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★ **MCR GOP CALANDAR** ★

★ **3rd Friday of each month (12:00-1:00):** Republican Luncheon at Two Rivers.
Lunch will be \$12.00 with RSVP or \$15.00 at the door. RSVP by emailing Gary Blackman or prepaying online via our website. Upcoming dates and speakers are as follows:

Friday, Jan 18: Fri Jan 18th 12 at TR – This month we are happy to have all four candidates for County Commissioner (Districts 1 and 3) in attendance for debate and questions. (Janet Roland, Craig Meis, Jim Dooty, David Kearsley)

NOTE: A *special invitation is also extended to all District Captains:* Please pick up your Caucus Packets after the Friday luncheon.

★ **2nd Wednesday of each month (5:30-6:30):** MCR Board Meeting held at Farmers Insurance Dist Office, 1354 E. Sherwood Drive (next to Sherwood Park).

★ **2nd Monday of each month:** Mesa County Republican Women Monthly Meeting at the GJ Masonic Lodge. RSVP with Janet Blackman (263-8181)

Mesa County Caucuses & Convention

★ Precinct Caucuses will be held on February 5th. Check the website for your time and location.

★ The County Convention will be held February 23rd at the Two Rivers Convention Center. Credentialing will begin at 8am. Meeting starts promptly at 9am.

★ Training on Caucus Packets for District Captains and Committee Chairpersons will be available Tuesday January 22nd and Wednesday January 23rd @ 634 Main St., Suite #6 (Downstairs in the Old Daily Sentinel Building). Time: 7-8 pm.

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The County Commissioner Connection

Steve Acquafresca ☆ December 14, 2007

Republican friends and constituents frequently ask me if serving on the Mesa County Board of Commissioners is very different, or similar to, serving in the Colorado General Assembly. I usually tell them that it is similar in that the day to day agenda can be very fast paced. Also, county commissioners, just like state legislators, are required to deal with a great diversity of issues and topics – oftentimes within a very short period of time and sometimes in the course of just minutes! Besides those two similarities, the two experiences are actually very different.

As the first year anniversary of my time as a Republican Mesa County Commissioner approaches I am compelled to reflect on a few observations. As a commissioner, it is somewhat rare that I do not get to return to my home every night. As a legislator, I often found myself staying someplace other than my own home – either a Denver “crash pad” or in one of the many communities in a vast six county rural West Slope district. I would ask that at your next opportunity you thank one of our own current state legislators for the great geographical sacrifice that they routinely make away from their home and families.

A commissionership is also a very different experience in that in addition to legislative or law making responsibilities there is a significant administrative responsibility and a huge quasi-judicial role. The administrative part is essentially working with senior staff in the operations of twenty-two county departments and providing indirect over-sight of slightly over one thousand county employees. There are also a plethora of contractual agreements with the private sector, a host of inter-governmental agreements with other public entities and nurturing our relationships with the state and federal entities that provide a full one-third of the financial fuel that drives our county government.

The quasi-judicial role is that of being a hearing officer, or administrative judge, in ruling on applications for permits, approvals, licenses and planning affairs. This role is distinctly different and can, on occasion, be somewhat of a sticky wicket. As a quasi-judge a commissioner must maintain strict impartiality prior to a formal hearing which means no being lobbied, influenced, cajoled or otherwise compromise one’s opinion prior to a hearing. Now, this is extremely opposite a state legislative role where being lobbied by special interests comes about as assuredly and as routine as Country Jam comes to Mack! With an increasing rate of growth and development in Mesa County, this quasi-judicial role will correspondingly increase in its complexity and importance.

To say that the privilege of serving as a County Commissioner is a unique and unusual experience would be an understatement. A major goal of my time on the Board of County Commissioners is to perform the tasks required at a level of quality that matches up to this terrific Mesa County community that we all call home.

☆ Contributions ☆

Once again we remind all that the upcoming 2008 elections will prove to be extremely significant in securing our Republican values for the future. It is crucial that we each do all we can to support and aid our Republican candidates. We would encourage everyone to consider making a donation! Please see the attached donation slip, or visit the website at www.mesacountyrepublicans.com/donations. Thank You!

From "The Gipper"

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

"The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so."

"Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U.S. was too strong."

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

"The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination."

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We want to hear from you! Help us, as your current MCR board, to know how we can work more effectively together toward success during this crucial election cycle.

To renew your membership, please contact Duncan McArthur at katalina5@bresnan.net or visit www.mesacountyrepublicans.com/donations.

Catch the Spirit! – Join the Cause!

Yes! I want to be a part of the Mesa County Republican Party.

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