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LINCOLN DAY DINNER

BY SANDRA HARRIMAN, LDD CHAIR

Please mark your calendars to join the Howard County Republican Party at the 2008 Lincoln Day Dinner on Sunday, May 18 at Turf Valley Resort and Country Club in Ellicott City. This year's dinner features the Honorable Ellen Sauerbrey, recent Assistant Secretary of State, who will share her fascinating experiences traveling the world, meeting Presidents and Royalty, and advocating for human rights for women and refugees. Ellen, as a conservative candidate for Governor of Maryland who came within 3/10 of one percent of being elected in 1994, offers a unique perspective of State politics as well as the current Presidential election.

You can join Ellen Sauerbrey at the VIP Reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The main Reception starts at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by Ellen's speech and the Presentation of Awards. The Third Annual Silent Auction promises a wonderful collection of Re-



Former Assistant Secretary of State Ellen Sauerbrey

publican oriented items as well as elegant gifts, get-away trips, and sports items. The best reason to join us: Proceeds from the Dinner and the Silent Auction will provide much needed funds to help elect Republicans in Howard County!

Price per person: \$85 if re-

served prior to May 12; \$100 after May 12

VIP Reception: \$150 per person; \$250 per couple

Table of 10: \$800

You can register and pay for the Lincoln Day Dinner at our website at www.hocogop.org.

Or contact Sally Rotondo,



TAXINUS MAXIMUS A HUGE SUCCESS

BY TOM D'ASTO, PRESIDENT, HCRC

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THE REPUBLICAN CHALLENGE

BY JOAN BECKER, CHAIRMAN, HCRCC

This election year brings with it some interesting challenges for the Republican Party. With all of the media attention focused intently on the Democratic Presidential race how do we as Republicans capture the media attention and create excitement and enthusiasm within our base? With John McCain as our presumptive Republican Presidential nominee, it is imperative in this election that we present a united front as a party as we enter into the final months of this election cycle. Without a doubt, Senator Obama has captured the electorate and has inspired otherwise disinterested persons to become politically active. His ability to raise campaign funds is historically unprecedented and he consistently draws large numbers of supporters at each and every campaign stop.

The challenge this year for Republicans lies in motivating its base and reminding people why they should vote Republican. We

need to give the electorate a reason to vote, we need to be the party of leadership in identifying, addressing, and resolving the major issues which confront our nation. We need to be the leaders in solving our economic problems, and putting forth strong policies on immigration reform. We need to be the party to whom people will look to address issues involving our national security and foreign policy. We need to distinguish ourselves as the party of leadership.

It was our Republican beliefs and principles in individual freedom, and personal responsibility that attracted people to the party in the 1980's and it is these same principles that will bring the electorate back to the party in 2008. If we are to prevail in November we must not lose sight of our core values and convictions. It is these fundamental beliefs which separate us from our democratic counterparts



and why it is essential to the preservation of our party that we remain faithful to these ideals. The strength of our party lies in the strength of our individual convictions not in the messenger that carries them. While the individual fallacies of the Presidential candidates continue to unfold, if we can ignite the base behind the common principles which we hold true, there will be victory for our party this November. It is the message that will unite us not the messenger. It is giving the electorate a sense of empowerment in a common cause that will motivate our base and lead us to victory.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Relay For Life

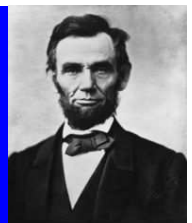
The HOCO Relay for Life is Friday night June 6th-Saturday morning June 7th.

Join us or make a donation to our team and help us support the fight against cancer! You can sign up or donate at our website www.hocogop.org.

Cancer affects millions of people across the globe and many people right here in Howard County. By joining our team or making a donation, you will be a part of Relay For Life® to celebrate survivors, remember the people we've lost to cancer, and fight back against this disease.

- Wednesday, May 7th (7pm): Central Committee Meeting
- Saturday, May 10th: Maryland GOP Spring Convention (Annapolis)
- Thursday, May 15th (5:30-7pm): Young Republicans Kick-Off Event @ Nottingham's
- Thursday, May 15th (7:30pm): Republican Club Meeting @ the River Hill Sports Grille
- Sunday, May 18th (6pm): Lincoln Day Dinner @ Turf Valley
- Wednesday, May 21st (7pm): Young Republican Meeting
- Tuesday, May 27th (6:30pm): HCRW Membership Meeting
- Thursday, June 5th (6pm): Maryland GOP Red, White, and Blue Dinner
- Friday, June 6th (6:30pm): Relay For Life @ Hammond High School
- Friday, June 6th: Republican Club First Friday Happy Hour
- Wednesday, June 18th: Allan Kittleman Fundraiser @ Howard and Kathy Rensin's House with guest speaker Michael Steele
- Friday, July 4th: Republican Fourth Of July Booth

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 18TH AT 6PM
FOR OUR ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY
DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION



WELCOME TO MARYLAND ILLIGAL IMMIGRANTS BY SENATOR ALLAN KITTLEMAN

While there were many controversial issues addressed in the 2008 General Assembly Session, there was one very important vote in the State Senate that has not received much notice from the media.

