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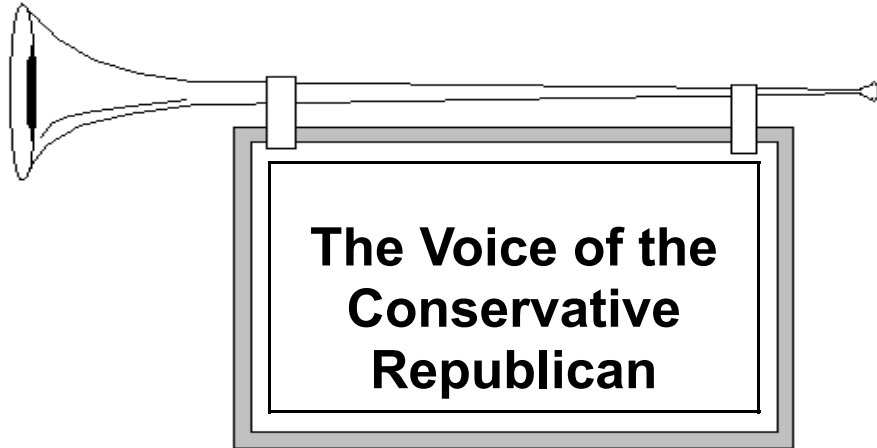
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**For if the
TRUMPET
give an
uncertain
sound, who
shall prepare
himself to the
battle?**

1 Cor. 14:8



ICRC Elects Diersen Officer

At the first Steering Committee meeting of the Illinois Center Right Coalition (ICRC), July 12, the Committee elected TAPROOT's **Dave Diersen** as Treasurer. **Diersen** serves as the Illinois Editor of GOPUSA.com and a Director of the TAPROOT Republicans of Illinois,

The Committee elected Pat O'Malley Chairman. O'Malley is a State Senator and ran in an unsuccessful campaign for Governor of Illinois. O'Malley appointed Diersen to serve as the Chairman of the organization's fundraising and finance committee.

Other officers elected were **Vice-Chairman Joe Wiegand** of Family Taxpayers Network, **Secretary Fran Eaton**, Managing Editor of *IllinoisLeader.com* and immediate past president of Eagle Forum of Illinois, and **Executive Director Lidia Downs**, also of Family Taxpayers Network.

Senator Chris Lauzen will host the next ICRC Steering Committee meeting from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on August 9 at the Prisco Community Center, 150 West Illinois Street, Aurora. Send RSVPs and suggested agenda items to Lidia Downs at mail@thechampion.org.

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**Joe Birkett
at TAPROOT Picnic
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TAPROOT Hosts Candidates

Chirinjeev Kathuria

Republican U.S. Senate Candidate Chirinjeev Kathuria spoke to TAPROOT's monthly breakfast meeting on June, 21. There he set forth his theme that America has treated him well, and in gratitude he desires to serve his country in return.

As a successful businessman in many ventures, he explained that running for office represents a substantial loss in time spent away from work and in money. He estimated the combined value of the businesses he founded and built amount to around \$1 billion.

Kathuria arrived in DuPage County at 18 months of age, graduated Valedictorian from Downers Grove North High School, earned an M.D. degree, and said that he believes in the American Dream. He found America "accepting and tolerant".

He applauded President George Bush's tax relief legislation because this country finds itself now in "economic distress". Small businesses account for the majority of the employment. Yet they suffers from double taxation. "Don't raise taxes in Illinois," he warned.

His own efforts at business have resulted in job creation. His company saved 500 jobs by buying a distressed company.

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As a Sikh, a people having a long tradition of military service in India, Kathuria endorsed the war on terror and a fully funded the military, especially research on drones and submarines.

As a physician, he recognized the importance of health care issues. His company helped the Swedes transition to a private system, which is similar to the HMO idea in the U.S.

He endorsed vouchers for the public school system and the idea that it should be run as a business. He had no objections to allowing students to practice their different faiths.

Kathuria emphasized that he would vote against partial birth abortion but did endorse the use of RU 486, an abortifacient, in cases of rape.

He did not think that his ethnicity would necessarily be a political liability, even though he has a dark complexion, wears a turban and a full beard. He almost guaranteed that, should he be elected in the primary, he will become the topic of dinner conversation. Indians, he said, strongly favor family values and constitute the most prosperous of the ethnic groups, surpassing, for example, Jews. Although Indians vote 62% Democrat, he expects them to cross-over for his candidacy.

