

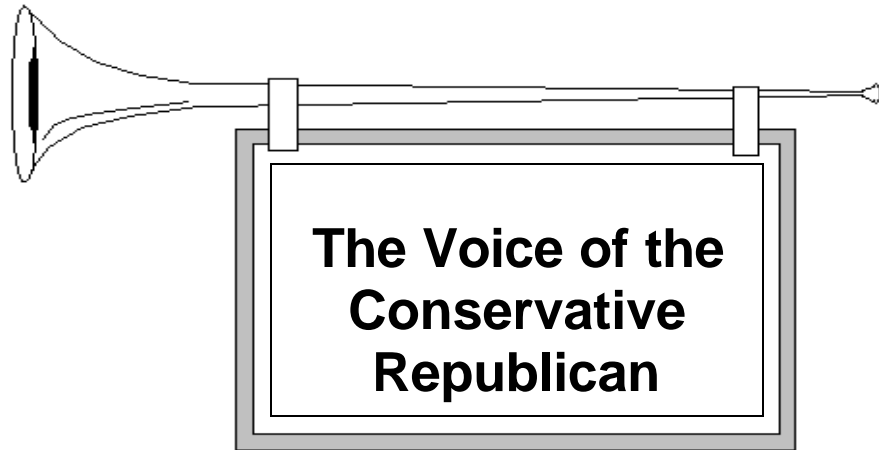
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**For if the
TRUMPET
give an
uncertain
sound, who
shall prepare
himself to the
battle?**

1 Cor. 14:8



Leadership Passes to Diersen

TAPROOT members elected Dave Diersen as their new Chairman at the annual Christmas Party, December 11, 2005, which was co-sponsored with the Illinois Center Right Coalition. He replaced George Kocan whose term had expired.

They also re-elected the officers, with Byrd Parmelee taking over the position of 2nd Vice-Chairman and Jack McInerney moving over to the 1st Vice-Chair. Bob Graham and Carolyn Connell remain in place as Treasurer and Secretary. Elden Brouer, Wheaton, and Charles Johanns, Naperville, were also elected.

Joe Birkett and Jim Breweries addressed the party-goers. See page 3 for a summary of their remarks.

Elected officials and candidates in attendance also included **Scott Bludorn, Wally Brown, Paul Froehlich, Gwen Henry, Joyce Hundhausen, Moon Khan, Bob Shearer, Jon Zahm and Andrea Koshaba.**

Attendees included **Matt Barber, David and Laurel Bowen, Phil Collins, Carolyn Connell, Patricia Garrey, Kathy Gilroy, Versa Gollan, Chris Hage, Tom Hummel, Joe and Carol Jurewicz, George Kocan, Bill Leubscher, Wayne Lela,**

Doug Babitzke, Vern McCarthy, Byrd Parmelee, Mark Pettigrew, Bob Schmidt, Cynthia Schnerder, Craig Simmons, Dr. and Mrs. Dolehide, Jill Stanek, and Rick Veenstra. Special thanks to **Judy Crane Ross** for securing the clubhouse for the party.

Dave Diersen, the new Chairman, recently issued the following statement:

TAPROOT accomplished a lot during 2005 thanks to the efforts of its officers, directors, and members. A special thanks to Chairman **George Kocan** for his outstanding leadership. I look forward to attempting to fill his shoes, but I will need help from everyone, especially from **George**. Many thanks to **Jack McInerney** for his service as TAPROOT's 2nd Vice-Chairman, to **Carolyn Connell** as Secretary, to **Bob Graham** as Treasurer, and to **Elden Brauer, Dennis Driscoll, Rich Johns, and Byrd Parmelee** as Directors.

The TAPROOT Trumpet is one of **George's** many contributions to TAPROOT's success. He writes outstanding articles for it, gathers articles written by others for it, puts it together, gets it printed, mails it, and assures that a copy is posted in PDF format on our website. I am happy to report that George has agreed to serve as TAPROOT's Editor and Director of Communications. TAPROOT's other accomplishments include hosting monthly breakfast meetings at the Old Country
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Immigration Issue Can Deliver a Fatal Shock

by George Kocan

Mark Aguilera, Director of Communications for the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, spoke about immigration issues to TAPROOT at its monthly breakfast meeting, November 19. The group met in Lombard at the Old Country Buffet.

