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## New Shreveport City Council Convenes and Begins Work with New Mayor

### THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Speaker for this month's luncheon at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 6, 2015 at the Wyndam Garden Hotel (formerly the Clarion Hotel) on E. 70th Street will be **new City Councilman James Flurry** and **veteran City Councilman Michael Corbin**.

There are a number of issues before Shreveport City Council in 2015, not to mention beginning a relationship with a new Mayor and a new CAO. There is also a plan to invest at least \$21 million in Shreveport's streets throughout 2015.



The directors of the Public Works and City Engineering Departments will make their recommendations to the city council for the prioritization of streets because there is a backlog of \$400 million of repairs that are needed throughout the city.



Shreveport is also preparing to issue approximately \$75 million in water/sewer revenue bonds as well as some \$90 million in general obligation bonds, and as well as consider new economic development opportunities.

Reservations not required. Eating is \$13, no cost to just listen, and free parking.

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Republicans,

There are a number of important races this year, as well as a number of initiatives to raise our taxes. Even though you may feel we are conservative in Caddo Parish, Mary Landrieu garnered 52% of the votes in Caddo Parish, from November's election. And when it came time for a number of city leaders to consider running for Mayor last year, it seemed that their qualifications weren't nearly as important as the color of their skin. We have to turn this around, especially in the black community, and educate as many people as possible that the Republican Party, and conservative values, provides the greatest hope for opportunity, and advancement, compared to the Democrat Party, and its liberal agenda.

Did you know that immediately before the Democrat-championed minimum wage law was put into effect, the unemployment rate of black teens and white teens were roughly the same? Today, it's a difference of 3 to 1.

As it was explained in the movie Selma, and with a little research on your own, most folks will be surprised to discover that not a single Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives voted for the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and that only eight Democrats in the Senate signed on.

It has been Republicans throughout the years who have remembered that God created only one race, and that's the human race. "God is not interested in merely in the freedom of black men and brown men and yellow men", explained Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1963, "God is interested in the freedom of the whole human race."

Yet recent news reports in our nation seem to tell a different story today, and it's one that seems increasingly obsessed with the colors of our skin, rather than the content

of our characters; of what divides us, rather than what strengthens us.

"We've had enough" of those who encourage the worst in us, and who inspire others to live down to the lowest common denominator of fear by assuming the worst, instead of multiplying what's best within us. The bottom line is that the most valuable service the Republican Party can offer is to get off the backs of the people, and that is ALL people, regardless of race, rich or poor, young and old. And we need to remind people of this, because the Democrats have done a far superior job over the years of branding us otherwise.

In closing, and as always, I'd like to ask you to consider making a contribution to the Caddo Republican Parish Executive Committee, or to volunteer your time. Your support helps maintain a local office, publish a monthly newsletter, and conduct important Party-building activities aimed to recruit, as well as support Party members throughout the parish.

Contributions of any amount, from \$50 to \$100 to \$200 (and higher) may be made by mailing a check to: **Caddo RPEC, 1941-C East 70th Street, Shreveport, LA 71105** or by clicking the following link to contribute by credit or debit card, <http://bit.ly/CaddoRPEC> (but you don't need a Paypal account to contribute online).

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration – especially before an entire generation forgets the principles upon which our nation was founded – and which still make America the "shining city upon a hill".

