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Conservative Author Dan Calabrese to Speak at Jan 19 Forum



Syndicator of Herman Cain's newspaper column and editor of HermanCain.com, Dan Calabrese, will be featured at the Tuesday, Jan. 19, Eastside Republican Club Forum via Zoom.

Forum "doors" open at 7 p.m. for virtual coffee and networking in

advance of the meeting.

In addition, ERC members will elect 2021 officers and board members at the meeting.

Watch your inbox for instructions to join us for this Zoom event. A laptop with video camera is recommended, but not required. No computer, camera, microphone? No excuse! You may click or dial in using your phone.

Calabrese founded his own firm in 1999 after a decade as a marketing professional, PR account executive, municipal government assistant and journalist.

In addition to leading his firm's editorial team, Calabrese serves as one of the lead writers of client content. He also continues to work as a professional journalist, and has written four Christian spiritual warfare novels.

He has written for a wide variety of publications, from The Detroit News and Human Events to Transport Topics and Pet Age.

In 2005, Calabrese launched a newspaper syndicate, selling the work of contracted columnists to newspapers across the country, which connected him to businessman Herman Cain whose column he syndicated during his presidential campaign. Afterward, Cain asked Calabrese to run his media division.

Today, you can see his work at HermanCain.com, and after Cain's untimely death from COVID-19 now branded "The Cain Gang."

Readers may wish to view the documentary film about his life. "From Poor to CEO: The Incredible Journey of Herman Cain" is available at this link: <https://bit.ly/2UTCdon>.

What Happens Next?

By Dave Schumacher, ERC Chair

What a disappointing end to 2020. Not just COVID-19, but Donald Trump's loss and the loss of the U.S. Senate!

We now have our work cut out to take back and save our country! Democrats control the executive branches of our beloved state and now the White House, Senate and House of Representatives. It is unlikely it will end well with any of them.



What took place in the D.C. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, was a disgrace and a debacle. The "mostly peaceful" double standard that applied to BLM or Antifa rioters and thugs all last year did not apply to the handful of troublemakers who vandalized the Capitol.

There is never a place for violence, bloodshed or damaging any property during protests. That is not acceptable with any group or anywhere in the United States.

The president-elect says he wants to heal. They really want to divide, conquer and control us. They are sending in the brain police. We live in a place where a biased media can deem that a term such as “American Patriots” signals support for committing violent acts! Where a “Glorification of Violence Policy” implemented by social media can delete and censor you. It is right out of Atlas Shrugged or 1984.

What they want is a dystopian, government-controlled society. In the end, the Dems followed through on their never-ending quest to discredit our president, the movement he led, and his achievements.

Liberalism is an insidious disease. Look at how it has prospered. I have heard from a lot of younger conservative members these last couple years, “Why aren’t we acting, standing up, being more assertive presenting our beliefs?” We have to do just that now with our belief in self-determination, individualism, not government!

We can’t allow our anger about all that’s happened, to turn us into them! We must continue to call out the media bias and not be bullied by it. We must oppose political correctness, social media censorship, identity politics and the era of “wokeness.”

We have to become laser focused on our local issues, particularly election reform, getting our schools and businesses open just as soon as possible. It is important to develop and recruit good conservative candidates for local and state offices, and to retake the U.S. Congress in 2022. We either stand up for our ideals now or get in line with the socialists for all the “free stuff”... while it lasts!

The good news is we still have a chance to change things. For those of us old enough, look back to the turmoil and upheaval of the 1960’s. We got through that period. Politics is cyclical. The dem’s will overreach and we will have our day again at the ballot box—that is unless we fail to reform the bizarre pandemic election laws that allowed this travesty to happen. This will be hard work, but our love of liberty and way of life command it!

I would like to thank all ERC members for allowing me to be Chair for the last two years. I have been honored to work with this board. I thoroughly have enjoyed and cherish getting to know such a wonderful group of people.

ERC Board Elections Set for January Meeting



Eastside Republican Club members will elect 2021 officers and board members at their regular meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, during our January kickoff meeting via Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

Only regular ERC members current in dues are allowed to vote. Members will make nominations from the floor.

