

THE TRUNKLINE

The Lower Makefield Republican Club

Supporting Republican principles, candidates and activities through social and interactive group dynamics that are always respectful of individual rights and freedoms

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, April 15

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

Friday, April 18

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots

Tuesday, April 22

Republican Primary, Polls open 7 am to 8 pm
Meet at Yardley Inn, 8:30 pm

Wednesday, April 23

First day to register after primary

Tuesday, April 29

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (must be postmarked no later than April 21)

Friday, May 2

Pasta & Politics
Yardley Community Center
5:30 pm Reception, 6:00 PM Dinner

June/July

Trenton Thunder Ball game, TBD

September

Yardley Harvest Day booth, TBD

October

Oktoberfest, TBD

Tuesday, October 6

Last day to register before the General Election

Tuesday, October 28

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

Friday, October 31

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots

Tuesday, November 4

General Election, Polls open 7 am to 8 pm
Meet at Yardley Inn, 8:30 pm

December

Holiday Party, TBD

Pasta & Politics Dinner

with

– Tom Manion & Pete Stainthorpe –

It is time again for another Pasta & Politics Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Yardley Community Center on May 2, 2008, starting at 5:30 PM. Tom Manion, the Republican Congressional Candidate for the 8th District, and Pete Stainthorpe, the Republican candidate for the 31st District of the Pennsylvania Legislature, are the featured speakers. This is a great opportunity for you to become better acquainted with our candidates who will be on the November Ballot.

The Lower Makefield Republican Club's Pasta & Politics Dinner only costs \$10.00 (children under 18 years old are free). Please RSVP to Alex Godun at 215.964.2499 by April 30, 2008. The Pasta & Politics agenda is as follow:

5:30 PM—6:00 PM Appetizers and socializing with nominated individuals.

6:00 PM—6:30 PM Dinner.

6:30 PM—7:30 PM Speeches by the nominated individuals up for election.

7:30 PM—8:00 PM Socializing/networking and cleanup.

The Lower Makefield Republican Club and The Yardley/Lower Makefield Republican Committee

The following paragraphs are David J. Steil's summary of the value of the Lower Makefield Republican Club and The Yardley/Lower Makefield Republican Committee:

Our Republican values are expressed and exercised through two separate but mutually supportive groups. The Republican Committee is the direct subsidiary of the State and County Republican Organization. The Yardley/Lower Makefield Republican Committee consists of a Committeeman and Committeewoman for each voting district. Their task is to communicate regularly with their neighbors through literature drops, voter registration, absentee ballots, recruiting additional help and introducing themselves to new move-ins. Further they ensure that each polling station is staffed on election day.

The Committee People are supervised by six Executive Committee members who report directly to our County Republican Committee.

The Republican Club is responsible for organizing social activities and events which provide an opportunity for all Republicans to share political insight, discuss issues, and to assist the Committee structure with tasks they cannot do.

The Club is vital to the Republican agenda, because it is the only organization that every Republican can share in. It further gives an outlet to those who are not comfortable in the direct outreach and political process that the Committee People are responsible for.

The result is two teams each with a distinct purpose, but a common goal: to elect Republicans to public office.

—David J. Steil
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The 2008 Lower Makefield Republican Club Executive Board

Chairperson*	Byron Roth	
First Vice-Chairperson (Membership)*	Larry Borda	
Second Vice-Chairperson (Events)*	Alex Godun	
Recording Secretary*	Eve Moody	
Corresponding Secretary*	Open	
Treasurer*	Michael J. Conallen Jr.	
Parliamentarian	Larry Wind	
Immediate Past Chairperson	Mary-Ellen Dobson	
Liaison to LMT GOP	Janet Smith	
Assistant Recording Secretary	Open	
Community Chairperson	Open	*elected position

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A Message from the Club President ...

For those of you who remember, I returned home from Iraq about 20 months ago, and have recently been assigned for another deployment. Currently, I am the Company Commander for the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) located at 2700 Southampton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154. The HHC unit was mobilized for training October 2007 and will official mobilize in September 2008. The deployment length suggest that I will be leaving as early as August 2008 for final training and return home around October 2009.

