



NORTHFIELD REPUBLICAN CLUB

March, 2008

*** Northfield Community School ***

Remember that our March meeting will be held once again at the **Northfield Community School**.

Due to Spring Break, the meeting will be held on **March 19**, a week earlier than normal.

March Meeting

Date: **Wednesday, March 19** (note the date)

Location: Northfield Community School

Guest Speakers: School Board Candidates

Refreshments at 7:00
Meeting to begin at 7:30

As always, bring a friend and help grow the club.

Upcoming Events/ Dates

March 27: County Republican Convention

April 15: School Board Election

April 23: Club Meeting

May 28: Club Meeting

Guest Speakers this month

March is School Board Election month at the Northfield Republican Club. It's an important year, with the upcoming retirement of the current Superintendent, and an increasingly challenging budget environment. Come out and meet your candidates so you can vote confidently on April 15.

School Board Candidates:

- Incumbent Patti Fitzsimons
- Incumbent Linda Grabowski
- Erland Chau
- Pete Da Prato
- Michael Viscount

From the February Meeting

County Board of Chosen Freeholders:

As many of you have heard, Freeholder Chairman **Joe Silipena** is retiring after over 15 years of outstanding service to the county and leadership of our party.

Tom Ballistieri visited our local Club to promote his run to fill the at-large seat. Tom is the nine-year mayor of Folsom, a lifetime republican. In a short introduction to our members, he generated some early excitement about his candidacy.

Frank Sutton, our incumbent District 3 freeholder, also stopped in, and in typical Frank Sutton style, stepped up to help out with a Northfield road safety project currently encountering problems. If you want a freeholder who makes a difference for Northfield, you want Frank back in his seat this November.

County Sheriff:

The race to unseat Jim McGettigan is heating up, as three of his hopeful Republican opponents visited:

Frank Balles returned to emphasize his commitment to bringing back a much needed law enforcement focus to the department. He focused on his desire and his proven ability to improve performance.

Joe O'Donoghue, a retired member of the sheriff's office with a connection to Northfield, promises to improve morale and reduce the backlog of 8,000 outstanding warrants, among the worst in the state.

And **Seth Grossman**, local attorney and radio host, made a case for bringing an outside perspective to the department to repair the damage done to morale and effectiveness by the current sheriff.