As provided by the bylaws, all seven members of the Eastside Republican Club executive board shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by plurality vote of the Regular Members present and voting. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

Offices are chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. There is no term limitation on the four elected officers, and they may succeed themselves in office.

The board includes three at-large members. No board member may serve more than one term as an at-large executive board member during any two-year period.

Any member with a question about the responsibilities of a specific office or position is encouraged to contact chairman Dave Schumacher or other officer.



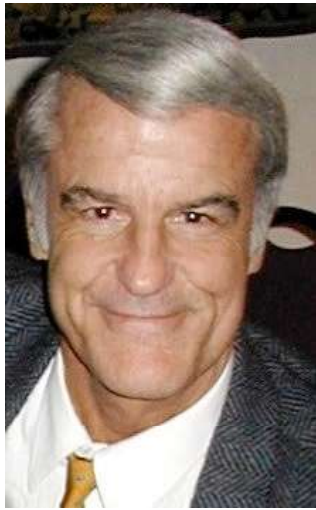
Cartoon by Henry Payne

Hope for Republicans: Is There a Dem Jim Jeffords Out There?

By The Ballenger Report

OK, we know the Democratic nominees won the two Georgia runoff elections for the U.S. Senate on Jan. 5, knocking off a pair of Republican incumbents.

That should give Democrats control of the chamber and their long-sought “trifecta”—the Presidency, a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, and now an apparent 51-50 edge in the Senate by virtue of Vice President Kamala Harris’ tie-breaking vote.



But wait! What about Jim Jeffords? Does anyone remember him and what he did 20 years ago?

In June of 2001, three months before 9/11, Jeffords of Vermont did something no other U.S. Senator has ever done, before or since—he changed party affiliation (from Republican to Independent, but caucusing with the Democrats), thereby flipping control of the chamber from a GOP majority to Democratic control. It’s the only time in U.S. history that a single senator changing party affiliation has resulted in a reconstituted U.S. Senate.

The point of this article is, the scenario today means the stage is set for it to happen again—except the other way around!

In January 2001, the Senate found itself in a 50-50 tie, just like today. At that time, the new Vice President was Republican Dick Cheney who as the presiding officer had the tie-breaking vote, enabling Republicans to organize the chamber. That was all well and good for five months, but then Jeffords, a lifelong Republican, bolted the GOP caucus in June.

When he walked over to the Democratic side, that meant there was a new Democratic majority, 51-49, and Cheney’s tie-breaking vote was no longer required. The Democrats took over and continued to control the chamber for another 18 months—until Republican Jim Talent won a special contest in Missouri and the GOP solidified its advantage in the November, 2002, general election regaining its majority in the chamber.

Flash forward to 2021. It could happen again. Let’s say Joe Manchin, a lonely Democratic U.S. Senator swimming in a red sea of Republicanism in West Virginia should decide he’s so out of step with his party colleagues that he might just as well make it official and join the GOP.

The governor of West Virginia has already done that.

Manchin has said he would never vote to get rid of the filibuster, which scuttles the Democrats’ plans to do exactly that if they could get 51 votes to pull it off. You can be sure Manchin would be amply rewarded by grateful Republicans with a committee chairmanship, just as Jeffords was rewarded by Democrats back in 2001.

Let’s see what happens.

Read Bill Ballenger’s report here:
theballengerreport.com.

The New GOP Freedom Force

Dems have their Squad. Republicans now have their “Freedom Force.”

The GOP is touting the Force, made up of four incoming freshmen, all of whom lived part of their lives in a communist country and are fierce advocates for free markets and free minds.

Force members are Nicole Malliotakis of New York, Carlos Gimenez of Florida, Victoria Spartz of Indiana, and Maria Elvira Salazar also of Florida.

Each has a powerful story and a compelling message.



GOP Freedom Force (left to right) Nicole Malliotakis of New York, Carlos Gimenez of Florida, Victoria Spartz of Indiana, and Maria Elvira Salazar also of Florida



How Did it Happen? Look Beyond Election Day ‘Irregularities’

During the Jan. 6 joint session of Congress to certify state Electoral College votes for President of the United States, one representative presented his five-minute “objection” to the elector certifications of Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

His argument did not concern Dominion voting equipment algorithms or other ballot irregularities which have been the subject of hearings and challenges in many states.