This deployment will be different for me, as I already have been over there once in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom during 2005-2006. This is a worthy mission and I have no problem going again. I think everyone should have the basic freedoms we all take for granted everyday. The simple pleasures of voting, speaking one's mind, or criticizing the government are all taken for granted. Very few have seen the results of a brutal dictator, such as Saddam Hussein, for even trying to act upon the basic rights we have in the United States.

It seems to me that all too often Americans forget about the past too quickly, always want a quick solution for everything, and want to blame the other guy for the problem. If one could have been in my boots while I was there the first time and witnessed the simple pleasures the civilians got out of voting for the first time, one would understand how much we take for granted in the United States.

As I transition the Club's president role to Larry Borda over the next few months in preparation for my deployment, I look forward to meeting as many of the members of the Club as possible. I will send correspondence to keep everyone updated on my time away and look forward to returning home to Lower Makefield.

—Byron J. Roth

The future of the Club ...

Please find below a brief survey for the members of the Club to answer. This survey will be used to drive future events and activities for the Club members. If anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns, there is an email, phone, and address at the end of the survey for you to contact.

1. Do you want to see the Club being involved/having more social activities? Yes or No
2. To raise social awareness of the Club, which of the activities do you think would have the most impact (check all that apply):
 - Can food drives
 - Winter coat drive
 - College Scholarship for local youths of Yardley and Lower Makefield Township
 - Canal Clean up/Roadside Clean up
 - Dinner & Dance with award presentations for local businesses and volunteers
3. Do you want to see the Club conducting Community out reach projects? Yes or No
4. Do you think the Club needs to be more involved with the Community? Yes or No
5. Do you want to see the Club have informational seminars and speakers? Yes or No
6. What would you like to see the Club undertake either as a project, community awareness, or social activity?

7. Comments: _____

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A few words from your ... Republican nominated individuals ... up for election in 2008.

TOM MANION — (8th District) U.S. Congressman

Tom Manion comes to the race for Congress not as a career politician, but as a regular citizen called to public service in extraordinary times.

Tom grew up in the Philadelphia area and is one of ten children. He graduated from public schools and then worked his own way through college, graduating from Widener University. He then went on to serve his country in the Marines.

Tom served 11 years of active duty as a Marine, and another 19 years in the Marine Reserves, retiring at the end of 2007 as a Colonel. While serving our country, Tom also furthered his education, earning a Masters Degree from the Naval Postgraduate School.

After ending his active service, Tom began consulting for Fortune 500 companies and then, in 1990, began a successful career as a business executive at Johnson and Johnson. 1990 is also when Tom and his wife Janet moved to Bucks County.

Tom and Janet have been married for nearly 30 years. Their daughter Ryan and her husband Dave live in Doylestown with Tom's granddaughter, Maggie Rose.

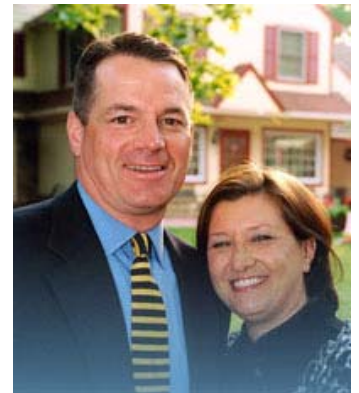
Tom and Janet's son, Travis, was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and gave his life in Iraq last year. He made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of public service. And in doing so, Travis reminded Tom that his service to our country – and his fellow citizens – is not over.

Today, Tom is once again called to service – inspired by his son's sacrifice, supported by his family, and committed to making a difference on all the issues that affect America and his local community.

Tom Manion is running for Congress as an outsider – an ordinary citizen – committed to changing our government so it once again works for us.

As a successful business executive and Marine Colonel, Tom has spent nearly 30 years bringing people of different views together to solve problems. He has learned firsthand that working together and building relationships gets results. And he knows the risk of making tough decisions is much less than the risk of not making them at all.

Now Tom will bring this proven ability to bring people together to Washington – where he will lead the fight for change that is so desperately needed to ensure every American is provided the hope and opportunity that was afforded to him and his family.



PETE STAINTHORPE — (31st District) PA Legislator

Pete Stainthorpe is the right leader to bring residents of the 31st District together on common ground. A father of three, a small business owner, and a Lower Makefield Township Supervisor for the last six years, Pete knows we all have the same aspirations for our families and our community. Pete believes taxes are crushing new business initiatives and pinching already tight family budgets even harder. That is why he voted against the largest tax increase in Lower Makefield in seventeen years, a tax increase his opponent supported. Pete also supports property tax reform for senior citizens on fixed incomes so they can remain an integral part of the community they helped build.

