



Kane County RCC

7 p.m. March 1/April 5
Headquarters
2901 W. Main St., St. Charles

Aurora Township

7 p.m. March 4/April 1
Patrick's Fine Food & Spirits
1941 W. Galena Blvd., Aurora

Batavia Township

7 p.m. March 8/April 12
Panera Bread
154 W Wilson St., Batavia

Campton Township

7:30 p.m. April 7
Campton Township Community
Center,
5N082 Old La Fox Road

Dundee Township

7 p.m. March 11/April 8
West Dundee Public Safety
building #2, SW corner of Route
72 and Carrington,
mile east of Randall Road

Elgin Township

7 p.m. March 16/April 20
Elgin Township building
729 S. Mclean Blvd., Elgin

Geneva Township

6:30 p.m. March 11/April 8
Houlihans, Geneva Commons

St. Charles Township

9 a.m. March 20/April 17
National City Bank, 2600 E Main
St. (Route 64), St. Charles

Western Township

7 p.m. March 18/April 15
Blackberry Township Hall, Main
Street, east of Route 47 on north
side of the road

From the Chairman

The Primary Election is behind us, and we have new and returning committeemen willing to lead the charge in helping Republicans win in the General Election.

This year will be pivotal for Kane County and the state of Illinois. Holding grudges won't work to fix the problems that face us. Those that preach hatred will only destroy themselves in the end. You are all part of a team, the Republican team. The task ahead is daunting but, as a team, we can bring Illinois back to the glorious state we all know it is capable of being. We have many outstanding Republican candidates on the ballot – from Congress to County Board.

You have supported the candidate of your choice in the Republican Primary. Now it is time to come together in the General Election to take back Illinois from Democrat control! We must focus on developing a unified message while remaining true to our core values of low taxes, personal and fiscal responsibility, limited government, traditional family values and a strong national security.

The Kane County Republican Party has accomplished so much, including:

- Creating a centralized database system
- Moving into a more spacious office with high visibility
- Holding the first Gubernatorial candidate forum in Illinois
- Organizing two very successful fundraising events
- Moving the Fall Roundup to a new location
- Continuing to bring in new supporters of the Party

Our mission is clear. On to a Republican victory in 2010.

Kane County Republican Central Committee, 2901 W. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174

Chairman
Mike Kenyon

1st Vice Chair
Jim Mitchell

2nd Vice Chair
Ken Shepro

Secretary
Lynda Fernow

Treasurer
Mitch Belon



Call of the Committee

Precinct Committeemen from across Kane County will come together on **Wednesday, March 3**, to elect a Party Chairman and Secretary, and a State Central Committee representative. Doors for the County Convention will open at 6 p.m. at Riverside Receptions, 35 N. River Lane in Geneva. The meeting will convene at 7 p.m.

Candidates who have announced an interest in Party Chairman are Mike Kenyon and Drew Frasz. Lynda Fernow has announced her intent to run for Secretary.

Five candidates filed an intent to run for the role of 14th District State Central Committeeman: Jack Cunningham, Andy Kaczmarek, Jim Oberweis, Connie von Keudell and Gabriela Wyatt. State Central Committee candidates were invited to submit information about their candidacy. Their responses are below and on the following pages.

Andy Kaczmarek

I have been happily married to my wife for over 11 years and we have two beautiful daughters in elementary school.

I believe if elected I can increase the communication within the party, help good candidates get elected, work with county chairmen or chairwomen to raise money and get people energized. We need balance and unity within the party and with hard work and devotion I feel together this can be accomplished.

As a Precinct Committeemen I have assisted candidates during their campaign by passing out signs, flyers, having a community event. Before I was elected as a Trustee for the Village of Montgomery I started a newsletter. I distribute the newsletter at the end of every month to notify the people what is happening within the community, state, and federal level.

If anybody wishes to contact me they can call me either at home, 630-801-1582, or on my cell phone at 630-740-9203.

Connie von Keudell

Connie has decided not to run for the State Central Committee position. Instead, she asks her supporters to cast their vote for Jim Oberweis.



