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LOCAL TEA PARTY GROUP BRINGING HIGH PROFILE ECONOMIST TO DECATUR

Stephen Moore To Speak At Decatur Club June 7

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A local tea party group, Citizens for Responsible Government, is bringing a high profile speaker to the Decatur Club June 7.

Economist Stephen Moore is a member of the editorial board of the Wall Street Journal and a frequent economics commentator on CNBC's Kudlow & Company. Moore also appears on Fox News' On the Record with Greta Van Susteren and has appeared on Real Time with Bill Maher.

Moore is expected to bring a national perspective of economic affairs and decisions in the nation's capitol that affect personal, local and state issues.

His speech is at 7:30. Tickets are \$35 for a single and \$50 for a couple and there is limited seating. Those wanting tickets should call 421-9520.

RETURN TO PROSPERITY

Moore's most recent book, Return to Prosperity, which he co-authored with Art Laffer, prescribes how to reduce and retire government debt to bring back "the investor class in America, where every American can 'own a piece of the rock.'"

According to Moore's bio, he was born in Chicago and he has a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an M.A. from George Mason University in economics. Moore usually advocates views in favor of free-market policies and supply-side economics such as those promoted by the Free Enterprise Fund, which he founded.

From 1983 through 1987, Moore served as the Grover M. Hermann Fellow in Budgetary Affairs at the Heritage Foundation. Moore also was a fellow of the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank.

Moore was the senior economist of the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee under Chairman Dick Armey of Texas. There, he was also an architect of the Armey flat tax proposal in 1995. The Armey flat tax still serves as a model for ideal flat tax legislation. He was also part of the research team hired by Americans For Fair Taxation to create the FairTax, the most co-sponsored tax reform proposal in Congress. He is currently a partner in the econometrics firm Arduin, Laffer & Moore Econometrics.

Moore is married and has three children.

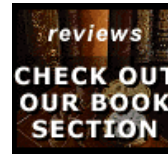
CRG IS INFORMATIONAL GROUP

Dr. William Grieve is president of the local Citizens for Responsible Government (CRG) organization.

Grieve is professor emeritus of history at Richland Community College.



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There are several other easily recognizable names of local citizens on the CRG board.

Grieve told me that CRG's function is more "informational" than holding rallies and marches, as some do.

A recent tea party march and rally in downtown Decatur regarding immigration was the effort of another local tea party group, Citizens to Restore the Constitution.

Grieve said CRG is taking a little different approach on the issues in bringing in speakers such as Moore in an attempt to inform area residents about what is going on in the nation.

According to information that is distributed by Citizens for Responsible Government, it is a Central-Illinois based group which "sees small business under attack from anti-prosperity politicians, whether they are in Springfield or Washington. Regulation, taxation, assault on our freedoms -- all seem driven by a resentment of achievement."

The information also states the group came together to "awaken our fellow citizens. We will bring light to important issues by hosting events that feature nationally known proponents of responsible government policies."

The Citizens for Responsible Gov-ernment is one of a fast growing group of tea party organizations, not only in Decatur, but across the nation.

If you need more information about this group its website is .
www.responsiblegovt.org

For those people and politicians who believe that tea party groups are filled with "right wing nuts", I would encourage them to take a second look.

Undoubtedly, there are some "right wing nuts" involved, but a lot of the names of people I see getting involved are more moderate in their views, and have never belonged to any such group before.

They're just fed up with the way they are being represented, and the direction the nation is headed.

Politicians at all levels who ignore the voices that are becoming louder, or dismissing them as only a few "nuts", are making a big mistake -- and we're starting to see evidence of that across the country.

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