



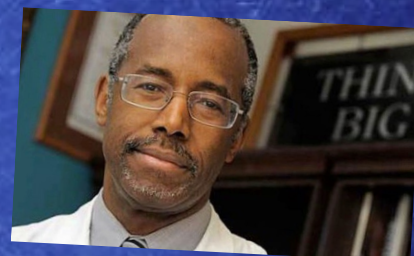
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The Rise of the Candidate Leader, and the Fall of the Candidate Politician?

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Speaker for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, September 1, 2015** at the Wyndam Garden Hotel (formerly the Clarion Hotel) on E. 70th Street will be **Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator**.

Steve Prator graduated from Northwood High School, in 1969, and later went on and received a bachelor's degree from LSU-Shreveport.

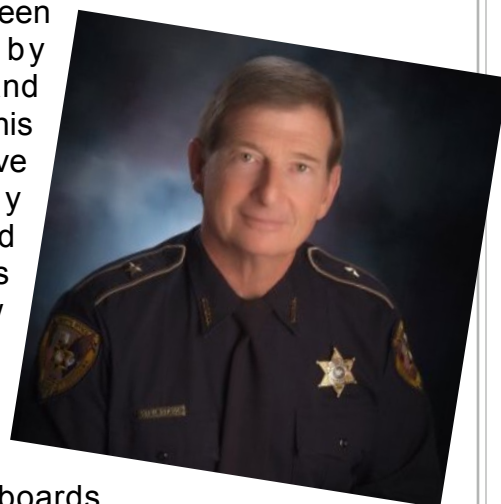
In 1973, Steve began what would become a life-long career in public service. At age 21, he joined the Shreveport Police Department as a patrolman. Later he served in Investigations, Narcotics, and the K-9 Unit, receiving specialized training and experience in numerous police fields along the way. In 1991, while just a sergeant, Steve was selected from a field of 42 to be the city's next Police Chief. Over the next eight years, Steve successfully tackled crime, implemented new programs, and managed a \$60 million budget. He retired

from the Shreveport Police Department in 1999 to run for Sheriff and won that election, receiving 70 percent of the vote.

Steve has been appointed by governors and elected by his peers to serve on many boards and commissions involving law enforcement.

He also serves on many community boards and best enjoys working with young people and our elderly. He resides in Dixie with his wife, Carolyn, and has three adult children, Tracey, Stephen, and Joe, and two grandchildren, Christian and Presli.

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



FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Republicans,

I know many times we hear one another say, "We are at a critical point in our country," and then we usually go on to say how important this issue is or that issue is, or if this doesn't happen, or that doesn't happen, we're going to be in even more trouble that we are in now.

Last month, for example, our state mourned the loss of three law enforcement officers who were all killed in the line of duty. Our nation has learned that the dismemberment of millions of unborn babies, and the sale of those pieces and parts is not only legal, but is publicly financed, as well. In Lafayette, we witnessed a man open fire in a movie theater, and kill 2 innocent people. In Tennessee, 4 marines were ambushed and murdered at a recruiting office simply because they were soldiers. In Virginia last month, we saw a disgruntled employee murder two of his co-workers, on live television, in wanton disregard for the value of human life.

We've lost control over who is coming into our country, as the drug cartels and human traffickers flourish, and the number of illegal immigrants have grown to over 12 million, costing our country \$113 billion per year. We've even established "sanctuary cities" for illegal immigrants, where federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel are prevented from enforcing federal immigration laws – often releasing violent criminals back into our communities. Our national debt has doubled since 2008 and there are more Americans receiving food stamps now, and more Americans unemployed, than at any time in our nation's history. Terrorists are taking control of cities in Iraq and leaders in Iran chant "Death to America", even as we capitulate in our opposition to Iran achieving nuclear capability.

We must turn this country around. Some people with our Party scratch their head and privately lament the rise of Donald Trump in

the polls, and wonder why so many candidates, namely Trump, Carson, and Fiorina, who have held no prior elected office, have fared better in American presidential politics than seasoned GOP politicians.

Sometimes, though, life is just not that complicated. People just want their country fixed, period. They don't want to just hear long speeches that sound good, or carefully positioned prose that will make a good soundbite on a 24-hours news cycle. They've been there, done that. They just want their country fixed.

