

Message from the President

Hi!

Hope all of you had a great summer. Now it is time to get back to basics – getting Democrats elected in 2004.

The Republicans are slowly tearing down everything the Democrats accomplished, or at least attempting to. We will have an important primary in August, 2004 and then a big general in November, 2004.

We need to raise money to support our candidates, so please buy tickets for our Cocktail Party, October 1, 2003 – K of C Hall. Ask your friends and neighbors to get involved. This is our big fund raiser for the year. Join us for libation, good food and just socializing. (Thanks to all who donated attendance prizes.)

Don't forget!!!!

Meeting – November 4 (no election)

Christmas Party – December 3rd 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Mrs. Elizabeth Berg whose husband, William (Bill) Berg passed away last month. Bill was a former member of the ODO.

Marie Steinkuhler
President, ODO

Sue Schoemehl – 100th District Representative

Letter to the Editor:

September 16, 2003

Dear Editor:

With a new school year under way, schools throughout the area are feeling the pinch – classrooms are more crowded, programs have been cut, and there are fewer books and supplies to go around. Last week, the Missouri General Assembly was called into a Special Session to address the education-funding crisis. But they chose to simply ignore the problem; perhaps in hopes it would go away.

Consider this, during the regular legislative session, the Republican-controlled General Assembly passed the largest education cut in state history. They were given the opportunity to reverse some of these cuts by ending tax breaks for multi-national corporations and yacht buyers. But they didn't. I guess we know where their priorities lie.

I have a message for the House and Senate leaders: this education-funding crisis will not go away on its own. It's time the GOP realized that the future of our children is more important than tax breaks for the wealthy.

Sincerely,
Sue Schoemehl

Notes from the 9/3/03 ODO Meeting

Reminders that the Cocktail party will be held in lieu of the October business meeting on October 1st at 6:30. The Christmas party will be held on the regular meeting night for December 3rd.

There will be no election in Oakville this November.

The St. Louis Central Committee is planning Thomas Jefferson Days for 2004 at the Ramada Inn at Lindberg and St. Charles Rock Road.



Jeff Wagener is running for the Missouri 85th District in the State House. He needs volunteers to go door to door with him during the week and on weekends. He also needs volunteers as poll workers, mailers, yard sign installers, and yard sign locations. If you are interested, please give him a call at 894-9440.



Joan Barry, candidate for the Missouri 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives spoke. She told the group she had received several endorsements. The ODO gave her a letter of endorsement and a donation



Sue Schoemehl attended the Women in Government Seminar. She has been appointed to the joint interim committee for Education. She and her husband, Chris, recently participated in the Clean Streams program. Sue is also up for re-election in 2004.

Jim McNeil spoke briefly about a gathering of the Union for Retired People. Joan Barry was the only candidate present. He urged everyone to call Senators Bond and Talent and their representatives to oppose House and Senate bill 1. This bill would privatize the senior Rx industry. President Bush is supporting this bill which would turn the prescription drug industry into a private business.

Oakville members at Joan Barry's Party in the Park, September 18, 2003.



Committeewoman's Corner by

Ann Pluemer

Greetings Fellow Democrats!

I would like to set up a Political Outreach Challenge to all of us at Oakville Democratic Organization!

We are approaching a critical time in the election cycle and we want all our Democratic candidates to win in November '04.

Can we all think about how we can work harder, smarter and longer for our candidates? What if we set up a system to count our dedicated hours as we "Win for South County Democrats?"

Let's brainstorm about this at our meeting in November. I look forward to your ideas and your talent!

Your Committeewoman,
Ann Pluemer

Upcoming Events

Dick and Jane Gephardt "Party Across America", Tuesday, September 30th. For information call his St. Louis office (314) 961-1111.

St. Louis County Democratic Central Committee Trivia Night – October 25th at the Electrician's Hall on Hampton and Elizabeth. Cost is \$100/table. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided.

Progressive Democrats of Lemay Trivia Night, Saturday, November 1st, 2003 at the Santa Maria K of C Hall, 4091 Mount Olive Road, Lemay, MO 63125 Door opens: 6:15 p.m.; play begins at 7:00 p.m. \$10/person; 8 people/table. Beer, soda, attendance prizes. For information contact Marlene Treadway, (314) 544-5816.

Chili Supper Party, Friday October 17th, 2003
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm for Pat Yaeger's Re-Election Campaign for State Representative 96th District at the Santa Maria K.C. Hall, 4091 Mount Olive Road, Lemay, MO. Suggested donation \$15.

Attention Democratic Clubs and Organizations:

If you have events that you would like to share with other organizations, please let us know and we will be happy to include them. Likewise, if you have a candidate that would like to provide comments, we will accommodate as many as possible. Any events that you share with us will be included in our revamped website in 2004.

REPUBLICAN'TS

The big lie. If the Republicans don't like the truth they just come up with a plausible lie and then they keep repeating it, getting a little louder and a little more strident each time. Pretty soon they have convinced themselves that their version is what actually happened. In the build up to the Iraq War we were told by every Republican Politician that could get in front of a TV camera that Iraq had Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), everything from Nerve Gas, to Small Pox, to hidden nuclear weapons facilities.

We were told over and over that Saddam Hussein was operating in league with Osama Bin Laden and al Queda. Just this week we have found out that we were misled. President Bush himself has admitted that apparently there is no direct tie between Hussein and Bin Laden. There is no Nerve Gas, there is no Small Pox, and there are no hidden nuclear weapons facilities (apparently they were destroyed years ago). But the standard Republican Government response is "*Just you wait, we'll find them*"!

The only Weapons of Mass Destruction we are likely to find anytime soon are the ones that have been created in President Bush's one track mind. So we're going to keep hearing about the Weapons of Mass Destruction.

They have to keep saying it over and over, louder and louder because they're trying to convince themselves. The Big Lie.

Committeeman's Corner by

Rich King

September 3, 2003

Summer is almost over and with the fall weather on its way the political scene will be heating up.

Our Democratic State Representatives and Senators will have their hands full dealing with the Republican majority. Governor Holden is sticking with the vetoes of the Republican bills and hopefully the Democrats will not let an override take place.

The announcement by Lt. Governor Maxwell that he would not be running for re-election because of his wife's illness was a shock and we all are thinking of her and wish them well. He will be missed and is truly a fine family man and public servant.

2004 will be the most exciting year in recent history – replacing the President with a Democrat, regaining House and Senate seats in the U.S. Congress and State are of utmost importance to the well being of our citizens.

The trips to Iowa supporting Dick Gephardt were enjoyable – the first trip there were 8 members from Oakville. Two busloads of people supporting Dick Gephardt for President. It was a great experience. It really pumps you up.

I am looking forward to the O.D.O. Cocktail party; it's a great evening for Democrats to get together and enjoy each other and trade some good ideas, have some good food and refreshments. See you there – don't forget October 1st, 6:30 p.m.

Democratically yours,
Rich King
Committeeman
Oakville Township

Scenes from Iowa

The Oakville Crew with Gephardt



MEETING CALENDAR 2003

7:00 PM

**AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 7381
TELEGRAPH ROAD,
ST. LOUIS, MO 63129**

October 1 (Annual Fundraising Cocktail Party)

6:30 p.m.

November 5

December 3 (Christmas Party)

We are planning to publish quarterly; the next deadline for articles is December 15th. If you have anything you would like included in the next issue, please email odonews@earthlink.net with your information. Electronic submissions are more than welcome, but if you want to mail it send it to Bruce & Terri Blunt, 5040 Flintwood Drive, Oakville, MO 63129 or call us at 487-0202. Bruce & Terri

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