

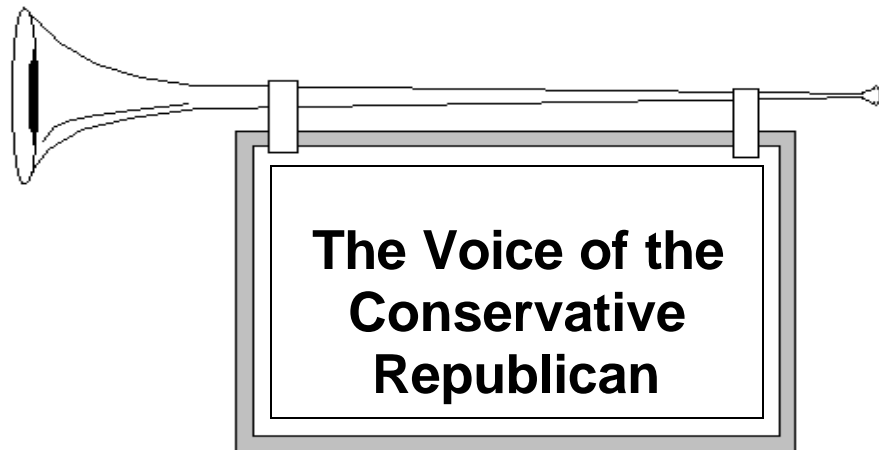
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**For if the
TRUMPET
give an
uncertain
sound, who
shall prepare
himself to the
battle?**

1 Cor. 14:8



ICRC Co-Hosts Christmas Party

by George Kocan

Election

We look forward to our annual Christmas party, December 11, where we meet with old friends and talk politics with Republican candidates and other political activists. The Party has also become a convenient time in which to hold elections for our officers and board of directors. We will need to replace George Kocan, Chairman, and Art Thede, Director.

Art Thede passed away in October. George Kocan's term will be up in December. We will take nominations from the floor to fill the various offices: First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Renew Membership

Please do not forget to bring a checkbook, since we renew our memberships at this time, too. We offer a full year membership to the entire family for only \$25 per year. Remember, ours is an activist group that works in your community. We are not a remote mail-order operation in Washington, D.C. Of course, there is nothing wrong with raising funds and lobbying in Washington, but it is not the same as doing battle on the home-front.

Co-Host ICRC

We expect a bigger and better Party this year because the Illinois Center Right Coalition (ICRC) will co-host the event with TAPROOT. Many of us already know each other, and so the Party will present us with the opportunity to widen our circle of friends and influence.

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ART THEDE RIP

We mourn the passing of TAPROOT director Art Thede, of Woodridge. He came on board about five years ago and proved himself to be a generous and stalwart exponent of conservative values. He will be missed.

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Candidates Want Conservative Vote

Mike Fortner

The Mayor of West Chicago, Mike Fortner, explained how he applied conservative principles to running his city's services, at TAPROOT's monthly breakfast meeting, October 15.

Fortner has thrown his hat into the political ring as a Republican candidate for State Representative in the 95th district. He hopes to fill the seat vacated by the current State Representative, Randy Hultgren. Hultgren is campaigning to fill the seat left vacant by Peter Roskam, who hopes to replace retiring Henry Hyde in the 6th Congressional District.

Fortner succeeded during his tenure as mayor in lowering both the tax rates and dollar amount of taxes relying on conservative principles. He reviewed the list of services that the city provided and determined which

ones could be privatized, for example, civil engineering and brush pick-up services.

West Chicago also went directly to local businesses and asked them, "What do you need?" The answer was, "Get rid of the bureaucracy." Fortner emphasized an attitude of service among the city staff. The result was the movement of new businesses into the city.

With Hispanics making up 47% of the population in West Chicago, the city experienced unusual pressures. Fortner recognized that they have a family centered culture. He hired a translator and wrote up pamphlets explaining that the irresponsible behaviors of some hurt the whole community. The program worked.

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We are grateful for last year's turnout which included our Republican friends like Jim Oberweis, Steve Rauschenberger, and Mary Alice Erickson.

