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If we're going to make it, we've got to stay together — Caddo Republican Strong!

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Speakers for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, October 7** at the Clarion Hotel on E. 70th Street will be the **candidates for office this November 4**, as we present "**Updates from the Campaign Trail**". Every Republican candidate for office on November 4 has been invited and will provide Caddo Republicans with an update from the campaign trail, featuring "**behind the scenes**" information about what is happening on the campaign trail, and what they need most from Caddo Republicans to ensure victory in November. Who is up, who is down, and what to expect in November is what it's all about now — and we'll cover it all during our program.

And speaking of updates: Public Policy Polling's newest Louisiana poll finds Bill Cassidy with a slight lead over Mary Landrieu in a possible December runoff election, 48/45. The two candidates had

been tied at 47 on PPP's last look at the race in late June. Landrieu's approval numbers are not good though — 42% give her good marks to 52% who disapprove.

As pointed out by demographer Elliott Stonecipher, "the degree that also-Republican Maness goes after Cassidy between now and November 4th, he expands the path for an outright win by Senator Landrieu on November 4th. Notably, a bit of data-diving shows that Maness now gets 17% of the vote among Republicans, 6% among Democrats, and 14% among Other voters".

Reservations not required. Eating is \$13, no cost to just listen, and free parking.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Republicans,



If there was ever a time that any of us were waiting for, in order to get involved in our political process, the time is right now.

If there is a candidate on the ballot whose message resonates with you, it's time for you to convert from "political campaign spectator" to "political campaign player", and get on the field, with your helmet strapped on, mouthpiece in place, and the determination to push our team over the goal line in November. **Likewise**, if there is a candidate whose message particularly offends you, or whose values are distinctively different than yours, this is your call to action also — except you're playing defense this time, and your job is to block that candidate from scoring any victory in November. Either way, it's time to stop talking about elections, and start encouraging our like-minded friends and family to get involved, and follow their passions.

Freedom may not be passed through the bloodstream, from generation to generation, but neither is ensuring the best candidates are elected to our public offices — we have to make sure that happens, and with your help, I know we can.

November's ballot is a long one — it seemingly stretches from here to Hammond. The usual elected positions are listed on the ballot, of course, ranging from the U.S. Senate to mayor to city marshal to district judge and city judge, and to school board, city council, public service commissioner, and everything in between. On top of all of that, there are also fourteen (14) Louisiana Constitutional amendments to vote on, as well.

Since Louisiana voters only have three (3) short minutes to cast their vote once they enter the voting machine, we must all be informed about our ballot selections ahead of time. If other folks don't do the same, they will hastily

vote blindly — and what good is having elections if the latter is the result? Voting blindly means simply that we're being bossed around by those who are not voting blindly. And who wants to be bossed around with their vote, anyways? I say if you are going to vote blindly, just stay at home.

There're almost twenty-five (25) ballot items, and with only three (3) minutes to select all of them, you'll have to make a selection every seven (7) seconds in the voting machine before time is up.

And if you haven't read the fourteen (14) constitutional amendments ahead of time, you'll never make it in three (3) minutes. There are 626 words describing those amendments on the ballot. And since the average adult reads 300 words-per-minute, that will leave most folks with less than 60 seconds, to make the remaining selections for all of the other elected offices listed on the ballot.

Some folks might resent the allegation that they vote blindly. But ask many of them whom they voted for in the lieutenant governor's race in the last election, or in the secretary of state's race, or the race for state insurance commissioner. How about who they voted for as their parish commissioner?

A bull rider has 8 seconds to achieve a qualified ride, starting from when the bull's shoulder breaks out of the gate, and usually ending when the rider's hand comes out of the rope or the rider hits the ground. **We won't even have that long to vote on each ballot item in November** — so encourage your family and friends to be prepared **before** going into the voting booth.

But you know, you probably step in less "bull-you-know-what" being a bull rider, than dealing with more government bureaucracy in our lives — any day of the week.

Very truly yours,

Louis R. Avallone

MEDALLION CLUB

Now, Contribute By Credit Card Too

The 2014 Medallion Club membership drive well underway. 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 Members:** Tommie Burns, G.A. Frierson, II, Max Edwards, Austin Robertson, B.L. "Buddy" Shaw, Jean Laster and The Professional Republican Women's Club. **Medallion Members:** Alma Perkins, Jim and Martha Allen, Harold and Margaret Coates, Jack Daniel, Elmo Norton, Barrow Peacock, **Mike Thibodeaux** and Olive G. Stuart. **Supporter:** **Parker Ward**, Blanca Collins, Stanley Kolniak, Claude Dance, and **Henry and Beth Temple**.

Thank You

"ELEPHANT STOMP" PARTY

Save the date for the evening of **November 4**, for an election night "watch party" at the Clarion Hotel on East 70th Street. After voting, bring yourself, your family and friends, and those conservative principles that make America the land of the free to the Magnolia Room



where we'll watch the election returns together, visit with our Republican candidates, and listen up close to their victory speeches. Please be looking out for more details, and in the meantime, please feel free to contact us at caddogopstrong@caddogop.com.



BE A POLL WATCHER - URGENT

If you are interested to ensure a fair election in November, then the Caddo Republican Party needs YOU to volunteer, and serve your community, as a poll watcher. A poll watcher is a representative of a candidate, political party, civic organization or proposition who is legally in the polling place to observe the conduct of the election. If you are a qualified voter of the state of Louisiana, and are not entitled to assistance in voting, and you are neither a candidate in the election, nor a law enforcement officer, your fellow citizens need you in this important capacity. Please email us at votefair@caddogop.com to get started.

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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, 2171 Airline Drive. "Meet and Greet" starts at 5:30 p.m. Meals are \$20.00. Listening is free. Call Robin Rue-Graves (965-5001), robinsbirdnest@yahoo.com) for reservations (RSVPs, please, by Wednesdays prior to meeting). Men are welcome as associates.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7 - GOP Luncheon, Campaign Trail Update
October 15 - WRC luncheon
October 16 - PEC meeting, 6:30 p.m.
October 21 - PRWC dinner
October 28 - RWB dinner

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