



# Montgomery County Republican Party

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### Former Vice-Presidential Nominee Dies at 73



Jack Kemp, the ex-quarterback, congressman, one-time vice-presidential nominee and self-described "bleeding-heart conservative," died at his home in Bethesda, Maryland on Saturday, May 2nd at the age of 73. He had announced in January of this year that he had been diagnosed with cancer. He said he was undergoing tests but gave no other details.

Kemp, a former quarterback for the Buffalo Bills, represented western New York for nine terms in Congress, leaving the House for an unsuccessful presidential bid in 1988.

Eight years later, after serving a term as President George H.W. Bush's housing secretary, he made it onto the national ticket as Bob Dole's running-mate.

With that loss, the Republican bowed out of political office, but not out of politics. In speaking engagements and a syndicated column, he continued to advocate for the tax reform and supply-side policies — the idea that the more taxes are cut the more the economy will grow — that he pioneered.

Kemp was married his college sweetheart, Joanne Main. The couple had four children, including two sons who played professional football. He joined with a son and son-in-law to form a Washington strategic consulting firm, Kemp Partners, after leaving office.

Through his political life, Kemp's positions spanned the social spectrum: He opposed abortion and supported school prayer, yet appealed to liberals with his outreach toward minorities and compassion for the poor. He pushed for immigration reform to include a guest-worker program and status for the illegal immigrants already here.

At the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, he proposed more than 50 programs to combat urban blight and homelessness and was an early and strong advocate of enterprise zones.

## Legislative Update by State Representative Peggy Lehner



Irresponsible. Unsustainable. A train wreck.

These were some of the more printable words being thrown around in Columbus this week describing the budget, which passed out of the Ohio House without a single Republican vote. Some might say these words are typical partisan reactions from the minority party but there is absolutely no way around the fact that the budget which passed out of the House is a disaster.

The cruelest aspect of this budget is not that it substantially increases spending...which it does...but that it guarantees Ohio a colossal nightmare down the road. By anyone's reckoning, including the Democrats, this budget sets Ohio up for a \$7 Billion dollar shortfall in the next budget cycle. But as the Governor said "I'll cross that bridge when I come to it." Never mind that in two years he anticipates being safely re-elected because he has temporarily "fed the beast." Sorry Governor, but the state of Ohio can't afford a budget that creates bigger problems than it solves.

There is very little in this budget devoted to job creation and workforce development. While the Democrats would have us believe that they have fixed the school funding formula by reducing dependence on property taxes they fail to explain why state spending on schools outside of one time stimulus dollars is actually reduced or how they intend to fill the \$845 million shortfall in school funding with the absence of stimulus dollars in the next budget. But the Governor "will cross that bridge when he comes to it".

The rainy day fund and other funds that are commonly used to make up budget deficits are being drained dry. As one Democrat said on the floor..."if you haven't noticed, its raining." Indeed it is, which is exactly why now more than ever the Governor and the legislature should be controlling spending and aggressively working to get displaced Ohio workers retrained and back into the workforce. That doesn't happen by promoting job killing policies such as the Governor's recent interpretation of prevailing wage laws, which cripples Ohio's ability to compete for new business. It doesn't happen by adding over one billion dollars in new fees while touting the fact that he has not raised taxes.

Speaking of taxes...remember that bridge the Governor is going to cross? Unlike the federal government, the state is constitutionally required to balance its budget. Does anyone want to venture where that bridge will lead? Let's hope the Republican Senate can fix this irresponsible, unsustainable, train wreck.

State Representative Peggy B. Lehner is currently serving her first term as the representative for the 37th House District, which includes portions of Montgomery County. Prior to serving in the Ohio House, Lehner served briefly in the Ohio Senate in the 6th Senate District. Representative Lehner comes to the Ohio House after serving three terms as a member of the Kettering City Council from 1998 to 2008. [Click here to visit Peggy's website.](#)

## Gary Leitzell for Dayton Mayor



Born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania in 1961, Gary was transplanted to Chippenham, England in 1970 where he attended a public grammar school. He graduated from the University of London with a bachelors degree in geology in 1982 and returned to the United States to reacquaint myself with a father that I had not seen in 12 years.

Gary worked in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area until 1994 in several sales and sales management positions. Having experienced two lay offs and one merger within the first 10 years of entering the corporate workforce, he made the decision to strike out on his own and pursue a hobby related business in 1994 that afforded him the opportunity to travel all over the country. In late 1994, Gary moved to Dayton.

