

Letter from the Chairman

“Seen and Heard”

By now, you have certainly seen and heard the news that our great City, Cleveland, is in the running to host the Republican National Convention in 2008.

The possibility is certainly exciting and has the town abuzz! A “Thank You” goes to Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson for his leadership and personal involvement in this early effort. Your Republican County Party is also pleased and thankful for the cooperation not only of the ORP and Chairman Bob Bennett, but also the Cleveland Convention and Visitors Bureau and area civic and business leaders, all of whom have pulled together to make our City’s proposal a strong one.

The prospect of the RNC Convention coming to our hometown in two years cannot divert us from the task at hand in 2006. We have much to accomplish together in getting Ken Blackwell elected as Governor, re-electing Mike DeWine to the US Senate, while maintaining a formidable Statewide and legislative ticket, and keeping a strong Republican presence in the judiciary. Rest assured that the eyes of the nation will be on Ohio politics this year; and, to paraphrase Secretary Blackwell from his recent speech at the RPCC HQ Spring Open House, we must show that the Party in charge can be the Party of change.

In order to demonstrate that we remain the Party with the strength of ideas, our Republican officials must provide leadership and not back down from the principles upon which this Party nominated them. If our campaigns this year focus on the solutions to the very real problems facing this region, this State and the Nation, we will prevail, and we will continue to build our Republican mandate. Once we accomplish this election year task, all Cuyahoga Republicans can focus on maintaining our success by bringing the Republican National Convention to Cleveland in 2008!

Republican Candidates

J. Kenneth Blackwell - Governor
Tom Raga - Lt. Governor
Betty Montgomery - Attorney General
Mary Taylor - Auditor of State
Greg Hartmann - Secretary of State
Sandra O'Brien - Treasurer of State
Mike DeWine - US Senator
Mike Dovilla - Congress - 10th District
Lindsey N. String - Congress - 11th District
Craig Foltin - Congress - 13th District
Steven LaTourette - Congress - 14th District
Wendell Robinson - County Commissioner
Joseph A. Gallucci - County Auditor
Richard Norris - State Senator - 21st District
Howard Shrimpton - State Senator - 23rd District
David Lynch - State Senator - 25th District
Beverly Valencic - State Representative - 7th District
Jimmie Hicks, Jr. - State Representative - 9th District
Rosalind A. McAllister - State Representative - 10th District
Anthony Cefaratti - State Representative - 12th District
John P. Hildebrand - State Representative - 13th District
William J. McGivern - State Representative - 14th District
David G. Fago - State Representative - 15th District
Edward Fitzpatrick Herman - State Representative - 16th District
Josh Mandel - State Representative - 17th District
Thomas F. Patton - State Representative - 18th District
Matthew J. Dolan - State Representative - 98th District
Terrence O'Donnell - Ohio Supreme Court
Robert Cupp - Ohio Supreme Court
Ralph Perk - Court of Appeals - 8th District
Robert Brian Moriarty - Court of Appeals - 8th District
Roger Kramer - Judge - General Division
John F. Corrigan - Judge - General Division
Kathleen Ann Sutula - Judge - General Division
Marilyn Barkley Cassidy - Judge - General Division
Michael Blumenthal - Judge - General Division
Peggy Foley Jones - Judge - General Division
Dick Ambrose - Judge - General Division
Jeffery Hastings - Judge - General Division
Christopher McMonagle - Judge - Juvenile Division
Martin J. Keenan - Judge - Juvenile Division

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Judge Robert R. Cupp for Ohio Supreme Court Justice

For nearly 30 years, Judge Robert R. Cupp has dedicated his career to public service. After serving as the Presiding Judge on the Ohio Court of Appeals. He also served as an Administrative Judge following his election in 2004. By appointment of Thomas Moyer, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, he also serves on the Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management. Before becoming a judge, Robert Cupp spent 16 years as a member of the Ohio Senate, completing his service in 2000 due to term limits. While in the Senate, he served as President Pro Tempore (1997-2000) and chaired the Civil Justice Subcommittee while working in many different legislative areas.

Hailing from Allen County, he has served on multiple occasions as Allen County Commissioner and protected citizens as a Lima City Prosecutor. Prior to his service, he worked in a private law office for 25 years and has twice received the Ohio State Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award. In addition, he is a visiting professor to his alma mater, Ohio Northern University. He has two sons, Matthew and Ryan, with his wife Libby.

For more information, please call 614.228.2481 and ask for Judge Cupp's campaign.

William McGivern for State House 14th District

Republican candidate William McGivern was raised in public housing on Cleveland's West Side and attended local public schools. Currently, he holds positions as a Notary Public and Ordained Minister licensed in Ohio. He has spent the last two years helping people without drug coverage get prescriptions they need from private(non-government) assistance programs. McGivern believes that we must reduce the tax burden on our seniors and has signed a pledge to oppose and vote against any increase in taxes. Bill promises to fight against the government's abuse of eminent domain and will work to assure that private property rights are protected. Instead of sprawl, he believes that Ohio should reinvest in the infrastructure of inner ring suburbs.

For more information, please contact semha2187@sbcglobal.net or at 216.671.6159.

Lindsey String for US Congress 11th District

Lindsey String comes from a long line of Clevelanders dating back to the 1700s. Ever-faithful to his roots, Lindsey has a strong dedication to serving the community. He attended Orange public schools and graduated from the University of Texas before ultimately returning to Cleveland. He strongly believes in representing the entire 11th district, not just Cleveland. String also believes that we should focus on retaining the wealth in the area instead of redistributing it. He hopes to retain residents and encourage new development in his district by encouraging growth and spurring new prosperity for 11th District through minimizing local and property taxes.

