



# Republican Party of Benton County Newsletter

November 2008

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

## Viewpoint:

I am writing to ask each of you to cancel your subscriptions to the Benton County Daily Record. In the lead up to the General Election, the editorial board of that newspaper endorsed the Democrat's nominee for President, Barack Obama. My view is that such an endorsement supports abortion, wealth redistribution, and gun control, and is contrary to our Christian and Republican values. Further, that newspaper supported gambling by endorsing Amendment 3 on lotteries, and supported homosexuality by opposing Initiated Act 1. These positions are also, I believe, in opposition to our values.

We are all aware that this is the most conservative part of the State of Arkansas. It is offensive to me that the apparent values of the editors of the Benton County Daily Record are now so contrary to those of their subscribers and that they give so little credence to the values of those subscribers that they feel free to take such positions. All I can conclude is that some of these editors must have gotten their training at the New York Times under the tutelage of Maureen Dowd.

Based on the foregoing, I do not believe we, as Republicans, should support the Daily Record. I feel it is my duty, as the Republican Representative of District #99 (Bentonville) to stand up and rebuff the Daily Record's liberal endorsements. You can cancel your subscriptions by phoning Kent Marts at 479-271-3713 or emailing him at kentm@nwanews.com. You can still have a local daily newspaper by subscribing to The Morning News which supported our Presidential Candidate, by calling 479-872-5020 or 479-619-2520 to subscribe.

**Horace Hardwick,  
State Representative—District 99**

## Chairman's Column:

Four little vignettes to consider this month:

Halloween is my favorite holiday. We do it up big and because of where we live, we have never had less than hundreds of trick or treaters. I enjoy it so much because for \$75.00 (when we started 13 years ago, it was \$50.00) I can bring a little happiness to every child that comes to my door. This year, one child, probably about 7 years old, came to the house wearing a John McCain mask. He said the magic words and I rewarded him with some candy. As he walked away, he said, "Thank you, my friends." After that, he walked to the edge of my lawn and kneeled beside the McCain sign and his parents took his picture—a good memory of this year's election to take with me.

I will not say it as well as Senator McCain did, or even as graciously as Congressman Boozman did at his watch party at the Clarion. However, I think it important to say. Barrack Obama is going to be my President. I am first and foremost an American, not a Republican. We have had the debate, and the country

has made its decision. I always thought those on the other side who questioned the legitimacy of President Bush, or who said they were moving to Canada if he was elected were in the wrong. I thought they should support the office, even if filled by someone they did not support in the election. I think we should be better people than our opponents frequently proved to be. I hope you will join me, and the Congressman, and Senator, in wishing the best for the President-Elect. We will almost certainly have differences soon enough. For now, let us stand back as the local opposition and watch our opponents enjoy the success for which they have worked.

County Judge-Elect Bisbee said something more than a year ago that has stuck with me. He said: "The party whose extreme is most tolerant of the middle will win." While simplifying it perhaps too much, I think that is what happened in this election. I do think we are a center-right nation. I think Arkansas is center-right as well, but right of the nation as a whole. When selecting our statewide candidates, we should probably keep that in mind. Benton County is likely even further right than the State of Arkansas taken as a whole. That, along with the many years of work of long time members of the party is why every elected office in Benton County is now held by a Republican. As we move forward though, Bisbee's words should be kept in mind. I know many of you would reply that we must never retreat from our principals and to some extent I agree with you. However, if you remain unwilling to compromise at all, I hope your principals are good company, as they are all you may have with you as you wander in the wilderness.

Lastly, I want to say, do not despair — our turn will come again, and perhaps sooner than we think. After the 2004 election, the Republicans had made gains in both the Senate and House, and of course, President Bush, who the Democrats considered to be vulnerable to the point of not believing they could lose, had been reelected. I heard one taking head say at that time: "If the Democrats cannot win an election under these conditions, they should disband as a political party." Look at what four years of inspired activity have wrought for them. The Republican party can and will return to power in Washington (and Little Rock). It is the nature of having power to overstep, and Americans have no problem humbling their elected leaders when they do. While we wait for our friends on the other side to overplay their hand, let us take a breath, get back to our basics, and prepare to lead again.