As you may know, there are only four states that do not require proof of legal presence before issuing driver's licenses. Those states are Maryland, New Mexico, Washington and Hawaii. That's right; the only state east of New Mexico to allow illegal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses is Maryland!

Illegal immigration is a serious problem in Maryland and throughout the United States. It threatens homeland security and is a drain on government resources. Currently, if you are an illegal immigrant who lives east of the Mississippi River and you want a driver's license, Maryland is the closest place for you to travel to get one. Consequently, it should come as no surprise that every year Maryland has over 100,000 new applications for driver's licenses from people who cannot prove legal presence. Unfortunately, under the leadership of Governor O'Malley and the Democrats in the General Assembly, Maryland has truly become a "sanctuary" state.

In an effort to deal with this problem, I co-sponsored Senate Bill 621 with Senator David Brinkley and 13 other senators. SB 621 would have required

individuals to prove that they were in the United States legally before they could obtain a driver's license. Unfortunately, SB 621 never received a vote in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. The Senate Democrat leadership sought to protect their members from having to vote on this controversial issue.

Near the end of the Session, Senator Brinkley learned that House Bill 478, a motor vehicle commercial licensing bill, had passed out of the House. Before HB 478 came to the Senate floor, Senator Brinkley requested an amendment to HB 478 that would add the language from SB 621. Through clever procedural maneuvers, Senator Brinkley was able to force a Senate vote on his amendment that would require the Motor Vehicle Administration to obtain proof of legal presence before issuing a driver's license to anyone in Maryland.

Much to the chagrin of Senate President Miller, all 47 senators were forced to take a public stand on whether to deny driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. After some debate, the vote on the amendment was 23 in favor and 24 opposed. The amendment failed by one vote!

Each of the 24 senators who voted against the Brinkley amendment cast the



Allan Kittleman speaks at the TaxInUs Maximus Rally

deciding vote to continue to provide driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. If you go to the Maryland General Assembly web site, you can see how each senator voted on the Brinkley amendment. The web site is www.mlis.state.md.us. You can get the vote totals by looking up HB 478 and scrolling down to the vote summary. Without giving out any names, I can let you know that I was the only senator from Howard County that voted in favor of the Brinkley amendment.

There is no question that the majority of Marylanders oppose giving driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. Unfortunately, the majority of Democrat senators sided with illegal immigrants over law abiding citizens. This is one vote that we must remember when it comes time for the next state elections in 2010.

YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB STARTING UP IN HOWARD COUNTY

The Young Republican Club in Howard County is a charter club of the national Young Republicans. However, it has not been active for the past few years. This is about to change. Three weeks ago a group of young Howard County Republicans got together and discussed restarting the Howard County Young Republican Club. In just a few short weeks, the Club is moving forward and there are already two events planned.

The first event is a kick-off celebration

of the restarting of the club. It will be a happy hour get together at Nottingham's from 5:30 -7pm on Thursday, May 15th. The second scheduled club event is a general meeting in which club officers will be elected and the club constitution adopted. This meeting will take place at the Howard County Republican Headquarters on Wednesday, May 21st at 7pm.



The Young Republican Club is an inclusive club opened to anyone ages 18-40. This is an exciting time for young people nationwide. Barack Obama is energizing the youth vote and it is important that here in Howard County we have an active group ready to be out in the community organizing young voters to vote the Right way. Please come out and support the Young Republican Club, if you have any questions, please contact Kevin Rodkey at kevin.rodkey@gmail.com.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY LOUIS POPE, VICE CHAIRMAN, REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The 2008 Presidential Campaign is in full swing as we head into summer. The Republican Primaries went smoother than expected and we had a nominee earlier than predicted. The pundits had expected the Republican candidates to continue the fight for the nomination right through spring and possibly all the way to the convention. Instead Senator John McCain had a relatively easy path through the primaries and had the nomination secured by early March, which is good news for Republicans.

