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# **Message from the Chairman:**

Ballot Access and 2014 Campaigns Across the Nation

As many of you may have heard by now, Steven Johnson, Constitution Party chairman of Iron County, Utah and candidate for the city council of Enoch, a city of over 5,000 was elected to one of two city council seats in the November Election. He ran a good campaign and missed being the top vote getter in that race by just 15 votes. Congratulations are in order to him and those who worked hard on his campaign.

Now is the time for us to begin searching for candidates to run for local, county, and state office in the 2014 election. As is evident in the recent Utah election, victories at the local level are where the party is going to build its base. In practical terms, electing good candidates to local offices is far more effective in returning control of government to the people than taking the longer shot at running for Congress or U.S. Senator. Candidates more closely connected to the people have a better chance at being successful on Election Day — and are going to be the most responsive to the needs of the citizens they serve.

Our immediate goal is to get ballot qualified in as many states as possible and to then run candidates in those states that will retain ballot position for the party in 2016.

Already a number of candidates have announced their candidacy for office on the Constitution Party ticket including well-known Tea Party member Curtis Strong of South Dakota who has announced to run for governor. Lori Stacey is running for the lone U.S. House seat in that state (South Dakota gave our 2012 presidential nominee Virgil Goode the highest vote percentage of the fifty states).

Other candidates for statewide and local office have announced in Alabama, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, and Nevada to name just a few.

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# **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Plan Ahead: The Spring 2014 National Committee Meeting will be held in the great State of Tennessee.

Information to follow...

# TAKE ACTION NOW!

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## **INVEST TODAY**

Get Active In Your State Party.



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It's critical —starting right away — to recruit candidates, train campaign staff, and to secure access. This is going to require your commitment of time and talent — so I ask you to please consider holding the Party banner in a local election. And the 2014 election cycle requires your financial investment too. Getting our individual annual state dues paid as early as possible in January will be a big help in securing ballot qualified in those states. This year we exceeded our budget goal of funds received for state assessments, but we need to do even better in 2014, and those funds need to be received as soon as possible. I am asking each newsletter reader to <u>donate</u> \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, or whatever you can afford, as quickly as possible — via on line or in the mail — and designate your contribution to your state's annual \$1,000 assessment. You may make your check payable to the Constitution Party, and in the memo portion indicate that is should go toward your state's assessment.

I look forward to hearing from you, and working for Constitution Party victories in 2014.

Sincerely,



Frank Fluckiger National Chairman



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#### **CP WIKIPEDIA PROJECT TEAM**

Wikipedia often gets a bad rap and tends to be overlooked as a serious tool for educating people about the Constitution Party. However, our national website statistics show that in a recent two week period, visitors came to our website from Wikipedia Constitution Party (United States) page over 110 times, mostly from the United States, but also from eight foreign countries. Jeff Becker (Constitution Party of West Virginia) is putting together a team of dedicated volunteers to review all the state party Wikipedia pages and work on updating each page. There are training materials available which were created by Stephen White (Constitution Party of Minnesota). To find out more information about the CP Wikipedia Project, contact Jeff at: correspondence@cpwva.org. We are looking to fill the position of National CP Wikipedia Page Manager. Contact the National Communications Office at communications@constitutionparty.com.





- ★ EASTERN STATES AREA: Eastern States Area Chairman Gary Dunlap put together a teleconference call with state chairmen and Executive Committee member Peter Gemma to discuss fundraising strategies. For more about organizing in the Eastern States Area, contact Gary here: <a href="mailto:dunlap60120@yahoo.com">dunlap60120@yahoo.com</a>.
- ★ ALABAMA: Senate Bill SB70, introduced by State Senator Cam Ward, and House Bill 327, introduced by Representative John Merrill, would reduce the number of signatures of qualified electors required for political parties and independent candidates for statewide office to gain ballot access. Currently, to gain ballot access, an independent/third party candidate for office must file a written petition signed by at least three percent of the qualified electors who cast ballots for the office of Governor in the last general election. The Constitution Party of Alabama is now actively working to gain ballot access. Contact State Chairman Joshua Cassity at 1-334-341-7165, or icassity@cpalabama.org
- ★ FLORIDA: The Constitution Party of Florida is pleased to welcome a new state chairman, Bill Wayland. Bill, a Marine veteran who resides in The Villages, is a retired financial consultant, and active in the John Birch Society. Bill can be contacted at bill.wayland@cpflorida.com.
- ★ MINNESOTA: The state convention of the Constitution Party of Minnesota is set for Saturday, March 29th, 10:00AM to 3:00PM, at the Minnesota Community Center in New Brighton. The keynote speaker will be Twin Cities radio talk show host Bob Davis. The agenda includes a live auction, leadership elections, and candidate endorsements. For information, call 1-866-299-0909 or email contact@cpmn.org.