A tall and well-spoken young man, Aguilera said that America accepts more immigrants than any other country on earth. That is what makes it great.

Nevertheless, early during the 20th century, many Americans voiced criticism of the immigration of their day, when millions of people from Italy and Eastern Europe came to the United States. Such critics expressed concern that immigrants would dilute the population of the native stock and thus undermine the cultural basis for its form of government.

Aguilera noted, however, that these immigrants did eventually assimilate. Mexicans, he continued, do not differ from these early groups. Now, they are upwardly mobile; more live in the suburbs than in the city; they enjoy a high rate of home ownership and want safe communities, good jobs and quality education for their kids, just like other Americans. Most Mexicans are socially conservative. They are pro-life and pro-family. They are natural Republicans. Calls to stop all immigration sound too negative, he added.

He advocated some kind of "guest worker program", saying that it would promote the process of integration. Aguilera, on the other hand, had no praise for illegal immigration and specifically criticized the President of Mexico, Vicente Fox, for encouraging Mexicans to cross the U.S. border illegally. Aguilera did note that the immigration issue constituted the "third rail" of modern politics. Whichever side a politician takes, he should expect fatal shock. #



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Christmas Party Sees High Drama

by George Kocan

Two leading Republicans and conservatives addressed the crowd at Taproot's annual Christmas Party, December 11. Joe Birkett, State's Attorney for DuPage County, and candidate for Lt. Governor, came early and mixed with members of both TAPROOT and the Illinois Center Right Coalition, who co-sponsored the event. Jim Oberweis, candidate for Governor, came later along with his famous ice cream.

Attendees had a great opportunity to speak with the candidates one-on-one, hear them address the audience, ask them questions privately and in public, hear them engage in a mini-debate, enjoy delicious food, sign petitions, join TAPROOT and ICRC, pay their TAPROOT membership dues and hear great political humor from Robert Kirkwood.

The party atmosphere eventually gave way to high drama. Political observers by now should know that TAPROOT ("The voice of the Conservative Republican") people do their homework and do not shy from putting candidates' feet to the fire. State Senator Bill Brady, also candidate for Governor, learned about TAPROOT when he addressed TAPROOT a few months ago. Current Chairman of the Illinois Republican Party, Andy McKenna, experienced something similar from TAPROOT when he was running for the U.S. Senate. TAPROOT has a long list of candidates who have come to understand just how serious they are about first principles of governance. It is a pity that the press ignores conservative events like TAPROOT's.

Jim Oberweis

Someone asked Jim Oberweis about his remark comparing the Taliban in Afghanistan to Pro-Lifers here in the U.S. Oberweis explained that the press made the comparison with the Taliban, not he. He has always been a pro-life, he said. At the time, it made sense to him that less government was the way to go across all areas if life not just economics. Since then, he has come to recognize that the right to life required government intervention.

What this exchange shows is that being a Pro-Lifer is not the same as being simply pro-life. Much of the muscle in the Republican Party is made up of Pro-Lifers. These are people who have probed the political and social implications of the Supreme Court's decision to nullify all state's laws banning abortion. They expect a candidate who professes to be pro-life to have the same understanding of the related issues as themselves. For example, do Republicans, of any stripe, really want a Supreme Court to nullify state laws with non-existent or imaginary precedents?

Perhaps, this is asking too much. Oberweis is not a

political scientist. He is a successful businessman who has shown competence in financial management. However, he now appears to have done his own homework and is fully on board with the Pro-Life cause. He has found out who the important players are and has made it a point to court them, appearing at their functions, like Illinois Citizens for Life and TAPROOT.

Oberweis began his speech on a positive note. "The Republican Party is back," he exclaimed. He cited the success of a 22 year old young man in Peoria beating a 6 term incumbent Democrat as well as other successes down state.

