



Boyle County Republicans LET'S ROLL!



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GETTING TO KNOW PATRICIA PONDER SMITH

A new face to some and a long time friend to many, I am pleased to proclaim loudly that I am the NEW candidate in the 2002 Mayoral race for Danville. It is hard to believe that the childhood dream of being a mayor is now a possibility. My late husband, Attorney Jack M. Smith, Jr., and I both had a goal to go into politics when he retired. Little did I know it would be my name on the ballot and a solo flight.

I have called Danville home for almost 40 years. As Kentuckians my Dad worked for the government and we moved frequently. By the time I married at the age of 21, we had moved 28 times! As a freshman at Centre College, I had never been to Danville. Expecting the traditional concept of rural Kentucky, but pleasantly surprised, I found a sophisticated and progressive municipality. Danville became my permanent home.

Many of you know me as the mother of Robert and Jennifer, graduates of Danville High. They were active in football, band, swimming, track, drama, etc. Therefore I found myself serving on a lot of committees. For over 14 years I enjoyed being a substitute teacher, whom many of you tried to deceive. Yes, I am THAT Mrs. Smith.....

I proudly use my maiden name, Ponder, in appreciation for my family. Mother, Edna F. Ponder, an artist, also resides in this special city. Because we were with the military, government duty and political discussions were common in our household. Thus, the childhood dream took root.

As I discussed my candidacy with many in the community, it was pointed out that I possibly have limited business experience. If it were 10 years ago, I probably would have agreed with that. As a single mother and a business person, I have discovered that during the years in which Jack and I were two of the partners in the development of two of the large subdivisions in Danville (Bluegrass and Old Bridge), I really had more input than I have been given credit. I am fortunate that business decisions and government regulations were a part of our normal conversations.

When I started my own real estate business, this background was of immeasurable help. Working with City Hall, Planning and Zoning, the Court House, enforcement codes became a business routine. Six years ago I was asked by the National Coldwell Banker Real Estate Co. to become

a National Trainer. One of the many things I taught was how to start and run a business. Therefore, building for the job of Mayor has been a lifetime work in progress. As I traveled across the country, my insight as to what the world was doing outside of our Shangri-La was expanded. Thankful for all of the experiences, it is now time to stay at home in tranquil Danville. Now it is time to correct some of Danville's problems, to fill in the cracks and to continue to maintain our beautiful city.

This handsome town, which has received numerous awards and recognitions, must continue to be protected, grow and be preserved. My platform for this election and my vision is to maximize safety to all, to work to keep employment high, to act upon fiscal responsibility, and to start aggressive work on long-range plans.

Safety for all of us starts with our police, fire, and water departments. I propose that as our front line in all disasters that they receive comparable pay with comparable cities, full staffing, state of the art equipment, training and extended education. This has fallen to unacceptable ranges in recent years. All of us, but particularly our children, will be at risk when going to the new Millennium Park and the nearby summer swimming. I am determined that our safety be foremost with bike paths or sidewalks. The security of this entire community is my first concern.

Employment is the basis of our households and of our city treasury. 70% of the City's money comes from business, not from property taxes, as many think. There must be help and direction available for all businesses, regardless of size. Our Industrial Foundation also must have the full cooperation from City Hall for Danville to progress. Under my direction, the business community will receive total cooperation from the City.

Fiscal responsibility is a mandate given by the people to the government. IT MUST NOT BE TARNISHED. We have the right to trust our elected officials and the right to know for ourselves that our money is being spent wisely and prudently. I am asking for full disclosure of our financial affairs, in layman's terms. The financial situation is one of the top issues of this election. Trust, which has been questioned over the past decade, is a key factor in a voter's decision at the polls.

Main Street Preservation, a long time and never ending project, must be continued. I see one of our biggest

challenges in this preservation is the control of the heavy traffic downtown. Monitored speed enforcement and a feasible truck route are two of the first priorities. The most important part of Main Street preservation is the long-standing by-pass around Danville. We MUST NOT release our pressure on the state for this. This is my number one long-term mission.

My vision for Danville is that it be preserved. Preserved, but not dormant. All of the components of the good life will have an ear in City Hall. Danville is a city of many diverse and worthy organizations. Can I provide all items which are wanted by everyone? Probably not. Remember one thing: PAT IS A PERSON OF HER WORD. And my word on this is, "I will try my best."

Foremost to me, as Mayor, is listening to and acting upon the concerns of the citizens of Danville. ALL of the concerns. Many have said, "you are perfect for the job. You know what is important, you listen, and you have the courage and fortitude to carry out whatever needs to be done."

