



The Republican

Newsletter of the Macomb County Republican Party



Message from Chairman Jared Maynard

Dear Fellow Republicans,

They said we couldn't do it in Virginia. They said we definitely couldn't do it in New Jersey. Then they said we would never be able to win in a Democratic stronghold like Massachusetts. Each and every time, they, the Democratic talking heads, were wrong.

There is a Conservative wave sweeping the nation and if it can reach Massachusetts and win, then we know we can win in Macomb County. The nation is stopping the Obama-Reid-Pelosi agenda in its tracks and we can do the same to the State and Local Democrats.

To achieve victory we have to work hard. Martha Coakley's campaign in Massachusetts will be the example of how not to rest on your laurels while campaigning while Scott Brown's team displayed the energy and ability to connect with the voters

that leads to success. And I am very proud to say that the Macomb GOP directly assisted Senator-Elect Brown in achieving victory.

The momentum has already started here in Macomb County with early fundraisers and candidate identification. We also have an aggressive goal to fill our precinct delegate slots and are well on our way to achieving this too.

Join us at the next Executive Committee Meeting on **Thursday, February 4, 2010** at the Macomb GOP HQ. We will be discussing the next round of steps and events that will lead us toward having our own noticeable victory right here in Macomb County.

Sincerely,

Jared Maynard
Chairman, Macomb County
Republican Party

Next Meeting of the Macomb GOP

Thurs., Feb.. 4, 2010 at 7 p.m.
Macomb County GOP HQ
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MCGOP Phone Bank Aids Scott Brown

On Saturday, January 16, twenty seven volunteers gathered at the MCGOP HQ and made telephone calls to assist in the election of Scott Brown to the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts. The State Republican Party asked us to make 1800 calls. We started at noon and made the last call at 7 p.m. When the results came in on Election Day, we celebrated that we played a part in political history!

Thanks to all of you that gave all or part of your Saturday to this effort. This victory, along with the State Senate 19 race for Mike Nofs, proves what teamwork can accomplish. -- Jean Uhl and Janice Nearon

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MiGOP Recognizes MCGOP Efforts in MA

Michigan GOP Chair Ron Weiser recently sent a message to the MiGOP membership discussing the impacts the election of Scott Brown to the U.S. Senate will have in the political landscape.

In the message, he recognizes the efforts of the Macomb GOP to support Scott Brown and thanked them for their contributions.

Over 40 volunteers from the State and County party traveled to Massachusetts to make phone calls and knock on doors. Here in Macomb, we held a call center that placed 1800 calls to prospective voters in Massachusetts. The effort and results were extraordinary!

To see videos and photos of the MCGOP in Massachusetts, go to <http://www.macombgop.com>.

See Chairman Weiser's comments at <http://tinyurl.com/yk2u4pf>.

Volunteers Assist with Donations to Military



On Saturday, January 16, 2010, County Commissioner Kathy Vosburg and nearly 200 enthusiastic patriots were able to raise \$3200 and send 375 gift boxes to our dedicated soldiers. The Commissioner and Jarvis Property Construction sponsored the drive to benefit overseas troops.

Commissioner Kathy Vosburg said, "We can't thank our troops enough for what they do. I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and compassion that the volunteers showed. A special thanks also goes to Jarvis Property Restoration for the use of their building, and TheDesertAngel.org for coordinating the event."

RNC Regional Women's Summit

The RNC and Ohio Republican Party are hosting a Regional Women's Summit in Columbus, OH on **Saturday, February 27, 2010**. The summit will include participants from many midwestern states to celebrate and empower Republican women.

There is no charge to attend the summit and a block of rooms has been reserved for those traveling from out of town. For more information go to <http://RNCwomen.com> or click here for an event flyer <http://tinyurl.com/ygdl2yb>.

Next 12th District Mtg.

Thurs., Feb. 11, 2010 at 7 p.m.
National Coney Island
30140 Van Dyke
(btwn. 12 Mile Rd. & 13 Mile Rd.)
Warren, MI 48093

Shop at the MCGOP Mall



This month's featured product is Glenn Beck's *Arguing with Idiots: How to Stop Small Minds and Big Government*.

<http://macombgop.com/mcgotmall/>

GOP Candidates

Governor

- Mike Bouchard
www.bouchardforgovernor.com
- Mike Cox
www.mikecox2010.com
- Tom George
www.georgeforgovernor.com
- Pete Hoekstra
www.hoekstraforgovernor.com
- Rick Snyder
www.rickformichigan.com

Attorney General

- Mike Bishop
www.mikebishop.com
- Bill Schuette
www.billschuette.com

Secretary of State

- Cameron Brown
www.cameronsbrown.com
- Michelle McManus
www.michellemcmanus.org
- Anne Norlander
www.annenorlander.com
- Paul Scott
restarttheparty.wordpress.com

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Lund & Meltzer: Corrupt Politicians Should Pay, Not Citizens

by State Reps Pete Lund and Kim Meltzer

There is only one thing worse than a corrupt politician -- a corrupt politician who gets away with it.

As we've seen recently with the former Detroit mayor, Michigan elected officials who are charged with felony offenses can use their campaign funds for personal reasons and court costs.

House Bill 5758 prevents this use of campaign funds for personal reasons.

Under this reform bill, Michigan courts could place a lien on campaign accounts, effectively allowing the courts to determine how an elected official could spend their campaign funds. Many were surprised to learn that former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick spent more than \$950,000 from his campaign fund to help cover the cost of his legal defense.

Disgraced elected officials need to stop raiding campaign funds in an attempt to save themselves from legal trouble. When Michigan voters donate to campaign funds, they rightly believe their money will be used to help someone get elected, not serve as a slush fund for the candidate's personal needs.

Current Michigan law allows campaign funds to be used to help a candidate get elected or re-elected, but they also can be used for various "ordinary and necessary expenses" while carrying out the business of elected office, which makes the law ambiguous.

This common-sense legislative measure reflects the intent of Michigan campaign finance laws to protect Michigan citizens.

Meltzer Holds Third Annual Family Skate Day

State Representative Kim Meltzer will hold the Third Annual Family Skate Day in Macomb Township. The event will be held on **Monday, February 4, 2010 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.** at Suburban Ice which is located at 54755 Broughton Rd., Macomb, MI.

The event provides free admission and skate rental with food or monetary donations for the Macomb Food Program.

For a flyer of the event, go to <http://tinyurl.com/yjsfwao>.

Property Tax Town Hall

On **Monday, February 22, 2010**, Macomb GOP members are welcome to attend a town hall meeting on property taxes being held at Bethel Church on North Ave. in Macomb Twp starting at 7 p.m.

The meeting will feature a presentation on how to appeal your property taxes as well as an update from Macomb County Equalization Director Steve Mellen regarding trends in property values and foreclosures in Macomb County.

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Become a Precinct Delegate

We are asking all Republicans looking to be involved in local politics to sign up to be a Precinct Delegate. The role of a Precinct Delegate is important to the political process as the delegate represents their voting precinct at their party's county conventions. To see further information about the role of a Precinct Delegate as explained by the Cooley Law School Republicans, go to <http://thomasmcooley07.camp7.org/Default.aspx?pageld=109863>.

To sign up as a Precinct Delegate, please fill out the Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity which can be found at the State of Michigan website at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Aff-ID_Precnt_139901_7.pdf. **Please do not sign the form.** Bring the form to the next MCGOP Executive Committee Meeting to be signed and notarized.



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