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## MESSAGE from the CHAIRMAN



Dear Macomb County Republicans,

Last month brought the Primary and all the excitement that came with it. Macomb County had a great showing, and the results were very similar to the poll we conducted, which goes to show the level of accuracy and involvement of the MCRP staff.

February brings the County and State Conventions. The details pertaining to the convention are noted below, and also be mindful of the new stipulation of "Delegate Preference". This aspect allows current Precinct Delegates who are present at the County Convention to attend the State Convention. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the Headquarters. Also at the County Convention, those who wish to be included as a Precinct Delegate on the 2008 August ballot will have the opportunity to do so. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a precinct delegate for August 2008, please extend the invitation to them as well to attend the County Convention.

There is a lot going on in Macomb County and the MCRP hopes you will be able to participate and help in representing the Republican voice in the county!

God bless you, your family and friends,

**James Carabelli**

Chairman, Macomb County Republicans

### 2008 February County Convention

*The Macomb County Republicans' County Convention will be held on **Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7:30PM** at the **University Center on Macomb Community College Center Campus in Lecture Hall A**. If you are a Precinct Delegate, you **MUST** be present at the convention to be eligible to attend the State Convention, so if you are interested, please make sure to be in Lecture Hall A before 7:30PM.*

The Center Campus is located at 44575 Garfield Road in Clinton Township.

### Attention Executive Committee Members

**The February Executive Board Meeting will be Monday, February 18, 2008.** It will be held at the County Party Headquarters located at 48711 Van Dyke Road. The meeting will begin at 7PM.

Please remember that this is a mandatory meeting for all Executive Board Members. It is an open meeting, so please bring a friend!

*Please also mark your calendars for the March Executive Board Meeting which is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2008.*



## **Congresswoman Candice S. Miller**

Michigan's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

House Armed Services Committee  
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

### **REP. MILLER: HEARING ON POLLUTION MARKS THE BEGINNING OF FEDERAL ACTION ON CHALLENGES FACING GREAT LAKES**

WASHINGTON, DC—Congresswoman Candice Miller (MI-10) today participated in a hearing on water quality in the Great Lakes. The hearing was held in the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, of which Miller is a member. Miller released the following statement:

“Today’s hearing was an important step forward in highlighting the challenges faced by our Great Lakes,” said Miller. “Since my appointment to the committee I have called for hearings such as these and now because of today’s hearing I believe we have begun to build momentum in Congress with dealing with many of these critical challenges.”

Miller continued, “These hearings highlighted issues from industrial and municipal pollution, the issue of phosphorous contamination and algal blooms, the problem of combined sewer overflows, invasive species and low water levels among many others. I am confident that today’s hearings mark the beginning of sustained federal action to deal with the many challenges facing the lakes. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the committee and in the full House to address these challenges so that we can protect and preserve our precious Great Lakes.”

“Recognizing how damaging excess phosphorus in the water is, I plan on introducing in the coming weeks federal legislation to restrict phosphorus in the Great Lakes basin.”

### **What’s Going On in Macomb County**

In mid January, the Macomb County Apportionment Commission met to discuss reapportionment of the district lines within the county due to the Democratic-proposed Charter Commission Question being presented on the May 6, 2008 ballot. This Committee consists of Macomb County Republicans Chairman James Carabelli, Macomb Democratic Chair and County Commissioner Ed Bruley, County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh, County Treasurer Ted Wahby, and County Prosecutor Eric Smith. The only Republican on the Commission is our own Chairman.

The meeting, lacking in participation from much of the community, lent itself to the four Democrats, Wahby, Bruley, Sabaugh and Smith who ignored suggestions and the proposed plans for proper drawing of the lines. These four Democrats passed a motion utilizing the current, out-of-date and gerrymandered lines. The current lines include only 14 full districts and splits 12. The proposed Republican corrections include 18 full districts and only 8 splits, which is more conducive to the current population and follows the law.