**—George R. Spence**

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**The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the author, and do not necessarily reflect those of the Republican Party of Benton County or its individual members.**  
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Important Dates

Nov 15, 2008

SSRW—2-4:00 pm  
Annual Membership Tea  
Jonathan & Christy Barnett's home  
Siloam Springs

Nov 17, 2008 (Date Change this Month)

BVRW—9:00 am coffee, 9:30 meeting  
Concordia  
Bella Vista

Nov 18, 2008 (Time Change)

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

Nov 21, 2008

RMBC—noon  
Metfield Country Club  
1 Euston Road, Bella Vista

Nov 25, 2008

RPBC Beans/Cornbread dinner-6:30 pm  
Committee Meeting—7:00 pm  
Public Services Bldg.  
Hwy 102 West, Bentonville

Dec 3, 2008

RPBC Newsletter submission deadline

Dec 9, 2008

Grand Old Christmas Luncheon—  
11:30am  
Clarion Hotel, Bentonville

Dec 12, 2008

Tusk Club Dinner  
Holiday Inn Presidential  
Little Rock

Dec 13, 2008

State Committee Meeting  
Election of Officers  
Holiday Inn Hotel  
Little Rock I-30

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**G O P ALLIED CLUB NOTES**

**Bella Vista Republican Women**

BVRW will meet **November 17 (date change this month only!)** at Concordia. Coffee at 9:00, meeting begins at 9:30. Program will be installation of officers for 2009. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Check out the new BVRW website at: bvrepulican-women.org

**Benton County Republican Women**

**Betsy Reithmeyer** will be our guest speaker on November 18th. **Betsy** is the COO of Jones Center Trust & former VP of Corporate Affairs for Wal-Mart Stores. This should be an interesting and informative program. BCRW will meet at Samaritan Community Center, 1211 Hudson Road in Rogers. Lunch provided by the Center for a donation to their soup kitchen (suggested donation is \$5.00). Lunch/networking at 12:00 noon, program begins at 12:30 p.m. **Note time change!**

**Republican Men of Benton County**

Will meet November 21 at 12:00 noon at Metfield Club, 1 Euston Road, Bella Vista. Program will be Arkansas Legislative Agenda 2009 featuring **Sen. Kim Hendren, Rep. Donna Hutchinson and Rep. Tim Summers**. Cost of lunch is \$12/members and \$13/non members. Yearly dues run from Jan. to Dec. and are \$15/yr. Reservations call **Gene Luber 479-426-3607 (after 4 pm) or email whitebuffalo67@yahoo.com**.

**Republican Women of Bentonville**

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

**Siloam Springs Republican Women**

The SSRW will have their Annual Membership Tea on November 15 at **Jonathan and Christy Barnett's** home, 604 Hickory St., Siloam from 2-4:00 pm. The ladies are baking and **Lorene Barnett** promises a taste of her famous "hot cider". Bring your significant other, any interested person who wants to become a member or associate member of the "most with it" republican support group in N.W. Arkansas or just bring someone who loves **Lorene's** cider! Information call 479-524-3461 or 479-524-9440.

**QUOTE...**

*Tonight, more than any night, I hold in my heart nothing but love for this country and for all its citizens, whether they supported me or Senator Obama, I wish God-speed to the man who was my former opponent and will be my President.*

*And I call on all Americans, as I have often in this campaign, to not despair of our present difficulties but to believe always in the promise and greatness of America, because nothing is inevitable here.*

*Americans never quit. We never surrender. We never hide from history, we make history.*

**Senator John McCain**  
from his concession speech, November 4, 2008.

**Headquarters**

A number of people worked at RPBC Headquarters in Rogers beginning in August and extending through the election. More will be said about that in another newsletter. However,

everyone should express their thanks to **Mike Sevak** who spent a great deal of time running the headquarters operation.

**RPBC Meeting**

We will have a beans and cornbread dinner before the meeting Tuesday, November 25. Cost will be \$5 and of course all profits, as well as all contributions, will go to the RPBC. The dinner will begin at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:00

p.m. It will be held at the Public Services Building (Hwy 102 West) in Bentonville. The program will be **Jonathan Barnett speaking about T. Boone Pickens' energy proposals**. The public is invited.

**EMAILING RPBC NEWSLETTER**

In order to save money and make the distribution process of the RPBC newsletter more efficient, the newsletter and minutes will be emailed to those who have an email address listed in our files. If you prefer **NOT** to receive your newsletter via email, please notify the secretary, Henri Keith, and a copy will be mailed to you. **Also, please remember to notify Henri if your email address changes.**

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