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STORY COUNTY REPUBLICAN NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates:

- Ames Area Conservative Breakfast, Thursday, February 6th, 7:00 AM, Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., Ames
- Central Committee meeting: Monday, February 17th at 7:00 PM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames
- Story County Republican Convention, Saturday, March 8th at 9:00 AM, Oakwood Road Community Center, 2400 Oakwood Rd., Ames

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Republicans!

If you needed any more reason to feel optimistic about the election year now upon us, look no further than our turnout at the Story County Republican Precinct Caucuses. Turnout was up significantly from 2010, and the energy was palpable. Many new faces joined us, with many former activists who had become disengaged in recent years also rejoining us for the caucuses. Many of the new and returning faces became engaged, running for seats on the Story County Central Committee as well as becoming Delegates to the Story County Republican Convention.

The Story County Republican County Convention will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014, beginning at 9:00 AM. The Convention will be held at the Oakwood Road Community Center, located at 2400 Oakwood Road in Ames. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for a small charge; specific details will be released as the convention gets closer. Thank you to the finance committee for their work on organizing the breakfast and lunch.

For those of you who were elected as delegates to the County Convention, there will be a number of committees needing volunteers leading up

to the convention. Please stay tuned for updates, and please take advantage of the opportunity to serve on one of these committees once more information is available.

As always, please contact me with any questions you may have.

Best wishes,

Dane Neilson, Chairman
Story County Republicans
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2014 IOWA REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The 2014 Iowa Republican Caucus was held on Tuesday, January 21st, at four locations in Story County—Ames, Huxley, Nevada, and Story City.

Several guests visited the caucus in Ames, including Congressman Steve King, Candidate for U.S. Senate Paul Lunde from Ames, State Auditor Mary Mosiman from Ames, Candidate for Iowa Senate District 23 Jeremy Davis from Ames, County Supervisor Rick Sanders from Ames, and Republican Party of Iowa Chairman A.J. Spiker from Ames. Iowa Senate Minority Leader Bill Dix stopped by the Caucus in Story City.

It was encouraging to see such a great turnout, and we look forward to seeing many of you this year at our Central Committee meetings and at our upcoming County Convention on Saturday, March 8th.



Iowa Senate Minority Leader Bill Dix with Laura Carlson in Story City

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

Congratulations on a successful mid-term caucus experience to those who helped plan and prepare for it, and to all of you that attended and participated, whether you became a member of the Central Committee, a Delegate to the County Convention, or simply came to observe and be informed.

For those who will be receiving this newsletter for the first time, the *function* of the **Organization Committee** is to 1) Identify and activate voters in our precincts and across the county, whether they are Republicans or Independents, by providing information as to the dates and times of elections, the location of polling places, announcements of candidate events, and by providing rides to and from the polling place; 2) Promote Absentee Balloting by a) Offering a Request for Absentee Ballot form, b) Ensuring that the ballot is marked correctly, and c) Submitting the ballot in a timely manner; and 3) Plan and prepare for mid-term and Presidential Caucus sites.

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 initial 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 December. 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 have nearly 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 February 28th. Newsletter submissions are due by February 18th. Please send your submissions via e-mail (included in the e-mail or as an attachment) to: dustyjuhl@gmail.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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.

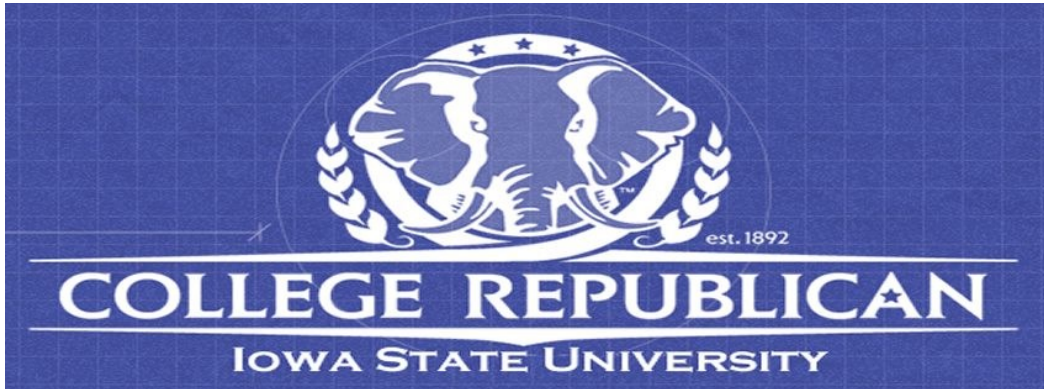
Roland-Story Community School District: Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the board room at the high school.

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



We just held our Pitchers & Politics meeting at the Pizza Pit, followed by a watch party in Carver Hall for the State of the Union Address on Tuesday, January 28th.

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

It seems like a long time since we've met, so we're excited to invite you to the next Ames Area Conservative Breakfast on Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 AM, at the Pizza Ranch, 1404 Boston Ave., in Ames.

Our Special Guests will be Candidate for U.S. Senate Mark Jacobs, and Drew Klein with Americans for Prosperity.

Mark was previously the CEO of Reliant Energy, an Electric Energy Company based in Houston. He also served as the Board Chair of the KIPP Houston Public Schools, a high performing charter school network serving over 9,400 economically disadvantaged students. He has a B.B.A., cum laude from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Management with distinction from Northwestern University.

Drew Klein works for Americans for Prosperity, whose mission is to educate citizens about economic policy and mobilizing them as advocates of lower taxes and limited government.

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
February.*

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CO-CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

This time I'm writing as the Caucus Chairman to ask:

1. How did your Caucus go?
2. How can we improve our caucus—both as a service to our members and as an open-door to those who may wish to march with us?

If you worked on behalf of the Caucuses in any way, thank you for your time and effort!

The world still needs us. Our President continues to ignore ways of exciting the U.S. economy, while reducing our position in the world. Hang in there with us—we have some work to do.

A wheel is only as strong as its spokes. A garage door is only as sound as the quality of its springs. Yes, we're just a little county party, but we are the spokes and springs for our base here in Story County. We need to keep on turning out and helping each other to help the country, the state, and the nation.

Jim Lohr, Co-Chairman

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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 February 28th. 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) February 18th!!** Please include your updates in an e-mail or e-mail attachment to: dustyjuhl@gmail.com

Thanks,

The Publicity Committee