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Matt Reger, BG Republican Club Chairman

A little late, but still here, the July issue is dedicated to some of our judicial candidates. On the ballot this fall are two extremely well-qualified candidates seeking to retain their judicial seats. Judge Reeve Kelsey, who serves as a Wood County Common Pleas Judge, is seeking re-election. He is an exceptional jurist who has brought his wealth of experience and knowledge to Wood County and the legal community is much the better because of him. With no opponent we are certain Judge Kelsey will return to the bench in 2007.

The other race in the county really extends to seven other counties within Northwest Ohio. Judge Dennis Parish is seeking to retain the position of Sixth District Court of Appeals Judge, a position he was appointed to in 2005. An article in this month's newsletter makes it clear why this is probably one of the most important

elections this year. Please read it and make sure you tell as many people as you can that Judge Parish needs to be kept on the court of appeals.

Finally, there are changes coming to the Bowling Green Club as I will be taking a sabbatical for one year. My wife, daughter and I are moving to Tbilisi, Georgia so that I can serve as the Criminal Law Liaison with the American Bar Association's Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative. This program places American attorneys in former Soviet countries and other emerging democracies to help establish rule of law programs. It is a great opportunity and I look forward to going and then coming back. During my time gone we will need to pick an interim replacement and that will be one of our topics at the next meeting.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting on August 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.



Mary Taylor Addresses Club

State Representative Mary Taylor, candidate for Auditor of State, was the guest speaker at the June meeting. She spoke about her qualifications as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and her service in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Taylor has been a strong supporter of the BG Republican Club—not only by speaking to the Club, but has also been a sponsor of the yearly golf outing.

You can learn more about Mary Taylor at <http://www.citizensformarytaylor.com>

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Profile of Judge Dennis Parish, 6th District Court of Appeals

One of the most important elections in our region this fall is the Sixth District Court of Appeals Judgeship. The Republican candidate is Judge Dennis M. Parish who was appointed to the position in February 2005. Although most people who read this article will never appear before Judge Parish or the Sixth District its decisions have more long-term influence than most any other court.

The Sixth District comprises eight counties: Erie, Fulton, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, and Wood. Because of the small number of cases that actually reach the Ohio Supreme Court (less than 8 percent) the Sixth District is actually the court of last resort and the final pronouncement of law in our region. With such significant power it is important that the judges who sit on this court have impeccable integrity and experience. Judge Parish is just that person.

Judge Parish has twenty years experience as a Magistrate in both Wood and

Lucas Counties, experience that is unmatched by anyone else on the court of appeals. In fact, twenty percent (20%) of the cases that come to the court are related to family and juvenile law in some way and Judge Parish is the only candidate and only judge with extensive experience in this area of the law.

Beyond his experience is the fact that Judge Parish comes from outside Lucas County. Right now he is the only judge on the court of appeals who lives outside of Lucas County. In fact, Judge Parish's experiences related directly to the small town environment that is common to all the counties in the Sixth District except Lucas. He is a native of Norwalk, grew up in Defiance and has resided in Bowling Green, Haskins, Napoleon, and Perrysburg. In reference to his roots Judge Parish has said: "I was raised in a small town environment, and cherish the values instilled by my parents, teachers and neighbors."



As Republicans who want to support our candidates I urge you to do all you can to help Judge Parish. Visit his website at www.judgeparish.com and find out about his experience, his family, and read his decisions. Send financial donations to Retain Judge Parish, Mary Varwig, Treasurer, 532 Bruns Drive, Rossford, Ohio 43460. And finally, speak to your neighbors, friends, and relatives and tell them how important it is that Judge Parish retain this seat. His experience and integrity is not only needed, it is necessary to ensure that intelligent and balanced decision continue to come out of the Sixth District.

You can learn more about Judge Parish and the entire Republican ticket by visiting the Wood County Republican Party website:

<http://www.woodcountyrepublicanparty.com>

Justice Terrance O'Donnell

Justice Terrance O'Donnell, now in his fourth year on the Supreme Court of Ohio, has been a member of the State Judiciary for more than 25 years. Justice O'Donnell began his legal career as a law clerk to Justice J.J.P. Corrigan of the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1971, and served as clerk for Judges John V. Corrigan and John M. Manos on the 8th District Court of Appeals in Cuyahoga County. He won election to that Court in 1994 and worked as an appellate judge for 8 years. Prior to that, he served as a judge on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas for 14 years.

In addition, Justice O'Donnell has received the American ORT Jurisprudence Award, has been recognized by the German American Societies of Greater Cleveland as Public Official of the Year, and by the American Nationalities Movement as its Justice Award recipient. He has also received the Golden Gavel Award from the Common Pleas Court Judges

Association and has been recognized by the Ohio Court of Appeals Judges Association for distinguished service on the Ohio Appellate Court.

Justice O'Donnell is currently a member of the 2005 Ohio State Bar Foundation Fellows Class, and also serves on the Board of Trustees of Our Lady of the Wayside, an organization dedicated to serving the needs of the mentally and physically challenged. His brother, John, is a group home resident at Fairview House, owned and serviced by Our Lady of the Wayside. He is a past board member of Magnificat High School and the Lawyers Guild of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. He currently lectures on topics of professionalism and ethics statewide and continues to promote implementation of a statewide Mentoring Program for new lawyers. He has served as past chair of the Cleveland Bar Association Law Related Education Committee and the Student Essay Contest and is a founding member and past president of the Legal Eagles, a law

fraternity of St. Edward High School in Lakewood. Justice O'Donnell has also served as chairman of the Ohio Legal Rights Service Commission, which advocates for mentally retarded and mentally ill persons statewide.

