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## Chas Roemer to Address Pachyderms of GBR



BESE Board, District 6 Candidate, **Charles “Chas” Roemer**, will be the featured speaker at the Pachyderms of Greater Baton Rouge meeting on **Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be at the Great Wall Chinese Restaurant, 3084 College Drive, Baton Rouge, 70808. (6:30 to 7:00 – Socializing; 7:00 – Meeting)

Roemer, who was elected to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in 2007, faces a run-off for a second term on November 19th. The program will also feature a roundtable

## **discussion of the effect of unions and tenure on public education.**

Cost for the buffet is \$13.00, drink, tax and gratuity included. Pachyderm meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome. RSVP: 225-644-5728 or [hlacour@eatel.net](mailto:hlacour@eatel.net) <<mailto:hlacour@eatel.net>>

For more information, visit the website at [www.ascensiongop.org/pachyderms.htm](http://www.ascensiongop.org/pachyderms.htm) <<http://www.ascensiongop.org/pachyderms.htm>> or visit the **Pachyderms of GBR on Facebook.**

## **OCTOBER MINUTES**

Greater E.B.R. Area Pachyderm Dinner  
The Great Wall Restaurant, Baton Rouge, LA

Thursday, October 27, 2011; 6:30 p.m.  
By : Julie LaLonde Robinson

**INTRODUCTION:** After those who paid to eat had selected their food from the delicious buffet, the meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-President Harold LacCour introduced the attending officials and candidates for office. Other Board members in attendance were: President Luke Sheldon and Treasurer Greg Neff. Recording Secretary Angela Neff was absent due to illness, so Julie Robinson, Director-at-Large, took notes. Julie also brought a guest, veteran Kevin Cormier, who contributed to the questions asked of the speaker, John McKay, founder of The Hayride.com, who had graciously agreed to address the Pachyderms on short notice after State Treasurer John Kennedy notified Harold that he was unable to come due to personal problems. Kennedy would, however, still like to come speak to, so he will be scheduled at a later date.

**SEPTEMBER DINNER ANALYSIS:** A short discussion about last month's speaker, Jay Dardenne (and Nunn-show speaker Billy Nungesser) ensued. Julie believes that Nungesser's failure to show up for the Pachyderm meeting and his failure to show up for another debate with Jay Dardenne in New Orleans that following Monday, along with the press this no-show received played a big part in Nungesser loss to Dardenne in the October 22nd election. This led to discussions about voting intimidation and fraud. Jay Dardenne had buckled down on non-existent voters, which Nungesser tried to use against him by saying that Jay had prevented many Democrats from voting. What Nungesser did not say was that many of these Democrats were either dead or had moved out of state. McKay gave credit to Roger Villere, State Central Committee Chair, for hiring off duty cops to go to the polls to watch because of the rampant Democrat voter fraud.

**OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER RECAP:** Scott McKay warned that Republicans may think they are winning, but they are not. The Democrats built a white firewall around the democratic candidates during the recent October 22<sup>nd</sup> election. There were 4 key positions, like Democrat Eric LaFleur's seat in the Ville Platt area, which would have shown we were winning, if Republicans had won these seats.

Then there's talk about Governor Jindal choosing Senator Alario to lead the Senate. McKay said that there was a Facebook group called "Say No to Alario." His thought is that more media attention to Alario's past will help in showing Jindal that Alario is not a wise choice, especially for Jindal's career. People need to know that Alario was named as a co-conspirator in the Edwin Edwards' scandal. This led to questions and discussion about the legislature, which included the fact that the new legislative liaison will be Democrat Troy Hebert. Combined with a Democrat as Senate leader, the choice of Alario is unacceptable. McKay would like all members of PEC throughout the state to write letters or inform people about Jindal's choice of Alario and why this choice diminishes his own status as a Republican leader. Julie asked whom he had in mind as a solution. Different politicians were discussed with no real answer.

During the course of meeting, several books were mentioned: Plato's "The Republic," which should be required reading in schools, instead of Hillary Clinton's "It Takes a Village." Another book, first published in 1944 and written by Fredrich Hyack, is "The Road to Serfdom." This book is now put out by The Heritage Foundation as a condensed edition. Harold would like to start a reading discussion group.

The meeting adjourned while attendees, brimming with ideas, chatted in groups.

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