There was also a concern regarding public participation during the meeting. Public participation was publicized as welcomed throughout the entire meeting, but was then limited to a narrow portion of the meeting. This was a major concern for the 10 or so people who *did* show up to the 8AM meeting. It was quite evident to those residents who were present that it seemed as if the Democratic controlled panel was trying to exclude the public from this matter. The residents made their feelings of discontent known, but the majority of the panel voted otherwise, limiting public participation to a brief section of the agenda. This meeting concluded with the disregard of the Republican proposed plan and adoption of the Charter Commission Apportionment Plan.

**FUTURE ELECTED OFFICIALS and those who want to see Macomb County be successful:**

If you are interested in serving this great county as an elected official, and help in showing a Republican majority, listed below are the filing deadlines and requirements for the different offices.

**Requirements for Board of Education:** This election will be taking place on May 6, 2008. The filing deadline is Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 4PM. Also during this election the Charter Commission Ballot Question will be presented to the public. *The MCRP is endorsing voting against the Charter Commission, due to unfair Democrat representation, inadequate districts and the increase of costs a Charter Commission will bring.* The Board of Education requirements include filing an Affidavit of Identity, a filing fee of \$100 or collected signatures depending on the size of the district (less than 10,000 in population, minimum of 6 with a maximum of 20 signatures; more than 10,000 in population a minimum of 40 with a maximum of 100 signature are required). All signatures must be from qualified and registered voters in the school district in which they are voting. The qualifications also include: all candidates must be a citizen of the USA and a qualified and registered voter within the district in which they are filing. The Campaign Finance Rules vary on the size of the

**Requirements for Precinct Delegates:** File an Affidavit of Identity (must be notarized). Candidates must file no later than 4PM on May 13, 2008. Candidates must be qualified and a registered voter residing within the election precinct for which he or she desires to become a delegate. Those who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the August 5, 2008 Primary Election Ballot.

**Requirements for Charter Commissioner:** \$100.00 filing fee no later than 4PM on Friday, May 9, 2008 or nominating petitions no later than 4PM on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Candidates who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the August 5, 2008 election ballot—IF VOTERS APPROVE THE CHARTER COMMISSION BALLOT QUESTION ON MAY 6, 2008. All candidates must submit an Affidavit of Identity, or else will not be put on the ballot, due to Public Act 394 of 1984. All candidates must comply with the Campaign Finance Act filing requirements. Qualifications include: must be at least 18 years of age and a qualified registered elector of district for not less than six months prior to the filing deadline. An elected county official is not eligible to be a candidate for election to the office of charter commissioner unless the person has resigned from the elected position. Petition signature requirements include: Nominating Petition: Minimum 50 and Maximum 100, Qualifying Petition: Minimum 150, Maximum 300.

**Requirements for County Commissioner:** \$100.00 filing fee or nominating petitions no later than 4PM on May 13, 2008. Those who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the August 5, 2008 Primary Election ballot. All candidates must submit an Affidavit of Identity when filing for office, pursuant to Public Act 394 of 1984. All candidates are required to comply with the Campaign Finance Act filing requirements. All candidates must be 18 years of age, and a qualified registered elector of district by the filing deadline. The petition requirements are as follows: Nominating Petition: Minimum 50, Maximum 100; Qualifying Petition Minimum 150, Maximum 300.

**Requirements for Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer, and Public Works Commissioner:** 100 filing fee or nominating petitions no later than 4PM on May 13, 2008. Those who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the August 5, 2008 Primary Election ballot. All candidates must submit an Affidavit of Identity when filing for office, pursuant to Public Act 394 of 1984. All candidates are required to comply with the Campaign Finance Act filing requirements. The County-wide Office Qualifications require all candidates to be at least 18 years of age, and a qualified registered elector of county by the filing deadline. Candidates for Prosecuting Attorney must be licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan. Petition requirements are as follows: Partisan Petition minimum 1,000, Maximum 2,000; Qualifying Petition: Minimum 3,000 and Maximum 6,000.

