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STORY COUNTY REPUBLICAN NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates:

- Ames Area Conservative Breakfast, Thursday, March 6th, 7:00 AM, Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., Ames
- Story County Republican Convention, Saturday, March 8th at 9:00 AM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames
- 4th District Convention Committee Meetings, Saturday, March 15th at 10:00 AM, Buena Vista University, 610 W. 4th St., Storm Lake
- Central Committee meeting: Monday, March 17th at 7:00 PM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Republicans!

With the caucuses in the rear-view and a newly-elected Central Committee, Story County has seen an infusion of new individuals anxious to get to work. Preparations are well underway for the story County Republican Convention on March 8th. Those who were elected as Delegates and Alternates should have received their packets in the mail. For those who wish to observe but were not elected as Delegates, there will be a viewing area at the convention as well.

The County Convention will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 8th at Oakwood Road Community Center, located at 2400 Oakwood Road in Ames. Registration will close at 8:45

AM so that the Credentials Committee will be able to seat Alternates promptly prior to our 9 AM start. During registration, donuts will be available for \$1.00 each; coffee and water will be available to attendees as well. All-you-can-eat pizza will be available at lunch for \$10; your \$10 will be collected during registration if you wish to have lunch. If you are elected as a Delegate to the District and State Conventions, you will be required to pay a \$40 Delegate fee immediately following your election. Failure to do so will result in an additional \$10 late fee.

Please make sure to attend the County Convention—in addition to electing Delegates to the District and State Conventions, you will also have the oppor-

tunity to vote on the Story County Republican platform. This is the platform that represents our county party, and it is important that your voice is heard in the discussion.

Finally, stay tuned over the coming weeks. We will be announcing a very unique (non) political event and we will need your help to make it a success. More will be announced in early March.

Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of the party.

Best wishes,

Dane Nealon, Chairman
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2014 COUNTY CONVENTION

The Story County Republican Party will be holding its County Convention on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Road in Ames. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. The Convention begins at 9:00 AM. All Delegates and Alternates elected at their Precinct Caucus are invited to attend.

Delegates to the Convention will elect Delegates to the District and State Conventions, adopt a County Platform, and elect individuals to serve on the standing District Convention committees (Rules, Credentials, Organization, and Platform).

Anyone wishing to be a Delegate to the District and State Conventions will be assessed a \$40 fee in order to attend, which is due on the day of the County Convention.

Please visit the [County Convention](#) page on our website for more details.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Story County nametags are available to Central Committee members for \$35 each. If you'd like to order a nametag, please contact Jim Lohr: jlohr10@mchsi.com

The proposed Spring Golf Tournament fundraiser has been shelved for the moment. We have a number of other fundraising ideas. If you'd like to organize a possible fundraising event, please contact Jeff Ortiz.

If you'd like to serve on the Finance Committee, please contact [Jeff Ortiz](#).

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

After a successful mid-term caucus, we are looking forward to the County Convention on March 8th at the Oakwood Road Community Center.

If you are a Delegate to the convention and new to the Central Committee, please consider joining the current members of the Organization Committee in getting out the vote for the 2014 election. We will be knocking on doors and/or dropping literature; following requests for absentee ballots, making sure they are filled out and mailed on time; and finally, getting folks out to vote at an early election site or on November 4th.

Active members of the Organization Committee include: Jim Lohr, Cory Adams, Ben DuBois, Loretta Parker, Sheryl Soden, and Judy Trumpy, Chair. Please consider this an invitation to join our Committee and get involved with any of the activities mentioned above. You do not need to be a Central Committee member in order to participate on the committee.

Please contact Judy Trumpy at jmtrumpy@gmail.com for meeting notices and other planned activities. Thank you in advance!!

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We released another issue of the newsletter for February. We've posted a number of discussion items to our Google Group to encourage open discussion among all Story County Republicans. You can find it by searching for "[Story County GOP](#)". This is a PRIVATE group, so you must join in order to view the discussion board. Our website will also be updated soon with County Convention information, so keep checking storycountygop.com for updates. We've reached 200 "Likes" on our "[Republican Party of Story County](#)" Facebook page, and over 500 followers on Twitter. Please "Like" our Facebook page, and "Follow" us on Twitter.

Our Facebook group "[Story County Iowa GOP](#)" is still available for sharing relevant news of the day, and for discussion among our members.

