



# The Missouri Pachyderm

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## Important Dates:

**June 6-8, 2013**  
National Pachyderm conference

**July 20, 2013**  
Missouri Federation of Pachyderms Biennial Conference.

## State Pachyderm Federation Has High Visibility at Missouri State Lincoln Days

The dust has settled and some hard working members of the Pachyderm Clubs are entitled to some recognition for their effort at Mo State Lincoln Days. Dr. Ed Richards arranged for the Pachyderm Club presentation of Kevin Jackson, who spoke to the Lincoln Days attendees. Several Pachydermers were present at the Pachyderm Table in the lobby including Ed Richards, Ron Mark, Mary Wolf, Dave Schultz, Holly Lintner, (National Executive Director), Helen Gough, and many others who stopped by to help out.

The Pachyderm Hospitality Room was a huge success. We had good munchies, good beverages, and lots of volunteers help David Schultz operate the Hospitality Room. Many thanks to David for his hard work.

The State Pachyderm Federation presented State Senator Eric Schmitt with our George W. Parker Legislator of the Year Award at the Saturday evening banquet. We have many great legislators in the Missouri General Assembly and the selection was a difficult job. The State Senate and State House leadership provided input to the Pachyderm Federation Awards Committee and Senator Schmitt was honored with a formal presentation of our plaque. Senator Schmitt brought his family to the banquet to support his recognition for his legislative work. *Bob Gough, President Missouri Pachyderm Federation*

## Pachyderm Forum at Missouri Lincoln Days

**Pachyderm Forum** - For the last several years the Missouri Pachyderm Federation has featured a series of outstanding speakers at its forum on Saturday mornings at 11 AM at Lincoln Days. This year we were fortunate to secure the national known conservative speaker, writer, and Tea Party favorite, Kevin Jackson. Many Pachyderms who have listened to him on the radio or read his books, had a chance to hear him speak in person. And they were not disappointed. An attentive audience of about 60-70 people hear his rousing speech and quickly snatched up all the copies of his books he was able to carry to the event.

## Legislative Day 2013

On March 27, sixty Pachyderms attended our annual Legislative Day at the Capitol.

On behalf of the Missouri Federation of Pachyderms we would like to thank Representative Dean Dohrman, District 51, and his Legislative Assistant Robbin

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Kimbell for making arrangements for the day, and for hosting the Breakfast/Reception at the Missouri Pachyderm Legislative Day and to Senator Eric Schmitt, District 15, for hosting our luncheon in the capitol building. Some early arrivees sat in on committee hearings near the registration area. After registration, we observed both the House of Representatives and Senate in session. Before lunch the capitol photographer took the groups photo in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

Representative Dohrman, Senator Schmitt, Senator Rob Schaaf and Missouri Republican Party Executive Director Shane Schoeller spoke at the luncheon. Following lunch several Pachyderms went on the tour of the Supreme Court Building scheduled by Representative Dohrman, while other had the opportunity to tour the Executive Mansion or attend committee hearings before heading home. This was the largest group to attend Legislative Day in the last decade. David Schultz handled arrangements for the Pachyderms. *–David Schultz, 1<sup>st</sup> VP.*

## **Missouri Pachyderm Federation Officer Nominees**

The nominating committee has completed its work of selecting nominees for state offices for the next two years. Prior to the selection meeting, all club presidents and secretaries were asked to submit the names of eligible person who had agreed to serve as a state officer if nominated and elected, and all present officers were asked if they wished to continue for another term in their present or another position. The nominees are:

President Bill McCoy, Greater Ozarks Club  
Sr. VP Dr. Tony Lupo, Boone County Club  
1st VP David Schultz, Greater Ozarks Club  
2nd VP Pat Buschmann, Gasconade County Club  
Treasurer Ron Mark, Greater Ozarks Club  
Secretary Diane Hering, Pettis County Club

Clubs may submit nominees for these offices. Their nominations must be received by the federation secretary at least 30 days (June 20) before the election which will be held at the biennial conference on July 20. The requirements for a state office or Regional Director are: completed one year as a club officer and two years as a club member at the time of election.

Nominations for Regional Director come from, and are elected by clubs in the region which they serve. This nominating committee serves only to receive the nominations and prepare a ballot for the election to be held by at regional caucuses at the Biennial Conference July 20. Send nominations to the nominations committee chair two weeks prior (July 6) to the election.

*Edward Richards, Chair  
Nominating Committee*

## **Biennial Conference**

The Biennial conference will be held July 20 at Jacks Gourmet Restaurant in Columbia. It is located at 1903 Business Loop I70 East. Registration will start at 9:30. The Conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at noon. The Registration fee is \$15 which includes lunch. Please send the registration fees with your list of delegates. This will lessen the workload on July 20 and allow a more accurate

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### **Note to Club Presidents**

Please forward this newsletter to your members who have email addresses, or have your secretary or other member do so. We still hear from some members who do not receive the newsletter. If you need hard copies for members who do not receive email, let the editor or president know how many are needed.

