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Chairman's Corner



- I am pleased and proud to unveil the first issue of our new Montgomery County Republican Party newsletter. This monthly newsletter gives us a unique opportunity to expand our communication abilities and to present our ideas, candidates, and issues directly to you. I hope you find this issue to be informative. [Click here to offer your comments and suggestions.](#)

- Our party's platform is the foundation of our identity, yet we failed to uphold its principles year after year. We cannot win elections unless we restore the public trust in our leadership, and we cannot restore that trust without fidelity in our core values. We must continue to recruit good and honest candidates who share our values. In preparation of the 2010 gubernatorial election, we are working diligently to refocus our efforts on the following **F.I.R.S.T.** principles:

Fiscal Responsibility

Individualism

Respect for Life and Environment

Safe Communities

Tax Reform

- I encourage you to [click here and show your support for these values by agreeing to Take The Pledge.](#)
- The next two years are going to be exciting. We need your participation, your energy, and your ideas. Please contact us if you wish to become more involved. [Click here to sign-up as a volunteer.](#) You can also contact Headquarters at (937) 461-1776. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Legislative Update by State Representative Seth Morgan



The Ohio House has been busy over the last several months!

The Republicans in the House have specifically been working hard at trying to decipher and fix many of the gaping holes in Governor Strickland's operating budget, which includes his problematic education reform plan.

Clearly, Governor Strickland failed to make many difficult decisions necessary to cut spending during this budget cycle. His proposals merely kick the can further down the road until 2011 when either significant cuts or higher taxes will have to be proposed.

Perhaps most troubling, is the Governor's so called "evidence-based" education reform plan that is a part of the operating budget. The Governor's plan curtails the choice of parents to determine where their children can receive the best education. Further, it imposes a one size fits all plan on the whole state. Finally, by allowing the disparity to continue between poorer and wealthy districts, it fails to address the issue behind the need for a new system of funding. While the Governor is fond of hiding behind and stating that his plan is based on "evidence" – his staff says 4,100 pieces of "evidence" – he's failed to produce it. I personally have been forced to file public records requests to try to get to the bottom of the logic behind his plan, but he has not been forthcoming with the information.

While we have found ourselves in the minority in the Ohio House of Representatives, we are making an impact. We may not control the agenda while in the minority – but we can certainly make a chorus of voices heard!

We have been open and direct in our discourse regarding the Governor's operating budget. The people of Ohio have now started to hear of the over-reliance the Governor has placed on "one-time" money, his massive increase in "fees", and his attack on school choice and unwillingness to be transparent with the Ohio people. As we continue to point out these fallacies, the Governor's staff seems to be scrambling to plug the gaping holes his proposals have created.

As I communicated to our central committee several weeks ago, now is the time for those of us who believe that restrained government, family values, and a focus on a free market and personal responsibility, continue to be strong and stand against the attacks on the foundation of our great Country and State by both this Governor and our President. Ohio is not "less conservative". Instead, it responded, as much of the Nation did, to poor examples of leadership within our Party.

A new awakening is dawning in Ohio and America – the people want leadership – not unfettered liberalism. You may not see it in the attitudes of the press or those who currently control our various forms of government, but I see it in the people we serve. We have the responsibility to provide that leadership and be resolute that the best America is the America that embraces freedom, encourages personal responsibility and has leaders that don't cower to perceived popular opinion and special interest groups.

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I look forward to continuing these debates at the Statehouse over the next couple of months as well as working on many other important issues during the duration of the 128th General Assembly to fight for our core principles. I also look forward to doing my best to provide leadership that the people of Ohio can trust and follow – leadership that relies on their ability to raise a family, work a job, and be productive citizens – for these individuals and families, have been and always will be the backbone of our State and Nation.

Seth A. Morgan is the State Representative serving the people of the 36th Ohio House District (northern and western Montgomery County). Morgan serves on the following committees: Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, Secretary of the Finance and Appropriations Committee, Ranking Member of Finance's Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee, Faith Based Initiatives Committee, Education Committee, Ways and Means Committee, and Elections and Ethics Committee. [Click here to visit Seth's website.](#)

Jon Husted Announces Candidacy for Ohio Secretary of State



On April 2nd, State Senator and former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Jon Husted (R-Kettering) announced his candidacy for Ohio Secretary of State.

The pivotal race will decide Ohio's next chief elections officer, a position that encourages voter participation, oversees the elections process and administration of Ohio's elections laws. Ohio's Secretary of State also oversees corporate filings, including articles of incorporation and various business documents, and serves as a member on Ohio's apportionment board.

"Every candidate for Secretary of State says they are going to ensure fair and impartial elections, but my promises don't end there," Husted said. "I am going to change the system," Husted added. "We can do this by changing the oversight of our elections system to be one based on successful models working in other states with the input from local elections officials. It will be a bipartisan, decision-making process - leading to nonpartisan outcomes."

Husted also sees the position of Secretary of State as an opportunity to change the state apportionment board process from a hyper-partisan, politically-charged environment to one that places more power in the hands of Ohio voters.

"As Speaker of the House, I worked to change the partisan process of gerrymandering districts," Husted said. "Our current system allows the politicians to pick their voters, rather than allowing the voters to pick their public officials."

Husted has the leadership, experience and vision to give him a formidable base for the office of Secretary of State.

A Montpelier, Ohio native, Senator Husted currently represents the 6th Ohio Senate district. Additionally, Senator Husted works at the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, serving as the Director of Workforce Education and Employer Services. He is married to his wife Tina and has two children, Alex and Katie. [Click here to visit Jon's website.](#)

Golf Classic 2009 Announced



DATE

Friday, June 26, 2009

LOCATION:

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, 10000 Yankee Street in Centerville

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Registration begins at 11:30 am

Range opens at 12 Noon

Shot Gun begins at 1:30 pm

Box Lunch available upon arrival

Buffet Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm

GOLF OUTING INCLUDES:

Green fees w/ electric cart

Unlimited access to driving range one hour prior to shotgun

Range balls

Box lunch with includes 2 beverage tickets

Buffet dinner following outing

Golf "Goodie" bags

Free beer at the "Turn"

Prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, and hole-in-one.

COST FOR THE GOLF OUTING:

Individual Player: \$125.00

Foursome: \$500.00

Dinner Only: \$50.00

Hole Sponsor: \$275.00

Event Sponsors: \$1,000.00

EVENT CHAIRS:

Kent Harshbarger, Chad Cannon, Ernie Riling, and Michael Fink

Space is available for 144 golfers. [Click here for additional information or to reserve your spot.](#) Registrations received by May 15th will be eligible for a chance to win golf for 4 with 2 carts at an area country club, and other valuable prizes in the package. Proceeds from the Golf Outing will benefit the Montgomery County Republican Party.

Other Upcoming Events

- **Dayton Tea Party**
Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 6:00—8:00 pm at Courthouse Square in Downtown Dayton
- **Annual GOP Picnic**
Saturday, August 22, 2009
- **Election Night Party**
Tuesday, November 3, 2009
- **Annual GOP Holiday Party**
Friday, December 11, 2009

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