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WELCOME!

Welcome to a new edition of your National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs Newsletter! We are looking forward to both informing you and hearing from you! See more, below:



Letter from the 1st Vice President

I am pleased to share with you that the National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs is entering one of the most exciting times in our storied history.

As you will see throughout this newsletter, and as you will constantly see on our social media outreach over the coming months, we are looking forward to our upcoming National Pachyderm Convention this September 5th to 7th in Galveston, Texas. Be sure to register early online at convention.pachyderms.org.

In addition to the biennial gathering of the National Pachyderms, we are excited to hear about the growing activity at so many of our local clubs around the country. The Pachyderms are universally recognized for our informative and thoughtful speakers. This is due to each local club remaining dedicated to our mission to educate and inform.

This focus is also central to the growth of our organization. Our executive director, SuZanne Feather, is working hard to reach out to every club to help support your programs and membership with administrative and development best practices. However, we also need each member's individual help in not only growing your club, but in encouraging your family, friends and colleagues to also engage with their local clubs.

We also stand ready to assist in the formation of new clubs. Again, it is *your* word of mouth that will help make this happen. Talk to your like-minded friends in other cities and other states. Encourage them to get involved. Help write the next chapter in our Pachyderm history!

We'll see you in Galveston!

Bill McCoy
1st Vice President



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There has been so much happening that I don't really know where to start. But let's start with *the Convention!*

The Convention Committee has been active compiling a great group of keynote speakers, as well as an informative and educational series of breakout session presentations. We plan to release names of speakers and topics continuously leading up to the convention as we receive confirmations. The online registration via our pachyderms.org website is up and working. You can also go directly to the registration page at convention.pachyderms.org.

Remember, not only will you enjoy the many opportunities at the convention, but I encourage you to plan to extend your stay. Galveston is a wonderful place to visit with so much to see and do.

I also strongly urge for each Pachyderm club to sponsor an individual –or individuals– who might not otherwise have the means to attend. Again, the Convention section of this newsletter will provide you with more detailed information for registration.

Speaking of sponsorships. We have sponsorship opportunities for both the convention and support for the aggressive agenda we have for the coming year. Our convention sponsorship letter and form can be found on our website. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss your participation.

As we continue to strengthen and grow our organization, your generosity in sponsoring our convention, future programs, and our outreach efforts is needed and appreciated. I am planning on contacting some of you individually regarding these opportunities, but if you have questions, please feel free to contact me. I'm always available to speak with you.

I have found it a pleasure to speak with each of the local club's leadership team directly. Many of the club's have already received your new magnetic nametags and I'm working on completing the membership information and ordering the nametags for any remaining clubs. One of my goals is to visit all the clubs as soon as I can. I had a wonderful trip to Missouri and participated in the GOP Lincoln Day Weekend. I met many of the members and shared the Board's vision for moving forward. I'm planning on travelling to Montana next week during their State GOP Convention, meeting with the Montana Federation and hosting a hospitality room during the MTGOP event.

I look forward to meeting each of you. But in the meantime, I am available via phone (713.962.7380) and/or email (sfeather@pachyderms.org). Please contact me with any concerns or just to run ideas pass. Hope to see you at the convention in September!

SuZanne Feather
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Executive Director Visit to Missouri

In March, SuZanne Feather joined the Missouri Pachyderm Federation at the state GOP Lincoln Days. The Pachyderms and the MOGOP work closely together!

[Pictured here with Missouri Senators Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley, along with MO State Senator and National Pachyderm 3rd Vice President, Wayne Wallingford, and MO Federation Board Chair, David Shultz.]



National Federation of
Pachyderm Club's
Biennial Convention

September 5 - 8, 2019
Galveston, Texas

Make Your Reservations TODAY!!!

Join your fellow Pachyderms at the National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs 2019 Biennial National Convention!

Texas invites y'all to visit with fellow Pachyderms in [Galveston, Texas](#), at the [Hilton Galveston Island Resort](#). Our 2019 Biennial National Convention will have great networking opportunities, informative workshops, phenomenal speakers, fun entertainment and wonderful food!

