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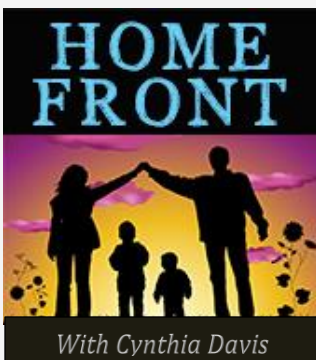
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Message from the Chairman

By Frank Fluckiger



Howard Phillips Legacy Society, the Need for a Third Party, and What You Can Do.

Our party's founder, Howard Phillips, published a newsletter that reviewed press reports and offered commentary about issues and strategy. Although I don't have the insight Howard did in interpreting all the trends, in my research I can clearly see how our party is poised to make an impact on public policy, how we can take advantage of political opportunities — and where we may be misdirected from our calling to defend and promote the Constitution. Here are some recent examples of why I am optimistic about the Constitution Party:

- In January, a pro-life blog stated, "We have to form and support a third party with a completely pro-life platform. We must leave the Republican party and the Democratic party as well. We must offer the American people a true option ..."
- Last month, a junior at Northwestern University wrote an opinion column for his school newspaper in which he said, "The problem should be obvious from the start: With the dynamic nature of today's world, and the evolving opinions of a new generation, two parties are not enough to encompass the many complex views the average person may have."

Also in February, a new analysis was headlined "The Internet Makes Third Parties and Independents Viable in 2016: Social and Alternative Media Level the Playing Field." The article asserted, "Political dissatisfaction combined with the Internet enabling third parties and independents to mount competitive campaigns will bring new opportunities for Americans to voice their displeasure, and new opportunities to vote for candidates who are 'dependent on the people alone.'"

But there are warning signs along the political path we follow. For example, some of our friends and allies in the Tea Party movement are giving away their hard earned money to a large "freedom" organization. That group pays "consultants" \$300,000 to \$500,000 a year, and just announced they will invest contributor monies in Republican *incumbent* campaigns — some who have *no opponents* and some who *won their past races with 60 percent of the vote*.

Our work in reaching out to pro-lifers, Tea Party patriots and others — using the internet and social media — is building our party and making an impact in elections. Our ballot access drives are going on right now, and candidates are being recruited and campaigns organized. *That's thanks to your regular investments in the Constitution Party, especially via our new Howard Phillips Legacy Society* (see page two). You can count on the fact that we have no highly paid "consultants" (in fact, we have none at all, but we are blessed with several political pros who are party members and dedicated to our platform).

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So I urge you to continue supporting the Constitution party, and there are several ways to do so:

- 1) Please circulate this newsletter — post it on your Facebook page, send it to friends and political allies, download and print it so you can distribute copies at pro-life meetings, Tea Party rallies, and other patriotic meetings.
- 2) Get involved with your [state party](#). There are a number of opportunities that require just a little volunteer time.
- 3) Consider running as a Constitution Party candidate. We have training available, and the task may not be as big as you think: we are placing lot of emphasis on local races — town supervisor, city council, mayor, school board, etc. — because that's where the practical application of our platform comes into play. One-to-one voter contact is easier, the campaigns are less costly, and your chances of winning are far better than a U.S. Senate campaign or a race for Governor.

Finally, it's important to [invest](#) in your party, whether it is \$20 or \$200, *all* donations are put to good use. I especially encourage you to join the [Howard Phillips Legacy Society](#) — it is the mainstay of the Constitution Party Victory Fund.

Sincerely,

Frank Fluckiger

Frank Fluckiger
National Chairman

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The Howard Phillips Legacy Society:

THE CONSTITUTION PARTY VICTORY FUND

Constitution Party founder, the late Howard Phillips, once said, “We do not pledge our allegiance to a democracy — in which our rights to life, liberty, or property could be abridged or abolished — but to a republic, as guaranteed to each state in Article IV of the U.S. Constitution.”

That is part of Howard Phillips’ legacy: an understanding of and loyalty to the Constitution. In his way of thinking, the logical extension of that knowledge and dedication was political action. The establishment elites who owned and operated the major parties would not be the right vehicle for political action.

So now we have the Constitution Party — faithful to Howard’s dream — with patriots helping at every turn, volunteering time and making sacrificial financial investments.

