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**Message from the Chairman:**

## **Thank You for All You Do**

I've learned some things from being a Constitution Party grassroots activist, Western States Vice Chairman, and now National Chairman. I've met some people along the way who have inspired me and taught me positive - and negative - lessons. More on that in a moment.

I'm not sure which job is more demanding for a party member. Volunteering in a campaign requires "multi-tasking:" one day you might be attending a state fair distributing candidate literature, the next you could be addressing, stuffing, and mailing letters, and the next you may be writing a letter to the editor supporting the candidate.

Holding office in a state or county division of the party can be challenging as well. A treasurer has to balance the books accurately, and know all the reporting requirements - sometimes both state and federal. I think the government bureaucrats who design those complicated financial oversight systems must have had their training deep within the bowels of the IRS.

A state or county chairman has so many responsibilities: recruiting candidates, coordinating Constitution Party leadership so the party infrastructure is broad and strong, being the face of the party in the media, and raising money - to mention a few.

Fundamental to our existence as a party is access to ballot position - we must offer voters clear choices, but they can only support our candidates if the Constitution Party alternative from socialist party A or B can be found in the voting booth. That's why I have so much respect for the work being done at the grassroots to provide a platform for our candidates. And there are many political hurdles deliberately put in the way of 3rd party candidates seeking election and lots of election law fine print to be aware of when soliciting signatures of voters on ballot petition drives. Getting on the ballot is a very difficult job.

Right now, for example, I'm thankful for the efforts of Joshua Cassity, our Alabama state chairman. In that state, signatures for candidates must be gathered individually from county to county - Joshua's tireless work has assured the Constitution Party ballot position in several counties, and he has recruited candidates for local office in those areas as well.

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West Virginia has a hard-driving leadership team determined to collect no fewer than 10,000 names on petitions in order to qualify as a state party with several candidates. It appears they may hit that mark soon - another, victory for grassroots organization.

In Alaska, our candidate for Governor, J.R. Myers (who also holds down the job as state chairman of the Constitution Party), is wrapping up that state's ballot access drive - and, I'm delighted to report, he is already polling four percent of the vote in early surveys for the gubernatorial race.

So many people and Constitution Party organizations are key to our progress. However, I understand that from time to time some party activists get burned out or even think they can reform the Republican Party - somehow steal its leadership away from the power elites who control the GOP's mechanisms. That can be discouraging but it can also be a good lesson for the patriots who run the Constitution Party at every level: we can take these developments as opportunities to reassess why we are advocates for liberty. For instance, I take heart from Samuel Adams' admonition: "It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds."

No matter what role you take on within the Constitution Party, you are keeping alive the ideals of freedom as handed down from the Founding Fathers.

Thank you for all that you do.

*Frank Fluckiger*

Frank Fluckiger  
National Chairman

### *The Howard Phillips Legacy Society*

Named after the founder of our party, The Howard Phillips Legacy Society provides the regular income necessary to run the "business end" of our work. Members receive a variety of premiums to join. Learn more about Howard Phillips [here](#), and how to join The Howard Phillips Legacy Society [here](#).



### Mark November 15-16, 2014 on your calendar!

The Fall 2014 National Committee Meeting will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio at the [Cincinnati Airport Double Tree](#).

Click the link for information about the hotel and to make room reservations.  
Plan to arrive on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Registration and other details can be found on the national Constitution Party website at: [www.constitutionparty.com/get-involved/events](http://www.constitutionparty.com/get-involved/events)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: COMMENTATOR [BEN SWANN](#)

**Thursday Night:** the Hospitality room will have light food and snacks for arrivals.

#### **Friday:**

Executive Committee Meeting – 9 am to 4 pm  
Leadership & Training Meeting – all day  
Riverboat Dinner Cruise – 630 pm, included

#### **Saturday:**

All day sessions, breakfast and lunch included

### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Frank Fluckiger, UT  
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## ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: JUST WHO IS TO BLAME

Robert W. Peck  
*Constitution Party of Washington State*

Illegal immigration into the U.S. has been on the rise for the past year, but in the last month or so an unprecedented wave of immigrants has hit the border and started to make headlines. In California, citizens took to the streets to physically block buses from bringing more illegals into their community. Texas Governor Rick Perry is said to be preparing to deploy National Guard forces. Rumors are flying about various citizen militia groups heading south to secure the border. Meanwhile, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency has begun a [million-dollar ad campaign](#) across Central America warning potential illegal immigrants of the dangers of the journey and that there will be “no permiso” – no permission to stay – once they get to the border. General John Kelly, Chief of the U.S. Southern Command, calls the region a “[Crime-terror convergence](#)” that is an existential threat to the nation.