The experts had also predicted last year that Hillary Clinton would coast to an easy and early victory in the Democrat primaries and here again they were absolutely wrong. As usual politics has proven to be unpredictable. The fight for the Democrat nomination has been the "gift that just keeps on giving" month after month as Barak Obama and Hillary Clinton sling mud trade accusations and apparently will fight all the way to the DNC Convention in Denver. This is again great news for Republicans since Senator John McCain can look and sound Presidential and con-

serve his resources for the fall campaign.

As Republican we ALL need to support John McCain. Most of us did not start out this campaign as McCain supporters but it is our duty and responsibility as Republicans to now support the McCain Campaign. Keeping the White House this November is the most important thing any of us can do to provide for a better future and safer world for ourselves and our families over the next four years. The next President will appoint several Supreme Court Justices, preside over the solution in Iraq, and deal with our challenging economy. We need a President with experience, maturity and fortitude and Senator John McCain is that man.

This years Republican National Convention will be held in Minneapolis / St Paul Minnesota. It will be the latest convention in history since it does not start until September 1st, which is Labor Day and the nominee will not be chosen until Sept 4th. This will shorten the fall campaign by at least two weeks, which should significantly help Senator McCain. With the Democrats fighting up to and through their convention in Denver it leaves them a very short window to mend fences and support their nominee.

In Minneapolis/ St. Paul the Maryland Delegation will be staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel in St Paul. Even though all Delegates and Alternates have been chosen by the time you read this - you can still come as a guest or work as a volunteer. If you would like to apply as a volunteer go to www.gopconvention2008.com.

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It is going to be a Great Republican Year!

Louis Pope
Republican National Committeeman for Maryland

Taxinus Maximus continued...

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won't be forgotten at voting time! The **TAXINUS\$ MAXIMUS\$** (Maryland's New State Motto) and **I OWE'MALLEY** bumper stickers were well received by hundreds of motorists, as they waited at the stop lights. The Club had a booth set-up in the parking lot with a DJ that helped keep things lively. It was good to see so many youth involved with today's activities including teens from River Hill, Glenelg and Atholton High Schools who will be voting for the first time within the next election cycle.



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Howard County Teenaged Republicans, by TARs Chairman Rory McShane

The Howard County TARs (Teenaged Republicans) have been busy lately with the national elections heating up. Early in the Republican primary the TARs came to the consensus to support John McCain and since have been hard at work for him, participating in a variety of activities. Several TARs attended the Baltimore County Lincoln Day Dinner on February the 7th and were fortunate enough to meet Senator McCain. The TARs also participated in a McCain phone bank on the 9th, at the home of McCain for Maryland Co-Chair and State TAR Advisor Daniel Zubairi.

More recently the Howard County TARs attended Howard County Republican Club, "Taxing Us Maximus" rally in Columbia, to show their disapproval of the O'Malley budget plan. Along side other Howard County Republicans, the TARs sign waved for two hours to help inform the public of the realities of the O'Malley budget crisis. In the near future the Howard County TARs will be attending the Howard County Lincoln - Reagan Day Dinner and also the TARs will be sending a delegation to the state party convention on May 9th in Annapolis where they will be co-sponsoring a McCain Hos-



Howard County TARs sign waving during TaxInUs Maximus

pitality Suite. The TARs have had a busy past few months and are looking forward to more coming up, but as always we are looking to grow. If you are interested in getting involved in the Howard County Teenage Republicans please contact, County Chairman Rory McShane at rkmcshane@verizon.net.

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ANNAPOLIS UPDATE BY DELEGATE WARREN MILLER

I am happy to report that the much dreaded computer services tax was repealed, although I must say that I opposed the eventual solution. We got the "tech tax" during the special session last November because of a sudden need for our state to have more tax revenue. The tax started out squarely aimed at property management companies and health club members, but those groups were well-organized, so in the dark of the special session the tax was moved to computer services firms. I opposed the imposition of the tax and repeatedly voted on amendments to strip it from the budget. Ultimately the \$200,000,000 burden was shifted to so-called millionaires. I opposed this solution because it did not eliminate wasteful spending; it just shifted it to the small Maryland business owner, who will now need to either leave the state or fire a few employees.

My biggest success this session was the passage House Bill 358, entitled "The



Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act". This bill requires the state to develop and maintain a free, easily-searchable website of all state expenditures and contracts of \$25,000 or more. Any individual will be able to log onto the designated website, search all of the spending activities, and download the information. Transparency laws such as this one lead to more responsible state spending and more informed Citizens, as they make citizens aware of spending excesses and abuses of tax dollars. And in these times of economic uncertainty, this legislation will help our state government to make the best use of limited funds. I am excited to finally say this bill is waiting for the Governor's signature.