**Requirements for State Representatives: DISTRICTS 25, 28, 31 AND 42:** Candidates must file nominating petitions or a \$100 filing fee, in lieu of the nominating petitions, no later than 4PM on May 13, 2008. Candidates who submit a valid filing for office will be placed on the August 5, 2008 Primary Election ballot. All candidates must submit an Affidavit of Identity when filing for office, pursuant to the Public Act 394 of 1984. All candidates are required to comply with the Campaign Finance Act filing requirements. The County-wide Office Qualifications require all candidates to be at least 21 years of age and a qualified, registered elector of district by the filing deadline. Petition signature requirements are as follows: Minimum 200, Maximum 400.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION PACKET,  
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WWW.MACOMBCOUNTYMI.GOV/CLERKSOFFICE/REQUIREMENTS/INDEX.HTM  
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For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Macomb County Republicans' Headquarters at 586-731-6217 or  
[info@macombgop.com](mailto:info@macombgop.com).

## **NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Elected Members of the Executive Committee are reminded that they may be removed because of non-payment of dues. According to our By-laws, the Chairperson is required to provide a list of members who have not paid their dues "by March 31 of each calendar year," and "if the cause/circumstances are not for good cause" the Party Chairman "is empowered to immediately remove said member."

### **Welcome to the Newest MCRP Members!**

***Donald & Alice Jean Bussell (Shelby Twp.)***

***Domenic Guadagnino (Washington Twp.)***

### **THE MACOMB COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB**

The Macomb County Republican Women's Club meeting will be Monday, Feb. 11th at 7:30 P.M. at the Macomb GOP office at 48711 Van Dyke in Shelby Township. We'll be working on our membership drive and planning for the election year ahead. Please make a point of coming out and letting us know if you want to continue to be notified of election events, meetings and conventions this year.

### **12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEW MEMBERS: DAVID AND CLAUDIA MAQUERA OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP, IDA JACOBS OF ST.CLAIR SHORES, SALLEY MCCARTHY OF ST.CLAIR SHORES. DONATIONS FOR "KUZMAK" FAMILY, TAKEN AT CHRISTMAS GATHERING, WERE RECEIVED BY FAMILY AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY FAMILY MEMBERS, WITH A VERY TOUCHING "THANK YOU" NOTE. THANK YOU, TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED! NEW OWNER OF DELANEY PUB WARMLY WELCOMED 12TH DISTRICT @ FEBRUARY 28th.MEETING. WE WERE PERSONALLY ASSURED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE SERVICE AND ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED TO CONDUCT OUR MEETINGS. WE HOPE OUR MEMBERS WILL COME EARLY OR STAY AFTER MEETING, TO ENJOY THEIR NEW MENU OFFERINGS.

**There will be NO FEBRUARY MEETING, DUE TO COUNTY AND STATE CONVENTION.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS: MONDAY, MARCH 24,2008, 7:00 P.M. @ DELANEY PUB, WARREN, MICHIGAN.**

PLEASE REMEMBER, 2008 DUES ARE NOW DUE: (\$25.00 INDIVIDUAL OR \$35.00 COUPLE). PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO: 12TH. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE. PLEASE MAIL SAME TO: 12TH. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE; -5226 BUSCH AVE.-WARREN,MI. 48091. MAY ALSO BRING YOUR CHECK TO "COUNTY CONVENTION," IF THAT IS MORE CONVENIENT. THANK YOU!

### **MACOMB YOUNG REPUBLICAN UPDATE**

As the snow of winter blankets Macomb County, the Young Republicans plow through it to bring some good times for all. We have gotten the New Year off to a blast; our first meeting was held the night of the New Hampshire primary, so there was much debate going on before the returns came in. We also were able to set out plans for the New Year, including starting Third Thursdays, holding our first fundraiser, and planning for some national events throughout the year. The first Third Thursday at Aspen was a great success, and we hope that next month's gathering at The Shores Inn will continue to grow this socializing event. We are also excited to announce that at our February business meeting we will be having a guest speaker, State Rep Candidate Dan Tollis, who has been a great supporter of the YR's and wants to help take back the Michigan House. We also are planning having our fundraiser in March, and also planning the Macomb delegation to the national YR Leadership Conference in April. Stay tuned for more details about both of these great events. The YR's are excited about what is going on, and want to make sure everyone gets involved. Make sure to mark your calendars for February 5<sup>th</sup>, Super Tuesday, which is our next business meeting at 7pm on the Third Floor of Hatchy's in downtown Utica. Come listen to Dan Tollis, then sit back as we watch returns and possibly find out who our nominee is going to be. Also remember our Third Thursday social gathering on February 21<sup>st</sup> at The Shores Inn in St. Clair Shores.