Though the subject of illegal immigration has gained new attention through the recent and somewhat exceptional events, the issue itself and the general factors surrounding it are nothing new. The number of [illegal aliens in the U.S.](#) has been on the rise for a half century, including throughout the Bush administration, arriving at a record high in 2007 of nearly 11.8 million. The number had since declined slightly, but now appears to be on the rise again.

While nothing justifies entering someone else’s country uninvited, but it is also true that nothing happens in a vacuum. So long as the law of cause and effect is in place, there will be reasons why things happen and factors that contribute to it. We can’t honestly expect to fix the illegal immigration problem until we understand and address those contributing factors. Here are some to consider:

**Welfare.** Welfare use by immigrants, legal and illegal, is about double that of native-born Americans. However, [employment levels are about on par](#). It would appear that illegal aliens are as willing to work as the native citizens are, but are paid less and use more social service programs to make up the difference. The presence of such programs that supplement low income provides considerable incentive for illegals to come to America.

Welfare has also helped to create the jobs that illegals come here to fill. George W. Bush, a proponent of amnesty, indicated that we need the illegal aliens because

they do the jobs “Americans won’t do.” But who did those jobs before the 1970s when illegals really began to come here in earnest? The answer is that until the Great Society welfare state sprang up in the 1960s and began to pay us not to work, those jobs were, for the most part, done by Americans. As a result of the welfare system that pays people not to work, we now need illegal aliens who do the jobs that we are paying Americans not to do.

**Economy.** To get a feel for the difference in economic conditions, I looked up the annual gross domestic product (GDP) per capita in both the U.S. and the four countries immediately to our south. In the United States, there is \$54,980 of GDP available per person. In Mexico, there is \$16,111 of GDP per person, in El Salvador \$7,549, Guatemala \$5,208 and Honduras has only \$4,700 per person. In other words, the inhabitants of the four neighboring countries to our south are living on from nine percent to 29 percent of what U.S. residents are.

My friend, Constitution Party Vice Chairman, Randy Stufflebeam, recently participated in a television documentary on illegal immigration that took him to Mexico and El Salvador. Randy found that nearly everyone there both knew what the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was and blamed it for much of their economic woe. It appears that many family farmers have found themselves unable to make a living growing food crops since the implementation of NAFTA and have resorted to growing marijuana as the new cash crop. Watch this [presentation that Randy recently gave](#) to find out what else he learned while south of the border.

**Violence.** Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, the three countries now propelling the greatest number of illegal immigrants toward the U.S. southern border, have the first, fourth and fifth highest homicide rates in the world with Honduras now at 90 homicides per 100,000 as compared to the U.S. rate of less than five. In San Pedro Sula, Honduras, where the homicide rate has reached 180 per 100,000, [The Guardian reports](#) that survival depends on knowing the rival gang boundaries, saying as little as possible, and paying “war taxes” the gangs extort from businesses and the “protection taxes” levied on families.

The violence emanates from the gangs and drug cartels that exist to service the U.S. demand for narcotics. General Kelly of U.S. Southern Command [recently stated that](#), “**All this corruption and violence is directly or indirectly due to the insatiable U.S. demand for drugs.**”

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This issue also ties back to the topic of welfare. A considerable portion of the tax dollars that are spent on welfare programs end up either directly or indirectly supporting the drug trade. Just ask your friendly neighborhood drug dealer how much his revenue stream jumps on the day the welfare checks come out.

Amnesty. Talk of an amnesty plan that will allow illegals who are already in the country to remain, is no doubt prompting many to try to get across the border in time to get in on the deal. Some blame the recent surge on President Obama for stirring up immigrants' hope of getting a free pass through his talk about the [DREAM act](#). This of course is to be expected as [President Bush's 2004 push for amnesty](#) was also followed by a surge in illegal border crossings. The issue heats up more as the [House Republican leadership](#) is also pushing for amnesty.

Deportation. When deportation goes down, hope of getting in and managing to stay goes up. The [Obama administration's deportation rate](#) is behind that of the Bush administration at 800,863 per year as compared to Bush's 1,291,106 per year. However, both are eclipsed by Clinton's record of 1,536,363 illegals deported annually. It appears the deportation process has been slowed in part by an act passed during the Bush administration in 2008 that puts unaccompanied children under the care of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Obama administration has indicated that it [wants that bill amended](#) to empower Border Patrol agents to expedite the deportation process.

