Our guest speaker for this month’s luncheon at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the Wyndam Garden Hotel on E. 70th Street will be Congressional candidate for Louisiana’s 4th Congressional District, Dr. Trey Baucum.

Trey Baucum is a graduate of Jesuit High School in Shreveport (formerly and now Loyola Prep). He graduated from Washington and Lee University, the same school attended by his father and uncle, and LSU Medical School in New Orleans. He did his medical residency training at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and a cardiology fellowship at the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport.

Dr. Baucum has deep roots in the 4th Congressional District. His mother’s family, the Watkins, hail from Webster Parish. His father’s family is from Shreveport by way of Haynesville. A century ago, one of the Watkins family members served as Congressman for the 4th Congressional District and another was a Supreme Court Justice in Louisiana. Trey’s grandfather, Ralph, Sr., was an attorney and owner of the Caddo Abstract Title Company.

Dr. Baucum believes that career politicians have spent decades and your hard earned tax dollars buying votes, and that our productive middle class has been battered and beaten down while those special interest groups with power and influence continue to receive special treatment. They have raided Social Security to the point where a generation of Americans paying into it now will never be able to collect a single cent when they retire. He asks, “Who will stand up for the silent majority and say enough is enough?”

Dr. Baucum and Mary Patrick Baucum have been married for 28 years and have 4 children; two daughters, Madeline and Haley, and two sons, Amiss and Rimes.

Join us Tuesday and let’s discuss. Reservations not required. Eating is $13 and listening is free.
RSCC Inaugurates

The first meeting of the newly elected Republican State Central Committee was held Saturday, March 19 in Baton Rouge. There were 186 in attendance plus 6 proxies, for 192 of the 235 members represented (an 82% turnout). The Caddo delegation turnout was near 90%. Newly elected members from Caddo Parish in attendance were Louis R. Avallone, Matt Kay, Richie Burford, Jake Wood, and Scott Morse. The election of officers was the main agenda for the meeting. The officers were elected for two-year terms and the National Committeeman and Committeewoman were elected for four-year terms. Roger Villere was re-elected Chairman by acclimation. Beryl Amedee was handily elected Vice-chairman, after being challenged by Lynde Carville and Roger Hamilton. Dan Kyle was re-elected Treasurer by acclimation. Louis Gurvich was elected Secretary after being challenged by Teresa-Marie Ellender. Lenar Whitney and Ross Little were re-elected by acclimation to the national committee, as well. Charlie Buckles was appointed Finance Chairman by the Chairman and confirmed by the Committee. The breakfast was hosted by Col. Rob Maness who gave a passionate speech about his campaign for the U.S. Senate and Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser was also there, greeting everyone, and gave a brief talk. We also heard a barn-burner speech from Treasurer John Kennedy about his reasons for running for the U.S. Senate and the President of the Senate, John Alario, was also on hand and gave a brief talk. We were also treated by rousing commentary by several other special guests.

RPEC Inaugurates

Thank you to First Judicial District Judge Mike A. Pitman for his inspirational voice, his meaningful message, and generous time in swearing-in the newly elected members of the Caddo Republican Parish Executive Committee on March 3 in his courtroom. Newly elected committee members are Matt Varnell, Nancy Adcock, Michael Johnson, Jake Wood, Louis R. Avallone, Jim Allen, Matt Kay, Scott Morse, Micheal Collins, Harold Coates, Jim Taliaferro, Creighton Light, Betsy Malone, and Barry Rachal. Thanks again, Judge Pitman, and to those who ran for the seats on the PEC, and congratulations to those who won.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Republicans,

The day before the Normandy invasion, D-Day, General George S. Patton Jr. told the soldiers of the U.S. Third Army on June 5, 1944, “We’ll win this war, but we’ll win it only by fighting and by showing the Germans that we’ve got more guts than they have; or ever will have.”