To honor Howard’s vision, and to encourage constitutionalists to donate monthly or quarterly, the *Howard Phillips Legacy Society* has just been formed. Some party supporters have been giving regularly for a long time, others have just joined. To all members we say “thank you,” but sometimes that just isn’t enough. Generous investors, starting as low as \$12 a month, receive premiums as a symbol of our appreciation for joining the Howard Phillips Legacy Society.

All members receive the “insider’s” newsletter, THE VICTORY REPORT and are recognized at the National Committee meetings of the Constitution Party.

Donors of \$20 per month receive the newsletter, recognition at the National Committee meetings, and a free copy of “The 5000 Year Leap: A Miracle That Changed the World” by W. Cleon Skousen (a \$19.95 value). *The New York Times* calls Skousen “the constitutional guru of the Tea Party movement.”

Another premium for donors of \$30 a month (they receive all the premiums noted above as well), is a *one gram 999.9 pure silver ingot* especially created for the Constitution Party.

There are [other gifts available](#) for different levels of participation, and you are encouraged to see what kind of membership best suits your commitment to the Constitution Party.

Your [membership](#) in The Howard Phillips Legacy Society not only offers special premiums and is vital as we continue to grow our party. A [pledge](#) of \$30, \$20, or just \$12 to the Constitution Party Victory Fund honors the foresight and courage Howard Phillips showed when he founded our party.



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 as we gather to take care of party business, participate in training
 sessions, listen to great speakers, and bask in the warmth of fellowship
 with like-minded Constitutionists from across the nation!*

FRIDAY EVENTS

National Executive Committee Meeting
 (Observers Welcome)

Party Building Training Sessions

- Organizational Structure of a State Party – Constitution and By-laws, Officer and Candidate Vetting.
- Conducting a First Meeting – Turning on the Constitution Party Charm
- Simple and Effective Communication Systems
- The State Legislature Connection
- How to Create a Local Speaker's Bureau
- Newsletters and More...
- Ballot Access and Signature Gathering
- Campaign Management

SATURDAY SPEAKERS

- ★ **Zack Poskevich:** Welcome to Tennessee
 (Constitution Party of Tennessee State Chairman)
- ★ **Randy Stufflebeam:** Borderlands - Report on Illegal Immigration Documentary
- ★ **Don Shrader:** CP State Party Training Manual
- ★ **Peter Gemma:** Fund Raising
- ★ **Curtis Strong:** Key Statewide Candidate (Wyoming)
- ★ **Richard Fry:** Constitutional ConventionIts Dangers
- ★ **Owen Shuler:** A Businessman's View of the Constitution Party
- ★ **Jim Clymer:** Howard Phillips Legacy Society
- ★ **Darrell Castle:** Incorporating Issues in the Campaign
- ★ **Cynthia Davis:** Illegal Immigration and Amnesty
- ★ **Jennifer Young:** Common Core and What Wyoming Has Done About it

*Early Registration Ends March 28th: \$160.00. [Register now on the website!](http://www.constitutionparty.com/get-involved/events)
 (registration includes four meals and a BBQ at the home of Darrell and Joan Castle)*

*Special-rate Rooms are available at the Fogelman Executive Conference Center
 and at the nearby Holiday Inn. [Reserve now!](http://www.constitutionparty.com/get-involved/events)*

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Please send any candidate information or state party news to: communications@constitutionparty.com

Constitution Party of Idaho membership and candidates:

The Constitution Party of Idaho increased its voter registration by over 30 percent between January 2013 and December 2013 and that trend continues. The party is now organizing behind [Steven Pankey](#) for Governor and David Hartigan, for Lieutenant Governor.

Minnesota state party convention: Saturday March 29th 2014, 10:00am to 3:00pm, New Brighton, Minnesota Community Center. There will be a live auction, leadership elections, candidate endorsements, and 2014 candidate speeches. Further information: <http://cpmn.org/2014-stateconvention.html>

IAP of Nevada holds successful convention:

The [Independent American Party of Nevada](#), the official affiliate of the Constitution Party, held its state convention on February 28 and March 1, 2014. The featured speaker was Sheriff Richard Mack of the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association.

New Mexico legal victory: On March 7, New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez signed into law a bill that reduces the number of voter signatures on a petition for a newly-qualifying party, moves the deadline date for petitioning to be completed from April to late June, and reduces the number of names needed by about 25%. The [Constitution Party of New Mexico](#) is now at work collecting signatures. According to the authoritative *Ballot Access News*, "This bill only came into existence because in December 2013, the Constitution Party won its lawsuit against the April petition deadline."