The 2019 Biennial Convention early registration fee is only \$195.00 per person which includes access to all panels and open sessions and Friday & Saturday luncheons and dinners. The special Pachyderms room rate is just \$119.00 per night!

Register for the convention today at: convention.pachyderms.org (Early registration rate ends August 10, 2019)

Room Reservations may be made by [online at this link](#) or by calling the Hilton Galveston Island Resort Hotel at 409.744.5000. Be sure to use Group Code: **NPC**

This will be a wonderful value for your 2019 National Pachyderm Convention, all rolled into a great place to bring your family for a convention vacation! We're right on the beach with shopping, entertainment, the Strand, Pier 21, and more.

WATCH FOR UPDATES ON THE CONVENTION ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/nationalpachyderms/>

For further information: Contact Barbara Tague at 4tague@gmail.com or 713-851-0737



In Memory of Bill Phelps

William Cunningham Phelps, the 40th Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, passed away in Houston, Texas, March 19, 2019 following a short illness. Phelps was elected Lieutenant Governor of Missouri in 1972, serving under Governors Christopher S. (Kit) Bond and Joseph (Joe) Teasdale, 1973-1981.

In 1972, following six terms in the Missouri House of Representatives representing the Country Club Plaza District of Kansas City, Phelps became the first Republican in 44 years to be elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor in Missouri. Few officeholders have a vision for an office that permanently changes the expectation of the office. Until Phelps' tenure, the office had been considered to be part-time with the occupant frequently continuing to practice law. Campaigning as "Full Time Phelps" he set a new standard for service by giving up his law practice for the next 8 years.



Lieutenant Governor Phelps established the Ombudsman Program, the Missouri Volunteer Office and a college internship program. Under his personal guidance college students gained real "hands on" government experience, learned the noble calling and sacred trust of public service while minimizing the cost of these new initiatives to taxpayers. This internship program included college students who went on to have successful careers in the public and private sector.

Bill Phelps, born in Nevada, Missouri, on April 5, 1934 to Dr. Dean and Irene Myers Phelps, attended the Nevada schools where he played football and basketball and was Valedictorian of his class. He received a degree in economics in 1956 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, was selected to be a member of Mystical Seven, based on good deeds, selfless leadership and service to the campus and a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He completed his active duty service with the US Army after being commissioned by the ROTC as a second lieutenant on graduation day in 1956. Phelps graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law in 1959. He joined the law firm of Morrison, Hecker, Cozad and Curtis where he met Joanne Ronchetto, who became his wife in 1972.

After leaving politics in 1981, he joined American General Corporation in Houston, Texas, retiring in 1996. Bill and Joanne split their time between their homes in Houston and Kansas City. Bill was a member of the Kansas City Country Club, the Rotary Club of Kansas City and past President of the [National Federation of Pachyderm Clubs](#). He was also active in the Fair Tax movement, advocating replacing the Federal income tax with a national sales tax. In his lifetime, he earned the nickname of "Smiley" along with "Full Time". His personality and perseverance were his trademarks.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joanne. Others include Myers cousins, Phelps cousins and the Ronchetto family. Bill also leaves behind many friends across our country. The family expresses sincere appreciation to the Lopez family for their love and care during his illness.

Pachyderm Preamble

It is our belief that most of the corrupting influences in American politics could be erased and the government generally made more responsive by one basic improvement. That is, simply for more good citizens to participate in politics. "We get the government we deserve, not the one we wish for," remains a guiding star for a free people. We offer a meaningful movement of political Clubs as the most practical means by which broad citizen participation may be achieved.



Club Corner

In addition to our Club News section, below, we want to highlight an individual club in each newsletter. This provides the club an opportunity to share more with your fellow clubs across the country, including ideas for programs, speakers, activities and best practices. To volunteer to contribute to future Club Corner news, please contact SuZanne Feather at sfeather@pachyderms.org.

