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THE PARTYLINE

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Looking to the Future...

Welcome to the Kansas Days edition of the KYR *Partyline*, the official newsletter of the Kansas Young Republicans. It is 2007 and time to gear up to keep and expand GOP leadership in the elected offices in Kansas.

A lot has been said over this last election cycle about rise of the Democratic Party in the Kansas. The loss of the Congressional 2nd District Seat, the Governor's office, the Attorney General's office, and a number of State House races throughout Kansas.

However, I take solace in knowing that we are, and continue to be, a strong Republican state. As long as our party continues to be the voice of reform and freedom, of lowering taxes, limited government, individual responsibility, and freedom here and abroad, we will be the leading voice of the people of our great state.

Over this last year, Kansas Young Republicans were active in the November elections, serving as grassroots organizers, statewide campaign staff, strategists, and as candidates themselves. KYR's also participated in a statewide Voter ID project and several coordinated literature drops for candidates in targeted districts. Kansas Young Republicans are growing across the state, working to form new clubs in Counties that have not had a YR presence in many years.

Over this next year I know you will see a commitment to continue our aggressive agenda of mobilizing, energizing and training. The Kansas Young Republicans will continue to be devoted to membership recruitment, providing leadership and educational development, supporting Republican candidates, and ensuring that Kansas is well represented in the National Young Republican organization.

The Kansas Young Republicans are an organization devoted to winning elections for Republican candidates, generating large numbers of grassroots volunteers, and building the GOP leaders of tomorrow. The future begins today and the KYRs will be there to provide the promise of today and tomorrow.

Shawn Cowing
KYR Chair

What is a YR?

Young Republicans are men and women, 18 to 40 years of age, who believe in and promote Republican ideals through active citizenship.

SCYR Runs for Kansas House of Representatives

On Saturday, October 21, 2006, KYR's came together from around the state to walk for one of our own. KYR 4th District Representative Steven Anthimides was running for Kansas State Representative in the 88th district in Wichita.

Steve had been the underdog from the start, taking on Assistant Minority Leader Jim Ward. Steve grew up in the district that he is running to represent and has seen it decline in recent years. A gang problem had resurfaced in recent months, leading Steve and his neighbors to approach their current State Representative for assistance from Topeka. When they tried to speak to Ward about the issue, they felt he was not responsive, not really concerned with the issue. Because of lack of responsiveness from Mr. Ward, Steve and his neighbors decided it was time for change.

Steve had a platform of Economic Growth, Business Expansion, Accountability in Education Spending and a firm stand on Illegal Immigration. His opponent cast a few "cover votes" here and there on these issues, but his career in politics is filled with tax increases and government growth.

KYRs arrived early on Saturday morning and despite the dreary, cold weather they walked for several hours to distribute Steve's Immigration mailer. Following the morning's activities, KYRs met at Republican Headquarters for a Rally with Gubernatorial Candidate Jim Barnett and 4th District Congressman Todd Tiahrt. Following the rally, Senator Barnett joined Steve and the KYRs to walk the afternoon shift. The literature drop resulted in additional sign locations for Steve and Senator Barnett, a financial savings for Steve and a story and large photo in the Sunday Wichita Eagle. It was a great example of KYRs working together to make a huge difference!(

In July, the DCYRs hosted a voter registration drive aimed at encouraging individuals who were unregistered, but had been identified as likely Republican voters, to register for the primary. The event started at Centennial Park, where YRs cleaned up trash – in the brutal July heat! Lawrence Realty was generous enough to allow the DCYRs to utilize their conference room to make phone calls. Ten Yrs made more than 500 phone calls encouraging citizens to register to vote. Following a Kansas Young Republican Executive Committee meeting, the group moved to Trey Meyer's home for a BBQ. Trey and Jody generously hosted the DCYRs well into the evening. Scott Schwab, candidate for the Republican nomination for the Third Congressional District, joined the festivities after walking a parade in Eudora.

DCYRs would like to thank Trey and Jody Meyer, Lawrence Realty, Emily Wellman and Chris Miller for contributing their time and money to this event!

DCYR Holds Successful Voter Registration Drive



Members of DCYR make targeted phone calls urging Kansans to register to vote prior to the August Primary election.

“What’s New With You?”

Capital City Young Republicans

For the past several months, CCYR has been hosting statewide candidates at our monthly meetings in an effort to connect willing volunteers with a candidate and campaign that best fits each individual. We heard from several candidates including Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh, Attorney General Phill Kline and Gubernatorial candidate, Senator Jim Barnett to name a few. In turn, several of our members worked on the re-election campaigns for many statewide candidates and Congressional members.

CCYR has also been actively planning our 2nd Annual Poker Tournament to be hosted on January 28th in cooperation with Kansas Day events. We hope to see you all there! If you are a CCYR member interesting in helping with the planning or participating, please contact Matt Woehrle at mattw122984@yahoo.com.

Douglas County Young Republicans

The Douglas County Young Republicans have been busy helping Republicans get elected! In July, the DCYRs hosted a successful voter registration drive and community service project-for details, see the previous page.

DCYRs also hosted a summer speaker series featuring gubernatorial candidates Robin Jennison, Ken Canfield, and Jim Barnett. In August, Chuck Ahner, the Republican candidate for the Third Congressional District, joined the DCYRs at Johnny's. The September meeting featured Roy Dunn and Rick Davis, Douglas County Republican candidates for the Kansas House.

On November 4th, we held a literature drop. DCYR members gathered literature from all Republicans running for statewide office, as well as from several local candidates. Four precincts in the 2nd District were targeted. With the help of the Republican Central Committee, the Douglas County Republican Women and the KU College Republicans, we distributed more than 800 bags throughout the county.

Thank you to those of you who have helped keep a red group alive in a blue county!

Ford County Young Republicans

The Ford County Young Republicans continue to make a strong presence in the community of Dodge City and Ford County. Recently two members of the FCYR's were asked to sit on a task force designed to address the problems with teenage driving and the loss of the Drivers Education program in Dodge City. When asked to join the effort, it was noted that the FCYR's were being invited due to the "community and civic involvement," that the group displayed.

During the election cycle, members of the FCYR chapter worked on campaigns to re-elect Phill Kline, elect Jim Barnett, re-elect Pat George to the Kansas House, and elect Sally Cauble to the State Board of Education. The FCYR's first made contact with Sally Cauble in September when she spoke at a Republican Women meeting that was attended by members of the FCYR chapter.

Feedback from the Republican Party Rally that was held in Dodge City in August continues to come in. This event was supported and well attended by the FCYR chapter, and featured special guest Senator Pat Roberts.

Sedgwick County Young Republicans

The Sedgwick County Young Republicans have gotten off to a great start this year. We have finally found a great venue to have our meetings (Players, in northwest Wichita).

Our club has hosted Ron Freeman, Executive Director of the Kansas Republican Party, Kansas House candidates, such as Mario Goico, Ty Masterson, and Steven Anthimides (also SCYR 4th District Chair).

The SCYR's have been very busy contributing many hours to several local and statewide campaigns. YR's have taken part in parades, walking door to door, and putting signs together for the Republican candidates.

We are just getting started...now that the filing deadline has passed, SCYRs are gearing up for the spring election cycle.

Many thanks to the Kansas Young Republicans for working so hard for the Republican Party of Kansas!