Instead, Dan Bishop (R-N.C.) boldly rose to lay out his case saying, “In the 2020 election, the national Democratic Party carried out a highly coordinated, massively financed, nationwide campaign to displace state regulation of absentee ballots by means of a flood of election-year litigation.”

Bishop charged, “This effort was designed to overwhelm the judicial system and disrupt the administration of the election.”

“In support of the effort, Democrats’ national litigation leaders employed unethical procedural jockeying, including forum shopping, repetitive suits and collusive settlements with cooperating Democrat officials, state and local.”

He exposed the Democrats’ massive effort to steal the election—even detailing how they did it!

“The Democrats’ objectives were to weaken ballot security, undermine positive identification of voters, and provide opportunities for post-election ballot-box stuffing. This has been a national, partisan attack on the Constitutional delegation of authority to regulate elections specifically to state legislatures.”

Bishop explained that the Democrats’ campaign of litigation has tainted some states’ elections.

“I consider this to be an obligation of utmost gravity, predicated on my oath to defend the Constitution, and I hope that the controversy at hand will lead to restoring

Sen. Colbeck’s Eyewitness Account Of Election Aftermath Presented to Nov Forum

The ERC’s Nov. 17 virtual Forum via Zoom heard former Michigan State Senator Patrick Colbeck detail his firsthand account of the day’s marathon Wayne County Board of Canvassers meeting in downtown Detroit.

He recounted the hours of verbal abuse, threats and bullying to which the chair of that board, Monica Palmer, was subjected.

We later learned that a Vermont woman faces federal charges as a result of the woman’s action following that Wayne County Board of Canvassers meeting in Detroit.

Colbeck also provided his analysis of vote counting irregularities he had personally observed during the absentee vote counting marathon at TCF Center.

Due to a family emergency, RNC Committeewoman Kathleen Berden—originally scheduled as Forum guest speaker—was traveling and unavailable for our event.

We are grateful to the Senator for his willingness to appear on short notice.



the administration of elections as the Constitution envisions” concluded Bishop.

On May 19, 2020, Michigan Democrat Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, elected with the assistance of far-left pressure groups, boldly announced that all those listed on the Michigan voter roll would automatically receive a mail-in ballot application without submission of a request.

More Work Ahead For “Unlock Michigan”



Michigan citizens surpassed the goal of 360,000 petition signatures by collecting 539,000 signatures well in advance of the 180-day deadline, and called for repeal of the 1945 statute on which Gov. Whitmer based her emergency lockdown orders.

Since then, citizens have sent hundreds of emails to the Secretary of State Joslyn Benson asking her to do her job of certifying those signatures.

Unlock Michigan continues to work with lawmakers so they'll be ready to vote on the 1945 law as soon as Secretary Benson does her job.

An existing 1976 statute provides for emergency orders limited to 28 days, after which they may be extended with concurrence of the state legislature. That 1976 statute specifically cites disease as a valid reason for emergency action.

After the Michigan Supreme Court ruled Gov. Whitmer lacked the perpetual lockdown authority she claimed, and despite 1976 statutory alternative, the Governor has refused to work with the Michigan legislature, and instead has turned to her Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for implementation of her recent lockdown orders.

The administration's draconian orders and SOS foot-dragging prompted Unlock Michigan to declare, "There is so much angst right now against Gov. Whitmer, Secretary Benson and Attorney General Nessel.... They have shirked their duties and used their positions for politics and power."

"This is why we all must work now to start the process of removing them from office in 2022."

The group promises free Citizen Leadership Zoom classes so that voters can better understand how the legislative process works, how to build coalitions, and how to be effective grassroots activists.

Note: Unlock Michigan notes it is separate from the "Stand Up Michigan" organization, and encourages supporters to "Join the Team" via email at unlockmichigan.com as the most reliable way to stay in the loop with its initiatives.

