

# **MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN**

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## **FIRST OPERATION ELECTION 2020 MEETING SET FOR MARCH 11, 2019**

The initial OPERATION ELECTION 2020 meeting has been scheduled for Monday evening, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm to be held in Room 402 of the Alan B. Sadler Commissioners Court Building located at 501 North Thompson Street in Conroe 77301. Party officials, Precinct Chairmen, and officeholders, along with Republican Women, Young Republicans, Pachyderms, High School Young Republicans and interested Republicans, Conservatives and Independents are urged to attend. The goal of the meeting will be the selection of the Operation 2020 Campaign Committee and Chairman and to begin the recruitment of Campaign Volunteers. The leadership and size of the Campaign Committee will be determined by those present at the meeting. There will be Volunteer opportunities for everyone. So check out the possibilities and plan to spend some time helping re-elect President Trump and support the entire 2020 Republican ticket! **Remember, Montgomery County votes will be critical to success in 2020 as it was in 2018.**

## **OPERATION 2020 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**HEADQUARTERS VOLUNTEER-** Since 1965, the Party Headquarters has been located at 310 Metcalf (formerly Collins) Street in Conroe, one block south of the courthouse square in the former State Hotel at the corner of Thompson and Metcalf Streets. It is open 9am to 5 pm, Monday-Friday, except for holidays and the month of July. The Headquarters houses the Party business and computer/data operations, an archival library containing items dating back to 1950, and it serves as a distribution site for election campaign materials. The former hotel lobby serves as a meeting and reception area. During election season as many as 6 volunteers are needed to man the Headquarters each day; during off-election season, only two volunteers are needed per day. The Headquarters is the window thru which voters view our county Party.

**PRECINCT VOLUNTEER-** The Voting Precinct is the smallest unit of the Party organization, often referred to as the “grassroots”. The Precinct Chairman, elected every two years in the Party Primary election, is the presiding officer and a member of the County Executive Committee. A list of current Precinct Chairs may be found on the Party website at [www.mcrp.org](http://www.mcrp.org). If a volunteer is uncertain about their precinct number, call the Headquarters at 936-441-5621. The Party has developed a number of programs designed to contact precinct voters either by telephone or with block walks. Precinct Training will be scheduled in a few months.

**PARTY AUXILIARY MEMBER-** The Party is proud to have every Republican auxiliary represented in its ranks. The auxiliaries supply large numbers of election volunteers. The first Republican Women group was organized in 1979, and we now have seven active groups involving nearly one thousand women. Young Republicans (men & women ages 18-40), Pachyderms (men and women of all ages) and High School Young Republicans provide much needed volunteers for campaigns. Consult the Party website at [www.mcrp.org](http://www.mcrp.org) for meeting information.

**PARTY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MEMBER-** An important part of the Party organization is the Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. The six Standing Committees are Vacancy, Rules, Candidates, Finance, Leadership & Organization and Headquarters. Ad Hoc Committees include the Community Engagement and Financial Review Committees. The Committees that have the most impact on the 2020 elections are the Candidates, Finance, Leadership & Organizational, Community Engagement and Headquarters. Volunteers are needed in these Committees.

## **EARLY TASTE OF GREEN NEW DEAL**

Robert Bryce of the Wall Street Journal wrote in the February 16-17, 2019 issue- “The combinations of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling- sometimes known as the -‘shale revolution’- has enabled Texas, Pennsylvania and other states to produce record quantities of natural gas, some of which is being frozen, loaded onto giant ships, and transported to customers in places like Chile, China and India. Due to the environmental policies of Democrat Governor Cuomo, New York has missed out on this windfall.” Now, the state of New

York is facing a natural gas shortage that forced the gas provider for Westchester County to discontinue accepting new customer applications in March 2019. Bryce reported that “The State is now dependent on imports even though it sits atop the abundant Marcellus Shale.....Policies have consequences.”

## **REEFER MADNESS**

“Reefer Madness” was a movie produced in 1936 by a church group that described the tactics used by drug pushers to lure young people to try marijuana. Later those in the movie industry obtained the film and distributed it widely in the 1940s and 1950s. Over the past 30 years, shrewd publicity made Americans more tolerant of usage. More than 200 million Americans in 10 states currently have access to legalized marijuana for medical and/or recreational use. Recently, Alex Berenson, a former New York Times reporter and author, wrote a book entitled *Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness and Violence*. In an essay adapted from the book and published in the February 16-17 WSJ, he summarized his research. He noted that, contrary to predictions of large increases in usage, only 15% used the drug at least once in 2017, up from 10% in 2006, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. However, “the number who use cannabis (marijuana) heavily is soaring. In 2006, about 3 million Americans reported using the drug at least 300 times a year, the standard for daily use. By 2017, that number had increased to 8 million-approaching the 12 million Americans- who drank every day. Put another way, only one in 15 drinkers consumed alcohol daily; about one in five marijuana users use cannabis that often”. Additionally, today’s marijuana is considerably more potent.

And this has resulted in apparent increase in psychoses, primarily schizophrenia, among the population of users. This leads to more violence and paranoia among this group. “Yet 20 years ago, the U. S. moved to encourage wider use of cannabis and opiates. In both cases, we decided we could outsmart these drugs- enjoying their benefits without their costs. And in both cases we were wrong. Opiates are riskier than cannabis, and the overdose deaths they cause are a more imminent crisis, so public and government attention have focused on them. Soon, the mental illness and violence that follow cannabis use also may be too widespread to ignore”.

## ***DECLARATION OF OPPOSITION TO “MEDICARE FOR ALL”***

***(COURTESY OF AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY)***

### ***“MEDICARE FOR ALL” WOULD***

- ***OUTLAW PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE***
- ***CLOSE HOSPITALS***
- ***REDUCE NUMBER OF DOCTORS***
- ***REDUCE BREAKTHROUGH DRUGS AND TREATMENTS***
- ***RATION MEDICAL CARE***
- ***DRIVE MEDICARE INTO BANKRUPTCY***
- ***RAISE TAXES***
- ***INCREASE GOVERNMENT SPENDING BY TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS***