



*The Women's Republican Club
of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff*

**Annual Christmas
Benefit Luncheon**

December 2, 2017

**Exmoor Country Club
Highland Park, Illinois**

2017 President's Award Recipient

Mark Shaw, Esq.

**Chairman, Lake County Republican Central Committee 2016-present
Committeeman, Illinois State Central Committee (10th) 2012-present**

Now in its third year, the WRC President's Award is usually given to a retiree who has worked in the trenches for the GOP many, many years. Yet WRC leadership could think of no more deserving person for this year's award than the still very active and engaged Mark Shaw: mentor, friend and leader.



Mark has earned this President's Award for his consistent, untiring inspiration of numerous office-holders, candidates, township chairmen and committeemen, including WRC members whom he has mentored and supported in their rise to local party positions. He is renowned for his consistently generous donation of time, talent and personal treasure to anyone willing to work with him to advance Republican values and candidates. Moreover, the hallmark of his inspirational leadership is that he never asks anything of any committeeman, township chairman or candidate that he himself isn't willing to give many times over. And his far-reaching knowledge of Republican history—local, state and national— is nothing short of mastery. These characteristics have enabled him to reinvigorate the local GOP to a degree not seen in many years, and instill new hope in Illinois' future.

In short, he is a dedicated mentor for those willing to carry the Republican standard into the fray. He is an unfailingly patient unifier under the Big Tent of the Lake County Republican Party. He is the inspirational leader of candidates, committeemen and township chairman who have not given up on Illinois or the continued viability of time-honored Republican values in today's America.

Thus, it is a great honor to bestow the President's Award on our trench-warrior, general-on-the-hill and true friend, Mark Shaw, on whom no more apt description can be bestowed than that bestowed by of one of Illinois' finest, President Abraham Lincoln, on General Ulysses S. Grant: "I can't spare this man; he fights."

"And now with a brave Army, and a just cause, may God sustain you."