The subject then turned to the "Boy Wonder", the current Governor of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich. The man has raided the pensions of Illinois employees and burdened future generations with Democrat debt. He has driven countless jobs out of Illinois. Oberweis gave an example, a trucking company owned by a personal acquaintance. Blagojevich's jump in licensing fees pushed this company over the edge. The owner moved his operation to Missouri, and took some 1000 jobs with it. While the U.S. economy is growing at unprecedented rates, Illinois' economy is drowning.

Then, he pointed to the button on his shirt. "Do you know who they are?" Oberweis asked. It was a picture of the two illegal, alien Hispanics who file suit against him for allegedly cheating them. What made a great story a few weeks ago turned out to be a political smear, a set up. Neither of them worked for the Oberweis dairy company. They did not even work for any of its contractors. They had nothing to do with the Oberweis business. That is a good newspaper story by itself. But, I have yet to see anything in the press correcting the smear that the original story created.

Joe Birkett

The big question of the day--perhaps of the year--was the stunning announcement that Joe Birkett intended to team up with Judy Barr Topinka, the current state treasurer. First, State Senator Steve Rauschenberger announced that he is running for Lt. Governor on a ticket with businessman Ron Gidwitz. Then, to top it, Birkett made his announcement. Nothing in politics seemed to make sense anymore. For years conservatives have been complaining that the Republican hierarchy in Illinois, the so-called "moderates" have been too cozy with the Democrats, too willing to ignore the Republican platform and too willing to minimize the conservative contribution to Republican success.

They did not seem to understand that many Republicans were originally Reagan Democrats. They came over to the Republican Party because the (See page 4)

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Democrat Party abandoned them over bedrock moral issues like institutionalized abortion and homosexuality. The Republican Party is a big tent, and it precariously holds on to voters who really consider themselves independents and Democrats that have no place else to go. So, to have two bright lights in the conservative movement team up with a faction that has no sympathy for conservatives gives all the appearance of a horrendous blunder.

Joe Birkett stepped up to the middle of the room, in front of the Christmas tree and the 8 by 3 foot TAPROOT banner hanging on the wall, and let loose his zingers. He prefaced his remarks by invoking Ronald Reagan's 11th Commandment--a fast ball right over the plate. This commandment forbids a Republican from criticizing another Republican. If there is anyone in the conservative movement who has the moral authority of Moses, it is Ronald Reagan.

Then, Birkett told the crowd about his achievements as the chief prosecutor of DuPage County. Sheriff's organizations from around Illinois have given him awards. He and his staff have won awards from other prosecutors. Just this week, a woman lawyer on his staff won an award. He expressed understandable pride in his record and his willingness to prosecute anyone who damaged the public trust, whether Democrat or Republican.

Then, came another fast ball, just over the outside corner (I paraphrase), 'The fact of the matter is that Judy Barr Topinka will win the primary...you all know that I am pro-life...I have not changed any of my principles.'

Yes, that is the unstated question. Do Republican conservatives go down in flames...again? Or do they win...something. The office of Lt. Governor does not offer much power or glamor. Birkett promised that he will use this office, with the support of Topinka, along with his prosecutorial experience, to bring back good government to Illinois. A win for this office from either Rauschenberger or Birkett would certainly put conservatives in a good political place for higher office, especially, if they fulfill the promise to clean up the corruption in Illinois government. Lt. Governor is not much; yet, lots of candidates seem interested in it.

The fact, which Birkett alluded to, in my opinion, is this: for good or bad, the Republican establishment, the hierarchy that runs the party from Chicago and Springfield, exists. Conservatives cannot ignore it anymore than can the Establishment ignore the conservatives. After all, Topinka is the only state-wide elected Republican in Illinois.

Furthermore, a lot of high ranking Republicans both

in and out of Illinois have taken an interest not only in the race of governor but in Birkett himself. He had a lot to consider in this decision. Then, Andy McKenna, Chairman of the Illinois Republican Party, called him and asked him to run. So did former governor Jim Edgar. He received calls from all over the state, from outside the state and even from Washington.