Aurora Township

Chairman: Greg Meyers
Vice President: Penny Falcon
Secretary: Lindsey Timm
Treasurer: Frances Shaw

Batavia Township

Chairman: Ellen Nottke
Vice Chairman: Leigh Tracy
Secretary: Bob Graham
Treasurer: Andrew Kissamis
www.bataviatownship2009.com

Campton Township

Chairman: Barb Wojnicki
Vice Chairman: Dick Johannsen
Secretary: Sam Gallucci
Treasurer: Alan Rottman

Dundee Township

Chairman: John Fahy
Vice Chairman: George Johnson
Secretary: Belva Thomas
Treasurer: Mike Bielak

Elgin Township

Chairman: Mike Kenyon
1st Vice Chair: Bob Follman
2nd Vice Chair: Dave Rickert
Secretary: John Juergensmeyer
Treasurer: Annette Miller

Geneva Township

Chairman: Mark Wissing
Vice Chairman: Scott Queen
Secretary: Denise LaCure
Treasurer: Mitch Belon

St. Charles Township

Chairman: Ken Shepro
Vice Chairman: John Barsanti
Secretary: Mark Armstrong
Treasurer: Nabi Fakroddin

Western Township

Chairman: TR Smith
Vice Chairman: Connie von Keudell
Secretary: Dennis Ryan
Treasurer: Bill Keck

Jim Oberweis

Candidate for Republican State Central Committee

My first involvement as a Republican was in 1964, when I worked on the Barry Goldwater campaign. Jack Cunningham got me involved in his Congressional race in the 1970's. I was the youngest elected member of the Kane County Central Committee at the time. Many years passed until I again got actively involved as a candidate, running two years ago as the Republican nominee for the 14th Congressional District.

I have served on the Illinois Republican Finance Committee, whose job it is to raise funds for Illinois Republican candidates; was one of the first members of the Kane County Republican Advisory Council, whose job it is to raise funds for county candidates; and, for the last four years, have been secretary of the United Republican Fund, whose job it is to support conservative Republican candidates. I currently serve on the board of the Northern Illinois Food Bank and on their capital campaign to build a new, larger facility in Geneva to support our service to over 61,000 different people each week through our network of food pantries and youth nutrition sites.

I believe my experience as an independent voice on several corporate boards, as well as charitable boards, has given me the experience to be an independent voice of the board of our state party, the State Central Committee (SCC). As a member, I will propose that our county chairmen vote only their own precincts for SCC candidates, rather than all unfilled precincts, which distorts the democratic process. An alternative would be to go to direct election of the SCC (SB 600).

I will also propose that SCC members not be elected officials at the county, state or district level and if an SCC member becomes an elected official, he or she should resign their SCC position. The SCC is the governing body of our state party. Elected officials have an obligation to serve the voters in their chosen office and avoid the conflict or even the appearance of conflict as an SCC board member.

I further pledge that I will seek one or, at most, two terms on the SCC. If I haven't been able to bring reform and change to our party in that time, then someone else should have a chance to do so. Lastly, I pledge to do my best to communicate what is going on in our state party to county chairmen and township chairmen.



Gabriela Wyatt

Candidate for Republican State Central Committee

I will be a strong advocate for the 14th Congressional District because I have worked with you shoulder-to-shoulder to build a stronger Republican Party in Kane County.

I can talk about Republicans in Kane County walking in parades in the rain, because I have been there. I can talk about our commitment to outreach in Kane County because I have been involved in outreach to Hispanics and women across the county through forums and debates, and at booths and festivals. I have spoken with the growing number of people who stopped in Republican booths in Geneva, and at the Kane County Fair and other venues. We have a lot to be proud of and people are taking notice. Our candidates now draw wall-to-wall people at debates and forums, whether it is in Campton, Aurora or Geneva.

Alongside you I collected 1,100 petition signatures last year for candidates at all levels; and together we saw the sun rise in Elgin, Geneva and Aurora while campaigning for our candidates in train stations. I can talk about the successful Republican events organized by our Townships, because I have been there, from enjoying pork chops in Western Townships to spaghetti dinners in Batavia.

Who can forget our Lincoln and Salute dinners in Dundee, Elgin and Aurora; the annual GOP golf outing in St Charles; and our outstanding Family Day in St. Charles last fall? I have enjoyed attending every single event, listening to our achievements and meeting candidates.

In the 14th Congressional District, there are Republicans ready to stand for the values of the Republican Party, ready to work, ready to win. And if you elect me, I will advocate at the State and National level for the resources we need to win in November.

We have great candidates running for the State Central Committee in the 14th Congressional District. But I can assure you, none of them will outwork me!

IFRW to Host Spring Conference in Galena

The rich cultural history of Galena will serve as a colorful backdrop when Republican women from all over Illinois head to the destination spot for the Spring Conference of the Illinois Federation of Republican Women.

The conference will be held on **Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24**, at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa.

Early registration for the event is \$90 and must be received by April 10. Friday VIP reception and dinner tickets only are \$45. Saturday conference and luncheon tickets are \$50. Eagle Ridge is offering a special room rate for attendees.

To learn more and print out a registration form, go to www.ifrw.org.

Young Rs to Host a Bag and Brew

The Kane County Young Republicans will do their part for hunger by bagging meals from 6 to 8 p.m. **Thursday, March 18**, at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, 600 Industrial Drive in St. Charles.