### **Editor's Note:**

Glen Nelson of the Benton County Club did an outstanding job of preparing this newsletter for the last 3 ½ years. He decided to retire from the job and this issue was prepared Edward Richards acting as a temporary editor.

count for the restaurant. After lunch the newly reconstituted Board of Directors will hold their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. All Pachyderm members are not only welcome but encouraged to attend

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Ed Martin, Chair of the Missouri Republican State committee. Former National Pachyderm Federation Officer Jeannine Stuart will recount her experiences as one of the first women members and officers of Pachyderms. We will also receive a report from the National Pachyderm Federation

The purpose of the Biennial conference is to review work of the last two years, elect officers for the next two years, consider changes in the bylaws and recognize members with awards as deemed appropriate. All clubs are urged to send representatives. Each club is entitled to a minimum to two delegates. Larger clubs have more delegates depending on the number of members. Clubs will be notified shortly of the number of delegates allocated to them.

### **Club News**

**Greater Ozarks** – Held a forum for school board candidates prior to the election. The club meets twice monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays) for lunch at Ziggies Café, 1772 South Glenstone, Springfield in Sunshine Room B (off the Lamplighter Hotel Lobby). The meeting is 11:30am-1pm with the program starting promptly at noon.

**St. Charles** – They are offering a \$1000 scholarship to Lindenwood University for a conservative student.

**Salt Fork** - The May meeting will feature speakers on the second amendment.

**Columbia** – They have added five new members recently. Bill Federer, noted St. Louis area conservative writer gave an outstanding talk on 6000 years of tyranny at a recent meeting. They recommend him to other clubs as a speaker.

**Randolph Area** - They had a very informative program on gun control. They are in the midst of planning for their annual BBQ.

**Gasconade County** - The club meets every other month with a free meal each time. They had a very successful program on gun violence in the school using the local sheriff as speaker. On June 1 they will have a BBQ at which two state representatives who are graduates of the local high school will speak. Members are asked to bring their children and grand children to the event.

**Pettis County** - The club has formed two outreach committees to reach 1) Blacks & Hispanics and 2) Ukrainians. They invite the press to all meetings.

**Boone County** - They are developing a theme for the year and programs will support that theme.

**Southeast Missouri** – The club hosted a forum for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidates seeking to fill the vacancy and over 100 people attended.

## Getting Involved

Why do most people get involved ?

Research in this area HAS PROVEN eight (8) key involvement components. These components can offer our Pachyderm members “food for thought” as we move towards our Biennial Convention this July 2013.

#1. Because they were asked!

The top reason people get involved is because they were asked! Don't assume someone has considered serving on a board or for elected office until YOU have talked to them. Face to face communication is the most effective method to broach the ideas and share your support. Who doesn't like to feel recognized and appreciated?

#2. They believe in what the organization stands for.

If they are local Club members, they believe in limited good government. They see things in their community that need to be changed. Pachyderm members are great change agents!

#3. They are concerned about the future.

Obama care, Budget shortfall, Big Government, the Cost of Living.....  
ENOUGH SAID!

#4. They want to be part of a group.

Our Missouri State GOP Board provides access!

We have a varied mix- from retired military, to past Pentagon employees, to state legislatures, educators and health care professionals. We have great contacts! We are an influential group to join, and, long term, valuable friendships are formed. Serving is a great reward!

#5. They want to utilize their talents and skills.

#6. They want to be leaders.

Pachyderms make the right leaders. They are strong and work together.

Pachyderms must lead our way. Our nation is searching for the right direction. Pachyderms have the skills and experience.

#7. Community Involvement and Growth

#8. They feel a call to SERVE

What a wonderful opportunity to be of service to the local club, our State and our nation's government. We need Good government leaders. This is training.

ASK!!! ASK!!! ASK!!! ASK!!! ASK!!!

There are five (5) Reasons to consider placing your name in nomination for a Regional Director Office. Check off the ones that apply to you, and give this strong consideration.

1. I want to serve in a state office position!
2. I see that there are things around my community and state that need to be changed!

3. I believe in the things the Republican party stands for!
4. My country/state/local club has been good to me and I want to give something back!
5. If I don't consider this, the position may likely remain unfilled.

Our State Pachyderm organization has six Regional Director positions available. We need volunteers. This is your opportunity to be better informed about our government, recruit Pachyderm members and travel our state.

Please call Bill McCoy, a current Regional Director (Southwest) at (417) 887-1163 or Past President and Nominating Committee Chairman - Dr. Ed Richards at (660) 886-3123. – *Mary Wolf, Secretary and member of Nominating and Political Education Committees.*