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Andy McKenna

U.S. Senate candidate Andy McKenna told the group at the TAPROOT breakfast meeting, July 19, that he is having fun. He started with a joke that sounded like a slam against the liberal media.

As his teenaged son read the paper, the boy exclaimed, "Why is this news?" The newspaper printed an interview wherein the writer pronounced McKenna to be a boring candidate. "Why is that news?" the son asked. "Everyone already knows that you are boring."

The candidate told a story about a cab driver from Africa who reflected McKenna's own views on America, a place that "God has blessed," a place of freedom to pursue the desire to build a better life.

He noted that the U.S. economy is changing. "More people are working in government now than in manufacturing." Consequently McKenna supports innovation and President Bush's tax cut package. "We need capital to invest in new ideas," he said. He also wants to eliminate the death taxes.

The candidate believes that foreign trade should be fair trade. He wants Illinois to export products abroad not jobs. He explained how inattention to treaty obligations has put Russia in a competitive advantage regarding the price of natural gas. High prices in the U.S. have driven businesses to Russia which has drastically cheaper prices for natural gas. "Our country did not hold Russia to making trade fair," he charged.

He does not support homosexual "marriage" but wants to see the wording of any constitutional amendment protecting marriage before commenting on the subject. He also favors tax credits to help parents exercise their choice of schools.

McKenna is President of Schwarz Paper Company and has served on the board of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, the Cardinal's Big Shoulders Fund and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. Contact: www.mckennaforsenate.com. Ω

Don't miss TAPROOT's *famous picnic*

Sunday, August 10, 2003, 2—5pm

Special Guest: DuPage State's Attorney, Joe Birkett
(Senate candidates have been invited.)

Location: Twin Lakes Woods in Westmont, roughly between Fairview Ave. on the West and Cass Ave. on the east, on 55th St. at Williams St. (For more info, call George, 630-393-6401)

Bring food and some to share. We'll supply soft drinks, charcoal, ice, cups and utensils. Bring some lawn chairs, too. Everyone Welcome!

Don't forget about Sen. Lauzen's **9th Annual PORKY PICNIC from 4PM to 8PM**
Where: Blackberry Farm's Pioneer Village, 100 South Barnes Rd in Aurora
(Galena & Barnes Rd, just west of Orchard Rd in Aurora)
Cost: \$25 person; \$35 couple; \$50 family
RSVP, questions call 630-264-2419

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TAPROOT's Annual Christmas Extravaganza.....Dec. 7

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Grove, IL 60515.

Fourth Senate Candidate to Speak to TAPROOT

TAPROOT Hears Jack Ryan's Appeal

Jack Ryan spoke as the next guest at the breakfast meeting in Lombard at the Old Country Buffet, July 19. Also a candidate for the U.S. Senate, he spoke of "TAPROOT" as supplying nourishment, an anchor and conscience of the Republican Party.

He graduated from St. Joe's grammar school in Wilmette, went on to Harvard Business school and Law school. He helped man a refugee camp in Texas. The refugees came from unstable places in South America where Communists created turmoil.

He served as a partner in the banking firm of Goldman and Sachs. He gave up a lucrative career in finance to teach inner city boys history and English at Hales-Franciscan H.S. The high school, receiving no government aid, shows the potential for private schooling and achievement for inner city youth. Most of its graduates go on to college.

Yet, Ryan pointed out that when he applied to teach in the Chicago public school system, the administration turned him down because he did not have a teaching certificate.

"There is no reason to be here (at the meeting) than the ideas," he said. "We can make a difference—the only reason to run for public office."

"The world has changed," Ryan declared, "while the government has not kept up. You can't wait to be attacked anymore. We must attack them first," he explained, referring to the terrorist attack of 9/11.

The candidate wants small government and praised President Bush for cutting taxes. The free-est economy is the best, he said. He also called the capital gains tax an oxymoron.

Taxing something is how one get less of it. More capital means more jobs.

Ryan complained about spending on international agencies like NATO, \$20-40 billion. The U.S. is, after all these years, still subsidizing European defense—"while they trade against us." South Korea gets \$150 billion for its defense.

Concerning education, he reminded his audience that jobs at places like U.S. Steel no longer exist. The public schools have to adapt and parents need a choice. So, he also supports school vouchers.

He noted that homosexuals want protection of their privacy but demand that their unions be recognized publicly through legal mechanisms like registries. He further complained that the legal system discourages marriage through a discriminatory tax system.

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