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OF GREATER BATON ROUGE

DECEMBER 2011

Join us for a meeting with

Jeff Blanco

**Thursday, December 15th at
6:30pm**

**The Great Wall Restaurant on
College Drive**

Our meeting will feature Jeff Blanco with LouisianaConservative.com, who will lead a discussion on the current Republican Presidential field prior to the debate tonight at 8 p.m.

Cost for the buffet is \$13.00, with drink, tax and gratuity included. Pachyderm meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome. To ensure a seat, please RSVP at 225-644-5728.

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Dues for the 2012 Calendar Year Being Accepted Now

Dues are \$35.00. Checks can be made out to the “*PACHYDERMS of Greater Baton Rouge.*” Our club keeps only \$15.00 of your dues for club expenditures, while the remaining \$20.00 is automatically sent to the National Federation of the Grand Order of Pachyderm Clubs and used by them for exclusive members-only materials.

NOVEMBER MINUTES

On Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., the Pachyderms of the Greater Baton Rouge area met at The Great Wall Restaurant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, V.P. Harold LaCour introduced Guest Speaker Chas Roemer, candidate for the BESE Board. Chas believes that no progress in education has been made because the public is fighting a system that does not want to change. Education has been run like a jobs program rather than an education program. Money for the education system has gone into teacher unions, not to students in the classroom. Yet the unions demand more money and more time. Chas says that the time is now. Change needs to happen.

Governor Bobby Jindal wants a BESE Board that has been elected on the basis of reform in education, and Chas stands for that reform. The way to improve Louisiana's education system is through charter schools, and Chas wants to help Jindal achieve that reform. But, the real motivation behind Chas's desire to improve education is his children and their future. So, a vote for him shows other politicians that you are not afraid to stand for reform.

Twenty people attended this dinner meeting, with most of them eating. Julie had put together a newsletter with a report from the last dinner meeting, the announcement for this November meeting, and membership dues information.

FUN STUFF

On Saturday, November 19th, a tail-gate party was held at Oscar's Pizzeria on Perkins to watch the LSU Tigers beat the Mississippi Rebels with a score of 52 – 3. Attending were: Pachyderm President Luke Sheldon and his wife, Pavica; 1st VP Harold LaCour; Treasurer Greg Neff; Secretary Angela Neff; past president Alex Evans; past board members Sean Hanscom and Ted Baldwin; and Cindy Denham, a supportive presence at Pachyderm meetings.

On Saturday, December 3rd, members Luke Sheldon, Harold LaCour, Larry Dyer, and Julie Robinson, along with Howard Bushey, a frequent face at Pachyderm meetings, gathered in Brewbachers on Bluebonnet Blvd. to watch the LSU Tigers beat the Georgia Bulldogs with a score of 42 – 10. We were joined by Alice Dupre', whom Luke chatted with.

FYI

<http://www.boston.com/Boston/politicalintelligence/2011/12/gop-presidential-candidates-debate-tonight-sioux-city-iowa/kK1qBTgVnTHr4dKwsS2a1O/index.html>

Live blog of tonight's presidential debate in Sioux City, Iowa

By Glen Johnson, Globe Staff; 12/15/2011; 3:47 PM

If you type the title of this article in Google, you should find this whole article. According to Glen Johnson,, there will be a link in which you can click and follow the two-hour debate, which will be "less of a play-by-lay description and more of an interactive experience that seeks your questions and reactions."

It is not complicated. "All you need is a short display name to make a comment. NO registration is required." At the end of his article, Mr. Johnson advises those interested to check "Political Intelligence" tomorrow for his analysis of the debate.

MERRY CHRISTMAS