View my web site: www.patsmithformayor.com for more information. My web address is always open: patsmith@patsmithformayor.com or call 859.236.5134. Thank you for your time and please cast your vote for the NEW candidate for Mayor of Danville - PATRICIA PONDER SMITH.

2002 Candidates

The Boyle County Republican Party extends it's sincere appreciation and pledges it's whole-hearted support to the brave men and women who have stepped up and "answered the bell" by committing to run for local office here in Boyle County in 2002.

Our Republican candidates in partisan races:

Coroner – Dr. James W. Ramey
 County Judge Executive – Ronnie Brent Shannon, Jr.
 Sheriff – James P. Monroe
 Magistrate (3rd District) – Eric Breitenbach
 Magistrate (4th District) – Max Gayden Gideon
 Magistrate (5th District) – W. Michael Leake
 Magistrate (6th District) – David Berka
 Constable (2nd District) – James M. Gies

Our Republican candidates in non-partisan races:
 Danville Mayor – Patricia Ponder Smith
 Danville City Commissioner – Tom Cummins
 Danville City Commissioner – Nathaniel Doneghy
 Danville City Commissioner – Joey Frankel
 Danville City Commissioner – Basil Turbyfill

You can find out more information about these candidates by visiting the candidates page of our website www.boylegop.org/candidates.html.

On another candidate note, U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell announced his campaign for re-election on Tuesday, January 22, 2002. Please take the time to visit his website www.mcconnell02.com and pass it along to everyone you know.

Election Finance Training Seminars

The Election Finance Training Seminars will bring candidates and their campaign staffs up-to-date on campaign finance laws and help them avoid unnecessary pitfalls. All candidates should attend one of these seminars as soon as possible. You may register by calling 502.573.2226 or on the web at <http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/kref/semreg.htm>

Locations	Dates	Times
Campbellsville Campbellsville College	2-26-02	1 pm - 4 pm
Jamestown Lake Cumberland State Park	2-27-02 2-27-02	9 am - Noon 3 pm - 6 pm
Lexington Embassy Suites	2-21-02 3-04-02	5 pm - 8 pm 1 pm - 4 pm
Lucas Barren River State Park	3-06-02 3-07-02	4 pm - 7 pm 9 am - Noon
Olive Hill Carter Caves State Park	2-20-02 2-21-02	1 pm - 4 pm 9 am - Noon
Pineville Pine Mountain State Park	2-28-02	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Prestonsburg Jenny Wiley State Park	2-19-02 2-19-02	9 am - Noon 5 pm - 8 pm

Candidate Recruitment

Our candidate recruitment is not completed. The filing deadline for the non-partisan races of Perryville Mayor, Perryville City Commission, Junction City Mayor, Junction City Commission, Danville School Board and Boyle County School Board is August 13, 2002.

The Boyle County Republican Party extends it's sincere appreciation to the candidate recruitment committee who have worked endless hours since October contacting potential candidates. Members included Louise Allen, David Berka, Hugh Coomer, Tom Cummins, Cindi Davidson, Bill Galbreath, Dick Gross, Ginny Gross, Tom McClain, Rick McQuerry, Bunny Scutchfield, Basil Turbyfill and Alberta Wood. Special thanks to Louise Allen for assisting many candidates with the filing process.

Now it's time to get to work and support our Republican candidates here in Boyle County.

Redistricting

By Basil Turbyfill

Bob Gable, the foundation of the Kentucky GOP for many years, engineered the lawsuit that loomed over the heads of the Democrats and provided the pressure that resulted in a settlement. (I was honored to be one of the six plaintiffs in the legal action.)

Senate President David Williams provided the leadership and toughness to prevail under extreme pressure. We owe both Bob Gable and David Williams tons of thanks.

To sum up how we think we did, Governor Paul Patton, shortly after the final vote, was heard saying, "You @!#%#\$ @##!#\$, you just handed the (bleeping) Republicans control of the Senate for the next 10 years!"

We can (not "will") keep a state Senate majority by re-electing State Senator Tom Buford and start eroding the 65 to 35 Democrat State House Majority by electing Mike Harmon in the 54th district. If we are successful, the Boyle County Republicans will be the "poster child" for the GOP in Kentucky.

These candidates need your help and/or resources – spelled M-O-N-E-Y – and they will be successful. So, get out your pocketbooks, wallets and checkbooks and contribute to all of our candidates.

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Looking Back

Christmas Party – On Monday, December 17, 2001, the Boyle County Republicans held it's annual Christmas Party at Western Sizzlin' in Danville, KY. Approximately 40 Republican faithfuls enjoyed an evening that featured State Senator Tom Buford as our guest speaker. Sen. Buford updated the group on the upcoming legislative session slated to start in January in Frankfort, plus local political issues and how they relate to the national GOP agenda. The group was entertained with singing by James and Sandra McCarroll's children: James (7), Micah (5), and Nathan (3). Soloist Aprile Hunt also blessed us with her beautiful voice.