The Wichita Pachyderm Club successfully thrives as a “civic resource” for our community.

The Wichita Pachyderm Club is a friendly, award-winning club. Our weekly luncheon meetings are open to everyone and we always invite our local news media outlets to attend. The potential for news coverage is a positive draw for attracting politically elected officials and active citizens to our meetings, plus it spotlights the Wichita Pachyderm Club as a place “where news happens.”

A major objective of the Wichita Pachyderm Club is to offer a broad variety of educational programs centered on politics, political science, economics, history, and current events on the local, state, and national levels. We pride ourselves in providing a forum that attracts active citizens who think for themselves. We endeavor to provide an atmosphere that fosters informed citizens who can be effective community leaders as well as spawn political candidates for the Republican Party.



Our meetings are held in the prestigious Wichita Petroleum Club located in downtown Wichita. The meeting cost, which includes a delicious buffet lunch plus coffee and/or iced tea, is a reasonable \$15 (\$12 for Pachyderm Club members), and no RSVP is required. Our luncheon meetings routinely attract between 60-70 people per week and has become the place to go for people like our Congressman, Senators, Governor, legislators, local elected officials, as well as influential and informed people in our community and state. In our effort to attract younger people to attend our meetings we have developed a student scholarship program that allows students to attend for free. This program has had positive results for us.



In addition to our web site WichitaPachyderm.org, we currently have a mailing list of over 900 people that we email weekly meeting invitations and monthly newsletters. We spend \$10 per week to advertise our meetings on our [Wichita Pachyderm Club Facebook](#) page. We also routinely produce audio and many [YouTube video](#) recordings of our programs. We receive extremely positive feedback from both our presenters and our extended audience for this expanded exposure to our program.

A key factor to the success of the Wichita Pachyderm Club has been our outstanding leadership team. Club President Karl Peterjohn is retired from two successful terms on the Sedgwick County Commission, Club President Emeritus John Stevens is a retired small business owner, Club Vice President John Todd is a retired small business owner, and our Club Treasurer Cliff Koehn and his wife Shirley Koehn our membership chair are both retired business owners. Altogether our leadership team has years and years of successful sales, marketing, and financial experience in managing their own enterprises, all of which combined with dedicated and tireless work lead to an effectively managed and successful Wichita Pachyderm Club.



Club News

Please contribute to our National newsletter by letting us know what is happening at your local Club chapter. Did you host a particularly notable speaker recently? Has your club or have any of your members received any special public recognitions lately? Do you have any important upcoming events or fundraisers? If so, let us know! Email your club news to sfeather@pachyderms.org.

Greater Ozarks (MO) Pachyderm Club

Ron Mark of the Greater Ozarks Pachyderm Club was recognized with the Republican of the Year Award at the Greene County Lincoln Day Dinner. Leaders at the presentation included (pictured left to right) US Senator Josh Hawley, Missouri Governor Mike Parson, Ron Mark, US Representative Billy Long, US Senator Roy Blunt, and Greene County Republican Party Chair Danette Procter.



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Jefferson County (MO) Pachyderm Club

At their June 12, 2019 meeting, the Jefferson County PC is conferring its Meritorious Service Award to member Albert S. Barbagallo in recognition of his 40 years of public service.

Southeast Missouri Pachyderm Club

The Southeast Missouri PC has bestowed the Tough Tusk Award to Donna Lichtenegger.

Boone County (MO) Pachyderm Club

The Boone County PC has conferred its Meritorious Service Award to club member Michael R Zweifel.



Five Valleys (MT) Pachyderm Club

At our May 21st luncheon, Senator Steve Daines presented Miss Charity Wanberg a Pachyderm membership pin to make her an official member of our Five Valleys Pachyderm Club. Charity is 13 years old and has been regularly attending Pachyderm meetings with her grandparents for the past year. Charity is the youngest Pachyderm member in Montana and possibly in the United States. Charity's parents, Gary & Kristina Wanberg and her grandparents Gary & Beth Wanberg are Pachyderm members.



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