Visa Applications. Many say that illegals should just go back home and apply to come here legally. However, in that TV documentary, Randy Stufflebeam was shown visa applications from as long as 20 years ago that are still waiting to be processed. If the visa application system is as "messed up" as Randy says, then this is a factor in why people are coming here illegally as going through the legal channels would not necessarily be an option.

Border Security. I purposely put this one last because it's what everyone thinks of first. In fact, it's generally the only factor that anyone talks about or considers. Yes, border security does matter. If security were tight enough that no one ever got through, then eventually everyone would stop trying. However, so long as the other factors listed here remain in play, motivating people to come here for the welfare, for jobs, to escape poverty, or to flee from drug cartel violence, then it's unlikely that any amount of border security will be sufficient to completely stem the tide.

Who is Responsible? Certainly those who cross the border illegally are committing a crime and bear responsibility. The list of contributing factors may help explain why illegal immigration is happening, but it doesn't excuse it.

But is anyone else responsible? It's the fundamental duty of the man in the Oval Office to uphold the laws of the land, secure the borders and protect the citizens – failure to do so makes a President worthy of being removed from office.

However, that would apply to both this and the previous Presidents under whom the illegal alien population in America has steadily grown for a half-century.

Given the multiple effects that America's social welfare system has on the problem, the Congress and state legislatures that fund that system are also responsible. That applies to both the Democrat-led Congresses that have instituted welfare programs and the Republican-majority Congresses that continue to fund them, as well as the state legislatures that propagate the welfare system.

Considering that it is we, the American people, who have elected, reelected and reelected again the politicians of both dominant political parties who have presided over the never-ending wave of illegal immigration and have perpetuated the policies that are contributing to it, then at some point we have to say that **we are responsible.**

Nothing happens in a vacuum. We're not experiencing a half century long, random act of spontaneous illegal immigration taking place due to some temporary lapse in the law of cause and effect. We live in a highly ordered universe created by an Intelligent Designer Who told us that neither He, nor the laws that He designed into His creation, will be mocked – **what men sow, they will reap.**

We have sown the seed of being a nation that consumes such a large quantity of drugs that it has enriched the cartels who service our habit to the point that they can destabilize and spread a reign of violence over four sovereign nations. We have sown the seed of inordinate loyalty to two corrupt political parties, neither of which honor God nor follow the Constitution. We have sown the seed of those who mindlessly follow talking heads and political "isms" which think for us so we don't have to do the hard work of understanding the issues for ourselves. We have sown the seed of forsaking virtue and courage – voting for politicians who we know do not represent what is right, but we are afraid that the other big government, secular humanist, socialist politician might get in instead.

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## CONSTITUTION PARTY



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### IT'S OFFICIAL!

The Constitution Party now has over *150 candidates* running for public office across America. So many, in fact, that we can no longer post all their names in this newsletter.

Please visit the [ELECTION CENTRAL](#) page of our website where you will find our Key Candidates and the list of all Constitution Party candidates.

You will also find links to the following pages:

[BALLOT ACCESS FAQS](#)

[CP PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HISTORY](#)



**Idaho:** The [Constitution Party of Idaho](#) will hold its state convention, August 1-2, at the Ashley Inn in Cascade, Idaho. Reserve rooms at the Ashley Inn (208-382-5621). A special Thunder Mountain Railroad round trip train ride to Smith's Ferry on the Payette River Flyer has been arranged on Sunday from 12 noon – 3pm. Register here: [Convention Registration](#).

**New Mexico:** The [Constitution Party of New Mexico](#) has a new chairman, Robert M. Bowen. Former chairman, Jon Barrie, has relocated to another state and continues his activity in the Constitution Party there. You can contact Bob Bowen at: [chiripero@comcast.net](mailto:chiripero@comcast.net).

*Please send candidate, state party news, or info on Constitution Party members who are currently holding elected office to: [commsdirector@constitutionparty.com](mailto:commsdirector@constitutionparty.com)*

### CONSTITUTION PARTY MEMBERS CURRENTLY HOLDING ELECTED POSITIONS

<b>AK</b>	Pam Goode, Delta Junction Deltana Community Corporation Board
<b>IL</b>	Phil Collins, Lake County Libertyville Township Trustee
<b>MI</b>	Rich Ryskamp, Board of Directors Grand Rapids Community College
<b>OR</b>	Mary Starrett Yamhill County Commissioner
<b>UT</b>	Bryce Hamilton Duchesne City Council  Steven W. Johnson Enoch City Council
<b>WA</b>	A.J. Burton Medical Lake City Council



