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MEET AND GREET" 2015



Caddo Parish Republicans Host GOP Gubernatorial Candidates on August 11

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Speaker for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, July 7, 2015** at the Wyndam Garden Hotel (formerly the Clarion Hotel) on E. 70th Street will be **former President of Plaquemines Parish, small businessman, and now candidate for Louisiana Lieutenant Governor, Billy Nungesser**, who is in a race against fellow Republican John Young.

Called the "hardest working man in America" by one national media outlet for his work to protect the citizens he represents, Billy Nungesser has worked tirelessly to defend his community and fight to rescue and restore the Gulf Coast in the wake of the Deep Horizon Oil Spill. Another national news organization described him as a true son of Louisiana having grown up in the state's holy trinity of seafood, oil and politics. In 2006, Billy Nungesser was elected President of Plaquemines Parish at

a time when the parish was struggling to recover from the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. On day one, Billy went to work by challenging and working with FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers to increase public projects that increased investment in infrastructure.

Prior to serving in elected office, Billy Nungesser was a successful small businessman whose innovative idea of converting used shipping containers into modular living quarters improved the living conditions of our state's offshore oil drilling workers. In 2002, Louisiana Life Magazine named him one of our states "Top CEOs."



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

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Republicans,

The past several weeks have been concerning, to say the least, regarding everything from an ever-growing federal government intervening into our lives to serious questions of future religious freedom.

It seems our nation, and indeed the world, has increasingly placed a greater emphasis on the fact that each of us should do what makes us feel good, or comfortable, regardless of how good, or comfortable, doing such makes others feel – and to make sure everyone knows we're doing it. Some say that the self-esteem movement from the 1980s is to blame, as many parents and teachers emphasized the confidence of children as priority, rather than making the children face the consequences of their choices, or otherwise “feel” bad.

At Jesuit High School in New Orleans, for example, there recently were ten valedictorians recognized at graduation. At some high schools there are more than 100 valedictorians. Now, many schools are abandoning the recognition of valedictorian altogether, because of how it makes the other students “feel”.

Many schools also won't even post the honor roll any longer because how it makes those students “feel” who do not qualify. In fact, schools now have created the “Effort Honor Roll.” This is for the kids who want to “feel” good about not qualifying to be on the honor roll, in the first place. And at Field Day, yes, everyone gets a ribbon, just for participating.

To borrow a line from the movie, *The Incredibles*, “Everyone's special,” says one character, only to have another reply, “Which is another way of saying no one is.” You see, we've watered-down our standards so much

that it's quite easy for no one to feel special, or to be recognized for any extraordinary achievement or applauded for their good choices, since we don't want to make any one “feel” bad for making bad ones. But, isn't that ignoring reality?

The “feel good” headlines of today, though, don't really matter. Today it's gender selection and Caitlin (Bruce) Jenner. Next week it could be polygamy. Next year it will be who knows what. That's not the point. Morality aside, at the end of the day, we should only share intimate details about ourselves to complete strangers if it would be mannerly to do so. “Manners,” says Emily Post, “are sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners.” Without that awareness, you don't.

Will the number of people without good manners, and who believe the world revolves around them continue to grow? It may. But in the meantime, as conservatives, we must have the confidence to call out bad manners wherever we find them, and not stand idly by, especially when our children have a front row seat to it all.

In closing, and as always, please 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).

Very truly yours,

Louis R. Avallone

“MEET & GREET 2015” AUGUST 11

The Caddo Republican PEC invites you to attend a “Meet & Greet” of the Louisiana gubernatorial candidates on August 11 at 5:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for voters in north Louisiana to come and meet the next Governor of Louisiana.

The event will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 1419 East 70th street, Shreveport, LA, 71105 (318-797-9900).

The “Meet & Greet” will begin at 5:30 p.m. Each candidate will have 15 minutes to address the crowd (order to be determined by lot), and this will allow about 30 minutes to answer questions from the voters (however, this is not a debate, of course).

We invite you to consider becoming a host for this event. Sponsorships are available for \$500 per person, or \$1,000 for businesses and couples. As a sponsor, your name will appear on all promotional literature, including invitations and signage at the event.

There will be food and refreshments at the event, as well as an opportunity to have a photograph taken with your candidate of choice (compliments of the Caddo Parish Republicans). Attendance is \$15 per person (children 12 years old and younger are no charge). We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 11, and if you are interested in generously offering your support as a sponsor, please contact Louis R. Avallone (louisavallone@caddogop.com, 470-2122). And please feel free to invite a friend, as well.

MEDALLION CLUB (IS GROWING)

Join The Ranks!

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:** Art Scheffler, William Golden, M.F. Graham, Gary Moore, Austin G. Robertson, Jr., Dee Simpson, B.L. “Buddy” Shaw, G.A. Frierson, II, Maudie M. Lawson, PRWC; **Medallion:** M.T. Arceneaux, Jim and Martha Allen, Harold and Margaret Coates, Jack Daniel, Ted Roberts, Elmo Norton, George Penfield, Oliver Jenkins, Max Edwards, Barrow Peacock, Mike Thibodeaux, Steve C. Gibson, Women’s Republican Club of Shreveport, Frances A. Simpson and Steve Riall. **Supporter:** Olive Stuart, Blanca Collins, and Stanley Kolniak.



TAXES ARE ALMOST UNDETECTABLE

While natural gas is colorless and odorless, for all intents and purposes, we have learned that the city taxes hiked upon our natural gas share similar properties. From a report issued by Elliott Stonecipher, and much to the surprise of many, the expected continuation of City Council debate on the proposed tax hike on our CenterPoint gas bills will never happen. Without any further public discussion, a 125% increase from 2.0% to 4.5% has been quietly signed into Shreveport law. According to Stonecipher, with the 125% tax increase in place, Shreveport already has, by a mile, the highest combined taxes of any city in Louisiana, not to mention cities in neighboring areas of other states. Only Republican councilmen Jenkins and Corbin voted “nay,” with the remaining 5 members (including Republican Jim Flurry) approving the tax hike. There apparently is no dedication of the taxes to street repairs or other specific use.

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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 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 or contact Pam Gutekunst

(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 for reservations (RSVPs, please, by Wednesdays prior to meeting). Men are welcome as associates.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4 - Independence Day
July 7 - GOP Luncheon, La.
 Lt. Governor hopeful
 Billy Nungesser
July 15 - WRC luncheon
July 16 - PEC meeting,
 6:30 p.m.
July 21 - PRWC dinner
July 23 - RWB dinner

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