

February Business Meeting

February 13, 2011

- I. Guest speaker: **Rep. Michael Connelly 48th District**
 - a. DuPage Co. district
 - i. Background: Grew up in city
 1. St. Joseph's high school
 2. Married 22 yrs, 3 kids.
 3. Involved in the community- bball coach, church leader, charity leader
 4. Attorney by trade, on judicially committee in Springfield
 - ii. Reagan is his inspiration
 1. Discussed how bad things were under Jimmy Carter with run-away inflation, interest rates.
 - iii. Small government, strong on foreign policy are his mantras
 - b. "Illinois is the market for North America"
 - i. Opportunity for job growth is all there, but policies are not accommodating this
 - ii. Willing to praise certain Dems, specially Toni Preckwinkle
 1. Governor Quinn is a good man, but totally on over his head
 - a. Will soon raise taxes on cigarettes and gas. All of his policies are aimed towards growing the government
 - b. Dems are the "revenue" party, while GOP is the "cost" party
 - c. Tax increase- his constituents are mad
 - i. Refuses to do nothing- wants to fight them
 1. Current path not sustainable with pension code
 - ii. Filed repeal bill and in front of the repeal effort
 1. Believes the effort could pay off in 12 months
 2. Will continue to fight
 - d. Redistricting is on its way
 - i. Dems say public hearings will be had, but he's doubtful
 - e. View of the CYRs
 - i. We're at Ground Zero- deserve credit for all of our work
- II. Membership
 - a. Cathryn introduction
 - b. Renewal effort continues
 - i. Different kinds of membership packages explained
 - c. Small Groups meetings – TBD
 - d. Membership privileges: discounts, participation opportunities, and
- III. Political action

- a. John Barrido event was a success
 - b. Need team leaders for grassroots and outreach efforts
 - c. Social media push: want to boost “fans” on Facebook
 - i. “online to offline integration” = getting those online engaged
- IV. Fundraising
 - a. “Money Blizzard” in full force- \$22 of increments of the same
 - b. New fundraising letter going out this week
- V. Events
 - a. Happy Hour this Wednesday at “the Joynt” in River North
 - i. A ton of candidates from the 2010 elections will be there, including Jason Plummer
 - ii. Be there!
 - b. Committee for the big summer events is beginning. Contact Meredyth or Kelly to get more involved
- VI. Multimedia
 - a. Member videos to help with a web campaign
- VII. Technology
 - a. Always need more bloggers and tech people—contact Katy Keich for more information.
- VIII. Elections: April 3rd Business meeting
 - a. Submit nominations to Regis, the election chair
 - b. March meeting we will disclose these names and the election will be the next meeting in early-April
- IX. YRNF Spring Conference on April 8-9th
 - a. \$129 early bird registration with potential CYR discount
 - b. Can also participate on an ala-carte basis
 - c. For more information, contact Rick Veenstra, who will be at our happy hour this upcoming Wednesday
- X. President’s Call to Arms: Keep going! Don’t be afraid to continue to spread the word.
 - a. Municipal elections are soon... go vote!
 - b. Freedom Friday lunches continuing THIS week for lunch, Contact Jim for information.
 - c. Stay tuned for details relating to a “Coffee Hour” on February 18th!