



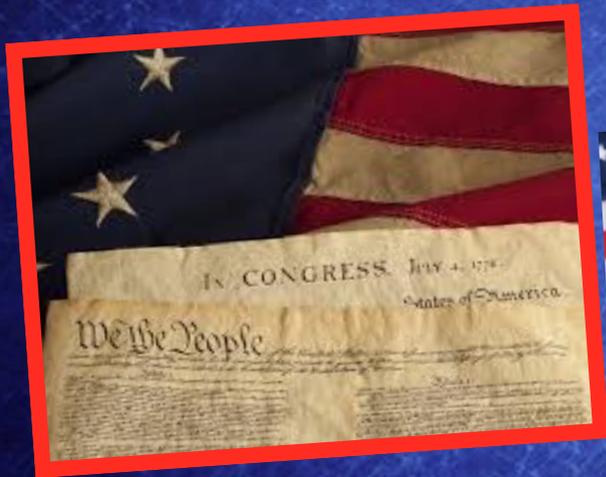
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This Is Why We Must Make America Great Again

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Our guest speaker for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, July 5, 2016** at the Wyndam Garden Hotel on E. 70th Street will be **candidate for the 4th Congressional District** and Louisiana State Representative, **Mike Johnson**.

Mike is a husband, a father, and a constitutional law attorney who has dedicated his life and career to fighting for the fundamental freedoms and traditional values that are still cherished by the people of Louisiana.

The eldest son of a Shreveport firefighter who was critically burned and disabled in the line of duty, Mike learned early on the values of hard work, honor and sacrifice. Today, he is widely respected as a leading defender of our constitutional rights and conservative economic principles, and he believes we grow our economy and create jobs by reducing government and the tax burden on families and businesses. Mike and his wife, Kelly, and their four children live in north Bossier Parish, one of the fastest growing areas in the region. Mike has close connections throughout the 4th

Congressional District, as he was born and raised in Shreveport, lives in Bossier, is a partner in a law firm headquartered in Minden, and has close family, friends, clients, and supporters from Union Parish all the way down to St. Landry Parish.



Mike was elected to the Louisiana Legislature without opposition, and has fulfilled his promise to stand strong for his constituents and their rights. He has been named an "MVP for Business" by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, "Outstanding Family Advocate" by the Louisiana Family Forum, and received an "A" rating from the NRA Political Action Fund. Mike was re-elected, again with no opposition.

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

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Republicans,

The horrific events at a nightclub in Orlando last month, where 50 people were killed, like those at an office Christmas party in San Bernardino or at a Navy Reserve recruiting station in Chattanooga, the bombing of the Boston Marathon, the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, or the “workplace violence” killing at Fort Hood – too damn many are treating Americans too damn poorly these days.

But we aren’t helping. You see, we actually teach other people how to treat us. Just ask anyone who is always trying to please others, or who is always putting others first, before themselves, because they would feel “guilty” or “selfish” for doing so. As Dr. Phil said, “You either teach people to treat you with dignity and respect, or you don’t – you shape others’ behavior when you teach them what they can get away with and what they cannot.”

As Americans, though, we aren’t teaching others to treat us well, at all, and we seem to be letting others get away with anything – even burning our nation’s flag, and parading their own, at our country’s political events. Instead of treating ourselves with dignity and respect, our news media, political candidates, college professors and elected officials, including the President of the United States, just apologize incessantly for the flaws in our country.

They say our economy is bad because the rich are getting richer, and that it’s immoral that we don’t provide free health care to everyone, as a right. Or provide a “livable” wage for everyone. They say that we’re a nation that was built upon the backs of slaves and colonization and imperialism. They say that our nation is filled with racists, bigots and those who are so bitter that “they cling to guns or religion or antipathy toward people who aren’t like them.”

They say you can’t recite the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools because it suggests we are one nation “under God” and that this might offend others. We’re removing the Ten Commandments outside our public buildings because they are “inappropriate,” even though James Madison believed that “we’ve staked our

future on our ability to follow the Ten Commandments with all of our heart.”

And instead of highlighting the sacrifices that our men and women in uniform have made for the cause of freedom around the world, our president tells Arab television viewers that America “sometimes makes mistakes.” He apologizes, on behalf of all Americans, to the European countries, by saying that “there have been times where America has shown arrogance and been dismissive, even derisive.”