Fighting and showing. Fighting and showing. It’s not bragging if you can back it up, as Muhammad Ali often said. And of course, America did back it up – throughout the war. The Allies backed-up German forces across Europe, liberating Paris, and 100 concentration camps in Germany, as Hitler found himself defeated; not by chance, but by American grit and determination, and by those who made the ultimate sacrifice, so that man might live free of the darkest atrocities, and live, instead, in peace with one another.

Today, our nation’s response to threats of terror around the world is very different. Our response today is not to fight, or show. It’s just to talk. "We defeat them in part by saying you are not strong, you are weak," Obama declared about ISIS. Obviously, President Obama forgot the schoolyard lesson that “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." How can telling ISIS that they are weak, defeat them? We must show them. Only then will those who intend to do us harm know – like the Germans learned from those brave soldiers in Normandy – that we Americans have more guts than they have, or ever will, but to defeat them, we need a president who believes that too.

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In closing, and as always, please consider making a contribution to the Caddo Republican PEC, or to volunteer your time. Contributions of any amount 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

MEDALLION CLUB
Join The Ranks!

The 2016 Medallion Club membership drive is beginning and we are grateful for the tremendous support, and unwavering commitment of our Caddo Parish Republican supporters. As many of you know, 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:** Jean Laster, **Medallion:** Jim Allen, Martha Allen, Sylvia Norton, Steve Riall, and Olive Stuart.

CRUSHED IT!

Congressional District 4: We CRUSHED it. More ballots were cast in the Republican Caucus in our Congressional District 4 on March 1 than at all of the Congressional districts in Louisiana, except Congressional District 6 (they cast just 9 more ballots than we did), and that district includes the Baton Rouge area, down to Houma.

BUT, when you combine the number of ballots cast in Shreveport and Bossier City alone, our northwest Louisiana region had the HIGHEST number in the state of all ballots cast statewide.

So, way to go Shreveport, Bossier City, Pineville, Natchitoches, and Lake Charles caucus voters! Conservative values and engaged voters are alive and well here, and although we often say we’re Caddo Republican Strong, we’re proud to also say, we’re Louisiana Republican Strong, too.

MORE VOTES, LESS DELEGATES?

It’s reported that Donald Trump’s campaign will file a complaint with the Republican National Committee (RNC) over the selection of delegates in the Louisiana primary. This follows a report that Ted Cruz could gain up to 10 unbound delegates from the Louisiana primary, 5 of which were previously committed to Marco Rubio before he dropped out of the presidential race. Trump won the primary, but yes, he could end up with fewer delegates than Cruz. Delegates supporting Cruz have also secured five of Louisiana’s 6 slots on the rules committee for the Republican convention.

Here’s a brief explanation of how Cruz could end up with more delegates: First, 5 delegates are automatic ones, and these are “uncommitted”: The party chairman (Roger Villere), the national committeeman (W. Ross Little, Jr.), and the national committeewoman (Hon. Lenar Whitney), plus 2 more “open” seats. These are 5 of the 10 delegate votes that could go to Cruz, because these are non-committed delegates.

Then, in each of the Congressional districts in Louisiana (there are 6) Trump, Cruz, and Rubio each received 1 delegate each, except in our 4th Congressional District, where Cruz received 2 delegates, Trump received 1, and Rubio received 0.

So, the 5 Rubio delegates from the caucuses, combined with the 5 automatic, uncommitted delegates, make up the 10 delegates that could swing in Ted Cruz’s favor. However, Jason Dore, the Executive Director of the LAGOP said, “There’s no commitments from any of these delegates -- the Rubio delegates or others -- that they’re going to go for Cruz or for Trump,” he said.
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 Stonebridge Country Club. “Meet and Greet” starts at 5:30 p.m. Meals are $18.00. Listening is free. Email Gail Bradley at rwbmeal@gmail.com or by calling her at 572-5853, for reservations (RSVP, please, by the Monday before). Men are welcome as associates.