Then, Oberweis asked THE QUESTION. It was a tough question. It was a question that needed preparation. "I have nothing but the highest respect for you, Joe...but, was there any promise of money from the people that called you...money for the campaign?" Birkett made it clear and unequivocal, there was no money promised.

There is no way around it. Such questions do not presuppose respect. Such a question should have come from a journalist. But, as I indicated before, "mainstream" journalists do not show up at our events. And, when they do, little or nothing is reported. And to be blunt, I do not want them at our events, spinning their stories for Democrat advantage.

Joe Birkett may not recognize it, but Jim Oberweis did him a big favor by asking that question, because political observers and activists are more than willing to conjure up and answer such questions in their own minds. What begins as speculation grows into rumor. Rumors take on a life of their own. It was a question that had to be asked.

Someone also asked Birkett about the "combine". This is the informal alliance of Democrats and Republicans who are more interested in holding on to power to make a buck or further their political ambitions than in following principles as outlined in party platforms. It is the putative alliance between powerful Democrats like the Mayor of Chicago Richie Daley, Republican former Governor Jim Thompson, Republican Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka, and Republican National Committee member Bob Kjellander. After all, how does one explain Topinka's break with party discipline when she endorsed Democrat Bill Lipinski for Congress over Republican Jim Nalepa?

Birkett answered that he does not believe such a "combine" exists. Belief in the existence of the Combine is not exactly in the Republican Party platform. Yet, for many conservatives, like myself, it is a useful concept, which simplifies political analysis.

As the debate progressed, Birkett unleashed another fast ball and asked the assembly, 'Do you trust me...do you respect my professional competence (or words to that effect)?' The audience responded (See page 5)

Fair Tax Helps Economic Growth

by Byrd Parmelee

Your communications to your US representative should cite the reasons to support the FairTax in your own words:

1. The President may support HR 25 and help enact the FairTax for the good of the nation. The Tax Advisory Panel ignored multi-million dollar research. It acted to protect the status quo!
2. President Bush charged the Tax Advisory Panel to recommend a plan to promote simplicity, fairness and transparency. Instead, the Panel merely tinkered with the current complex and confusing tax code, making it even more complex. Not one serious economist could be found to endorse the current system; many highly regarded economists support the FairTax.
3. The Tax Panel action benefits: lobbyists, law firms and tax advisors, not the American people. The Panel essentially endorsed the current failed system; there was no effort to analyze.
4. The FairTax replaces all federal income and payroll taxes with a revenue neutral, 23% national sales tax.
5. The FairTax is fair because it:
 - a. Has No exceptions; No exclusions; No loopholes!
 - b. Untaxed the poor through a probate.
 - c. Enables workers and retirees to keep 100% of their paychecks.
 - d. Encourages greater savings, investment, job creation, productivity, and economic growth.
 - e. Increases taxpayer compliance while reducing compliance costs.
 - f. Eliminates the stifling bureaucracy of the IRS.
6. The FairTax has strong and growing support among the public, because it replaces a broken and destructive tax system with a simple, transparent and fair retail sales-tax that is good for all Americans.
7. The Treasury Department could offer alternatives to the President which include the FairTax. Only the FairTax reflects the will of the American people and the principles that President Bush defined as the basis for true tax reform.

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with nodding heads and applause. He could be right. I personally have no idea whether such a thing really exists. For me it is an inference based on second hand and third hand descriptions of political behavior. It is not by itself a doctrine which should make or break a candidacy. #

To understand how the FairTax plan would do these things, read a book: "The FairTax Book," written by Neal Boortz and Congressman John Linder. The book may be available at your local library. Without solid understanding and strong support from we the people, our US Congress Representative and our elected Senator will not vote to change the way Federal Government will be taxing citizens in future years. That is why the book was written.

Something good will happen when we the people believe that improvement in our tax system should be analyzed and considered for an up or down vote.