Our next newsletter will be out by March 31st. Newsletter submissions are due by March 21st. Please send your submissions via e-mail (included in the e-mail or as an attachment) to: dustyjuhl@gmail.com.

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CO-CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

You may have read the article in the *Des Moines Register* blasting the Polk County Republican Party for providing a slate of proposed delegates for the district and state convention. Since I have not seen the Polk County Executive Committee's proposed rules for their county convention, I'm not sure how their proposed slate of 100 candidates out of 230+ delegates was selected or presented. We have to remember that the primary goal of the *Des Moines Register* is to sell newspapers - I was frankly surprised that they didn't print the article as their front page story!

If the slate of 100 delegates was presented as part of their proposed rules, as cited in the *Register*, it would still need to be adopted by a majority vote. As a parliamentarian, I know that someone could move to amend the rules by deleting that section. If the amendment received a second, the convention chair should open discussion on the amendment, allow comments pro and con and then take a vote on whether or not the slate should be deleted from the proposed rules. The amendment takes "precedence" (priority) over the set of rules and the vote on the amendment must be taken before the entire set of rules is voted on.

Whether or not the Polk County Central Committee Convention staff intentionally "buried" the slate in the rules to hide it from the convention delegates, or whether they didn't realize that some would oppose it, the rules themselves must be adopted by a majority vote of the convention delegates.

Our Story County Convention Rules Committee spent several hours dealing with this issue of allowing slates or not allowing slates of delegates. Two of the main principles of parliamentary procedure are the trade-offs between making procedures fair vs. making the process efficient. We tried very hard to strike a balance between fairness to our whole set of 160+ delegates who may or may not seek to compete for the 54 "slots" vs. the hours the convention might require in successive rounds of balloting for those positions.

Our committee tried to craft a balance, allowing a number of slates to be presented for voting by the convention delegates, and then eliminating those slates which had the fewest votes as each round of balloting progressed. Knowing that each person elected to fill one of the 54 slots, must be elected by a majority of county convention delegate's votes, we felt that starting with slates might be more efficient. (Our convention begins at 9:00 a.m. and I believe the Oakwood Road Center may have another group using the room after 5:00 p.m. We did not want the convention to drag on and on and on while counting ballots.) Our convention chairman, Steve Howell, provided a brilliant time-saver by having delegates voting for different slates or candidates physically move to one part of the room or another, eliminating ballot-counting altogether.

In parliamentary procedure, this idea of considering a number of different slates together is called "creating a blank" and leads to much greater efficiency in voting for all possible options in each round. Deleting the slate with the fewest votes in each round of voting may develop a majority vote for some slate with its members elected to go on to the district and state conventions after some rounds of voting.

However, we also realized that we might not have the full 54 delegates selected even after several rounds of "balloting-by moving," so we included a "fallback" provision of allowing voting for individual seats if necessary. For example, let's say in the last round of voting on the slates, 44 seats have been filled by a slate of 44 delegates receiving a majority of the votes. There would be 10 seats left and county delegates from slates eliminated in earlier rounds can run individually. We would begin with a round of voting and those individuals receiving a majority would be added to the 44; those receiving fewest votes would be eliminated in the subsequent round, and we would continue rounds of voting until the 54 seats are filled.

As I said earlier, in parliamentary procedure, we try to balance fairness and efficiency - this is our best attempt as a committee. You delegates will be voting on the proposed rules - you will decide. The good news is that Jeff Ortiz arranged for delivery of pizza from Little Caesar's Pizza around noon - for those who have signed up and paid during registration. Be sure to sign up and pay for your pizza: it's likely to be a long day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6—Ames Area Conservative Breakfast, Piz̄za Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., Ames, 7:00 AM

March 8—Story County Republican Convention, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames

March 15—4th District Convention Committee Meetings, Buena Vista University, 610 W. 4th St., Storm Lake, 10:00 AM

March 17—Story County Republican Central Committee, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames, 7:00 PM

School Board meetings

Ames Community School District: Board meets 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Ames High School multipurpose room.

Ballard Community Schools: Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the “3C” building.

Collins-Maxwell School District: Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the school library.

Gilbert Community School District: Board meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 PM at the High School Media Center.

Nevada Community School District: Board meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at 1035 15th St. in Nevada.

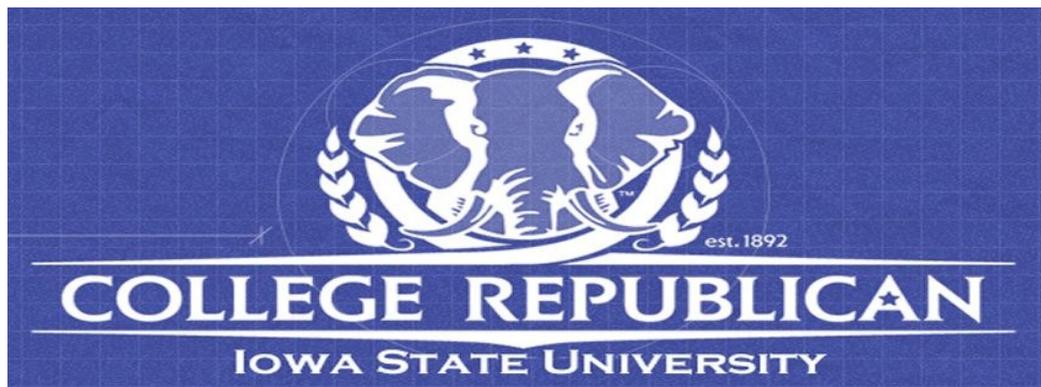
Roland-Story Community School District: Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the board room at the high school.

County Board of Supervisors

Story County Board of Supervisors: Board meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Public Meeting Room, 900 Sixth St., Second Floor, in Nevada.

Don't see your event listed? Send it to us at: publicity@storycountygop.com

CLUB UPDATES



The [Iowa State University College Republicans](#) will be hosting a U.S. Senate Candidate Forum on Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Sun Room at the Iowa State Memorial Union.

The ISU College Republicans meet every Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Information about meetings and events can be found on our [Facebook](#) page.

For more information, please contact the ISU College Republicans via e-mail at: isucollegerepubs@gmail.com

AMES AREA CONSERVATIVE BREAKFAST

The next Ames Area Conservative Breakfast will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:00 AM at the Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., in Ames.

We are honored to have as one of our speakers, Danny Carroll, newly elected Co-Chairman of the Republican Party of Iowa. Danny was elected as County Supervisor in Poweshiek County in 1984, where he served for almost 10 years. He was then elected to the Iowa House in 1994, and served through 2006. He currently serves as a family policy advocate with The Family Leader.

We also welcome Stacie Herridge, who is running for Story County Recorder. She is hoping to fill Sue Vande Kamp's position, as Sue is retiring. Stacie grew up on a small farm near Cambridge, attended Nevada High School, and received a BA in Management from the University of Northern Iowa. Stacie has worked for Story County for over 17 years, 14 years as Deputy in the County Recorder's Office. In February of 2011, she transferred to the Deputy Auditor of Real Estate position. Stacie and her husband Nick live in Nevada and have three children.

The only cost is the buffet and a drink, so please join us on Thursday, and bring a friend!!!

Sincerely,

[Loretta Parker](#), [Janelle Stephens](#), and [Cory Adams](#)

*Please join us at our
next meeting in March.*

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IOWA GOP SURVEY

Have you taken the Iowa GOP's 2014 Speaker Survey yet?

The Republican Party of Iowa is conducting a survey asking Republicans statewide who they would like to see at Republican Events in 2014, events such as the Lincoln Dinner, State Convention Dinner, Reagan Dinner and more!

Who do YOU want to see come speak at Republican Party of Iowa events in 2014?

Fill out their survey using the link below and enter to win two free tickets to the upcoming Spring Dinner!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/iowagop>

Among some of the options are:

Mike Huckabee

Marco Rubio

Paul Ryan

Rick Santorum

Ted Cruz,

...and many others.

MEETING REMINDER

Your attendance at Central Committee meetings is important. Please notify the Secretary, Chairman, or Co-Chairman via text, e-mail, or by telephone if you will be absent.

Respectfully,

Laura Carlson, Secretary

Story County Republicans

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Our next newsletter will be out by March 31st. If you have something you'd like to include, or have something to share, please send it to Dusty Juhl with the Publicity Committee by **No Later Than (NLT) March 21st!!** Please include your updates in an e-mail or e-mail attachment to: dustyjuhl@gmail.com

Thanks,

The Publicity Committee