



River City Barnstormer



Published by the Jefferson Democratic Club of Cole County, February 2012

NEW MEETING DAY -- Third Thursday of each month -- FEBRUARY 16, 2012

Dear Cole Co Democrat friends:

While it's fun to watch the quarrelling Republican presidential primaries, we can't be diverted from our own work to elect Democrats. At the Jan. meeting, our speaker, Matt Teter, Ex. Director of the State Committee, discussed the court challenges to the redistricting maps and the challenges we face electing Democrats.

This election year, the Jefferson Democratic Club members will have many opportunities to promote candidates and the party. One of the ideas proposed at the January meeting is to create an Events Committee to help coordinate activities and staff events, like the 4th of July booth or the Cole County Fair. If you are interested in chairing or serving on such a committee, let me know. Better yet, come to the Feb. 16 meeting and learn more about the Club's activities!

Susan Vaughn,
President

Balancing Act

With the economy growing again, the consensus estimate for FY '13 general revenue is \$7.6 billion (3.9% increase) which is still less than when the recession began in '08. With the end of federal assistance and lagging revenues, another \$500 million in spending cuts and revenue actions will be needed to balance the FY '13 budget.

Governor Nixon used the federal assistance over the last three years in a phased, stair step process to reduce the disruption caused by massive cuts a single year. With stated priorities of protecting elementary education and a 2% pay raise, the Gov. proposed the following spending cuts and revenue enhancement to the FY '13 budget.

- \$190 mill cut in Medicaid, no eligibility change
- \$ 90 mill reduction to 4 yr colleges
- \$ 29 million cut salaries & admin cost (800

- \$ 17 mill cut for Jr colleges and Technical school
- \$ 41 million debt cost reduction
- \$120 million revenue enhancement (debt collection, tax amnesty, lottery)

February Program

Rep. Sara Lampe, (D 138th) will discuss the issues and decisions the Legislature is facing in dealing with \$500 million shortfall in the FY13 state budget. As a member of the House Budget Comm, Rep Lampe can give us insight in the direction they are likely to take.

Rep Lampe is a member of the House Elementary Education, Budget and Utilities Committees. She was first elected in 2004 and is an Educational Consultant and Adjunct Professor at Drury University. She graduated from S.W. Missouri State U and taught in public schools for 30 years, including 19 years as principal.

Coming Soon

- Annual Membership Dues** for 2012 are \$15 and can be paid to Charmaine Owens
- Feb 6** Young Democrats Fundraiser – McAlister Deli 5 to 9 pm
- Feb 7** Primary Election day
- Feb 16** Next meeting of the Jefferson Democratic Club of Cole County.
- Feb 23** Cole County Central Committee, 6 PM at the River Regional Library.

NEXT MEETING:

February 16, 2012

- Bones Lounge Banquet Room,**
- 5:30 PM Social Time**
- 6:00 PM Dinner - Program**
- Rep. Sara Lampe - FY '13 Budget**

Club Project – Redecorate State Democratic HQ Fundraising

Our Club has completed the planning phase for the project to clean and redecorate the State Democratic Headquarters. The estimated costs for carpet paint and some furniture (and possibly an awning for the front of the building) are: First Floor, \$3,003; Second floor, \$2,162; Third Floor, 1,491. The total cost's for the inside redecorating would be, \$6,556. The awning estimate is \$2,300.

To implement this project, the Club is now undertaking a **fund raising effort** among the State Democratic Committee members, the various County Democratic Committees and other Democratic Clubs around the State. We have established a separate bank account for donation in the name of State Democratic Party HQ Remodeling. One Club member has already donated to the project and our Club Treasury provided the opening balance of \$100. We are asking all Jefferson Democrat Club Members to consider making a donation.

Officer Contacts

President	Susan Vaughn	susanvaughn@mchsi.com
1 st VP Membership	Charmaine Owens	jopostman60@embarq.com
VP Programs	Ray Schneider	akrsch@aol.com
VP Communications	Susan (Dunham) Cook	slc803s@hotmail.com
Secretary	Luana Gifford	luanagifford@aol.com
Treasurer	Al Mueller	allanmueller@hotmail.com