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County Commissioner Candidate Tom Mielke



We all know Tom. His common sense approach along with his proven experience, drive, grit, and determination will have a positive impact on Clark County when he is elected Commissioner.

Tom has a vision for our county. He sees a safe county, a county where families can grow, where business can thrive, and where our transportation systems become a model for the rest of the country. He sees a county where our industrial base can grow to bring jobs to this side of the river. He sees a county where we have the parks, the ball and soccer fields our young families need, and a county where people actually matter. "I want us all to be proud of Clark County." This is his motto for serving each and every resident.

A decorated Viet Nam veteran, Tom has served us well for eight years in the state legislature. But more than that, Tom's been a successful businessman in a highly competitive field. He knows well the pressures we face in our everyday lives. He's experienced the struggle of regulation, and the taxes and fees that serve to hurt our business climate. Our choice is clear, our time is now. Support and vote for Tom Mielke, County Commissioner.

Editor's Note: Republican PCOs unanimously nominated Tom as the Party representative at a historic Nominating Convention in June. To support Tom's candidacy call 263-2268 to help in his campaign. Contributions may be sent to: 8608 N.E. Mason Dr. Ste. 7, Vancouver, WA 98662. We all know Tom. His common sense approach along with his proven experience, drive, grit, and determination will have a positive impact on Clark County when he is elected Commissioner.

Advocacy Fair Set For Oct. 20

An Advocacy Fair "Voice of the People: Make Democracy Work," supported by the Republican Party, will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 20 at Fort Vancouver High School, 5700 E. 18th St. Dr. Benjamin Barber, internationally known political scientist will speak on "Building a Strong Democracy" at 7:15 p.m..

The purpose of the FREE event is to get more people involved in public issues. Advocacy groups from "abortion to zoning" are being recruited to promote

their issues. In addition to over 40 advocacy group display tables, five concurrent workshops on topics ranging from "Advocate, Lobby, and Get Involved at the Grass Roots," with political party activists, "Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers," "Clark County Youth Commission in Action," "Getting GOOD Information from the Internet", and a "Conversation Cafe" for open dialog will start at 6 p.m.. Light refreshments will be available. For more information contact Marjorie Casswell at 576-0965 or Mike Gaston at 574-0984.

Century Club Wine Tasting

A Century Club appreciation Wine and Cheese Tasting is being planned for November at the new Ridgefield Winery. We expect to have Mike McGavick, possible 2006 candidate for U.S. Senate, as well as local representatives and Party officials. The event is free to up-to-date Century Club members and their spouses, \$50 for other individuals. McGavick impressed Republican activists during an earlier visit announcing his exploration of candidacy. This event will be a great opportunity to personally discuss issues with him. Call Mike Fischer at 576-9189 for more details.

Get Out The Vote Effort

Republicans have a rare opportunity to gain a majority of Clark County Commissioners in the November special election. With a projected turnout of 42%, and the "hot button" anti-Gas Tax Initiative 912 on the ballot, another massive Get-Out-The-Vote effort like that in 2004 is planned. Our effectiveness depends on your support. Phone Banks from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with three-hour shifts will be set up at the Republican Headquarters starting Monday, October 17. To get involved in this effort, call Anna Miller at 600-6668, Republican Headquarters at 695-1609, or Mike Gaston at 574-0984. With the expected low voter turnout, this effort can make a 3 - 4 percent difference in the expected close election outcome.

ELEPHANT TRACKS

• Thirty-six Republican Precinct Committee Officers, have been appointed since the first of the year including: Wally Hornberger (240), Tom Mielke (290), Roger Elie (160), Randi Holland (200), Stephen Seachrist (441), Pat Doty (444), Lloyd Brannon (505), Tom Niewulis (540), Jeanette Nance (585), Liz Pike (985), Kenneth Becker (060), Larry Mains (070), Sharon Andrus (678), Matt Whaley (335), Weslie Gale (153), John Garcia (090), Kevin Raymond (180), Clifford Campbell (515), William Starr (663), Greg Call (669), Allyn Staley (679), Stephen Jones (694), and Christy Atkinsson (965). Also appointed were: Mike Heyer (595), Kari Smith (605), Jeff Bier (646), Robert Heaton (430), Tom Roosendahl (434), Scott Hughes (500), Sandra Bjorkman (528), Byron Herrick (600), Robert Seth (606), Michael Routan (628), Marge Austen (688), Jon Russell (900), and Paul Fuger (935) for a total of 157 Precincts

filled. With three possible moves, 26 openings remain. Indicate your interest in getting involved by contacting County Chair Brent Boger (910-5065).