Justice O'Donnell and his wife, Mary Beth, reside in Rocky River. They have four adult children - Terrence and Michael, attorneys; Colleen, awaiting bar results; and Nora, an English teacher at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland.

Judge Robert Cupp

Judge Robert R. Cupp serves on the Ohio Court of Appeals, Third Appellate District, which comprises 17 counties in northwest and west central Ohio. He was selected Presiding Judge of the court in 2005 and Administrative Judge in 2004. In fact, much of Bob Cupp's 30-year legal career has been committed to effective public service.

Prior to becoming a judge, Bob Cupp served 16 years as a member of the Ohio Senate, commencing in 1985 and ending in 2000 with the advent of Ohio's legislative term limits. He won each election by wide vote margins. Before his election to the legislature, Bob served as a Lima City Prosecutor and Assistant Director of Law (1976-80). He was twice elected Allen County Commissioner (1981-1984, 2001-02). He also engaged in the private practice of law in Lima for over 25 years. He is a member of the Allen County and the Ohio State Bar Associations. He coauthored the book,

[Legal] Ethics and Discipline in Ohio, published by the Ohio State Bar Foundation (1977).

In the Senate, Bob Cupp served as President Pro Tempore, the second-highest Senate leader (1997 through 2000). As chairman of the Civil Justice Subcommittee, and a 10 year member of the Judiciary Committee, he focused on civil and criminal justice issues. As a member of the Education Committee, he worked extensively on education and school finance improvement issues. As Chairman of the Commerce and Labor Committee, he worked to improve the state's worker's compensation system. He also served on the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee and the Finance, Agriculture, Ways and Means, State and Local Government, and Legislative Information Systems Committees.

In addition to his current judicial service, Bob Cupp serves as a member of the Ohio Commission on Dispute

Resolution and Conflict Management by appointment of the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, Thomas Moyer. He is also a visiting professor at Ohio Northern University, his alma mater, teaching judicial process and leadership. He is a past president of the 13-county Black Swamp Area Boy Scout Council and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Learning Commission of the NCA. Bob was born in rural Allen County and grew up on his family's farm. He earned his political science degree with high distinction from Ohio Northern University in 1973 and his law degree from O.N.U.'s Pettit College of Law in 1976. As a student at O.N.U., he served as president of the Student Senate.

Bob's wife, Libby, is an educator. They are the parents of two sons: Matthew, a computer data systems analyst at Battelle, and Ryan, a college senior at Ohio Northern. Both sons are Eagle Scouts.

Upcoming Events

September 7
Wood County Young
Republicans @ Cucina di
Betto—6:00 pm

September 8-10
Black Swamp Arts Festival

September 16
Millbury parade

September 16
Harrison Rally Day

September 22-24
Luckey Festival

October 8
Grand Rapids Apple Butter
Festival

November 7
Election Day

If you are aware of an event
that should be added to the
calendar, please send the
information to:
info@bowlinggreengop.com



Resources on the Web...

Wood County Republican Party
<http://www.woodcountyrepublicanparty.com>

Northern Wood County Republican Club
<http://nwc.woodcountyrepublicanparty.com>

Wood County Board of Elections
<http://www.co.wood.oh.us/boe>

Republican National Committee
<http://www.rnc.org>

Ohio Republican Party
<http://www.ohiogop.org>

The White House
<http://www.whitehouse.gov>

US House of Representatives
<http://www.house.gov>

US Senate
<http://www.senate.gov>

State of Ohio
<http://www.ohio.gov>

Ohio General Assembly
<http://www.legislature.state.oh.us>

2006 Republican Candidates

State Representative
Bob Latta

Wood County Commissioner
Tim Brown
www.wcnet.org/~twbrown/

Wood County Auditor
Mike Sibbersen

Common Pleas Judge
Reeve Kelsey

Governor/Lt. Governor
Ken Blackwell/Tom Raga
www.kenblackwell.com

Attorney General
Betty Montgomery
www.bettymontgomery.com

Auditor of State
Mary Taylor
www.citizensformarytaylor.com

Secretary of State
Greg Hartmann
www.greghartmann.com

Treasurer of State
Sandra O'Brien
www.sandraobrien.com

5th Congressional District
Paul Gillmor
www.gillmorforcongress.com

6th District Court of Appeals
Dennis Parish
www.judgedenny.com

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2nd Annual Bowling Green Republican Golf Outing

On, Saturday, July 29th... the second annual golf outing to support candidate through the BG Republican Club was held. Twenty-seven players enjoyed the afternoon sun on the course at BGSU, and it was an even greater success than last year's event. Of course, it was a success not only due to the players, but everyone who contributed as well.

A special THANK YOU goes out to the following:

**Betty Montgomery for Attorney General
Wood County Young Republicans
State Senator Randy Gardner
State Representative Bob Latta
Commissioner Tim Brown
Auditor Mike Sibbersen
Clerk of Courts Becky Bhaer
Prosecutor Ray Fischer
Judge Denny Parish, 6th Dist Court of Appeals
Mike Marsh
John Miller
Matt Reger
Terry Burton**





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The next meeting of the Bowling Green Republican Club will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd at the Holiday Inn Express (across from the Meijer store) in Bowling Green at 7:00pm.

The selection of the interim Chairman will take place at this meeting. Please contact Matt Reger at mlreger@wcnet.org for more information.