

Lawmaker tells GOP: Be relevant

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FOX LAKE – State Sen. Bill Brady, R-Bloomington, urged Republicans to reach out to minorities and put forth candidates who will give voters “something of value” at the Lincoln Day Dinner at Maravela’s in front of 300 people.

And, yes, he plans to be a candidate for governor again, he told the crowd of 300.

“We can’t just ask people to support our candidates because we ask them to,” Brady said. “We have to give them reason, let them know those candidates stand for Republican values. ... If we work and build, we can win and turn Illinois around.”

Brady is optimistic about fixing Illinois’ problems.

“Illinois solutions are simple,” Brady said. “They are rooted in the beliefs of the Republican party. They are about less government, fiscal responsibility, social responsibility and family values. That is what is important to us.”

He also is optimistic about the 2008 election for state senate. If moderates find value in the conservative candidate, they will vote for him or her, Brady said.

The event this year was earlier because of the Feb. 5 primary.

Nancy Kubalanza, of the Grant Township Republican Club, said the dinner, in its 57th year, was a success.

“Its purpose is to unite the party,” she said.