By-Law Changes

The end of the year is also a good time to consider any revisions to our by-laws. These can be accessed from our website (www.taprootgop.org). Of particular importance are the items pertaining to elections of officers. These can be simplified and brought up to date. #

TAPROOT's Next Breakfast Meeting

**Mark Aguilera, Communications Director,
National Republican Hispanic, Assembly of Illinois.....November 19**

Mark Aguilera, an information technology consultant, works as a project manager for a Swiss investment bank. In politics, besides NRHA, he worked precincts for Alan Keyes and has membership in GOPUSA.

Saturday, November 19, 2005

8:00 am, the talk starts at 8:30 am
Old Country Buffet, 551 East Roosevelt Rd., Lombard (630-916-8808),
in the High Point Shopping Center, south side of Roosevelt Rd.,
about 5 stop-lights west of Route 83.

Christmas PartyDecember 11

Time: 2 – 5 pm; **Place:** Orchard Brook Club House, 1089 W. 35th St., near the intersection of Highland Ave. and 35th St. in Downers Grove, IL. If you take I-88, you can turn off on Highland and go south. As you turn west onto 35th St. from Highland, the first building that you see on the south side of the street is the club house. You will also see a swimming pool and a large parking lot. Bring your own snacks, adult beverages and something to share. We will supply coffee and drinks. *Bring a guest!*

No breakfast meeting in December.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Yearly membership in TAPROOT is \$25. Enclosed is my application for membership with \$25 ____.

Enclosed is a donation of \$500__ \$100__ \$50__ \$25__ \$15__ \$10__ for the expenses incurred by TAPROOT's many activities. The donation entitles you to an annual subscription to the *Trumpet*. Make your check out to TAPROOT REPUBLICANS OF ILLINOIS and send it to PO Box 643, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Bishops Ask Catholics to Help Democrats

by George Kocan

Now that November is upon us, Catholics will hear a sermon in church, the weeks before Thanksgiving, that they should give money to the CCHD. In my mind, this stands for the "Catholic Campaign to Help Democrats" although most people think it stands for the "Catholic Campaign for Human Development". This scheme is only Catholic to the extent that Catholics pay for it.

According to its own rules, the CCHD does not feed anyone, nor clothe anyone, nor give anyone shelter. The purpose is "structural change". Catholic money goes to organizations like the Alinsky inspired ACORN, in which the likes of Hillary Clinton learned her trade. CCHD gave ACORN a million dollars some years ago. ACORN, of course, agitates for structural changes like raising the minimum wage but does nothing to protect innocent life in the womb.

Most noteworthy is that CCHD does not give money to pro-life groups. It gave no money to Joe Scheidler's Pro-Life Action League. Scheidler is still in court fighting against accusations that he is a racketeer under RICO statutes. Certainly, PAL trains people to make structural changes in society, but that does not count, apparently, with CCHD leadership.

A recent survey found that 75% of the Catholic priests in Chicago vote Democrat. They vote for a party whose agenda involves the aggressive promotion of abortion, pornography, homosexuality and other social evils. This is not the Democrat Party of the past, which purported to protect the rights of workers, many of whom were Catholic ethnics. In other words, the agenda of groups like ACORN is not Catholic,

even though some of its goals coincide with Catholic teachings.

A goal to make the U.S. over into an atheist state where religious expression is suppressed, where the state destroys family-life based on marriage, where the state takes over the rearing of children to make immorality universal, where the state aggressively undermines the theological virtue of Charity, is not a Catholic goal.

I have more to say on this, but you get the idea. I am willing to send by e-mail anyone my 4-page newsletter, "*Imprimatur*", on this subject where my points are elaborated. Contact me at GeoKcn@Juno.com.

Simply, inform your Catholic friends and tell them not to give one penny to the CCHD. #

Candidates, con'd from page 2

Sandy Wegman

The only woman in the Republican primary (so far) is Sandy Wegman, Elgin, who is running for Lt. Governor. She currently serves as Kane County's Recorder of Deeds.

She complained to TAPROOT that the Republican Party is run by RINO's (Republiclans In Name Only) and that they make conservatives, "sit at the back of the bus". Wegman describes herself as a fiscal conservative, pro-Second Amendment, for life, school choice, and tradition marriage. In other words, she supports the Republican platform.

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