Very truly yours,

*Louis R. Avallone*

## PRATOR OPENS SUBSTATIONS

Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator said citizens who need a safe location to conduct business on classified advertisement websites such as Craigslist can do so at

any of the Caddo Sheriff's Office substations, during regular hours of operation Monday through Friday. "Whether you are the buyer or the seller, meeting a stranger or having them come to your home is certainly risky business now days," Prator said. Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office substations are located at 9956 Mansfield Road and 4910 North Market in Shreveport, and 11141 Hwy. 1 North in Oil City. They are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

## MEDALLION CLUB

### *Now, Contribute By Credit Card Too*

The 2015 Medallion Club membership drive well underway. The Medallion Club effort raises the necessary funds to run the office, pay for the newsletter, and conduct other Party activities. Gold Medallion members level is \$200 and above, Medallion membership is \$100-199 and Supporter level membership is up to \$99. You can contribute online by visiting <http://bit.ly/CaddoRPEC> or checks may be dropped off to the office at 1941-C East 70th Street, Shreveport 71105. Contributions are not tax deductible. **Gold Medallion: Gary Moore, Austin G. Robertson, Jr., Dee Simpson, Jim and Martha Allen, and Harold and Margaret Coates. Supporter: Olive Stuart.**



## RETURN RETIREMENT MONEY?

There's an allegation that the Caddo Parish Commission created and unanimously voted themselves into "CPERS," the Caddo Parish Employees Retirement System in 2000, which was unconstitutional then, and continues to be unconstitutional now. In a report from Elliott Stonecipher, he alleges that the

intent of Governor Foster, the legislature and Louisiana (and Caddo) voters was to establish that "... part-time positions should not be considered a career, but a public service; retirement is an expensive benefit which may be abused by part-time officials..."

## HOW WELL DID THE GOP DO?

As most know, we picked up 9 U.S. Senate seats for a 54-46 majority. In doing this, Republicans defeated 5 incumbent Democrats, picked up open seats in 4 states and successfully defended 3 complete seats in Georgia, Kansas and Kentucky. In the House, Republicans picked up 13 previously Democrat-held seats giving Republicans a 247 seat majority having picked up seats in every region of the country. Governors: There are now 31 Republican governors out of the 50, having re-elected 8 in states that Obama won twice. Republicans picked up the governorship in Arkansas as well as 3 of the bluest states in the union (Illinois, Maryland and Massachusetts). State Houses and Senate Makeup: Republicans went from controlling 60 of 99 state legislative chambers to controlling 69 – an all time high for the Party.

## JUSTICE VICTORY WINS AWARDS

Congratulations to Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jeff Victory on his Lifetime Achievement Award by the Louisiana Family Forum at their recent annual banquet in Baton Rouge, where Gary Bauer was the keynote speaker and on being presented the Judicial Leadership Achievement Award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform's (ILR) at their annual banquet, where New Jersey Governor Chris Christie was the keynote speaker. After 20 years on the bench, we thank Justice Victory for his service to our state, and our nation.

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The **Women's Republican Club of Shreveport (WRC)** meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:45 a.m. at **East Ridge Country Club**. Lunch is \$18.00. Reservations can be made by emailing [rsvp.wrc@gmail.com](mailto:rsvp.wrc@gmail.com) or calling 795-0870 and leave a message. Men are invited to attend and join as associates.

The **Professional Republican Women (PRWC)** meets at 6:00 p.m. at Savoie's The Catering Place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Email [PRWC1989@gmail.com](mailto:PRWC1989@gmail.com) or contact Pam Gutekunst

([pamgutekunst@bellsouth.net](mailto:pamgutekunst@bellsouth.net), 797-0802) for reservations (menu is fried catfish, unless chef salad is requested in advance). Men are welcome to attend and join as associates. Meals at \$12.00.

The **Republican Women of Bossier (RWB)** meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Azalea Room of Good Eats, 2171 Airline Drive. "Meet and Greet" starts at 5:30 p.m. Meals are \$20.00. Listening is free. Call Robin Rue-Graves (965-5001), [robinsbirdnest@yahoo.com](mailto:robinsbirdnest@yahoo.com) for reservations (RSVPs, please, by Wednesdays prior to meeting). Men are welcome as associates.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 3** - GOP Luncheon, City Councilmen Flurry and Corbin
- February 17** - PRWC dinner
- February 19** - PEC meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- February 18** - WRC luncheon
- February 24** - RWB dinner

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