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All Men Are Created Equal.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Our guest speaker for this month's luncheon at 12 noon on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on E. 70th Street will be Executive Director of the I-49 International Coalition, Gard Wayt.

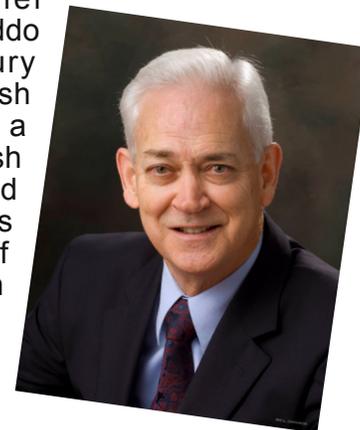
The I-49 International Coalition, which was organized in December, 2002, joining other groups in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri (each promoting its local unfinished section of I-49), to collectively promote completion of the entire High Priority Corridor from Kansas City to New Orleans. Gard was instrumental in organizing the I-49 International Coalition in 2002 and has been its Executive Director since 2003.

The plan is for I-49 to stretch from New Orleans to Winnipeg, Canada, but western Arkansas is the biggest missing link, according Gard.

Of course, completing I-49 North has been a long awaited achievement, and Gard will update us on that, including the decision in August to build 3.6 miles of I-49 through the

northeast corner of the Allendale neighborhood and following 12 Mile Bayou.

A two-time former member of the Caddo Parish Police Jury (now Caddo Parish Commission) and a former Caddo Parish School Board Member, Gard has a long history of leadership roles in more than 25 local, statewide and national business, charitable, church, civic, economic development, educational, political and service organizations.



Gard attended both Centenary College of Louisiana and LSU-Shreveport.

So, join us Tuesday and let's visit. There's lots to talk about. Bring a guest, especially someone who might not consider themselves "political". Reservations not required. Eating is \$13 and listening is free.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Republicans,

Think about it: There's not a single day that passes where the headlines don't include a story of growing racial tensions, such as the removal of civil war monuments, like the one in front of the Caddo Parish Courthouse. Or the NFL players protesting during the singing of the National Anthem. Or reporters and Hollywood-types calling out President Trump (and all of his supporters) as racists and bigots. You could go on and on, with example after example. Many had hoped that the 2008 election of the nation's first black president would improve race relations, especially among black voters – but it didn't. Today, nearly 3 out of 4 Americans say race relations in this country are bad. Compared to 2008, this this number has more than tripled.

From protest to protest, though, it's inequality of outcomes at the heart of our racial tensions. But is inequality of outcomes inherently wrong? If you are a Christian, or otherwise religious, you may remember Jesus' "Parable of the Talents" in Matthew 25. In this parable, each of the workers was given money to manage, "according to their abilities," and as the parable unfolds, the results were different for each of them. So, if Jesus recognizes that we all have different abilities, and therefore we will all have unequal outcomes, then are we trying to make equality of outcomes into what it never was, and never will be?

Consider this: During the 19th century, and especially after the Civil War, equality meant everyone should have the same opportunity to make what he or she could of his or her capacities, regardless of race, religion, belief, or social class. But later, into the 20th century, this changed. Equality became more about the idea that we should all be equal in terms of income or living standard. In other words, more and more folks began thinking that life should be arranged so everybody will end at the finish line at the same time, instead of just making sure everyone begins at the starting line at the same time.

But can we remain a free people if we guarantee equal outcomes? I mean, if we are all going to end up at the finish line at the same time, some people will need to be held back after the race starts, because no two of us are the same, and this raises a very serious problem for freedom. Most times, whenever societies have put equality

before freedom, they end up with neither, and yet "equal outcomes" seems to be the objective of the racial discord in our country. You only need to look at societies like China and Russia, where equality of outcomes has been their basic goal, and you'll see the tyranny foisted upon their people, in the absence of putting freedom above all else. If liberty is embodied in the creed, "all men are created equal," does that likewise mean that we shall all be kept equal, as well?

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

ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 18

We need to elect John Schroder as our next Louisiana State Treasurer on November 18, but there's a Caddo Commission race in District 12 that you ought to get involved in, if you are not already, because John Cunningham will need our help on November 18, too. John emerged from a crowded field in the primary election for the District 12 seat on the Caddo Parish Commission and will face Louis Johnson in the November 18 run-off election. Johnson, a Democrat, led the field of seven candidates with 661 votes in Saturday's election. He has served as an interim commissioner since his appointment following former Commissioner Ken Epperson's resignation before completing a full term. Cunningham, a Republican, was second with 535 votes. He was the only Republican in the race. To reach John, his email is: jdc1@comcast.net.

Caddo Parish, District 12
Total Registered Voters: 14,927

(courtesy of Ernie Roberson, Caddo Registrar of Voters)

Democrats: 8,459
Republicans: 3,293
Other/No Party: 3,175
(White 5,982, Black 8,318, Other 627)

MEDALLION CLUB...THANK YOU!

Join The Ranks!

The 2017 Medallion Club membership drive is growing! 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:** The Professional Republican Women of Caddo, Harold Coates, D.A. Simpson, Carroll Michaud, Austin Robertson; **Barrow Peacock. Medallion:** Jack Daniel, Sylvia Norton, Jim and Martha Allen. Olive Stuart, and **Steve Riall. Supporter:** Stanley Kolniak.

PRE-ELECTION STATS FOR 11/18 VOTE

Total Registered Voters in Caddo: 163,783
(courtesy of Ernie Roberson, Caddo Registrar of Voters)

Democrats: 79,160
Republicans: 45,463
Other/No Party: 39,160

(White 81,219, Black 75,750, Other 6,814)

CADDO GOP IS "HIRING"

As you know, we publish a monthly newsletter, which is distributed to all of our members via email and U.S. mail, and available to our wider community via our website and social media channels. The publication is much valued and welcomed by our members and we endeavor to provide varied and informative content. If you are interested in assisting, from writing articles, to

editing articles, or to layout the newsletter each month and continue to improve its effectiveness, we'd like to talk with you. It's an ideal opportunity for someone with an interest in the written word and some flair for design and layout. Some IT skills, plus the ability to prepare interesting articles for inclusion would be an advantage. If you are interested, contact Louis R. Avallone at louisavallone@caddogop.com.

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A CADDO GOP "CALL TO ACTION"

If you feel our government has strayed too far from our Founding Fathers' principles, then the Caddo Republican GOP needs your help. Proverbs 3:27 states: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act." We believe it is in our power to act, and we hope you agree our efforts deserve whatever you can contribute — whether it's your time or talents. Please consider contributing right here at home.

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). Also feel free to call Louis R. Avallone, Caddo GOP Chair, at 318-470-2122, or via email at louisavallone@mac.com. Thanks, in advance,

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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 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

- Nov. 7 - Caddo GOP Luncheon
- Nov. 9 - WRC Membership Drive
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov. 14 - PRWC Dinner
- Nov. 15 - WRC Dinner
- Nov. 16 - PEC Meeting
- Nov. 18 - Election Day
- Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28 - RWB Dinner

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