



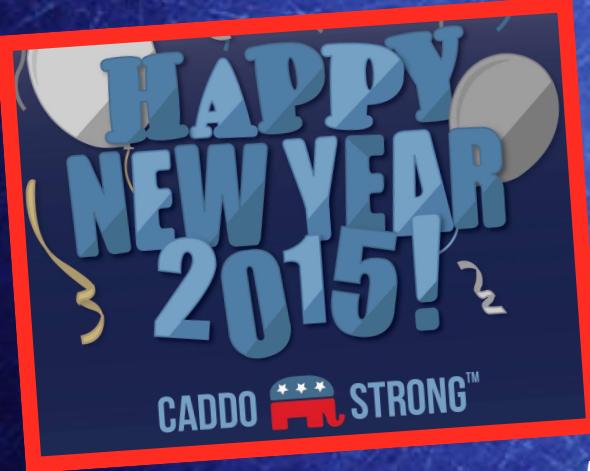
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Caddo Parish School Pitches \$108 million in Bonds to Voters, but Promises No “New” Taxes

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

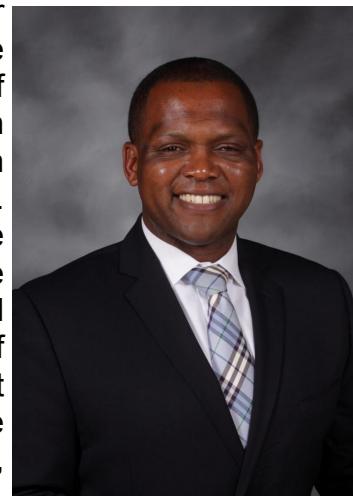
Speaker for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, January 6, 2014** at the Wyndham Garden Hotel (formerly the Clarion Hotel) on E. 70th Street will be **the Dr. Theodis Lamar Goree, Jr.**, the superintendent of Caddo Parish Schools.

There are a number of issues before the CPSB in 2015. The Shreveport Times recently reported that Caddo School officials discussed neighborhoods for new schools, and outlined a millage tax rededication proposal to resize the district and provide upgrades. The proposal, set to go before the school board in January, calls for the closure of six schools. Three new schools would be built under the plan. A new school proposed for southeast Shreveport would house kindergarten through eighth-grade.

The proposal is a call for the rededication of an existing millage tax and will not cost

residents additional money, according to Goree. "Let me be clear when I say we will not raise taxes. It was important to us that we did not ask families to spend any additional monies," he said.

Dr. Theodis Lamar Goree, Jr. became superintendent of Caddo Parish Public Schools in October of 2013. He believes the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders are of paramount importance as we invest in the future, our children.



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

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Republicans,



Only ten years ago, Democrats held all statewide elected offices and had majorities in both legislatures. Republicans now have majorities in both houses of the legislature, on the Public Service Commission, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Louisiana Supreme Court. There are Republicans in every congressional seat (except one) and there is a Republican in every statewide elected office in Louisiana.

The 2014 Louisiana elections provided a source of hope, or a beacon of light, in a country seemingly enveloped by the fog of Washington D.C., and liberals whose agenda differs greatly from the principles upon which our country was founded. But we must not become complacent by these recent victories.

While the number of Republican voters in Louisiana has increased 10-fold since 1979, we have a lot of work to do here in Caddo Parish. Do you know that Mary Landrieu garnered 52% of the votes in Caddo Parish, from November's election? We have to turn this around and this is a call for your help, as we prepare for elections in 2015, and the Presidential race in 2016.

Maybe you are someone who has not considered lending your financial support, or known how you could volunteer your time to support the local Republican Party presence. This is why, here at the beginning of the year, I'd like to ask you to 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).

In short, your supports helps us get the message out throughout the parish, so that we might never again see a majority of the parish vote Democrat. 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. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration – especially before an entire generation forgets the principles upon which our nation was founded – and which still make America the "shining city upon a hill".

Very truly yours,

Louis R. Avallone

PARTY EVEN MORE NOW!

A new political party could be on the horizon for Louisiana. Now, in 2015, there is no longer a legal ban on establishment of the independent party.

There's enough self-identified "independents" on Louisiana voter rolls to meet registration requirements for party status and all that's left is for someone to step forward and register an "independent" party. The fastest-growing segment of registered voters identify themselves with neither of the two major political parties — Democratic or Republican. State records show more than 750,000 of Louisiana's 2.94 million voters in the "other party" category. The fastest-growing segment of registered voters identify themselves with neither of the two major political parties — Democratic or Republican. State records show more than 750,000 of Louisiana's 2.94 million voters in the "other party" category.

MEDALLION CLUB

Now, Contribute By Credit Card Too

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.



ALL 50 STATES ARE WRONG?

Did you know that all 50 of our united states acknowledge God in their "State Constitutions"? Separation of church and state? Perhaps. But separation from God altogether? Really, how could all 50 states be wrong? Here is Louisiana's preamble:

We, the people of the State of Louisiana, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberties we enjoy.

JUDGE BARBER INVESTITURE

As many of you know, Brian Barber, Sr. was recently elected to the Shreveport City Court and his **investiture ceremony** is on **January 13 at 4:00 p.m.** in Court Room 1 of the Shreveport City Courthouse, 1244 Texas Avenue. There is a reception following and all are welcome.



WRC NAMES 2015 OFFICERS

The Woman's Republican Club of Shreveport has announced its 2015 slate of officers: President - Linda Brooks; 1st Vice-President - Jolene Woods; 2nd Vice-President - Charlotte Pitman; Treasurer - Fayline Bass; Recording Secretary - Danette Pugh; and Corresponding Secretary Glenda Stark. Congratulations and thank you to each of these ladies for their time and talent to support the principles that we share and that have made this country great. Thanks again.

PRWC NAMES 2015 OFFICERS

The PRWC has announced its 2015 slate of officers and they were sworn in last month by Gena Gore, Executive Vice President of the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women. Officers are: Kerry Kimler, President; Pam Gutekunst, Vice-President; Anita Braswell, Corresponding Secretary; Susan Taylor, Treasurer; and Pat Roach, Recording Secretary. Congratulations and thank you to each of these ladies for their time and talent to support the principles that we share and that have made this country great. Thanks again.

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU SAY...

Elliott Stonecipher recently pointed out that Caddo Commissioners have had their salaries raised 165% since 1993. It was \$8,400 a year in 1993, and today that salary amount is \$22,263.

However, if Commissioners had used actual cost-of-living adjustments, as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, their pay today should be \$13,385 per year (instead of the \$22,263 they are receiving). All non-term limited Commissioners are up for re-election in Fall 2015.



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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

January 6 - GOP Luncheon, Dr. Goree
January 15 - PEC meeting, 6:30 p.m.
January 20 - PRWC dinner
January 21 - WRC luncheon
January 27 - RWB dinner

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