For more information, please visit www.lindseystring.com or contact lindseystring@gmail.com or at 440.946.6900.

Justice Terrence O'Donnell for Ohio Supreme Court Justice



Justice O'Donnell is completing his fourth year on the Ohio Supreme Court and has been a member of the State Judiciary for more than twenty-five years. Prior to his work on the state's High Court, O'Donnell was an appellate judge for eight years and a judge on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas for nearly fourteen years. He is a member of the 2005 Ohio State Bar Foundation Fellows Class and an officer for Our Lady of the Wayside, a nonprofit organization that serves the mentally and physically challenged. The recipient of numerous awards, Justice O'Donnell has recently received the Outstanding Graduate award from Kent State in 2005 and the Alumnus of the Year award in 2004 from St. Edward High School.

Justice Terrence O'Donnell resides in Rocky River with his wife, Mary Beth. Together, they have 4 adult children – Terrence and Michael, attorneys; Colleen, a third year law student; and Nora, an English teacher working on her master's degree.

For more information, please visit www.justiceodonnell.com or at 614.228.2481.

**For more information on
these and other Republican
candidates please visit
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Mary Taylor for Auditor of State of Ohio



For State Representative Mary Taylor, family comes first. After family though, comes her commitment to public service.

Her passion for service to her community began within the Springfield Township school system. It carried over to her post-secondary life at the University of Akron where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and later her Master's Degree in Taxation. As a CPA, Taylor excelled at her first job with Deloitte and Touche. After becoming a Senior Tax Consultant, she joined the Akron-based CPA firm of Bober, Markey, Fedorovich & Company as the director of the firm's tax department.

Taylor began her career in public office as a city council member in the city of Green. She quickly realized her passion for assisting constituents and advocating issues for her community and decided to seek election to the Ohio House of Representatives in 2002. Her platform of reduced government through comprehensive tax reform and reduced spending won the normally heavily Democratic seat. During her term, Taylor served as a member of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee in addition to passing legislation that strengthened corporate accountability. With a record of rational decision-making and conservative values, Taylor won re-election in 2004. If elected State Auditor, Taylor would be the first CPA to ever hold office and will use her experience to reduce waste, fraud, and government abuse in a bid to protect tax dollars. She is committed to fiscal restraint and as Auditor of State, she would seek out mismanagement in order to realize better efficiencies with taxpayer dollars.

For more information, please visit www.citizensformarytaylor.com or contact Mary by email at info@citizensformarytaylor.com.



Young Republicans: Iraq Delegation

By: Matthew Abens, Secretary of the Greater Cleveland Young Republicans

On May 30, Lisa Stickan, Matthew Abens, Brandon Davis, and Christopher Corrigan of the Greater Cleveland Young Republicans had the privilege, along with four Young Democrats, of participating in a discussion with a delegation from Iraq on the political process and current situation confronting the Iraqi government.

The event, held at the Middle Eastern Restaurant in downtown Cleveland, was extremely intriguing. The Iraqis displayed a fierce conviction for their love of democracy and the role Iraq has, and will continue to play, in the War on Terror. Mr. Samir Mohammed Khidhir Al-Sadoon, the Director General of the National Security Council, stated, "If Iraq has been chosen as the battlefield for the War on Terror, then we accept that burden."

It was clear from the discussion that the Iraqis support and appreciate the GOP position for the War on Terror. Urging the Democrats in attendance to pledge their support in fighting terrorism and assisting the Iraqis with their newly formed government, Mr. Ali Abdulazeez Marzah, the Advisor to the Minister of Civilian Affairs, reminded the group that for every dollar the U.S. puts into the war in Iraq, it saves Ohio and the rest of the nation millions more that would otherwise be lost if another terrorist attack were to occur on U.S. soil.

The Iraqi delegation, rounded out by Mr. Hamza Shareef Hasan (Senior Director of the Iraqi National Security Council); Ms. Suuad Abbas Salman (City Councilwoman in Sadr); and Mr. Mahfood Munem Satay (Mayor of Ain Al-Tamur, who is also the youngest mayor in Iraq) were compelling reminders that the Bush Administration should continue to remain strong and stay the course in Iraq.

Upcoming Events

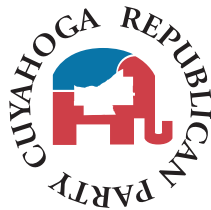
2006 RPCC PICNIC

Sunday July 9th

Jacobs Field

11:00am-1:00pm Picnic

1:05pm Cleveland Indians vs. Baltimore Orioles



Tickets are \$24.00/person Included in the price is an all you can eat buffet consisting of BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Chicken, Hot Dogs, Rigatoni, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Pepsi Products.

Call RPCC HQ at 216.621.5415 for more information

Blackwell Reception

On Saturday, May 20th, we had the privilege of having our gubernatorial candidate J. Kenneth Blackwell in Cleveland for a reception at County headquarters. It was a great kickoff for the November election efforts. The rousing speech excited the 100 attendees who enjoyed food and fun.



For more information on gubernatorial candidate Ken Blackwell, visit www.kenblackwell.com

The Young Republicans National Convention in Cleveland is from July 6-9



Contact Lisa Stickan at attystickan@aol.com for details.

For complete information on any event or an article in our quarterly newsletter, please visit

www.cuyahogacountygop.com