The group will retire to McNally's Irish Pub at 201 E. Main St. in St. Charles at 8 p.m. Remember to wear your YR T-shirt.



BTRs to Host Spaghetti Dinner

Wind some spaghetti around your fork and help support the Batavia Township Republicans at their annual spaghetti dinner will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, May 12**, at Riverside Banquets, Route 25 in Batavia. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, lemonade and coffee. Cash Bar.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$30 for a family of four. Sponsorships are available. Call 630-973-8814.

Senate Committee To Host Springfield Reception

The Republican State Senate Campaign Committee will host its annual Springfield Reception on **Monday, March 8**, at The Inn at 835, 835 S. 2nd St. in Springfield. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$250 per person. Sponsorships are available. Contact Roxanne at 217-787-7550 or by email at rowens@ilsenategop.com.

Check it out!

The Batavia Township Republicans have a new website: www.bataviatownshiprepublicans.com

Republican Women Head to Springfield for Legislation Day

Plan on joining Republican women from across Illinois as they come to Springfield for the IFRW 2010 Legislation Day. Organized by the Illinois Federation of Republican Women, the event begins with women meeting at the State Capitol rotunda closest to the House side at 10:30 a.m., **Wednesday, March 17**. From there, they will observe legislators in session in the House and the Senate.

Following session, they will meet in Illinois House Minority Leader Tom Cross' office for lunch, then trek over to Illinois Senate Minority Leader Christine Rodogno's office for dessert. Afterwards, they will head to the Abraham Lincoln Museum, at 212 N. Sixth St., to enjoy the exhibits there. Admission fee: \$5.50.

To confirm attendance, email Carol Hornickle at carol.h@ifrw.org. Include a cell phone number and indicate if tickets will be needed for the museum tour. RSVPs needed by March 15.

Have You Signed the Illinois Fair Map Amendment?

A half-million signatures are needed by April 1 in order to bring the Fair Map Amendment to a vote in Springfield. The amendment will place the decision of redistricting in the hands of an independent commission. To learn more, go to www.ilfairmap.com.



Kane GOP's Extra Muscle

Young Republicans

For meeting dates, contact Cody McCubbin by email at cody@kaneyoungrepublicans.com

Elgin Republican Women

For meeting dates, contact Jo Ann Armenta at 1-847-888-1844 or online at joann_armenta@att.net

GSB Republican Women

For meeting dates, contact Angela Kane at 630-208-1250 or angelakane@ameritech.net

Aurora Republican Women

For meeting dates, contact Stephanie Navarro at 630-661-9326 or online at stephikay@sbcglobal.net

Kane County RNHA

For meeting dates, contact Gabriela Wyatt at 630-772-6436 or online at gwyatt7@yahoo.com

Kane County Republican Advisory Council

To learn more, go to www.kanegop.org/kcrac.html

The Trunk is compiled by Penny Falcon. To submit information for consideration, email pennyfalcon@sbcglobal.net

Candidates come together for the Party

GOP candidates and supporters from across Kane County came together on Feb. 6 as a show of solidarity for the Republican Party. Organized by the Kane County Young Republicans, in conjunction with Aurora Republican Women and the Kane County Chapter of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, the event drew almost 200 people and nearly every Kane County GOP candidate.



Randy Hultgren and Ethan Hastert

The highlight of the breakfast was when 14th US Congressional District candidate Ethan Hastert pledged his full support toward the Primary winner, Randy Hultgren. His announcement drew a standing ovation and kind words from Randy and the crowd in attendance. Hastert vowed to help Hultgren wrest the seat from Bill Foster, and has already begun campaigning with Hultgren across the 14th District.

The event was sponsored by the Kane County Republican Advisory Council and the Kane County Republican Central Committee.

Illinois College Republicans to Hold Convention in Chicago

The 2010 Annual Convention of the Illinois College Republican Federation will be held **Friday and Saturday, April 16-17**, at the Marriott Downtown Chicago Magnificent Mile; 540 N. Michigan Ave.

Registration is \$25 for students; \$60 for non-students. Lunch is included in the registration price. For reservations, call 800-228-9290. Mention the Illinois College Republicans.



2010 Kane County GOP Pins Now Available



The Kane County Republican Central Committee is now taking orders for the 2010 collectible pin.

Pins are \$20 each.

To purchase a pin, call the KCRCC office at 630-443-3600 or email director@kanegop.org.

Super Platinum Member
Doug Whitley

Aurora Republican Women Offer 2010 Mary Richards Scholarship

The Aurora Republican Women's Organization will award at least one scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a Kane County woman who will be attending college in 2010-2011.

