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Election Season Circus

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Speaker for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, April 1** at the Clarion Hotel on E. 70th Street with be **Charles Tutt**, candidate for Caddo Parish District Court judge and **Brian Barber**, candidate for Shreveport City Court judge.



Charles G. Tutt attended undergraduate school at Louisiana State University at Shreveport and received his law degree from Louisiana State University Law Center in Baton Rouge. He served a one-year clerkship with the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal prior to joining Cook, Yancey, King, & Galloway in 1976 where he practiced until August 31, 1995. At that time, he began his own firm and continued to manage Tutt, Stroud, Bordelon & McKay in various groupings through August 31, 1995. He was named

Director of Legal Affairs for the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission in 2010, and has worked in that position while maintaining a limited private practice.

Mr. Tutt is married to the former Amo Johnson and has two children, Katie and Kristi, and two grandchildren, J.J. and Isabella Kirkpatrick. He is a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church where he teaches Sunday School.



Brian Barber is a Caddo Parish Assistant District Attorney, and a member of the National Rifle Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Shreveport Bar Association, and Fraternal Order of Police. He is admitted to practice

in the the United States Federal Court - Western District, and has served as the Chief City Prosecutor for the City of Shreveport, Assistant City Attorney, Desoto/Sabine Parish Assistant District Attorney, and as a Shreveport Police Academy Instructor.

A coach of various youth sports, he was also named Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year in Louisiana in 2000.

He has been married for 15 years to Becca Caruth Barber, and they have 3 children: Brian, Jr. (13), Tractor (12), and Bailey (9). Brian and his family attend Ellerbe Road Baptist Church where he serves as a Deacon, Awana Leader, and Usher.

Reservations not required. Eating is \$13 and there is no cost to listen. Parking is free.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Republicans,



I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Party, and our community, as the 2014 Chairman of the Parish Executive Committee.

Thank you to outgoing chairman Harold Coates for his many years of service, and serving as chairman for the past year. Harold's passion, and commitment to conservative values is remarkable, and palpable. Thank you, Harold for your service, and your continued participation as a member of the PEC in 2014.

Thank you to Barry Rachal, for agreeing to serve as the new Vice-Chair, and to Micheal Collins and Nancy Adcock, for agreeing to continue their service as the Treasurer and Secretary for the PEC, respectively. We have a great leadership team in place, and PEC members who

are committed to making this election year count for the Republican Party in Caddo Parish, and throughout the state, as well.

The U.S. Senate race is the most prominent election this year. And Louisianans see the handwriting on the wall. They understand that the figures from the Congressional Budget Office indicate that the same number of Americans will be uninsured in 2016 with Obamacare as would have been uninsured without Obamacare. They see that Democrats have taken America, and Mary Landrieu, for a joy ride through a little town called, "Ridiculous".

This is no doubt why Democrat party registration has dropped to 46% in Louisiana, which is a new low, and that Landrieu is the only Democrat left in statewide office. It's no doubt why President Obama lost Louisiana by 18 percentage points in the 2012 election, as well.

All of this makes it even more incredulous that Landrieu voted 97% of the time with President Obama last year. We can do better than this...and together, we will.

Louis R. Avallone

MEDALLION CLUB

The 2014 Medallion Club membership drive will begin shortly. 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. Checks may be



dropped off to the HQ's Office at 1941-C East 70th Street, Shreveport 71105. Contributions are not tax deductible.

Gold Medallion Members: Max Edwards, Austin Robertson. **Medallion Members:** Jim and Martha Allen, Harold and Margaret Coates, Jack Daniel, Barrow Peacock, and Olive G. Stuart.

PEC-N-ORDER

The Caddo Republican Parish Executive Committee met March 20, 2014. **Attending:** Louis R. Avallone, Jim Allen, Harold Coates, Barry Rachal, Michael Collins, Steve Gibson, Betsy Malone, and Creighton Light. **Absent:** Neil Carlisle, Officers were elected for the 2014-2015 year. Louis R. Avallone, Chairman, Barry Rachal, Vice-Chairman, Micheal Collins, Treasurer, and Nancy Adcock, Secretary. The meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Picadilly Cafeteria in St. Vincent Mall.

STATE BILL GUTS PARTY FEES

Every Parish Executive Committee will be affected by House Bill 1030 by Representative Jeff Thompson. The bill seeks to eliminate all qualifying fees that go to the parish and state organizations of the registered political parties. The legislation could curtail the ability of the RPECs to financially operate without these fees. Most RPECs use these fees to hold meetings, hold voter registration drives and other party building activities.

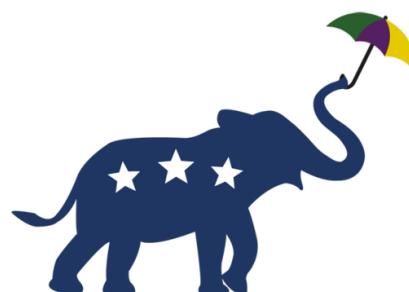
PART TIME WORK, FULL PAY

According to Elliott Stonecipher, Caddo Parish Commissioners are paid more for "Part-Time Service" than most

constituents earn. A Commissioner using their entire "education and training" budget each year, plus his or her salary, retirement contribution and health care (in the conservative amount of \$250 per month), will average \$3,650 per month for their part-time "service" or \$43,800 a year. For one who takes no "education and training" bucks, the average will be \$2,400 a month, or \$28,800 a year. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average *household* income in Caddo Parish is \$40,497 a year, and the average individual yearly income is \$24,432. So, our Commissioners will either be paid well over the average income of an individual Caddoan, or several thousand more than the average Caddo household.

CONGRESSMAN GLOVER?

As published in Shreveport's local *Fax Net Update*, Glover is now on record: *"I am flattered and humbled by the overwhelming number of folks who have encouraged me to run for Congress. I am equally impressed by the wide spectrum of individuals, people from practically every demographic imaginable, who have offered to help, assist, and support..."*



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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 Azalea Room of Good eats, 2177 Airline Drive. "Meet and Greet" starts at 5:30 p.m. Meals are \$15.00. Listening is free. Call Barb Dockall (949-8558, traveller38@suddenlink.net) for reservations (RSVPs, please, by Wednesdays prior to meeting). Men are welcome as associates.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1 - GOP Luncheon, Judge Candidates Charles Tutt and Brian Barber
April 15 - PRWC dinner
April 16 - WRC luncheon
April 17 - PEC meeting, 6:30 Piccadilly Cafeteria
April 23 - RWB dinner

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