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2008 Wicomico County Lincoln Day Dinner

When: Saturday, February 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Bistro Room, The Commons,
Salisbury University

How much: \$40 per person, \$75 per
couple, students \$25.

Featured speaker: Ellen Sauerbrey

Who to call: Bob Laun, (410) 543-2116

Sauerbrey to speak at 2008 Lincoln Day Dinner

The Wicomico County Republican Central Committee is pleased to announce our featured speaker for the 2008 Lincoln Day Dinner is two-time Republican candidate for Governor, and more recently the head of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration in the State Department, the Honorable Ellen Sauerbrey.

With Sauerbrey's broad base of experience to draw from in both state and national politics, it should be a fascinating presentation worth seeing. In addition, there are sure to be representatives from the various Congressional and Presidential hopefuls.

Even though this isn't an "official" Wicomico County Republican Club event, one task of the club is to support the local Republican Party apparatus in its own fundraising ventures, which is the purpose of the annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

Arminio to make pitch at January WCRC meeting

Congressional candidate Dr. Joe Arminio will have the final opportunity to sway club voters as he speaks at the upcoming WCRC meeting on January 28. As always, social time begins at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting gavelled to order at 7:30.

Dr. Arminio, who announced in December that he was running as a part of the Ron Paul "ticket", has advocated his support for, among other things, a return to the economic policies in effect for much of the nation's history.

He has worked as a consultant for the defense industry, but is probably better known as a writer and publisher of *The Citizens' Monitor*, a newsletter dealing with state and national issues. His latest book, *The Decline and Fall of the American Way*, gives insight into the policies he would pursue if elected.

Also on the January docket will be the nominating process for 2008 club officers, who will be elected and sworn in at the February 25th club meeting. More on that in a Page 3 article.

Christmas Party goes well, but...

Another topic of discussion the club will have in 2008 is the fate of our annual Christmas Party. While attendance was roughly normal, expenses have jumped to the extent that the event is no longer a break-even affair.

As a club, we have two main options that we can adopt together or separately. We can change the venue from the Elks Club to one that may cost less, and we can increase the cost of admission from its current \$5 per person.

Unlike the Crab Feast, our Christmas Party isn't intended to be a fundraiser but instead an opportunity for club members to celebrate the holiday season. So as a club we need to make the decision about changes to the party sometime this year. Hopefully we'll have good electoral results to celebrate when we have our annual get-together.

The Lower Shore Young Republican Club has announced a meeting on Thursday, January 31st at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Lounge in Salisbury. Membership is open to interested people ages 18 to 40. If interested in attending, e-mail to lowershoreyoungrepublicans@gmail.com.

Nominees needed

We're looking for a few good men (and women) to serve as officers for 2008, a year which promises to be an exciting one both locally and nationally. The list of officers follows:

President - supervises all Club activities and presides over the monthly meetings;

First Vice-President (Elections) - assists in registering voters, monitoring local legislative bodies, and acts as the liaison with the Chamber of Commerce;

Second Vice-President (External) - works with fundraising functions, Club newsletter, and press relations;

Third Vice-President (Internal) - deals with speakers, meeting programs, Club elections, and awards;

Fourth Vice-President (Membership) - works to recruit new membership, track existing members, and keep the membership roster up to date;

Secretary - records Club meetings and provides detailed minutes for approval and permanent record;

Treasurer - tracks Club finances and reports to the membership at each monthly meeting.

On the ballot

Here is a list of candidates who will be on the February 12, 2008 Republican Primary ballot in Wicomico County:

For President:

Rudy Giuliani
Mike Huckabee
Duncan Hunter
Alan Keyes
John McCain
Ron Paul
Mitt Romney
Tom Tancredo*
Fred Thompson

*Tancredo withdrew from the Presidential race in December after the Maryland ballot withdrawal date.

For Congress:

Joe Arminio
Robert Joseph Banks
Wayne Gilchrest
Andy Harris
E.J. Pipkin

There is also one Circuit Court judge, 22 who are running to be a Delegate to the Republican Convention in Minneapolis, and 22 in the running to be Alternate Delegates to the convention. Many have committed themselves to voting for various candidates, while a few remain uncommitted.

Reminder - events and speakers

January 28, 2008	Congressional candidate Joe Arminio
February 12, 2008 (Tuesday)	*Primary Election*
February 25, 2008	Club Officer Elections and speaker Jared DeMarinis, Director, Campaign Finance Division, State Board of Elections
March 24, 2008	Speaker to be announced

The Wicomico County Republican Club meets on the fourth Monday each month 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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