Laura Cox Announces Surprise Change of Plans

The MIGOP got a surprise last week when State Chair Laura Cox announced, "I am not seeking re-election as Party Chair."

"Over the Christmas holiday, I realized that while this has been the best job of my life, it is time to move on. But while I move on from the title, I will never move on from our Party or principles we all fight for."

With recent election results in view, Cox offered encouragement.

"While the news in D.C. and Georgia and elsewhere may bring you down, take heart: Ours is a Great Nation and ours is a great cause. As long we Republican grassroots are steadfast and strong, and as long as we keep fighting for liberty, our Nation will triumph."



Former MIGOP chair Ron Weiser's bid for the post will now be unopposed at the Saturday, Feb. 6, Michigan Republican Party State Convention.

January is ERC Dues Time Again!

Now you can even support the ERC and save!

There are three ways to support the ERC with your dues.

First, just pay the annual \$25 per household with a check to the ERC, P.O. Box 361025, Grosse Pointe Farms MI 48236-5025.

Second—and this is new—pay \$100 for a five-year membership. That's equivalent to one year of free membership!

Third, chip in \$500 and become an elite, Lifetime Member.

Of course, any additional donations are always accepted and appreciated.

Note: Use your bank's online bill paying service to save manually writing a check writing, an envelope and the cost of postage.

Most banks and credit unions offer the service at no charge. If not, it's usually about the cost of that postage stamp and you will avoid a trip to the mailbox.





Judges Christopher Murray, Anica Letica, Judge Edward Joseph spoke in October

ERC Forums Have Gone ‘Virtual’ With Zoom

The virus and associated lockdown orders have not prevented the Eastside Republican Club from many of its usual activities.

For example, since spring the ERC has continued meeting using Zoom. Although Zoom has drawbacks, online events serve to remove the obstacle of geography for both our monthly Forum speakers and our audience!

A key drawback is elimination of “hospitality” in the form of coffee and cookies, as well as informal face-to-face conversation at the close of the event.

If you have not “tuned in,” here’s a quick summary recent Forms:

Three current judges and Mary Kelly, candidate for Michigan Supreme Court, spoke at the ERC virtual forum on Oct. 20.

The four shared about the judicial system and answered audience questions. All were candidates on the nonpartisan ballot.

All the three incumbent judges were reelected on Nov. 3, while Mary Kelly, candidate for Michigan Supreme Court, was not.

Joining that discussion along with Kelly were Judge Christopher Murray, Chief Judge Michigan Court of Appeals, Judge Anica Letica, Judge Michigan Court of Appeals, and Judge Edward Joseph, Judge Third Circuit Court.

On Sept. 15, five of the 18 candidates for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education addressed the ERC forum.

The candidates were vying in the Nov. election for five BOE openings.

Four were elected to full, four-year terms, while one was elected to fthe remaining two years of a four-year term.

Speaking Sept. 15 were Ahmed Ismail, Lauren Nowicki, Cindy Pangborn, Lisa Papas and John Steininger.

Of those, Ismail and Papas were elected in Nov. balloting, along with David Brumbaugh, Colleen Worden and Joseph Herd. As a result, five of the seven-member board are newly elected.

On May 19, two republican candidates for U.S. Congress spoke at the Eastside Republican Club virtual forum.

Both were eager to challenge incumbent U.S. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence (D-Southfield) and to explain why they believed Lawrence could be vulnerable.

The challengers were R. Vance Patrick and Daryle Houston, both on the Aug. 4, Republican Primary Election ballot, vying for the opportunity to challenge Lawrence in the General Election to represent Michigan’s 14th Congressional District, which includes the Pointes, and parts of Detroit and Oakland County.

Winning the August primary was Patrick, a Detroit native, Southfield businessman and community volunteer who successfully led the seven-year fight to reopen the Belle Isle Aquarium.

Nov. 3 election results returned the incumbent to office.

Mary Zeock RIP

With sadness we report the death of long-time ERC board member Mary Zeock, 75, of Grosse Pointe Woods on Nov. 12, 2020.