- ★ NEW JERSEY: The Constitution Party of New Jersey has elected a new chairman, Lawrence Berlinski. A U.S. Navy veteran and graduate of Seton Hall University, Larry is a resident of Ocean County and works for the Ocean Creek power plant. To get involved contact him at: larry.berlinski@constitutionparty-nj.org
- ★ OHIO: The Constitution Party of Ohio State Chairman Don Shrader, and Constitution Party congressional candidate Max Erwin, were two of the speakers addressing a crowd of firearms owners and supporters during the Stand Your Ground event at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus on 19 January 2014. View here: Don Shrader. Email contact chairman@cpofohio.org
- ★ PENNSYLVANIA: Ballot Access Reform Bill SB 195, now has five sponsors in the legislature. The bill lowers the number of signatures for independent candidates, and for minor parties. If enacted, it would put the Constitution Party on the general election ballot with no petitioning. Constitutionists are urged to reach out to friends and allies in Pennsylvania and ask that they support this important legislation. For more information, contact Constitution Party of Pennsylvania State Chairman Robert Nulton at 717-713-9340, or email him at: chairman@constitutionpartypa.com.
- ★ SOUTH DAKOTA: The Constitution Party of South Dakota is one of the sponsors of the upcoming South Dakota for Freedom: An Evening with Patriots event on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Tickets can be ordered through the state party website. Email State Chairman Lori Stacey at info@constitutionpartysd.org.

**STATE LEADERS:** if you have any news items about important state legislation, state party sponsored events, candidates, etc., please email details and links to our National Communications Office at communications@constitutionparty.com.

We are looking forward to hearing about growth and involvement in your states!



# Multi-Media Matters

Bv Robert W. Peck CP Multi-Media Group Coordinator

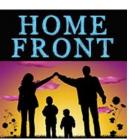
We now have two very credible podcasts produced by Constitution Party leaders, both of which provide valuable information to their listeners. I believe that both of these podcasts can be used to promote our party and bring credibility to our cause.

#### **HOW THEY PROMOTE OUR PARTY**

These podcasts are promoting our party by promoting our party's message. Darrell Castle and Cynthia Davis bring our views and values into the public forum and give their listeners a decidedly "Constitutional" point of view that they are not getting from either the main stream media or most of conservative talk radio. While these podcasts are not openly advertising for the Constitution Party, not all promotion for an organization has to be overt. Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and company do not make overt pitches for Republican Party membership, yet that is exactly the effect that they. I believe these podcasts can have a similar effect for the Constitution Party through exposing the truth about Democrats and Republicans and showing the public what a truly Constitutional standard looks like.







#### **HOW THEY BRING CREDIBILITY TO OUR PARTY**

These podcasts help make our party more real to people by giving them a real person to make a connection with the voice of an actual Constitution Party leader talking to them. That does something that a website, brochure or email alone cannot. These podcasts also reinforce the fact that the Constitution Party is "with it," that we're part of the modern high-tech and multimedia age. I remember my early days in this party when we had no audio, no video, no podcasts, no social media and I hadn't even discovered email yet. All we had to work with were second and third generation bad copies of a few brochures and flyers. How much more credible do you suppose we look now that we can deliver regular podcast content directly to people's smartphones?

# FEATURED CP VIDEO

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Darrell Castle, 2008 Vice Presidential candidate and host of "The Castle Report" (castlereport.us), reviews the Affordable Care Act, aka "Obamacare," and the impact it will have on employers and the employed, the insured and the uninsured and all Americans.



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to share or exchange information, news, or ideas.

**WEBSITE:** Our statistics show we are on an upward trend with the number of visitors to our website. The average stay is about five minutes (impressive by industry standard), and we have had over 10,000 page views, in the last week. The 2012-2016 Platform is the most popular page. This means people are seriously looking for an option to the current two-party system and are considering us as a viable political alternative.

WebTip: Visit our Stand for the Constitution page, read the stories of how real people came to the Constitution Party, and then send us your personal story.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** We recently posted an article by Peter Gemma "Bashar al-Assad's Report Card". Since then we have had an influx of new Syrian friends on our Facebook page. They join friends from France, Canada, Belgium, Germany, and many other countries. A viable national political party needs international recognition and we are getting it. We now have over 9,500 friends on Facebook, more than 3,040 followers on Twitter, and we continue to improve on Google+, LinkedIn, and Pinterest.

**SocialTip:** One word. SHARE. Share our posts with your friends and on like-minded pages. Only you can build the social media reach of the Constitution Party.













