

# SPECIAL PROJECTS CALENDAR

## JANUARY-MARCH 2008

### JANUARY, 2008

**January 1 - Ongoing: Immigration Position Documents** – We are creating a single word document of credible candidates (both Democratic and Republican) record / positions on immigration for all of our targeted races. This is a living document, and will continue to be updated to include news stories, votes or policy papers as they are published.

**January 15 – January 17: Club for Growth Document** – The Club for Growth is becoming an active third party group in many of our targeted races. We are updating our current document which contains information compiled from all three Democratic Committees with new information for our candidates and frontline members.

**January 18 – January 30: Various Minor Projects** – Various minor projects interspersed while the FEC reports are released for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007.

- **Darren White (NM-01):** We are continuing to work on our Darren White research. We have requested several of his personal emails twice and received no response. We will be making our third request to the Attorney General on Tuesday, January 15.
  - We are continuing to make calls to people Martin Heinrich has told us about who have information regarding White's roll in an investigation into the murder of a Sheriff's deputy and his role in reducing the number of Sheriff's assigned to drunk-driving arrests.
- **Earmark research set currently for the following members:** Jim Walsh (NY-25), Joe Knollenberg (MI-09), Mark Kirk (IL-10); Tom Feeney (FL-24) & Dennis Rehberg (MT-AL). This will involve cross checking these five member's earmarks with past campaign donations.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Look at Eric Cantor and the Student Loan Scandal.** Cantor is the only member to own stock in the CIT group which is currently under investigation by the NY AG's office for deceptive business practices. Cantor has also taken thousand from a PAC with ties to CIT and has a long record of voting to protect his personal financial interests in the student loan industry.

### FEBRUARY, 2008

**January 22 – February 7: Year end FEC report analysis** – Current scope includes ethically challenged members, NRCC, and the Tuesday Group PAC, but will be expanded to vulnerable GOPers, and strong challengers to our front liners. Analysis will include donor research, PACs analysis and disbursements.

**February 7 – 19: Leadership Research** – Two day looks at possible vulnerabilities of John Boehner (OH-08), Adam Putnam (FL-12), Roy Blunt (MO-07) & Tom Cole (OK-04).

**February 20 – 29: Trying to expand the scope of ethically challenged members:** Hal Rogers (KY-05) and pay to play (earmarks going to campaign contributors), Sam Graves (MO-06) and the Fee Scandal which contracts were awards in Missouri to GOP donors, Patrick McHenry (NC-10) and several minor issues (including multiple people registered to vote at his home, wealth increases while in office, research into the businesses he launched prior winning his seat in Congress).

## **MARCH, 2008**

**March 3 – 10: Update all Third Party Documents with new information, involvement in the special elections.** Current Scope: MAP, Freedom's Watch, Club for Growth, Tuesday Group, US Chamber of Commerce & Sheldon Adelson (*NOTE: The research on Adelson is an ongoing project. We are currently in the process of getting existing research on Sheldon Adelson. The research department has completed some research on Adelson and worked with communications to push this out to the press. We are continuing to research Adelson and believe once we get the research that has already been completed we will be in excellent shape*)