Three distinguished Boyle County Republicans were honored with certificates:

Dr. James W. Ramey – "The Lone Ranger" – For consistently overcoming the odds to hold office when greatly outnumbered in voter registration and for holding the torch for the Republican Party of Boyle County.

Alberta L. Wood – "The Grand Young Lady of the Grand Old Party" – For her inspiration and endless hours of work in revitalizing the Republican Party of Boyle County.

Basil Turbyfill – "The Grey Fox" – For his inspiration and leadership in revitalizing the Republican Party of Boyle County.

Looking Ahead

David Horowitz at Centre College – Centre College Republicans are sponsoring a private dinner and lecture at the Carnegie Club on Centre's campus in Danville, KY on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, starting at 7:00 P.M.

Centre College Republicans President, Benjamin Beaton, announced that nationally known author and lecturer, David Horowitz will be the guest speaker and will discuss "How the Political Left in America is Undermining American Security."

The cost of the dinner and lecture will be about \$22 per person and seating for 50 people is still available. This is a fantastic opportunity for Boyle County Republicans, our families, students and friends to show support for the Centre College Republicans and to enjoy hearing the conservative side of issues that permeate campus life.

For information and reservations, please contact Scott Spence at 859-238-6900 or e-mail him at saspen00@centre.edu. You may also call Benjamin Beaton at 859-238-6855. Call today! Look up David Horowitz on the net and have your questions ready. See you there!

PANIC! PANIC! PANIC!

Reservations for the 6th District Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner featuring Alan Keyes are way behind expectations. We currently have about 20 people from Boyle County who will be attending and will be seated together.

If you need transportation, reservations, a personal loan, etc., please call Basil Turbyfill at 859-236-2389 or Tom McClain at 859-236-1930. You can pay at the door as long as you have called in your reservations. Reservations may be made by calling 859-254-3532 or 1-866-254-3532.

This event was planned to attract 1,000 people, so get your friends, relatives and neighbors and be sure you all make it to this February 15th event! (more information on this event appears later in this newsletter)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Boyle County Republican Party has kicked off its 2002 fundraiser. Two categories exist: "Gold 25" and "Silver 15". Our goal is to secure 25 people (or couples) as "Gold 25" sponsors and another 25 as "Silver 15" sponsors.

"Gold 25" sponsors are asked to contribute \$25/month and "Silver 15" sponsors are asked to contribute \$15/month.

By meeting this goal, we would have an additional \$1000/month for the Boyle County Republican Party. With monthly obligations for the newsletter, phone service, rent and insurance totaling \$300, the remaining \$700 monthly will be used to support and promote our candidates here in Boyle County.

To become a "Gold 25" or "Silver 15" sponsor, please contact Tom McClain at 859-236-1930 to obtain your monthly contribution cards and envelopes.

This is our hour to restore a two-party system here at home. Please become part of the process. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

News from the Board of Elections

By Alberta L. Wood, Member, Board of Elections

Now that the redistricting issue has been resolved (Boyle remains in the 6th), the Board of Elections has until February 28 to establish or alter precinct boundaries that are currently in two magisterial districts, i.e., Precincts 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 19. We anticipate that the work will require 75+ hours to complete. KRS 117.055-117.066 sets out the

instructions for the board to use in determining the size of a precinct, and other rules relative to realignment of the precincts.

- Figures used to determine the size of the precinct are based on the number of registered voters in that precinct, and census data is not used.
- Precincts are composed of contiguous and if possible, compact areas with clearly definable boundaries. Each precinct shall contain as nearly equal a number of people as possible.
- A precinct boundary CANNOT cross the boundary of a congressional district, state senatorial district, state representative district, or magisterial district. A precinct boundary MUST follow the boundary of a school district boundary or division, and an incorporated city boundary .
- Proposed precinct boundary changes must include the following four items:
 - (a) A written description of each precinct boundary being changed or created (not in survey terms but described so that someone, who is not familiar with the county, would be able to trace the precinct onto a county road map).
 - (b) A map(s) clearly showing the boundaries of each precinct.
 - (c) A letter explaining the number of voters contained in the affected precincts before and after the alteration.
 - (d) A statement attesting that the desired changes comply with KRS 117.055-117.0552.

After approval of the Board's proposed boundary changes by the State Board of Elections, a Precinct Notification card/letter will be generated for all voters who are affected by the change.

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