Something that went hand-in-hand with her faith in Jesus Christ was her devotion to the cause of the unborn. In support of that cause, she was a faithful supporter of Michigan Right to Life and president of their Grosse Pointe/ Harper Woods affiliate.

She also served as board member of Pregnancy Aid Detroit.

Mary is survived by her brother George Zeock of Otsego, Mich., two nieces, four grandnieces and a grandnephew.

The family suggests memorial donations to Right to Life of Michigan: <https://bit.ly/3q4sgSD>.

Donations by mail may be sent to the RTL Educational Fund, P.O. Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509.

Friends may request an acknowledgement be sent to Mary’s family (gift amounts remain confidential) by designating “Please Notify George Zeock of Otsego, MI.”

GOP Congressional District News

By Mayra Rodriguez, Chair Michigan 14th District Republican Committee



Happy New Year to all!

I am extremely happy that Michigan's 14th District members recently contributed at least \$3,300 to Georgia's Loeffler and Purdue campaigns.

Next, we are building toward our Michigan Republican State

Convention scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6. The official notice will be released as soon as it is determined whether or not we will be required to conduct the convention virtually as we did last year.

Either way, prior to the State Convention we will conduct a 14th District (Wayne/Oakland) caucus to select 14th District leaders and State Committee members.

In the meantime, all Wayne County precinct delegates will elect delegates to the State Convention at the Thursday, Jan. 21, County convention. Official notice for that virtual session has already been provided to precinct delegates elected in the Aug. 4 primary election.

Here at home, our campaigns for the next election cycle begin now!

I'm asking readers to share info with me about open seats and seats that would present flip opportunities, please share the info with me, marodriguez818@gmail.com.

Finally, let's all get behind the recall Whitmer petition: <https://www.recallwhitmer.com>.



It's Come to This

Right to Life of Michigan reports, "We usually like to start Monday off with something encouraging, but we're approaching the point with social media that pro-lifers are censored while celebrations of ethnic cleansing are deemed acceptable."

While social media giant Twitter frequently censors pro-life conservatives, it refuses to remove a tweet from communist China celebrating forcing women to have abortions!

U-M Regent Ron Weiser

Resists Resignation Demand

"I am definitely not resigning," Ron Weiser told The Detroit News through a text message.

He was faulted for not issuing an immediate denunciation of the D.C. violence.

"I condemned the violence and assault on our democracy once I was aware of what had happened. I spent most of that ugly day in a dental chair having oral surgery. I am guilty of not watching news on TV or watching or using social media. Nothing more."

Weiser is a U-M Regent and currently a candidate for MIGOP chair.

Because of his failure to know what had happened, his family is suffering, Weiser said.



Wayne 14th News

By Monica Palmer, Chair Wayne 14th District Republican Committee

Focus for January will be election of delegates and alternates to the Saturday, Feb. 6, Michigan Republican Party State Convention.

To do that we will conduct a meeting of duly elected precinct delegates and at-large delegates at our Wayne 14 County Convention, 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21.

Precinct delegates have already received their official call with instructions for the virtual meeting.

For the State Convention, the entire Wayne/Oakland 14th District is allocated 52 delegates/52 alternates, and two at-large delegates.

An important part of the State Convention will be selecting leaders. For starters, Ron Weiser is unopposed for chairman and Meshawn Maddock is unopposed for co-chair.

Likewise, Paul Stephens is unopposed for MIGOP youth vice chair.

The remaining five vice chair positions are being sought by a total of 15 enthusiastic candidates.



~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~

Tuesday, Jan. 19

ERC Forum with author Dan Calabrese, election of ERC officers, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, Jan. 21

Wayne 14th County Convention to elect officers and delegates to the MIGOP State Convention, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Friday, Feb. 5 (tentative) 14th District (Wayne/Oakland) caucus to select 14th District leaders and State Committee members. Time/location TBD

Saturday, Feb. 6

MIGOP State Convention to elect state chair and vice chairs. Time/location TBD

Tuesday, Feb. 19

ERC Forum, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom with guest speaker TBD

Tuesday, March 16

ERC Forum, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, April 20

ERC Forum, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, May 18

ERC Forum, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

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