

## THE G.O.P. MULCHING MACHINE

I am a concerned conservative republican citizen. Three years ago I brought my time and talents to help my Republican Party. I knew no-one but Congresswoman Candice Miller who from my husband's childhood was a family friend. Their fathers were avid sailors and they raced against each other. Due to my involvement she and my husband have since become reacquainted.

As a degreed experienced accountant and corporate treasurer, I have made a career devoted to cleaning up "corruption". I find it ironic that the very same people throwing their accusations in the most recent Macomb Daily article are the same culprits of the Macomb County Republican Party corruption I was asked to replace. I wish to make the facts known.

In the Macomb Daily January 11, 2013 website article by Chad Selweski concerning our December event there were misquotes, fabrications and untruths. December events are common practice. They are to "thank" hundreds of active volunteers and contributors. They can not be compared to one contribution check to a candidate. The general populous would more commonly refer to them as "Victory Parties".

The article goes on to say that "critics" claim that it is because of the outgoing Macomb County Republican Executive Committee that the republicans lost local Republican races. If you look at the 2009-2010 Chair Jared Maynard and Treasurer Ron Babin's campaign finance report, the local election contributions and results in 2010 were very similar. The article claims that Kathy Vosburg lost her bid to serve two more years as board chair of the Macomb County Commissioners but in recent years the republicans have never held a majority at the county level. Kathy Vosburg as Chair and a key County Party Leader additionally had the responsibility of recruiting candidates and helping raise money for those candidates.

In 2012 Macomb County Republican leadership interviewed all Macomb County Commissioner candidates and contributed to each based on their campaign needs. We were told that Rob Montilla lured these candidates to his Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County PAC, or political action committee, meeting only to tell them that he would not contribute to anyone south of Hall Road. Some of our Macomb County Republican officials personally became involved in certain county and local races. Maybe if our accusers had participated and contributed to the legitimate Macomb County Republican Party we could have done more. Why isn't Kathy outraged at Montilla? (read on)

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As far as campaign volunteer support you need to consult Janice Nearon and Vicki Czapski who ran our Victory Center. Janice Nearon and Vicki Czapski were paid State Party employees and Janice, as one of the party leaders, also received tickets to local functions paid for by State Party. Janice and Vicki controlled our center from May 2012 until after the general election in November. I am not sure which candidate campaigns they targeted so I can not speak for them. Note that in 2004 Janice Nearon also received large campaign contributions for her bid for Macomb County Commissioner and lost.

Additionally if the source of this article is coming from Jared Maynard, Ron Babin, and Rob Montilla, they were not members of the 2011-2012 Macomb County Republican Party. Chad's article erroneously claims that these are "party faithful". Jared Maynard, Rob Montilla and Ron Babin also had committed to attend the Michigan 12<sup>th</sup> Cong District Republican December event as seen on the Facebook event page. Janice Nearon is the 12<sup>th</sup> District Chair. In fact, many of this newly elected Executive Committee did not even attend a single 2011-2012 monthly Macomb County Republican Party meeting. Our meetings were open to the public and you did not have to pay membership to attend.

This 2013-2014 Macomb County Republican Executive Committee has an elected member that is not even a precinct delegate, Kurt King. It has been the practice to award this honor to members who have worked and campaigned to be elected Precinct Delegates. Their first 2013 meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> was a private closed meeting as posted on the county website. Why a private closed meeting?

Why aren't those in any past or present G.O.P. Statutory and Executive positions not responding to the untruths and distortions in this article? Clearly Chad Selweski should do objective reporting by researching the facts. It is well known that Chad has a history of distorting the facts/truth to the demise of any organization or individual he chooses to target. Why is no-one willing to stop it?

The 2011 Macomb County officers were handed \$548.01 campaign funds and the 2013 Macomb County officers were handed \$542.47. I repeat: \$548.01 to \$542.47. The previous group was left no more broke than the current one. So why are they misrepresenting the truth or not telling the whole truth? Maynard, Babin and Montilla present only what supports their bogus claims.

Ron Babin became MCRP Treasurer in 2004. On January 16, 2009 an audit was conducted by his Executive Committee and more specifically by Kathy Vosburg where she found that Ron Babin had paid 21 candidates's filing fees which were not reported in compliance with the Bureau of Elections. The audit further discusses a check made out directly to Chair Jared Maynard for candidate filing fees but it is unclear if this is for the same 21 candidates. Ron Babin also received by registered letter signed by Norm Valli an Error or Omissions report filed against Babin on his 2009 post-General campaign filing. This report Ron Babin never corrected. The Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections manual specifically states "The treasurer is responsible for responding in writing to all Notices of Error or Omission sent to the committee". The county also was fined