After reading "The FairTax Book," I am impressed with the formulation. Join in pushing our Washington, DC legislators to set in motion a USA dialog. People in the U.S. Treasury Department do need to read this book. They, then, will understand how to start the change toward fairer taxes (i.e., get H.R.25 and S25 to pass). Thanks for your interest! The following web sites may help one learn what we the people think of the FairTax plan and why it needs consideration for improving our tax system in America.

www.fairtax.org; www.boortz.com; [www.author tracker.com](http://www.authortracker.com); www.reganbooks.com; www.free-republic.com
(type in: Fair Tax; click search) #

Chairman's wish list, from p. 6

they can and will advance candidates who can and will advance the IRP platform and who support SB600.

—Many fair and balanced televised debates are held across the state between the Republican and Democrat candidates for statewide, Congressional, Senate, and House offices, the debates are publicized widely, the debates are watched by many many Illinois voters.

—**A debate between the candidates for Lt. Governor sponsored by TAPROOT and the Illinois Center Right Coalition.**

—The debates help many many Illinois voters decide to vote on November 7 for the Republican candidates

—**The tremendous success of the Republican Unity Breakfast the morning after the March 21 primary.**

—Many Republican elected officials and candidates walk in Independence Day parades across Illinois

—More Republicans than ever attend Republican Day events at the State Fair.

—Many attend Patriot Day ceremonies across Illinois.

—All the Republican candidates win on November 7, 2006.

—SB600 is enacted into law. #

Chairman Dave's statement, from p. 1

Buffet in Lombard on the third Saturday of each month, a picnic in August, and a Christmas party in December.

In January 2005, instead of holding a regular meeting, members were encouraged to attend the Illinois Republican Party (IRP) State Central Committee's meeting in Springfield to elect a new IRP Chairman.

Mark Stern, candidate for Wheaton-Warrenville School Board 200, spoke at our February meeting, but my attending CPAC 2005 prevented me from attending as did my attending the Conservative Summit in Mundelein prevented me from attending the September meeting. In March, instead of holding a regular meeting, members were encouraged to help elect Republican candidates on April 5 who support the IRP platform. In April, instead of holding a regular meeting, members were encouraged to attend a gubernatorial forum and straw poll in Northbrook.

No meeting was held in May, but **Frank Penn** spoke at our June meeting, gubernatorial candidate **Bill Brady** spoke at our July meeting, DuPage County Board Member **Brien Sheahan** spoke at our September meeting, State Representative candidate **Mike Fortner** and lieutenant governor candidate **Sandy Wegman** spoke at our October meeting, and National Republican Hispanic Assembly Illinois Communications Director **Mark Aguilera** spoke at our November meeting. All gave outstanding presentations and answers to questions from the audience.

Our August picnic and December Christmas parties were also very successful -- attendees at the picnic included State Representative **Bob Biggins**. Lieutenant Governor candidate **Joe Birkett** and gubernatorial candidate **Jim Oberweis** spoke at our joint Christmas party with the Illinois Center Right Coalition (ICRC). A report on that party is posted on ICRC's website at: <http://www.illinoiscenterright.com/>. TAPROOT's website at <http://www.taprootgop.org/> will be updated soon.

TAPROOT's goals for 2006 include continuing to hold informative monthly breakfast meetings, an outstanding picnic in August, and an outstanding Christmas party in December.

Needless-to-say, anything that all of us could do to help recruit new members would be greatly appreciated. If you have not already paid your dues for 2006, please mail a check for \$25 to TAPROOT Republicans of Illinois at P.O. Box 643, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

Please mark your 2006 calendars for TAPROOT

breakfast meetings on the third Saturday of each month. Please let others know of our monthly meetings and when they are scheduled, our picnic and Christmas Party. #

Chairman Dave Offers 'Wish List'

