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GA speakers enlighten club

Editor's note: This edition of Wicomico Republican will be just two pages. Look for a special expanded Fall newsletter in October.

In both April and June, the Wicomico County Republican Club was fortunate enough to hear from two of the area's representatives to the House of Delegates, Addie Eckardt and Jeannie Haddaway. Both gave us their rundown of what happened in this year's session and recounted their attempts to stop or at least slow down the march to higher taxes and the nanny-statism that seems to be the norm under Governor O'Malley's administration.

While Addie spoke mainly about the financial impact the session had on working Maryland families and her efforts to hold the line (including a bill to study the effectiveness of the never-ending stream of task forces Annapolis seems to create), Jeannie branched out into other items she considered accomplishments, such as saving the Maryland Broadband Initiative from a hefty fee for waterway crossings and making mandates in the state's new Critical Areas law a little more flexible.

Jeannie also took time before her appearance to have dinner with the Lower Shore Young Republicans, so she took the time that evening to discuss issues with a larger range of Wicomico County Republicans.

Given that the outlook for the next two sessions is bleak due to the large Democrat majority currently reigning in the General Assembly, it is somewhat reassuring that these two local representatives continue to fight for Republican ideals and principles while still getting those items which need to be accomplished for their constituents through the Annapolis sausage grinder.

Hopefully Delegates Eckardt and Haddaway will get much more Republican help after the 2010 state elections.

Mark your calendars -

The 2008 Wicomico County Republican Club Crab Feast will be held Saturday, September 20 at the usual location, Schumaker Park in Salisbury. Tickets are already available and can be purchased at our next club meeting in August.

August meeting “work session”

In June, the club's Executive Committee decided to not hold a July meeting, thus our next regular meeting will be Monday, August 25. We will not schedule a speaker because the agenda of the meeting is one of a work session discussing our alternatives for campaigning in 2008.

Certainly we'll have updates on both the local John McCain and Andy Harris bids for office, but discussion on the two amendments on Maryland's November ballot is also welcomed, along with considering a possible ballot initiative concerning the county's liquor sales system.

The Wicomico County Republican Club meets at the Chamber of Commerce Building, 144 E. Main Street in Salisbury. Meeting social hour starts at 7 p.m. and business at 7:30.

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Workers wanted for WFHS

The Wicomico County GOP is once again sponsoring a table at this year's Wicomico Farm and Home Show August 14-16, and volunteers are being solicited to work for a 2-3 hour shift manning the table.

Concurrently with this newsletter, you should receive an e-mail request from Dave Parker to volunteer to take a shift. If you're not the e-mailing type, you can still use the telephone and call Michael Swartz to volunteer - his number is (410) 219-1096.

Join the several who have signed up already and engage our voters!