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\$1000.00 at that time. Mr. Babin's fines and Error or Omissions are all public knowledge and can be found on the SOS Bureau of Elections website. [http://miboecfr.nicusa.com/cgi-bin/cfr/com\\_det.cgi?com\\_id=1444](http://miboecfr.nicusa.com/cgi-bin/cfr/com_det.cgi?com_id=1444)

In 2010 Kathy Vosburg received over \$7,000.00 in (Jared/Babin) campaign contributions. There was another audit done on Ron Babin's 2010 books and the audit found that Jared/Babin made payments in the amount of \$4600.00 to volunteers for door to door distributions of campaign literature. Among some of these door to door distributors ironically were Kathy Vosburg's children. This was also not reported on their Macomb County Republican Party Itemized Independent Expenditures Schedule. There were wages in the amount of \$4975.00 paid without reporting to government on a 1099 or W-2, thereby avoiding paying employment and income taxes. This was paid to only three individuals, one of whom is the newly elected Vice Chair, Jean Uhl. The newly elected leadership plans to pay staff as exemplified by their organizational chart. In comparison, the 2011-2012 leadership felt that in these economic times to line someone's pocket with hard earned funds was not the mission of this volunteer/fundraising organization. In 2011-2012, no one was paid monetarily for their work.

In 2009-2010 Rob Montilla was working on the Macomb County website under the direction of Chair Jared Maynard. In following years Rob continued to use this system for some of his emails which we intercepted during our administration of the website. In 2011 Rob directed the Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County PAC. Rob solicited contributions under the guise that he represented the official Republican Party. The three levels of the State Republican Party are State, Congressional District and County and these are governed by the State Party By-Laws. In 2011, Rob held a fund raiser which he called a "Reagan Dinner" and raised over \$9,000. This dinner name is used for official Republican fundraising dinners at the Congressional District level only.

In 2012, Kathy Vosburg, Jared Maynard and Ron Babin were contributors to the Republican County of Northern Macomb County PAC. This also can be found at the Bureau of Elections website. In 2012 the Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County PAC made a campaign contribution to Kathy Vosburg. Why didn't Kathy use her influence to encourage Rob to contribute more to our other commissioner candidates? In Chad's article, Kathy Vosburg is quoted as saying there were "at least three races in play".

In response to Marlene Mann's letter to the Editor dated January 17th, I would like to point out that although Mrs. Mann may be a precinct delegate she also was not an actual member of the 2011-2012 Macomb County Republican Party. With my skills, I offered to be an alternate treasurer, so imagine my surprise when my name was read by the nominating committee. I was elected at the Convention just like everyone else. I was not appointed by Mr. Grot as she claims. I have come to know Mr. Grot through my recent involvement. Mr. Grot, I have learned, was a Macomb County Commissioner, Congresswoman Candice Miller's Deputy when she was Michigan Secretary Of State, huge fundraiser for Bill Schuette, and

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volunteered for Ronald Reagan. I am pleased to know a dedicated G.O.P. member of such stature. The fact that Mr. Grot was a co-founder to a local tea party speaks volumes of Mr. Grot's skills and his credibility. The tea party educating and helping citizens like Mrs. Mann become precinct delegates gave the G.O.P. a huge boost. Mrs. Mann's endorsement of the current 2013-2014 leadership speaks volumes. After this letter I wonder if Mrs. Mann will continue to encourage other precinct delegates to join the new leadership of the Macomb County Republican Party.

As the incoming 2011 Macomb County Party Treasurer I was handed purged files, handed unfinished work (1099's), and received little to no cooperation from the previous Treasurer Ron Babin. Ron refused to answer my calls and took three months to turn over the Petty Cash. You don't find that in this article. Now as the out-going treasurer, I have been completely cooperative and am leaving with NO fine or Errors or Omissions report filed against me. Apparently in this G.O.P. it doesn't matter what kind of job you did while elected. To further correct the record, I was NOT bounced as Chad claims. In early November I had announced my desire to not seek re-election for the Treasurer position citing personal reasons. My husband was diagnosed with Stage Four Cancer on July 6, 2012.

Where is "MY" 2011-2012 Executive Committee? As an accountant with 40 years of experience, I now watch as some Macomb Daily reporter, Chad Selweski "questions my work". I was the only member of the Macomb County Republican Party Executive Committee personally liable for any fines for her action and yet I still volunteered. This article is the thanks I get for volunteering with the G.O.P.?

I can guarantee one thing; if these issues aren't addressed and people aren't held accountable for their actions this cycle will continue and the Macomb Daily's Chad Selweski will gladly continue to print the fabricated facts to the demise of our party. After all, elections will continue to attract a new crop of honest hard working individuals who will also be led to the G.O.P. mulching machine.

As I sit here this morning I try to remember why I agreed to be involved in the first place. More importantly I question why I would want to continue.

GOD save my G.O.P.!

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