



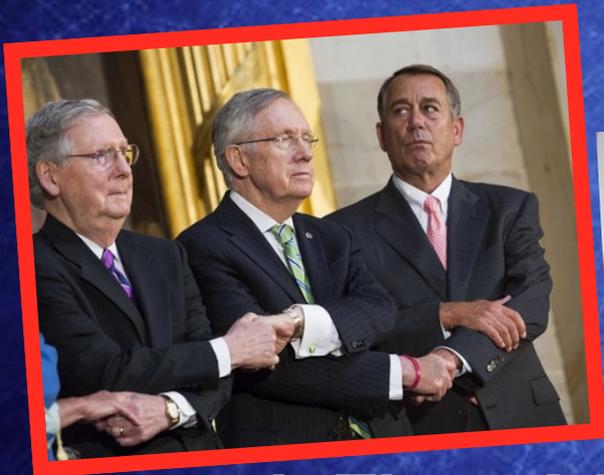
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Is There A Republican Establishment?

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Our guest speaker for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, March 1, 2016** at the Wyndam Garden Hotel on E. 70th Street will be **Caddo Parish Commissioner for District 10, Mario Chavez**. The Commission has been the subject of ongoing public criticism, regarding its past policies, and newly elected members now face a formidable challenge, bridging over the past to a bright future.

Mario was elected in 2015 to the Commission, and has lived in Southern Hills for over 15 years. He has served in the United States Army, having received formal military training in Fort Benning, Georgia. He has been deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and served during Hurricane Katrina, Gustov, and Lily.

He has volunteered extensively for the Youth Challenge program (Louisiana

National Guard's youth high school equivalency program). In fact, he not only attended the Youth Challenge program, but graduated no. 1 in his class. He has since mentored four young men through that same program. Mario was also nominated for soldier of the year for the 165th Battalion in Bossier City,



He and his wife, Katy, have two boys, Noah and Tanner. He and his wife also co-own a small business in Bossier City, Cajun Airsoft.

Join us Tuesday and let's discuss. Reservations not required. Eating is \$13 and listening is free.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Republicans,



This election year is chock-full of candidate stories wherein the hero-candidate professes to be the “anti-establishment” candidate (or protagonist), while their villain-like nemesis in the race is the “establishment” candidate (or the antagonist), instead. More dramatically, they might say they’re fighting a wrongdoer who can’t be seen (like the Wizard in Oz who is secretly pushing all of the buttons and pulling all of the strings behind a curtain, or Hillary’s “vast, right wing conspiracy” from the Monica Lewinsky days).

But this year, for some reason, both Democrat and Republican candidates seem to be tripping over themselves to be considered the “anti-establishment” candidate. But why? Because it makes for a good story, like David and Goliath? Or they want to be considered as the one “sticking it to the man” because it’s “the man” keeping so many of us down?

50 years ago, yes, you could say that there was “establishment” party politics, that included “the man” – you know, old money people, plus bankers, corporate executives, etc. who all worked behind the scenes, and probably had reserved tables in the proverbial, smoke-filled back room. But today? No, there’s no “establishment” like that today.

Yes, there are people who want to keep power in Washington and serve the special interests of a few, instead of all who voted for them, but this practice has been the case for centuries. There’s also the media, and people who want to influence the rest of us, but that too, has not changed in modern times. In fact, with the Internet, the major media elites have less and less control over what we see, or who gets to be heard and their influence is more diluted today than any time in our nation’s history.

But still, there’s “anti-establishment” excitement is on both sides of the aisle. In fact, Bernie Sanders professes to be the “anti-establishment” candidate for the Democrats, even though he is, perhaps, the most “establishment” of them all (by his own definition). He was elected Mayor of Burlington in 1981, and has been in Congress since 1988. He’s voted 98% of the time with Democrats during his 34-year political career, has endorsed virtually every major Democrat candidate, and repeatedly refuses to run as an “Independent.” And this is the “anti-establishment” candidate?

No, you see, all that “establishment” stuff is good storytelling. The real “establishment” is we the people. Our founding fathers established this country for us, and rooted it in rights endowed to us by our Creator. It’s right there in the first sentence of the U.S. Constitution.

We are the “establishment.” You and me. Others can use that term to refer to some nameless person or persons, or to conjure up stereotypes that play on our emotions, but that’s just good storytelling, and some candidates are spending too much of their time telling us a good story. The problem is — we’ve all heard this one before.

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.



CAUCUS TIME IN CADDO

The Caddo Republican Parish Executive Committee is pleased to announce that it will host one of the statewide caucuses for the 2016 Presidential election on March 1, which begins the process for electing delegates to the Republican National Convention, being held July 18-21 in Cleveland, Ohio. Louisiana has been allocated 46 delegates and on March 1, Caddo Parish voters at the Wyndam Garden Hotel in Shreveport will nominate their delegates for President to the Republican National Convention (from the current field of Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, John Kasich, and Ben Carson). Voters at the caucuses will be able to vote to up to 6 delegates listed on the Presidential

candidates ballot anytime between 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. (There is no fee or other requirement, other than being a Louisiana voter who was registered as a Republican as of December 1, 2015. All voters meeting this requirement are encouraged to attend the caucus on March 1, 2016, and let their vote count.

The next phase of the delegate selection process will be the Presidential Preference election being held statewide on Saturday, March 5.

THE END OF THE ROAD FOR 3132?

According to Elliott Stonecipher, the Port of Caddo-Bossier plans to ask voters to renew its 2.50-mill property tax on April 9th — 3 years earlier than when the current property tax expires. If voters say “yes”, it would very likely end any remaining possibility that the 3132 Extension in Southeast Shreveport will be completed to the Port. This tax renewal will be on the ballot with three (3) other property tax measures benefitting the Caddo Parish School Board, as well. The Port Executive Director Eric England says that the Port needs this tax renewed because there are an additional 3,000 acres that the Port wants to expand into, one of which is directly in the path of where the 3132 Extension would be built. Stonecipher suggests that the preliminary Extension route determination, as provided in the Stage One Feasibility Study for the 3132 Extension, is the likely explanation for the timing of the Port's decision to expand. However, of the two (2) remaining route options, either one will dissect one of the parcels of land that the Port wants to purchase for expansion purposes. There may be more to the story, but are Caddo taxpayers willing to listen to another “pitch”.



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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 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1 - GOP Luncheon,
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March 5 - Election Day
March 15 - PRWC dinner
March 16 - WRC luncheon
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
March 17 - PEC Meeting
March 22 - RWB dinner

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