• Thanks to all new and renewing Century Club members: Anna Miller, Mary & Dick Granger, Margie Ferris, Jan Mulwitz, Bill Conrad, Bob Richter, Ron Tooley, Brad Lothspeich, Chickee & Wade Smith, Sam Kim, Bob Bedrossian, Bob Newell, Ronald Burbach, S. Kenneth Kirn, Bill Hughes, and Barb Holbrook. Also renewing include Craig Riley, Ward Cook, Benedict Anderson, Paul & Dorthie Mabie, Walter C. Leitner, Ann Donnelly, Wally Hornberger, Kathy McDonald, Mary Ann Thimmes, Bill Neuman, Harold Zimmerman, Roy & Kathleen Elmer, Ed & Dolly Lynch, and Bob Kaleta. Won't you step up and join the Century Club with an annual \$100 contribution to your LOCAL Republican Party and at the same time enjoy a wine

tasting being planned for October with possible U.S. Senate candidate Mike McGavick?

• New or renewing subscribing Members include: Tim Leavitt, Nghiem Do Van, Pat Doty, Dan & Mary Helen Linn, Dan Smart, Sue Parry, Jeff & Becky Collier, Duane & Judie Jud, Robert & Elizabeth Rondeau, Richard & Pat Weidnaar, Ken & Karen Warren, Roger & Pat Falter, Calvin Brown, Jack Crawford, Maryann Flood, Janet Spitler, Lesa Goforth, K.W. & F.M. Jones, Scott & Janice Lowry, Nicholas & Janet Natale, Jr., Doris Neel, Brian & Ann Makar, Virginia Hansen, Sonja Hopson, Vearn Engquist, Ken & Barbara Fuller, Dorothy Mathews, Winn & Joan Fletcher, Marjory Allan, and Mike & Ann Donnelly. Also contributing were Joe Klobuecnik, Paul Mulwitz, J.P. & Cindy Blount, Robert & Mary McKelvie, Charlie & Hosanna Thomas, Jens & Marcie Jorgensen,

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Initiative and Candidate Support

On August 9, the CCRP Executive Board made some endorsements in the 2005 elections. The Board, after discussion and input from Precinct Committee Officers at an earlier meeting, voted 9-3 to endorse the C-Tran measure. The Board believes our Party will become the governing party in Clark County in the next two years, and occasionally that may mean supporting justifiable tax increases. Board review of the issue concluded that the tax was justified based on C-Tran's belt tightening. The Board remains skeptical of other proposed tax increases.

The Board endorsed several candidates in addition to our nominee for Commissioner, Tom Mielke. Those non-partisan candidates endorsed include Stacey Sellers for Washougal Mayor, Mary Hargrave for Washougal City Council, and Alan Hargrave for Camas-Washougal Port Commissioner. Other candidates may be endorsed, but those known in Republican circles include the following: BG Council – David Agar, La Center Council – Troy VanDinter, Vancouver City Council – Pat Jollata, Jeanne Stewart, & Bob Gaylor, Washougal City Council – Molly

Coston, Yacolt Council – James Weldon, BG School Dist. – Fred Striker, & Mark Pelletier, Camas School Dist. – Connie Hennessy, GM School Dist. – Sandra Ferneding, Hockinson School Dist. – Deb Stavig, & Eric Mattson, Ridgefield School Dist. – Kathy Koller, Vancouver School Dist. – David Crystal, Mark Stoker, Edri Geiger, & Roger K. Smith, and Washougal School Dist. – Karen Rollins. Also known are: FP Dist. 1 – John Clancy, FP Dist. 3 Dick Delleisgues, & Tom Armstrong, FP Dist. 5 – Mike Lyons, FP Dist. 11 – Greg Kolke, Cemetery Dist. 1 – William Zalpys, and Vancouver Port District – Bill Hughes.

Five statewide Initiatives are on the November ballot, as follows, none of which have yet been considered for endorsement, but I-912 – Gas Tax Repeal, I-900 – Performance Audits, and I-330 – Limiting Non-Economic Damage Claims and legal fees recovery are expected to be considered by the Washington State Republican Party:

I-900 Performance Audits – this measure would direct the State Auditor to conduct performance audits of state

and local governments, and dedicate 0.16% of the state's portion of sales and use tax collections to fund these audits.

I-901 Expanded Smoking Prohibitions – This measure would prohibit smoking in buildings and vehicles open to the public and places of employment, including areas within 25 feet of doorways and ventilation openings unless a lesser distance is approved.

I-912 Repeal of Motor Fuel Tax Increase – Repeal of 3 cents in 2005 & 2006, 2 cents in 2007, and 1.5 cents in 2008 gas tax.

I-330 Limiting Personal Injury Claims arising from health care services – Limits legal fees recovery, and non-economic damages to \$350,000.