The scholarship honors longtime member and community activist, Mary Richards, of Aurora. Mary, a graduate of the Northwestern School of Nursing, served on the Kane County Board for 24 years. She was integral in the formation of the county's Health Department and the development of its prenatal care program. A former president of the Aurora Republican Women's Organization, Mary was active in the Republican Party and a strong advocate of voter registration. She passed away in 2007.

In order to be eligible for the award, candidates must be:

- Female
- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of Kane County, Illinois

In addition, candidates must:

- Be enrolled in a two-year or four-year college located in Illinois
- Be active in campus and/or community activities
- Submit a copy of their most recent grade reports, including GPA

Candidates also must submit a written essay of 500 words or less, on the following topic: "I'm interested in better government practices because... All applications must be accompanied by a letter of reference from at least one elected Republican official.

Applications may be sent to Penny Falcon, 383 West Park Ave., Aurora, IL 60506 or emailed to pennyfalcon@sbcglobal.net. They will be received until **April 15, 2010**. Recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee and announced in May 2010.

Questions, call Penny Falcon at 630-254-8291.



I Give Republican Red

Republicans all over Illinois will be rolling up their sleeves and donating blood this June as part of the "I Give Republican Red" campaign. Working with the Red Cross, the Coalitions have identified several sites in the state that will host blood drives.

Already signed on are Aurora, Chicago, Champaign, Peoria, Springfield and Murphysboro. Dates have yet to be finalized. The summer months present a challenge to the Red Cross because student donors are out of college.

Coordinators for Aurora are Gabriela Wyatt and Penny Falcon.

GOP seeks Facebook codewriters

GOP.com is officially recruiting volunteer coders to work with their API. If you write in PHP (the base code of Facebook), and develop applications they approve of and use at GOP.com, you will be eligible to join the Founder's Club, the team that starts-up the first open API effort for any major political party.

Members of the Founder's Club will enjoy direct access to the RNC's new media and technology teams, product previews and will also visit regularly with RNC Chairman, Michael Steele.

Go to www.gop.com, and access the ACT! Folder/Code for America to learn more.



The Kane County Chapter of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Illinois will host its annual Cinco de Mayo fiesta on **Wednesday, May 5.**

Location and details to come.

Sponsorships available. Call Gabriela Wyatt at 630-772-6436.

SAVE THE DATE

The Kane County Young Rs will host their first Pub Crawl on **Saturday, May 15** in St. Charles.

They'll be walking to numerous pubs in downtown SC, meeting new people and spreading the word about the group, as well as the up-and-coming elections.

To volunteer, email garrett@kaneyoungrepublicans.com.

Show your Republican red colors at the Batavia Loyalty Day Parade on **Sunday, May 2.**

The Batavia Township Republican Organization will have a spot in the parade. All candidates and their supporters are invited to join them.

Call Ellen for more details, 630-973-8814.



Greetings from our National Committeewoman

It is a very exciting time to be a Republican! There have been a lot of good things going on this year for Republicans all over the nation. Scott Brown's victory in Massachusetts, an overwhelmingly Democrat state whose people were fed up with the way the Democrats were running things, is a bell-weather for what can happen here in Illinois.

As you are probably aware, the RNC held its winter meeting recently and it was a great meeting with lots of enthusiasm. Many good things were accomplished. Several important resolutions were passed. As you may be aware, these resolutions articulate our Republican Platform. To learn more, go to www.gop.com.

Yes, I believe we can begin winning again.

We in Illinois believe that Mark Kirk has an outstanding shot at winning Obama's old Senate seat. We also believe we can pick up at least two to three congressional seats as well as the governor's mansion and numerous other state offices.

I was asked by Chairman Michael Steele to suggest a location where the RNC summer meeting should be held. I had no hesitation in recommending Illinois - specifically Chicago - the hometown of "you know who". This would send a powerful message to Obama and his Chicago Democratic cohorts only weeks before the election that we Republicans are unafraid and are ready to challenge them on their own turf! The final decision on this is expected in late spring.

We need to go back to our roots - grassroots. Elections are won on the ground!

There have been a multitude of coalitions that have and will contribute to the success and future success of the Republican Party. Many of these coalitions share common beliefs and interests that the Republican Party also holds dear - "bread and butter" issues - such as healthcare, the economy, education, energy, and government reform.

These "ISSUES THAT UNITE US" will be the driving force behind these coalitions and campaigns across Illinois. Chairman Pat Brady asked me to lead the coalition effort here in Illinois. As such I have put together the Illinois Coalition Leadership Team. This has been created to build a robust volunteer base by creating a structure around established coalitions to maximize their effectiveness, equip them with skills, provide networking opportunities, and to establish an effective conduit to the Republican Party.

I am getting considerable support from the RNC, including resources, for this Illinois effort and because of this I am making this my major priority for the near term.

Demetra DeMonte, Illinois National Committeewoman