Wyoming plans state convention:

The 2014 Wyoming Constitution Party State Convention will meet on March 27, 28, and 29 at the Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne. The banquet guest speaker is former Idaho congressional candidate Jim Noorlander and silent auction, the price of the banquet is included in cost of registration. Other speakers include Constitution Party National Chairman Frank Fluckiger. There will be representatives with booths present offering information on topics the party stands for in principle. Contact the [Wyoming Constitution Party](#) for more information.

CANDIDATES ACROSS THE NATION

- AL [Derrick Doug - HD 91](#)
- AK [J.R. Myers – Governor](#)
Maria Rensel – Lieutenant Governor
- CA [David Christensen – US House, District 10](#)
- CO James R. Fariello - Adams County Sheriff
[Steve Henderson - Mesa County Assessor](#)
- ID [Steven D. Pankey - Governor](#)
David Hartigan – Lieutenant Governor
[Christian Fioravanti - State Senate, District 1](#)
Raymond J. Writz - State Senate, District 4
David Hay - State Representative A, District 30
Robert Gorgoglione - State Representative B, District 30
- LA [Randy Fontenot - Chief of Police, City of Eunice](#)
- MN Dean Barton – Secretary of State
[Tim Utz – US House, District 41-B](#)
- NV [David VanDerBeek - Governor](#)
Mike Little – Lieutenant Governor
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Kress K. Cave – State Treasurer
Tom Jones – State Controller
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Janine Hansen – US House, District 2
Russell Best – US House, District 3
Roger Baum – US House, District 4
John Everhart – State Senate, District 16
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Joel Lewis – State Senate, District 9
Timothy Fasano – State Assembly 38
Pat Little – State Assembly, District 17
John Wagner – State Assembly, District 40
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Raye Jones – Clark County Treasurer
Cheryl Smith – Elko County Recorder
Michael Smith – Elko County Public Administrator
Kay Dawn Jenkins – Elko County Treasurer
John Roemer – Lyon County Commissioner District #5
Don Cochran – Washoe County Recorder
John Lampros – White Pine County Comm. District #1
- NC [David Waddell - US Senate](#)
- PA [Robert Nulton - US House, District 16](#)
- SD Wayne Schmidt - Public Utilities Commissioner
[Curtis Strong - Governor](#)
- TN Steve Hilton – Mayor, Gibson County
- TX Michael Bishop - Governor
[Stephen Rogers – US House, District 22](#)
[Donald Vance – US House, District 19](#)
Gregg Woodcock – State Rep., District 112
- WVA [Phil Hudok – US Senate](#)
Jeff Becker – US House, District 2
[Mike Fisher - State Senate, District 8](#)
Lou Manley - House of Delegates, District 52
Ken Mosetti - House of Delegates, District 56
Jeff Werner - House of Delegates, District 62
- WY Jennifer Young - Secretary of State

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If You Didn't Attend the Last National Committee Meeting, Here's a Sample of What You Missed

For those who may not be aware, we have two Constitution Party video channels, one on [YouTube](#) and another at [Vimeo](#). For several years now, I have been capturing the highlights of our national committee meetings and posting some of the featured speeches online for the world to see. You can see four of the main presentations from the fall 2013 meeting in a special album on our Vimeo channel here vimeo.com/album/2558084.

Now this is not an excuse to stay home and just watch the videos instead of attending the meeting in person - to the contrary. This is meant to show you just a small sampling of what you miss out on by not attending our national committee meetings in person. And these are only some of the featured speakers. There were also important training and informational presentations given.

The most important part of these meetings cannot be captured on video. The mutual encouragement that comes from being with like-minded people and networking with other supporters of the Constitutional cause cannot be replaced with a few internet videos.

I've never meant for these videos to be an excuse to stay home, but rather as a means of showing you what you are missing out on and encouraging you to attend next time. I also want those who do attend to be able to tell others about the meeting they went to, the speeches they heard, and be able to share a link to the videos and encourage others to listen to the message of Constitutionalism that only the Constitution Party is preaching.

So go review some of the videos from past meetings, get yourself stirred up with the message of liberty, then make plans to attend the upcoming national committee meeting while you still can.

Bob Peck, CP Multi-Media Group Coordinator

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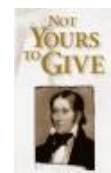
The national office has information packets and brochures available through the [Literature Plus](#) link on our website. Brochures are available for personal use or in bulk for wider distribution. Great for fair booths, event tables, campaigns – anywhere you want to handout information about the Constitution Party.



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