As a Party, we should be more focused on what Americans are telling us about what's important to them in a candidate — it's that simple. To quote a line from the movie, Jerry McGuire, voters "have been to the circus... they have been to the puppet show and they have seen the strings." And this is why more Americans realize today that we can't expect our country to change because we elect a handful of elected officials every 4 years with nothing more than good intentions on their resume. We need to focus more on the voters, who will support our conservative principles, if we only give them a fighting chance to support any of our candidates, even those candidates who don't fit the traditional mold.

In closing, and as always, please consider making a contribution to the Caddo Republican Parish Executive Committee, or to volunteer your time. Your support helps maintain a local office, publish a monthly newsletter, and conduct important Party-building activities aimed to recruit, as well as support Party members throughout the parish. Contributions of any amount, from \$50 to \$100 to \$200 (and higher) 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).

Very truly yours,

Louis R. Avallone

MEDALLION CLUB (IS GROWING)

Join The Ranks!

The 2015 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:** Art Scheffler, William Golden, M.F. Graham, Gary Moore, Austin G. Robertson, Jr., Dee Simpson, B.L. "Buddy" Shaw, G.A. Frierson, II, Maudie M. Lawson, PRWC; **Medallion:** M.T. Arceneaux, Jim and Martha Allen, Harold and Margaret Coates, Jack Daniel, Ted Roberts, Elmo Norton, George Penfield, Oliver Jenkins, Max Edwards, Barrow Peacock, Mike Thibodeaux, Steve C. Gibson, Women's Republican Club of Shreveport, Frances A. Simpson and Steve Riall. **Supporter:** Olive Stuart, Blanca Collins, and Stanley Kolniak.



"MEET & GREET 2015"

Thank you to all of you who attended the The Caddo Republican PEC's "Meet & Greet" of the Louisiana gubernatorial candidates on August 11. Your support, and the presence of north Louisiana conservatives was outstanding. Over 250 people attended the event, and were able to hear from, and shake hands with, the GOP candidates for Louisiana Governor, as well as with candidates from just about every other campaign for elected office this fall. If you would like to view photos from the event, you can view (and download) the photos by visiting <http://new.caddogop.com/meet/>.

Thank you again to our sponsors: Sheriff Steve Prator, Senator Barrow Peacock, Representative Mike Johnson, Representative Richard Burford, Representative Thomas Carmody, Senator Sherri Smith Buffington, Congressman John Fleming, Billy Nungesser, John Young, Mary Johnson-Harris, Cloyce Clark, Ryan Gatti, Mike Middleton, Dhu Thompson, and Lee Harville. The PEC would also like to extend our thanks to Michele Odom, Executive Producer of the C.L. Bryant Show, and Tom Pace, host of Talk of the Town, for their on-air promotions of the event. Finally, thanks to the WRC of Shreveport and the PRWC for their tireless efforts, especially to Anne Price, Darlene Smith, Julie Ard, Kay Brunhke, Tracie Abney, Amanda Downing, Mary Bicknel, Danette Pugh, Dottie Maziart, Jolene Woods, Karen Baker, and Linda Brooks. These ladies executed the ticket and entry process with the kind of precision that only our military's special forces could display. Finally, thanks to Max Malone for planting the seed for this event a few month ago, and to PEC members Harold Coates, Jim Taliaferro, Betsy Malone, and Nancy Adcock for their special assistance, as well.

PROSPECTIVELY RESIGNING?

Attorney John Settle has sued Judge Stewart over Stewart's candidacy for Caddo District Attorney. Apparently, on August 8, Stewart sent a letter to the chief judge of the Louisiana Supreme Court advising that he would retire as a Second Circuit Judge on September 6. But Settle says that the Code of Judicial Conduct requires resignation prior to becoming a candidate. Settle says that Stewart is still on the state payroll as a judge and he will earn in excess of \$10,000 between the time he announced as a candidate and date upon which he intends to actually resign. Settle may have a point. After all, if prospective resignation was permitted, could a sitting judge prospectively resign a year in advance, and then campaign for another elected office? If not, then one must ask why it would be allowed in this case?

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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

Sept. 1 - GOP Luncheon,
Sheriff Steve Prator
Sept. 7 - Labor Day
Sept. 8, 9, 10 - Qualifying
Sept. 15 - PRWC luncheon
Sept. 16 - WRC luncheon
Sept. 16 - Presidential Debate
Sept. 20 - PRWC Candidate
Rally, 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 - RWB dinner

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