Gary became involved in my neighborhood association and the Southeast Dayton Priority Board in 1999. He has been the president of the Walnut Hills Neighborhood Association for the last five years and in January 2008, he was elected to chair the Southeast Priority Board.

Like many residents of this "Gem City", Gary has become frustrated when dealing with city hall. He has had to deal with personal, neighborhood and district issues when confronting local government. Many people, when frustrated with local government opt to move. Gary chose to understand how the system works so he could understand how to get problems resolved within his community. During this course he has had to become quite creative in his thinking process and always encouraged creative thinking within the organizations that he presides over.

Why is Gary running for Mayor?

He is running for his six-year-old daughter. He feels that she deserves a better city. For the last 8 years, he has watched businesses and residents leave. School test scores remain poor and crime rates remain constant. Gary feels the urgency to step up to the plate and make the changes needed to transform Dayton into a vibrant, progressive city once again.

In its simplest form, Dayton needs to attract **more** educated, responsible people to live, work and play within the city limits. That's it! If we do this very simple thing, most of our little problems will vanish. If some of these people start to talk with each other, some big problems will go away and some dynamic things will happen here.

When we attract more quality people, our streets will look clean, our properties will appear neat and tidy and our neighborhoods will become desirable places to raise families. If we attract quality parents who care about the education of their children, our schools will improve, thus attracting more students. If we attract quality people with entrepreneurial spirit, they will create jobs for themselves and many others in the process. So effectively, all we have to do is attract more educated, responsible people to Dayton.

If you would like to become involved in Gary's campaign for Dayton Mayor, please [click here to visit his website](#).

## 2009 Montgomery County Republican Clubs

### **Harrison Township Women's Republican Club**

Contact Person: Robin Dodge (937) 898-1905  
Meeting Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Meeting Location: Gables at Singing Woods, 140 E. Woodbury Dr.  
Meeting Time: 12:30 pm

### **Huber Heights Republican Women's Club**

Contact Person: Norma Kettlewell (937) 233-7814  
Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month  
Meeting Location: Call for meeting location  
Meeting Time: 12:00 noon

### **Miami Valley Republican Club**

Contact Person: Martin Arbagi (937) 938-5710  
Meeting Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Meeting Location: Montgomery County Republican Headquarters, 369 W. First Street, Suite 201  
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

### **Montgomery County Young Republican's Club**

Contact Person: Rhonda Borgerding (937) 689-6084  
Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month  
Meeting Location: Montgomery County Republican Headquarters, 369 W. First Street, Suite 201  
Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

### **Northmont Republican Women's Club**

Contact Person: Barbara Thomas (937) 274-5391  
Meeting Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Meeting Location: Miami Valley Country Club, 3311 Salem Avenue  
Meeting Time: 11:00 am

### **Republican Council of Oakwood**

Contact Person: Jan Crosby (937) 395-1216  
Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
Meeting Location: Contact Jan for meeting date, location, and time

### **Riverside Women's Republican Club**

Contact Person: Shirley Reynolds (937) 256-0004  
Meeting Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
Meeting Location: Ponderosa Steak House, 4918 Airway Road  
Meeting Time: 12:00 noon

### **South Metro Women's Republican Club**

Contact Person: Carolyn Nikolai (937) 435-1369  
Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month  
Meeting Location: Yankee Trace Golf Club, 10000 Yankee Street  
Meeting Time: 11:30 am

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## **Golf Classic 2009: Friday, June 26th, Golf Club at Yankee Trace**

### **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:**

Sharon Lowry, Event Chair  
Kent Harshbarger and Chad Cannon, Co-Chairs

Space is available for 144 golfers. [Click here for additional information or to reserve your spot.](#) Registrations received by May 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **Montgomery County Republican Clubs (Continued)**

### **South Suburban Republican Club**

Contact Person: Shirley Wightman (937) 433-5449  
Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Meeting Location: Chop House Restaurant, 7727 Washington Village Drive  
Meeting Time: 11:00 am

### **United Republican Toastmasters Club**

Contact Person: Ron Williamitis (937) 478-8858  
Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
Meeting Location: Montgomery County Republican Headquarters, 369 W. First Street, Suite 201  
Meeting Time: 6:45 pm