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With the Election Two Months Away, It's a Good Thing We're "Caddo Republican Strong!"

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Speakers for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, September 2** at the Clarion Hotel on E. 70th Street will be **State Representative Alan Seabaugh** and **State Senator Barrow Peacock**. Barrow is a lifelong member of the Republican Party and a former member of Louisiana Republican State Central Committee (2008-2011). He earned a Master of Business Administration from LSU Baton Rouge, and a B.A. Degree in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University. He is a partner in BHB properties, and is a licensed Certified Internal Auditor. He is married to the former Melanie Fuller, and is the father of three boys: Russell, William and Henry.



Alan has been a member of the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee since 2008. He was a delegate and the Vice-Chairman of the Louisiana delegation to the 2008 Republican National Convention and had the honor of being selected as a member of the 2008 Presidential Electoral College.



He is a member of the National Rifle Association, National Federation of Independent Business, just to name a few. He is married to the former Laura McClelland and has four daughters. Alan and Laura are involved in various church activities at Broadmoor Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport.

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

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Republicans,

Qualifying is over, and there were a few surprises, such as opposition for District Judge candidate Charles Tutt, however Brian Barber drew no opposition in his race for Shreveport City Judge. Congratulations, Brian!

There is a lot of work ahead of us, of course, over the next couple of months and one message that we must make loudly known is that ideas matter. And a candidate's qualifications matter.

We need to remind our less conservative brethren that the trouble with too many elected officials is that there is no idea too stupid for them to subsidize with our money. After all, these bureaucrats have more of our money than they do any original ideas of their own. In fact, many of them would not recognize an original idea if it bit them on the butt.

Even though there are some races where there are no Republican candidates, we still have a moral duty to participate in the democratic process — and more than only voting on election day.

Republican or not, our community needs authentic leaders that don't watch polls to win popularity contests, or calibrate their convictions to win elections. They need to do the hard work of first setting goals, and then taking initiative.

They must only spend money on projects that are for the public good, and not merely on projects that help them while they are in office. Genuine leaders are transparent and they cut costs first, instead of raising your taxes. They set examples of good behavior for us, instead of merely legislating what's good for us. They don't blame, and they take responsibility for their actions.

As long as government — city, parish, school board — has more of our money than good ideas, this type of leader will become more nostalgic in today's "modern" world — and increasingly rare among elected officials everywhere.

This is what Margaret Thatcher meant when she wrote, "Do you know that one of the great problems of our age is that we are governed by people who care more about feelings than they do about thoughts and ideas?" Maybe that's why our federal government spent almost **\$600,000** to study where in a chimpanzee's brain they get the idea to throw feces.

Or why Congress spent over \$1 trillion in economic stimulus spending, when the results were record unemployment rates and the highest number ever of Americans collecting food stamps. Is there really any question that it was a good idea?

If the government spending more of our money was all that was needed to reduce the unemployment rate, pay down the federal debt, decrease the poverty rate, lower healthcare costs, and increase national security at our borders, wouldn't we have achieved all of this long, long, long ago?

Especially in this election year, the leadership model for our elected officials, which currently measures leadership success by money and power, must be retired, and sent off to the scrap yard of history. Perhaps it is true that politics is the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary. But if this remains the conventional wisdom, then how can we really be surprised with the results?

Very truly yours,

Louis R. Avallone

MEDALLION CLUB

Now Accepting Contributions Online

The 2014 Medallion Club membership drive has begun. 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 Members: Tommie Burns, G.A. Frierson, II, Max Edwards, Austin Robertson, B.L. "Buddy" Shaw, Jean Laster** and The Professional Republican Women's Club. **Medallion Members: Alma Perkins, Jim and Martha Allen, Harold and Margaret Coates, Jack Daniel, Elmo Norton, Barrow Peacock, and Olive G. Stuart. Supporter: Blanca Collins, Stanley Kolniak, and Claude Dance.**



MAYORAL/MARSHAL FORUMS

Following up to the Southern Hills Business and Neighborhood Association Forum on Tuesday, August 26, there are several more mayoral forums planned, as of this publication:

1. **Tuesday, September 9** at noon, Ralph & Kacoo's.
2. **Sunday, September 21, at 4-6 p.m.** at the Deaf Action Center, 601 Jordan.
3. **Tuesday, September 23 at 7 p.m.** at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church on Grover Place for the Broadmoor and Shreve Neighborhood Associations.

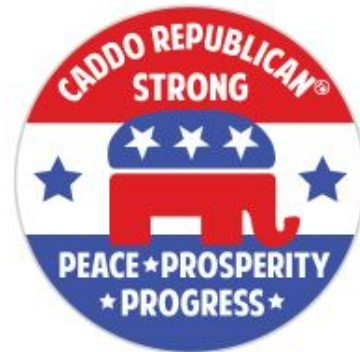
4. **Tuesday, September 30 at 7 p.m.** at Southfield School for the South Highlands Neighborhood Association.

There is also a Bossier City Marshal Forum planned, at Ralph & Kacoo's on Tuesday, September 23 at noon.

ENDORSEMENT PARTY

Cassidy In Shreveport, August 11

Congressman, and candidate for U.S. Senate, **Bill Cassidy**, was in Shreveport last month for an endorsement event, hosted by your Caddo Republican PEC and the Louisiana GOP, as a bevy of elected officials and community leaders were in attendance to show their support, and formally endorse Congressman Cassidy for U.S. Senate. Special thanks to Caddo PEC vice-chair, Barry Rachal, for his organization of the event. He worked tirelessly to make sure the event was a success, and it was, indeed.



PEC-N-ORDER

The Caddo Republican Parish Executive Committee met August 21. **Attending:** Nancy Adcock, Steve Gibson, Betsy Malone, Louis R. Avallone, Harold Coates, Barry Rachal. **Absent:** Micheal Collins, and Creighton Light. The meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Picadilly Cafeteria in St. Vincent Mall.

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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

September 2 - GOP Luncheon,
State Legislative Update
September 16 - PRWC dinner
September 17 - WRC luncheon
September 18 - PEC meeting,
6:30
September 23 - RWB dinner

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