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January 28th Meeting

7:30 PM

Smithville Inn

**2008 Membership
Dues: \$20 per person**

**Galloway Township
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New Year, New Look to Council and the GTRL

At Council's January 2nd Re-Organization meeting, **Bill Ackerman** and **Keith Hartman** were sworn in to their four year terms on Council. The first order of business was filling the seat vacated by newly sworn in Freeholder **Rich Dase**. The third member of the Right People Right Now team, **Jim Cox**, got unanimous support from the sitting council. Bill Ackerman was also unanimously re-appointed as Deputy Mayor, and **Mayor Tom Bassford** was re-appointed to another two year term along party lines, undercutting the Democrat's call for bipartisanship.



The new year also sees new leadership in the GTRL. At the November meeting the membership elected (and re-elected) a slate of officers. **Carl Crowley** was elected president after outgoing president **Tom Dase** declined running for another year. The remainder of the Executive Committee is listed to the left.

Thank you to those who have served on the Executive Committee in the past, and **best of luck to the new officers!** 2008 promises to be a busy and exciting year.

Dase sworn in to Freeholder Board



Just prior to Council's re-organizational meeting on January 2nd, Freeholder **Rich Dase** was sworn in to the Atlantic County Freeholder Board representing the 4th Freeholder district comprised of Galloway Township, Absecon, Brigantine and Brigantine.

Also sworn in at the meeting held at the County Office Building in Atlantic City was Freeholder **Joe McDevitt**.

With Dase taking the place of outgoing Freeholder **Sue Schilling**, and McDevitt replacing a Democratic freeholder, Republicans expanded their majority to 6-3.

Annual Lincoln Breakfast - February 2nd

Freeholder Rich Dase to be honored as 2008 GTRL Republican of the Year

Newly minted Freeholder Rich Dase will be honored as the **2008 Republican of the Year** at the annual GTRL Lincoln Breakfast.

This year's breakfast will be held **Saturday, February 2** from 9 am to 12 pm at The Carriage House. Tickets for the breakfast will cost \$35 (\$25 for GTRL Members).

Please RSVP to the breakfast by e-mailing us at **GallowayGOP@yahoo.com**.



Congressman Frank LoBiondo is this year's special invited guest.

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- Terry Lucarelli
Municipal Leader

Special Guests at this month’s meeting:

Candidates for Atlantic County Sheriff

Frank Balles & Seth Grossman

Have you paid your 2008 dues yet?

Bring a check and a completed Membership Form to the January meeting.

Go to GTRL.org for a Membership form

The Executive Board meets a half hour before each Regular GTRL Meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

From Where I Sit

By Terry Lucarelli, Municipal Leader

I would like to wish every member of the Galloway Township Republican League and all Galloway Republicans a Happy and Healthy New Year.

2008 is going to give us an opportunity to participate in the Presidential Primary at an earlier date than in years past. **Don’t forget to vote on February 5th**. Also, get your friends and family, who may be unaffiliated, to the polls to declare themselves Republican and participate in this process.

2008 is also going to be a very important year in Atlantic County politics on the National, County and Local Level. We have **Frank LoBiondo** running for Congress, **Joe Silipena** running for freeholder and an at-large freeholder seat up also. We have a Sheriff’s race and locally we have a councilman running for election.

We are going to have to work hard to help **Jim Cox** maintain his seat on council and that can only be done with the help of our GTRL members. The campaign starts NOW. We need to follow Ronald Reagan’s 11th commandment and be positive when talking about our fellow Republicans. Criticism is not a bad thing if it is constructive. Negative comments should be held for private conversations.

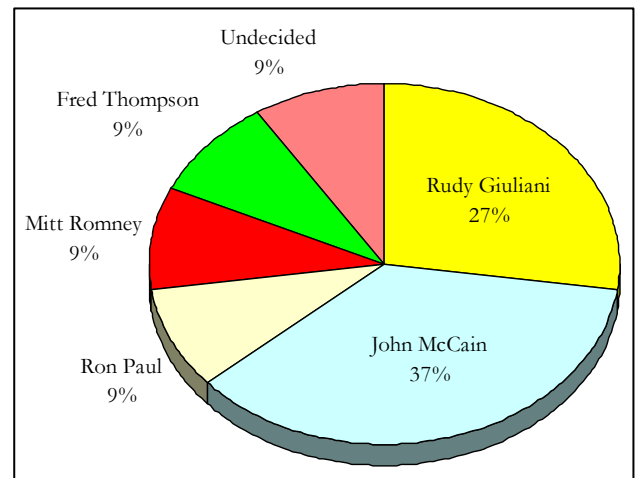
I would like to take this opportunity to personally congratulate Galloway’s 2008 Republican of the Year, Rich Dase. This young man will make his mark as a freeholder just as he did during his brief time as a councilman. Good luck Rich and keep making us proud!

With that being said, I hope that all of you will join in on the festivities at the Carriage House on February 2, 2008 when we honor Rich Dase at our annual Lincoln Breakfast.

GTRL (Unofficial) Straw Poll

Thank you to all who participated in the unofficial GTRL Presidential Primary Straw Poll. While the response was not overwhelming, it is clear that GTRL members prefer **John McCain** and **Rudy Giuliani** over the rest of the field.

If the nomination is still up in the air before the February Newsletter goes to print, we will hold another straw poll to see if the choices change as the field shakes out the pretenders



Upcoming Community Events

Mark your calendar for the following upcoming community events:

March 9th: GTRL Member **Martha Gaines** has organized pre-St. Patti’s Day Beef and Beer at Gourmet, 5-8pm. The cost is \$20 and proceeds benefit the **3 Day Walk for Breast Cancer**.

March 23rd: Drawing for a **2008 Harley Davidson Street Bob**. Proceeds benefit **Team GPS** as they prepare for their ride to the Fallen Officer’s Memorial in Washington, DC. Only 3000 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each. Contact Officer Bill Kline at 652-3705 ext. 064 or Officer Gary Brenner at ext. 068.