- The combine collapses.
- The news media starts to provide fair and balanced political reporting of the news rather than reporting designed to promote officials and candidates who are controlled by the combine and/or who promote the IDP (Illinois Democrat Party) platform.
- The IRP (Illinois Republican Party) posts a link to its platform on its homepage instead of continuing to bury it on the "About" page.
- The IRP State Central Committee (SCC) moves aggressively to enforce the IRP Code of Ethics.
- Many fair and balanced televised debates are held across the state between the Republican gubernatorial candidates and between the Republican lieutenant governor candidates, the debates are publicized widely, the debates are watched by many many Illinois voters.
- The debates help many many Illinois voters decide to vote on March 21 for those Republican candidates who have best demonstrated that they can and will advance the IRP platform and who support SB 600.
- Candidates for Precinct Committeeman positions in each and every precinct in Illinois win who have demonstrated that they can and will advance candidates who can and will advance the IRP platform and who support SB600.
- Candidates for the 19 IRP SCC positions are elected who have best demonstrated that they can and will pass SB600 and advance candidates who can and will advance the IRP platform.
- Bob Kjellander resigns as IRP National Committeeman and the SCC promptly fills the vacancy with the candidate who has best demonstrated that he/she can and will pass SB600 and advance candidates who can and will advance the IRP platform.
- The candidate is elected IRP Chairman by the SCC who has best demonstrated that he/she can and will pass SB600 and advance candidates who can and will advance the IRP platform.
- IRP County Chairmen, Cook County Township Committeemen, Township Chairmen, Chicago Ward Committeemen, and Chicago Precinct Committeemen candidates are elected who have best demonstrated that (**See page 5**)

TAPROOT's Next Breakfast Meeting *HEAP/HENRY DEBATE*

*Bob Heap and Gwen Henry are running
for DuPage County Treasurer*

Saturday, January 21, 2006

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.,
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Blagojevich Promotes Dangerous Drugs

by Tessa Kocan

The citizens of Illinois need to be informed of the outrageous damage Governor Rod Blagojevich has done while in office since January of 2003. His association with Planned Parenthood can't be ignored with his reprehensible promotion of "reproductive rights." On the Illinois Governor's website (<http://www.illinois.gov/gov>) there is an emblem stating "Birth Control is Now Covered" and Planned Parenthood's logo is shown with it.

The governor's first major effort on this front was his enactment of legislation that requires private insurance plans to cover "contraceptive services and prescriptions." <http://www.illinois.gov/gov/contraceptives.cfm>

Hormonal contraceptives are dangerous to women, which Planned Parenthood, and those who conspire with them, claim that they are not. The birth control pill acts in three ways to prevent birth, one of which is its abortifacient effect. If and after conception takes place the newly formed human being will most likely not attached to the uterine wall because the hormones in the pill irritate the uterine lining. Most women do not understand how the pill works, but they might care that they are aborting their own children and not even know it.

However one might feel about birth control, it is an outrage that the state is taking away the rights of its citizens by forcing health care professionals and organizations to violate their consciences. Birth control is a controversial issue and each citizen of Illinois has the right not to endorse or provide the birth control pill if they choose. We can look at the issue in three ways 1) Freedom of Conscience, 2) protection of the unborn or 3) freedom of information. When women and men rally for "reproductive rights" they need to know what they are really supporting. They are supporting the breakdown of

the family unit, racism, murder, premature death - such as blood clots caused from the pill, lies, deceit, socialism and a growing cultural nightmare.

Please note the following:

Governor Blagojevich:

- Launched a website to promote contraceptive use: <http://contraceptives.illinois.gov>
- Enacted legislation that requires all private insurance policies to cover birth control;
- Filed an administrative rule that forces pharmacists to dispense contraceptives, even against their conscience, including the controversial "Morning After Pill" - *The Pharmacists Coercion Rule*;
- After his and Dan Hines' proposal for the Illinois Regenerative Institute for Stem Cell Research (that would perform research on embryonic humans) got shot down again and again, and despite the fact that so many citizens of Illinois, as well as the legislature opposed the idea, he issued an executive order to use 10 million tax payer dollars for stem cell research, which includes embryonic stem cell research.

This man's lack of respect for human dignity, human life and his confusion about human sexuality has resulted in many violations against the basic rights of the citizens of Illinois. We these thoughts in mind, we should seriously support a new candidate for Illinois governor who understands and upholds basic rights. We need a governor who will fight for the lives of the approximate 42,000 unborn children whose lives are in danger of abortion during the upcoming year.

Tessa Kocan is a pro-life author, activist and consultant. Her novel, "The Will to Love," will be published in a few months. #

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