

ACRC Eisenhower Dinner 10-8-22

Unity in the critical upcoming midterm election was the theme voiced by speakers at the Adams County Republican Committee's 37th Annual Eisenhower Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Guests were welcomed by Adams County Republican Chair Charlotte Shaffer and Vice-Chair Jake Butcher. The event was carried live by the sister Company of Epoch Times, NTD Media: https://www.ntd.com/adams-county-republican-committee-37th-annual-eisenhower-dinner_850184.html

With the midterm election only a month away, speakers urged voters to support U.S. Senate candidate Dr. Mehmet Oz and gubernatorial candidate Doug Mastriano, as well as state, county and local GOP candidates.

The May GOP primary saw a crowded field of seven candidates running for the Pennsylvania U.S. Senate seat, nine candidates running for governor and another nine for lieutenant governor. Voters may be frustrated that their favorite candidate did not win in the primary, but they can't let that disappointment keep them from the ballot box on November 8, said featured speaker Dave White, businessman and founder of DWD Mechanical Contractor Inc.

White knows what it's like to lose – he was one of the GOP candidates for governor who lost the primary to State Sen. Doug Mastriano. But White is not going to let his loss discourage him from campaigning for and voting for his one-time opponent.

"I'm here tonight to talk about unity – for the Republican ticket from top to bottom in November, starting with the Senate race, with Dr. Oz," White said, "We cannot afford to wake up on Nov. 9 to a Senator-elect Fetterman. We need you to come out and vote for Dr. Oz... And we need Governor Mastriano. I need everyone to work as I am working for him, going door to door, to make sure we get the Republican votes out – because a Governor Shapiro *cannot* happen."

White said that while Shapiro has accused Mastriano of being a radical candidate, it is Shapiro who is the real radical. White pointed to two of Shapiro's decisions as state attorney general: to sue the Little Sisters of the Poor "just because they did not believe as he believed," and losing before the U.S. Supreme Court; and suing to keep "our kids and our families in masks after COVID was over" and losing that suit before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Those were the actions of a true radical, White said.

"If you want school choice, you need Governor Doug Mastriano," White said. "If you are tired of hearing about the crime in places like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, you need Governor Doug Mastriano. If you want to see the economy flourish and the drilling start again in Pennsylvania, you need Governor Doug Mastriano. And if you want your property taxes to drop, you need Doug Mastriano to be governor."

Other speakers echoed White's call for unity. Adams County State Rep. Dan Moul told the crowd, "You can't afford to sit this one out because your guy didn't win the primary. Everyone who does that, that's like allowing a Democratic vote to go through unchecked. Whoever the Republican is, that IS your guy. You have to vote for the Republican party."

"Voting is not a spectator sport,' Adams County State Rep. Torren Eckert said. "We have to go out and vote for every Republican candidate."

Ben Mullany, communications director for Congressman John Joyce, R-Pa., was upbeat about Republican chances in November. "There are a number of incredibly important competitive and winnable races in Pennsylvania this year.... We are in good position because Democrats got what they wanted for the past two years. Now they have to run on their record. We get to contrast their policies with ours."

Marcela Diaz-Meyers, the state chair for the Republican Hispanic Advisory Council, also had good news – Latino voters in Pennsylvania are increasingly registering as Republican. And overall, she said, Republicans have been registering more voters this election cycle than Democrats have in the state.

Jeff Coleman, a former GOP state representative who ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in May, reminded the audience of another type of unity. He hearkened back 60 years ago to former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's speech before the Adams County Republican Committee on October 23, 1962. It was the height of the Cuban missile crisis. Eisenhower urged support for then-president John F. Kennedy, saying "We must pledge Kennedy our help... we cannot be partisan. We must be united."

Eisenhower "displayed a statesmanship that we are in danger of losing today – that there are some events, like the missile crisis or 9-11, when there are no Democrats, there are no Republicans -- just we are all Americans." Coleman said. "That kind of statesmanship, we are in danger of losing today."

Keynote speaker Matt Krause, a five-term state representative from Texas, wrapped up the evening with a fascinating and informative talk about how American founders – including John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt - relied on their faith and the Bible for guidance and inspiration. Krause is a member of WallBuilders, an organization dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on the moral, religious and constitutional foundation on which America was built – a foundation which has recently been seriously attacked and undermined.

The Adams County Republican Committee would like to extend their thanks to the members of the Hanover Allied Veterans Honor Guard for the posting of the colors at the dinner; to Pastor Tyler Weilder of York Springs Foursquare Church for his opening and closing prayers, and to ACRC member Lindsay Krug for singing the National Anthem and God Bless America. Special thanks also to all those who contributed and helped with the dinner's silent auction.