

2009 Richland County Annual Lincoln Day Dinner

Attendees

Friday, March 26th, 2010

James W. Kehoe Center, Shelby, Ohio



In the Senate race, [Rob Portman](#) is now unopposed in the primary and leading both of his potential Democratic challengers in polling and fundraising. Lee Fisher recently fired his campaign manager, while Jennifer Brunner filed last month with a mere \$60,000 on hand.



[Colonel Tom Moe](#) USAF (Ret.) retired from the Air Force in 1995. An F4 pilot during the Vietnam War, his aircraft was downed by a faulty bomb fuse in January 1968. He was captured by the North Vietnamese and imprisoned in the notorious “Hanoi Hilton” after refusing early release by the enemy. Over five years later he was released in March 1973. After earning his master’s degree in international relations from The University of Notre Dame, Col. Moe returned to flying fighters. He and his lovely wife Chris have been married for 45 years



[Congressman Jim Jordan](#) is a fiscal conservative who believes that families and taxpayers, rather than government, know best how to make decisions with their money. Throughout his career, Jim Jordan has led the fight against tax hikes, including those proposed by his own political party. Jim Jordan believes that cutting taxes and letting families keep more of what they earn helps build strong communities and a vibrant economy.



In the Secretary of State's race, the Democrats are now on their third candidate for that office, after the party base forced out Ted Strickland's hand-picked candidate. Our candidate, [Jon Husted](#), filed last month with \$2 million cash on hand in the race.



[Mike DeWine](#) started his career as a County Prosecutor. “Mike, in his heart, has always been a Prosecutor,” says his wife Fran. “Every problem that exists in your county eventually comes across the Prosecutor’s desk,” DeWine says. “Mike’s career has always been about children and families and law and order.” This viewpoint is what led DeWine to run for state Attorney General.



[David Yost](#), our candidate for Auditor of State, has hit the ground running with a new poll (conducted by the same firm that polls for Scott Brown in Massachusetts and Marco Rubio in Florida) showing he's not only leading the auditor's race, but he has the credentials and experience voters most prefer in that office. Dave is the tough as nails prosecutor and former county auditor in Delaware County, where he earned a reputation for protecting the public treasury and prosecuting corrupt politicians.

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[Justice Maureen O'Connor](#) is running for chief justice, an open seat this year due to the retirement of Chief Justice Thomas Moyer. Justice O'Connor has served on the state's highest court since 2003, and she brings more than 25 years of judicial and administrative experience to the bench. She carried all 88 Ohio counties in her 2008 re-election campaign and received more votes statewide than Barack Obama. When elected, she will become the first female chief justice in the court's history.



[Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger](#), Judith Ann Lanzinger made history when she was elected to be the 150th Supreme Court Justice in 2004. She became the only person to be elected to all four levels of Ohio's judiciary. Over her 24-year career, she has served on the Supreme Court, the Sixth District Court of Appeals, the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, and the Toledo Municipal Court.



Senior Associate [Justice Paul E. Pfeifer](#) has filed to run for reelection to the Supreme Court of Ohio. Justice Pfeifer, who was first elected to the Supreme Court in 1992, is the Ohio Republican Party's endorsed candidate for reelection. Before being elected to the Supreme Court of Ohio, Justice Pfeifer served sixteen years in the Ohio Senate; for ten of those years, he was the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. As a state senator, he crafted Ohio's death penalty statute, pushed through mandatory prison sentences for violent crimes, and was named "Watchdog of the Treasury."



[Erica Gelhaus, Miss Ohio 2009](#) is a senior at Otterbein College pursuing a degree in Music-Vocal Performance with a minor in Arts Administration. Erica is native to St. Henry Ohio and the daughter of Ron and Judy Gelhaus and the oldest sister to her five siblings. Erica's platform, "Turning the Page for Children's Literacy", grew out of her own passion for reading. By promoting reading in a positive light, she encourages children to make the choice to read.

["EKG" Eggerton-Kastran Group - Dennis Eggerton](#) - Singer, songwriter, and guitarist. He is the former lead guitarist and vocalist for the rock band "Justus" and the contemporary Christian rock bands "Back in the Saddle" and "Just Passin' Thru". [Dean Kastran](#) - Singer, songwriter, and bassist. He is a gold record recipient for his work with the 1960's band "The Ohio Express". He has performed with bands such as "The Who", "The Beach Boys", "Herman's Hermits" and many other classic rock bands, and has appeared on Dick Clark's "American Bandstand" and at New York's famed "Carnegie Hall". Dean is also a former member of "Flite", "Back in the Saddle" and "Just Passin' Thru".