Pete wants to see us decrease our dependence on foreign energy. He introduced Lower Makefield's first ever alternative energy initiative and the SmartEnergy initiative. Pete believes Pennsylvania should lead the country in the development of new "green" technology.

A better environment also means fewer vehicle emissions and less traffic congestion. Pete's efforts led to the introduction of a local shuttle service providing another option to area commuters. Pete has also supported traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on area roads.

The residents of the 31st District need a leader like Pete Stainthorpe who will work hard for us in Harrisburg, not just run for office. On November 4, 2008, Vote for Pete Stainthorpe for State Representative and stand with him on common ground.



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After completing the survey, you may email your results and thoughts to rothbyron@hotmail.com or send via post to:

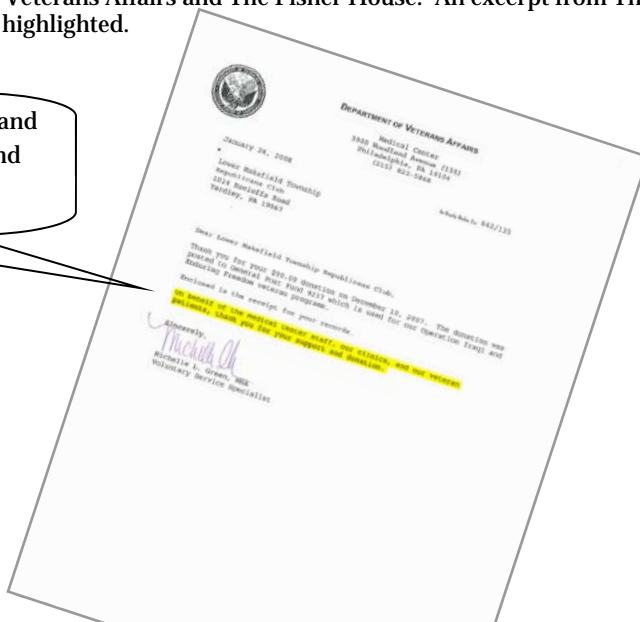
Byron Roth
1014 Roeloffs Road
Yardley, PA 19067

Additionally, you may contact me at my home phone 215.321.1097. I look forward to your thoughts and the results of this survey.

Accolades for the Club during the Holiday Season

Over the holiday season, the Club took up donations for the troops. The organization received two letters of appreciation and thanks. The letters are from The United States Department of Veterans Affairs and The Fisher House. An excerpt from The United States Department of Veterans Affairs letter of appreciation is highlighted.

“On behalf of the Medical Center staff, our clinics, and our veteran patients, thank you for your support and donation.”



Help Wanted—Looking for a Few Good Republicans!—Help Wanted
2008 will be an exciting year with the Presidential Election ahead. The Club is in need of people to serve on the Executive Board. If you are interested, please contact Byron Roth 215-321-1097 (evenings and weekends), e-mail at rothbyron@hotmail.com, or contact any of the other board members. Furthermore, we are in need of assistance in publishing *The Trunkline*.

From The Chair

The Lower Makefield Republican Club still has much to accomplish during this election year. First, the presidential election is foremost on everyone's thoughts and the club plans to work with the Lower Makefield-Yardley Republican Committee to promote events in support of the Republican Presidential candidates. Second, the club will be conducting the traditional social events, as well as many new ones! The club has plans to try new ideas in order to gain interest and support in the Lower Makefield community.

Additionally, I need to reiterate the urgency of getting the Republican base out to vote and participate. I hope the information provided within this newsletter is helpful in generating interest to vote and participate this year. It is going to be a close election and everyone's help is desperately needed.

Furthermore, we still need help in various capacities in the club. Please contact me or others on the Board if you can help.

—Byron J. Roth

Have you renewed your Membership for 2008?

Contact:
Larry Borda—(laborda@comcast.net), or
Byron Roth—(rothbyron@hotmail.com)

For information regarding membership.

Alternatively, the mailing address is:
P.O. Box 590
Yardley, PA 19067

Membership Levels:
Patron - \$40.00
Family - \$30.00
Single - \$20.00