned food items to the meeting. We will donate the food to the Samaritan Community Center again this month. With the high demand upon the food banks right now, your donations are very much needed and appreciated!

Check out the Republican Party of Arkansas' new website: <http://www.arkansasgop.org/>

Upcoming Events:

CALL TO ORDER / ALL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

Meeting for the Republican Party of Arkansas, Third Congressional District

When: July 25th, 10:00 a.m. till 12 Noon

Special Guest: Congressman John Boozman

Topics: Information on new RPA website, Information on upcoming candidate / grassroots training

Where: American Legion, 215 N. Denver St., Russellville (across the street from the train depot)

Washington County Republican Party Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, July 26th at 2 p.m.

Max's Aviation, Inc., 1106 S. Old Missouri Rd., Springdale, AR

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From the website developer, Alex Martinez:

We are excited to announce that we can now be found at Facebook and Twitter. For those that are on Facebook and Twitter please begin to follow us today. You can find our links on our website: www.bentoncountygop.org under "Follow Us" or you can go directly to: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rogers-AR/Benton-County-Republican-Committee/82034112295> or <http://twitter.com/bcgop1>

Submissions to the newsletter:

Please submit articles, associated club news, meetings, fundraiser announcements, etc. by the 9th day of the month to Barbara Tillman, Secretary RPBC, Secretary@bentoncountygop.org

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