



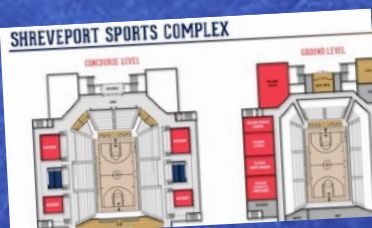
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The Power of Positivity versus Good Ideas

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Our guest speaker for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, September 5, 2017**, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on E. 70th Street will be **State Senator Neil Riser**, candidate for Louisiana State Treasurer.

Senator Riser represents District 32, stretches from Monroe to Alexandria to the Greater Baton Rouge area, encompassing much of central and northeastern Louisiana and a small part of the Florida parishes.

Senator Riser believes he is an independent voice and has been unafraid to challenge the status quo and stand up to the political establishment. He says he has stood firm for his principles, while reaching across the aisle to work with people from both major parties. A native of Columbia, Louisiana, where he began logging at age 14, working in the timber industry until age 23, and taking breaks to attend school, Neil earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management in 1984 from Northeast Louisiana University.

He is president and owner of Riser Funeral

Home, a business that the Riser family has operated the since 1934. He also serves as a board member of Caldwell Bank and Trust. He is a past president of Pelican State Life Insurance Company.



Senator Riser has served on the State Bond Commission, which the new Treasurer will chair. In the Senate, he served four years as chairman of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee.

Neil is married to the former Vicki Smith, they have two daughters, Emilie and Allison.

So, join us Tuesday and let's visit. Bring a guest, especially someone who might not consider themselves "political". C'mon. It'll be fun. Reservations not required. Eating is \$13 and listening is free.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Republicans,

I recently wrote a column about how poorly we talk about ourselves in Shreveport, and how this became more evident than ever, following the announcement of the \$150 million proposed investment for the sports complex. You see, there's a difference between supporting (or not supporting) an initiative in your hometown, and simply bad-mouthing your hometown. I wasn't advocating for the sports complex in my piece, but merely for not telling everyone how horrible we think we are. Here's what I wrote:

Dear Shreveport,

I know you have been through some really tough stuff. The drop in oil prices in the 1980s, the bankruptcies and foreclosures – you have really never been the same since then. The 7,500 jobs lost at the Western Electric plant – that was a rough patch, too, I know. I mean, so many good people have left you behind for greener pastures, and after 40 years, some just never came back.

But enough of all that talk...it's important to remember the good times, too, right? Like when the census came out in 1970 and it showed no growth in population? That's when you came up with a plan to develop an interstate highway from Shreveport to south Louisiana (I-49), and to complete the Inner Loop, and get graduate courses at LSUS – and population did grow.

Now, I know you are probably feeling hurt, angry, frustrated, or shut down with how everything is around you today. Maybe there's not much that could make you feel better at this point. But I know this: you have to start treating yourself better, like the best Shreveport you've ever been.

And from what you've been saying about yourself recently, it makes me very sad.

Ever since this Pelican's "G-League" proposal has been out there, you've let everyone know how much you stink.

You've posted on social media about how "the people that sit on the selection committee have sense not to select such a crime ridden city for any new ball team" and that you've "never fully understood what creates a successful venue." And then you posted, "Get out now, folks. It ain't gonna get better in Shreveport!"

Look, you can't keep talking to yourself this way. I don't know if this Pelican's "G-League" is a good

idea or not, but this stinking thinking has to stop. All that stinking thinking does is make you feel defeated, discouraged, and depressed. Haven't you ever heard that you are what you think about?

Perhaps this just isn't the right time for you to do this basketball deal. That's okay, but that's no reason for you to bad mouth yourself to the world. How you speak to yourself is important. The Bible tells us this also, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)

And I do think some of it is the people you are hanging around. You keep letting people lead you around every 4 years or so who don't have a plan, and it has to stop. They may intend to do good, but if intentions are all that were needed to be successful, or to stop smoking or to lose weight, then we'd all be a lot happier and healthier.

You have been at your best when you've had a game plan, and players on your team who could execute the strategy. Right now, you simply don't believe you can win.

I know there is greatness within you, and you should remind yourself of the same, because it's time to change not only how you talk to yourself, but the way you look and your so-called friends, because you'll never become what you need to be by remaining what you are.

This is the major point, first and last, regardless of the next minor league sports team that comes to the town. The power of positivity won't overcome a bad idea, any day of the week.

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). Thanks, in advance, as always, for any support you can lend.

Louis R. Avallone

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IF DRIVING YOU IS A CRIME...

According to a report by Shon Gables with KTBS, Caddo Parish Commission President Steven Jackson has been ticketed for driving a vehicle with a switched license plate, no proof of insurance and failure to register the vehicle -- the second time this year he was cited for the same violations.



Police impounded the vehicle because the owner didn't have liability insurance. Tickets were issued to Jackson, and has paid \$314 in fines. Jackson, 31, was pulled over near Shreveport police headquarters last Friday after a patrol officer noticed a car that had been the subject of a parking complaint in downtown two weeks earlier

Jackson swears it's all an honest mistake, "I want to make it very clear that this was not my personal car. This is not my daily car." Jackson says to earn residual income, he recently began selling cars. In the state of Louisiana, Jackson says he can sell 4 cars a year without a dealers license. In March, Jackson was placed on 60-days D.A.'s probation, which allows an individual to have the charges dismissed if they have no brushes with the law during the probationary period. The charges were dismissed in May after successful completion of probation, court records show.

HIGH STAKES IN HIGH HEELS

More fake news over what Melania Trump wore to Houston, when viewing the devastation from Harvey. Yes, the FLOTUS did wear heels — but she wore them in Washington, D.C. as she boarded Air Force One. She changed her shoes on the airplane and wore a pair of sneakers in Texas. But what a first lady wears to leave the White House, headed to Marine One and then to Air Force One, isn't usually what she's wearing when she gets off the plane later. By the time Trump arrived in Texas she had changed into white tennis shoes, a white shirt and a black cap with FLOTUS emblazoned on it, and her hair pulled up and off her face. Tweets were brutal, though, and were based on fake news. Here's one such Tweet: "(Melania wobbles into shelter in 6-inch heels) 'I Here help. I bring you perfumes and chocolates.' We say, "That's just not right."

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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 are \$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

Sept. 4 - Labor Day

Sept. 5 - Caddo GOP Luncheon

Sept. 10 - Congressman Johnson
Meet & Greet

Sept. 19 - PRWC Dinner

Sept. 20 - WRC Luncheon

Sept. 21 - PEC Meeting

Sept. 26 - RWB Dinner

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