Attitude just counts for so much. It really does. It’s infectious. It’s like when someone starts laughing uncontrollably, you can’t help but start smiling yourself. It’s a principle that works both ways, unfortunately. So, is America suffering these horrific events because we haven’t taught other people how to treat us, even those here at home? Is it as simple as Dr. Phil says? Perhaps.

But maybe it’s also that when we repeatedly “bad mouth” or run down America to ourselves, and around the world, we’re painting a picture of a country that is filled with people who simply aren’t worth treating with dignity and respect.

So, the next time that you choose to remain silent, rather than standing up for yourself and speaking your truth, whether it’s religious freedom, or the safety and security of your family, remember that your silence may be teaching others that it’s OK to treat you poorly, or threaten you, or otherwise diminish your life, liberty and pursuit of happiness (in favor of theirs, instead).

And maybe, just maybe, this is why so many Americans seem so ready to simply make America great again. We want our self-respect back.

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). Happy 4th of July!

Very truly yours,

Louis R. Avallone

MEDALLION CLUB, NEW CLUBS

Join The Ranks!

The 2016 Medallion Club membership drive is roaring 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, Austin G. Robertson, Jr., Harold Coates, PRWC. **Medallion:** Jim Allen, Martha Allen, Sylvia Norton, Steve Riall, Jack Daniel, Olive Stuart, and **Mike Bradley.**

The Caddo GOP has also introduced new ways to get involved and support your local Caddo Republican Party efforts. We'll include more information in our July newsletter, but you can learn more by visiting <http://new.caddogop.com/donor-clubs>. Thanks to **Creighton Light** for being the very first **Chairman's Circle Club** member, and **Harold and Margaret Coates** for being our very first **Ronald Reagan Club Member**. Without the generous support of our faithful members, our Party's presence in Caddo Parish would be greatly diminished.



GO ON AN AFRICAN SAFARI WITH ME?

The Caddo Parish Commission just voted to re-allocate travel expenses for Commissioner Lynn Cawthorne, so that he can make a trip to South Africa for an economic and arts delegation trip, instead of using those funds for a municipal association convention in California. He would pay the difference in costs needed for his trip to South Africa. Cawthorne says, "I want to get an

understanding and what businesses may have an interest in coming to Shreveport in Caddo Parish." He would do well, also, we think, to read up on scams in South Africa which he may encounter while there (see link below), before engaging businesses from South Africa to relocate any enterprises to Caddo Parish. One example is the Microsoft phone scam, which is similar to the "technical support call" scam, where a fraudster phones a victim and pretends to work for Microsoft. Another example is the bank phishing emails, which are widespread in South Africa, where criminals pose as bank employees in an attempt to gain access to a victim's account. The commission approved his request by an 8-4 vote. Those who voted in favor were Lyndon Johnson, Steven Jackson, Matthew Linn, Jerald Bowman, Stormy Gage-Watts, Jim Smith and Kenneth Epperson. Those who voted against were John Atkins, Mike Middleton, Douglas Dominick and Mario Chavez.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Louisiana voters this fall will decide whether college systems can boost their own tuition rates, whether to sock away money from oil price booms into savings and whether to rewrite the state's corporate tax laws. Lawmakers passed six proposed constitutional amendments during their three (3) legislative sessions that stretched from February until June. All the amendment proposals will be on the November 8 ballot at the same time voters are choosing a new President, the person to fill an open U.S. Senate seat, and the state's six (6) U.S. House members.

MONEY COMES IN, MONEY GOES OUT

Remember last year when George Soros became involved in the Caddo Parish District Attorney's race, and contributed over \$1 million to a PAC in Bossier City? It was called, "Louisiana Safety & Justice". While this PAC's purported purpose was to influence the election for Caddo Parish District Attorney, over \$800,000 of the over \$1 million that flowed into this PAC was then paid directly back out to a public relations firm in New York City called Berlin Rosen. Who is Berlin Rosen? According to sources, they specialize in the creation of "community" front group campaigns, especially on behalf of labor unions like SEIU. And Valerie Berlin (one of the firm's principals) got her start over 25 years ago with the union-backed Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). What's deeply concerning is that nearly 80% of the Soros funding into this Bossier City PAC was funneled back out of state.

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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

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 5 - GOP Luncheon, Mike Johnson
- July 9 - Desoto RPEC
- July 19 - PRWC dinner
- July 20 - WRC luncheon
- July 21 - PEC Meeting
- July 26 - RWB Meeting

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