### **News from the Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County**

Attorney Douglas Wozniak is co-hosting a local TV show on Shelby Cable entitled "Senior Moments." The format is one half hour and features guests from different disciplines who are invited to discuss issues in their specific field that may be of interest to or affect seniors (actually anyone over forty). The program airs continuously. Check your cable guide for specific times.

The slate of Republican Candidates who will be competing in the August 2008 Primary Elections for the three state house districts in northern Macomb County is taking shape. Kim Meltzer intends to seek a second term for the 33<sup>rd</sup> District (Ray, Macomb, and Clinton (Pt) Townships). County Commissioner Peter Lund has announced he will be running for the seat in District 36 (Bruce, Washington, and Shelby Townships), which is being vacated by Brian Palmer who is term limited. As to District 32 (Armada, Richmond, Lenox, and Chesterfield Townships) being vacated by term limited Dan Acciavaiitti, no one has announced they will be vying for the seat. Several rumors are floating around but no one has publicly stepped up to the plate yet.

The Macomb County Republicans  
can be found on the web at  
[www.macombgop.com](http://www.macombgop.com)

### **2008 Calendar of Important Dates**

- February 5 SUPER TUESDAY (Paczki Day and Mardi Gras)  
February 5 Macomb Young Republicans Meeting at Hatchy's  
With Guest Speaker Mr. Dan Tollis at 7PM  
February 6 Ash Wednesday  
February 7 County Convention at Macomb Commu-  
nity College, Center Campus at 7:30PM  
February 11 Macomb Republicans Women's Club Meeting  
At the MCRP Headquarters at 7:30PM  
February 14 Macomb County Commissioner Meeting at 1  
South Main—9th Floor, Mt. Clemens 7PM  
February 15-16 - State Convention & State Committee Meeting in  
Lansing, MI  
February 18 MCRP Executive Board Meeting 7PM  
February 21 Macomb Young Republicans '3rd Thursday' meet-  
ing at The Shores Inn in St. Clair Shores  
February 26 *Deadline for Summer 2008 White House Internship  
Program. Internship will last from May 20 to August  
15. Please contact the MCRP Headquarters for an  
application and more information.*  
March 4 Oakland County Republicans Auto Industry Discus-  
sion Breakfast with Fred Hoffman 7:30AM  
March 10 Macomb Republicans Women's Club Meeting  
At the MCRP Headquarters at 7:30PM  
March 16 Palm Sunday  
March 17 MCRP Executive Board Meeting 7PM  
March 19 Macomb County Commissioner Meeting at 1 South  
Main—9th Floor, Mt. Clemens at 7PM  
March 23 EASTER SUNDAY  
March 24 12th Congressional District Meeting at Delaney's  
Pub in Warren at 7PM  
June 3 *Deadline for Fall 2008 White House Internship Pro-  
gram. Internship will last from August 26-Dec 12.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Thank you to those who are writing in! Your thoughts and comments are very much appreciated! Please continue to do so, as we find it very important to voice the conservative opinion of the county!*

**Please send all comments to: [info@macombgop.com](mailto:info@macombgop.com) or PO BOX 182245 Shelby Twp., MI 48318**

Dear MCRs—

I wanted to make sure I understand what's going on at the County Convention—it's to get a list together of Precinct Delegates to go to State Convention.

Thanks— appreciate it-  
Mike

ANSWER:

Yes, out of the current Republican Precinct Delegates in Macomb County, a list will be made at the convention to determine who from Macomb County (10th and 12th Congressional Districts) will go to Lansing the following week (Feb 15-16) for the State Convention. The State Convention is where the National Delegates from Michigan will be chosen. Please also remember the new stipulation of the "Delegate Preference". This gives preference to the current Precinct Delegates who are in attendance at the County Convention. So, **if you are interested in going to the State Convention, please make sure to come to the County Convention on February 7, 2008 at 7:30PM sharp at Macomb Community College, Center Campus, Lecture Hall A.**



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