I also introduced legislation to reduce the price of gasoline, to ban sanctuary cities which provide safe haven for illegal immigrants, and to establish a Taxpayer's Bill of Rights to prevent further tax abuses in Maryland. Unfortunately, none of these bills passed. Although I

received enormous support from my constituents and from voters across the state, the current political climate in Annapolis is not friendly to responsible conservative legislation.

Additionally, the General Assembly passed three of my local Howard County bills. House Bill 167 Installation of Multiuse Sewerage Systems and House Bill 305 Enabling Legislation - Sewerage System Performance Bond address the waste treatment problems encountered by local residents at the Cattail Villas community and protect other Howard County families from a similar plight. My third county bill, House Bill 763 Howard County Public Schools - Testing and Inspection of Well Water for Bacteria, requires the Board of Education to test and inspect the water for bacteria at each Howard County public school that uses well water. This bill came about as a result of contaminated drinking water in Lisbon Elementary School and the concerns of parents whose children were exposed to it.

In 2009, I plan to reintroduce several of my bills which aim to lower taxes and to reduce the size of state government. If you have an idea for a bill, please drop me a line. Some of the best legislation is that which resolves problems you are experiencing with state government.

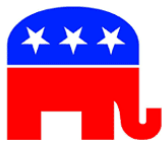
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*Building a stronger community,
one leader at a time.*



We have an excellent opportunity to ensure that Republicans retain control of the White House and gain back Congress. Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are so busy fighting amongst themselves and bickering over who will be their party's nominee that the Republicans have a perfect opportunity to set the agenda and decide the main issues of the 2008 race. With your help we can work to take back the Congress and ensure that Republicans continue to set the agenda for our future. Please help us win back Congress and retain the White House with a donation of \$100, \$75, \$50, or \$25.

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2008 BY DELEGATE GAIL BATES

This legislative session drew dramatic distinctions between Democrats and Republicans. We have often called the opposition "Tax & Spend" democrats and it took on new meaning during the Special Session. With only a phantom budget known as the baseline budget, the Governor and Legislative leaders sold the public on a budget crisis necessitating massive increases in taxes on the people we serve. Maryland is the only state to increase income, corporate and sales taxes in the same year - income taxes twice. To ice the cake, they also instituted new programs to validate the need for more revenues.

Armed with more of your money, the Governor proposed a budget of \$31.5 Billion - yes that is billion (\$31,500,000,000.00). This budget increased by nearly 6% in the face of what might be considered a recession or at the least an economic downturn. As we began our work on this budget and before final decisions were made, we received, not unexpected, news that revenues were not coming in at the rates anticipated and we needed to cut over \$300 million from the Governor's proposal. Many of us suspect this will not be the end of the negative revenue estimates and proposed additional reductions to help cushion fu-

ture cuts.

At the same time we were dealing with a budget based on the largest tax increase in Maryland history, we were trying to repeal the ill-conceived computer services tax estimated to net about \$200 million. Not desiring to raise any further taxes, we proposed additional reductions to accommodate the repeal. We kept the issue before the legislature all session, offering budget amendments and holding rallies and press conferences, eventually resulting in a repeal of the tax, but not without another tax - this one on millionaires.

Other issues on the Governor's agenda such as environmental and energy laws, although great in goal and concept, will do little more than spend more money and increase the size of state government. Despite the press reports of reducing the number of state employees, this Governor has grown government by a net of 1700 new jobs since taking office and with his legislative package will grow by many more. It would be lovely if we could solve our problems without massive spending and increasing government. Encouraging citizens to be environmentally sensitive and to conserve energy could be done without more and more regulators and

enforcers.

Good news of the session centered around my seat mate's legislation known as the Transparency Bill which drew diverse supporters and passed both houses overwhelmingly. Once implemented, citizens will be able to search a database and see how their tax money is being spent. Since knowledge is power, our citizens will have the knowledge to help us control spending. Congrats Warren. Great job.



It was an interesting session. Following the opposition's play book, taxes were raised in the 2nd year of a 4 year term. In the next year, programs will be funded and if slots passes, there will be plenty of money in the election year to perhaps give the citizens a small tax refund to make them forget the pain of the special session. A perfect plan for re-election and more of the same. Sorry to be so cynical, but this pattern follows as surely as winter follows fall. Change is needed and we need your help to remind voters of the truth.