I-336 Supplemental Malpractice Insurance Program – Establishment of a Board with Insurance commissioner, with public notice and hearings on malpractice rate increases, limit expert witnesses in malpractice cases, and revocation of doctors' licenses for three incidents.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

By Brent Boger

“Prepare for Government!” is what a British party leader says when it appears his or her party will win the next election. I’d like to take this opportunity to tell local Republicans the same thing for Clark County government. Our candidate for County Commissioner, Tom Mielke, must be considered the favorite to win in November (with a lot of hard work yet to go). If he does win, his election will be historic – the first time since 1976 that the Board of County Commissioners will have a Republican majority when Dick Granger and E.B. Ned Smith both served. We will be the governing party in Clark County.

I also believe a victory this year will lead to a bandwagon effect consolidating GOP governance. Tom’s election will set up GOP victories in the rest of the county-wide offices in 2006 and at least one additional seat in the legislature and perhaps two. A GOP takeover in Clark County will also spell the eventual defeat of Brian Baird as well, especially since most of the rest of the Third Congressional District is also trending Republican.

And Tom’s victory will accelerate the trend of Clark County business leaders to look to Republicans. There still are a number of people in the business

community who believe that to get something done here you have to deal largely with Democrats. Once Tom wins, that belief will no longer be tenable.

The election this year is not as much about Tom as it is the future of our Party. Tom is an outstanding candidate with a solid record in the legislature and positive name ID. We should win. We must win. Our future depends on it. Let’s get behind him! And prepare for government!

Much Ado About

I visited Crawford Texas a few days ago where President Bush has a home and Cindy Sheehan, the mother of Casey, a serviceman killed in Iraq, leads a protest to force withdrawal from Iraq. The mainstream media as usual has overblown the protest’s significance.

The press leads you to believe that hundreds, if not thousands of people reside at “Camp Casey” to protest American involvement. When I drove by, I saw only 25 to 30 with many signs around town in support of President Bush.

The political Left is using Sheehan. She has no idea of what withdrawal would mean except afterwards “we will work

everything out” with the terrorists. This is fantasy. I am sorry for her loss, but she and her friends dishonor Casey’s memory. *- Brent*

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Elephant Tracks

Robert J. Pearson, Jerry & Delores Uhri, Craig Hersch, Robert Beatty, Bob Zak, Dave Danis, and Ray D. Hall. The continuing support by Clark County Republican Members helps defray some of our significant communications costs.

- Although our primary role is to support Republican candidates to partisan offices, we believe it is appropriate to acknowledge those conservatives for non-partisan races as a possible entry point to greater public service.

- A forthcoming study by Pacific Research Institute and Forbes lists the state of Washington as 31st out of 50 states as to economic freedom- how friendly (or unfriendly) the state is to free enterprise.

- Condolences to Anna and Chuck Miller on the loss of her grandmother at age 96

Support Your Local Republican Party!

I want to receive this newsletter and help us get organized, elect another Republican County Commissioner, and capture control of County wide offices in 2006.



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SEND TO:
The Republican
Central Committee
P.O. Box 205
Vancouver, WA 98666

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

- Individual Supporter: \$15 per year
- Family Supporter: \$25 per year
- Century Club Member: \$100 per year

I WANT TO HELP!:

Other: _____

My Occupation is _____

From: Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Bus. Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I WANT TO HELP!:

- Yes, I am interested in getting involved and helping Republican candidates.
- I am interested in representing the Party in my neighborhood as a PCO.
- I am interested in helping Tom Mielke’s campaign. Call 263-2268
- Yes, I want a Mielke yard sign.
- Yes, I will write letters to the editor.
- Yes, I want to make a difference by GOTV calling.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues., Sept. 13	Republican Executive Board Meeting and Barbeque , with Brent Boger - 6:00 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 14	Ken Mehlman, RNC Chair , 3:00 p.m.. Washington Square Embassy Suites in Beaverton. Call S.W. Wa. Hispanic Republicans, Ray Garza at 695-1168 for information.
Wed., Sept. 14	Republican Women's Dinner , 6:30 p.m. at Club Green Meadows, \$20 with Tim Eyman, sponsor of I-912 –Anti Gas Tax Initiative. Contact Elana Wright at 696-4493 or for reservations or information.
Sat., Sept. 17	Mielke Fundraiser at Summit Grove Lodge, Ridgefield. \$75 per person - 7:00 p.m. Elegant buffet and music - dinner attire requested. Call Ann Rivers at 263-2268 for reservations or information.
Tues., Sept., 20	Primary Election
Sat., Sept., 24	WSRP State Committee Meeting - Yakima
Tues., Oct 11	Republican Executive Board - 6:00 p.m. - Republican Headquarters (119th St. at 72nd Ave. in Vancouver)
Wed., Oct.12	Republican Women's Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Club Green Meadows - \$14 (Candidate Forum)
Coming in Nov.	Wine and Cheese Tasting
Tues., Nov. 1	General Election
Fri./Sat., Nov. 11 & 12	Republican Women Hosting Washington Federation of Republican Women

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