### 2014 Valor Quilt

Handcrafted by Constitution Party of Idaho (CP-ID) State Chairman Floyd Whitley and his wife, this lovely quilt has been donated to CP-ID and will be raffled off this summer. The winning ticket will be drawn at the conclusion of the North Idaho Fair in Coeur d'Alene, on August 24<sup>th</sup> 2014. The piece is done in a patriotic theme, designed to mimic the American Flag. It is a full-size bar and block design, for those savvy quilters out there. Funds raised will be used for literature, and other party-building expenses. For more information and to purchase two-dollar tickets, contact Ray Writz (CP-ID Treasurer) at: [treasurer@cpidaho-net.cpidaho.com](mailto:treasurer@cpidaho-net.cpidaho.com).

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We have sown the seed of hypocrisy as we rage against a President or political party, then turn around and let ourselves be duped into supporting another that perpetuates most of the same policies.

The real problem didn't originate solely south of the border or entirely inside the beltway. Until we take responsibility for our own country's spiritual and moral condition and for the results of our own political choices, no amount of complaining, marching in the streets or writing to our Congressman is going to fix it. Let's take responsibility, admit to God that we've messed up, and then ask Him to show us what seeds to start sowing so we can reap a better harvest.

## CREATING SLIDE PRESENTATIONS

Robert W. Peck

Constitution Party Multimedia Director

Part of my job as the official videographer for all national Constitution Party meetings, is to edit and prepare the videos I record and post for public consumption on the Constitution Party YouTube and Vimeo channels. One thing I have learned after many hours of splicing everyone's slide presentations into their videos is that all presentations are not equal – some are fancy, some are simple, some are very complex.

This led me to thinking about what makes up a good slide presentation, a skill all of us who are trying to be good grassroots leaders should learn. After spending some time researching the issue, I've selected some videos on how to create good slide presentation that I think are worth sharing.

Now this is not to say that I think we are awful at slide presentations, but we can all improve our ability to communicate the Constitution Party message whenever we are called upon to do so, whether in our local communities, at the state level, or maybe even at a national meeting. The Boy Scouts motto, "Be Prepared" is a good motto when preparing slide presentations.

Check out these videos and "Be Prepared":

[Create Slides People Will Remember](#) – a very good two minute summary of the fundamentals of a strong slide presentation.

[Presenting with Slides](#) – a more in-depth, 25 minute look at the basic concepts of creating a slide presentation.

[How to Tell a Story](#) – not directly about slide presentations, but useful to anyone presenting a message and trying to connect with people.

## CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TRAINING VIDEOS

[How to Have a Great Campaign](#) and [Workshop on Campaigns & Elections](#)– Four-term Missouri State Representative, Cynthia Davis, gives Constitution Party candidates and campaign workers practical and proven insights on campaigning for public office, including a review of her dynamic campaign for Missouri Lieutenant Governor.

## DOUG CAMPBELL, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION PARTY (COLORADO) CHAIRMAN PASSES AWAY



Constitution Party supporters mourn the passing of Douglas "Dayhorse" Campbell, chairman of the American Constitution Party of Colorado (ACP-CO), who died after a long illness on June 26, 2014.

Doug was a 1974 *Cum Laude* graduate of the University of Colorado School of Business (BSBA, emphasis in Statistical Analysis), also a Secondary Teacher Certification from Metro State College, a Vocational Education Credential, Colorado State University and a Paralegal Certification from the CU Professional Studies Program.

Doug also owned Communitex/America, which provided consulting services in personal retirement finances. He also taught seminars in constitutional history and intent.

Doug was a widower at the time of his death, with three adult children. He was active in the Arvada Covenant Church, participating in choir and serving as the teacher of a study seminar on the Christian History of America and the Constitution.

His wide varieties of political activities include serving as State Chairman from 1993-1997 and from 2000-until the time of his death. He also served as the 1994 candidate for Colorado Secretary of State; worked with the Colorado Coalition for Fair and Open Elections in 1995-1996; was co-proponent of the 1996 and 2006 Petition Rights Amendment; placed 3<sup>rd</sup> as a 2002 and 2004 candidate for U.S. Senate; ran for 2006 University of Colorado Regent-at-Large position; and was the 2008 American Constitution Party candidate for US Senate. Doug was a strong, committed, no-nonsense leader who will be missed.

In 2011 the national Constitution Party published a book called *America Needs a Third Party Now*. Doug contributed an essay entitled *Four Steps To A Constitutional Federal Tax System*. You can read the article on the national website [here](#).

