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Message from Frank Fluckiger, National Chairman

2015 SPRING NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

"When the variety and number of political parties increases, the chance for oppression, factionalism, and non-skeptical acceptance of ideas decreases." — James Madison

There are a number of third parties on the landscape, but none rely on the wisdom — or even understand the importance of — America's Founding Fathers. James Madison knew that there should be a free market on Election Day, allowing voters a wide variety of platforms and candidates. The Constitution Party stands out from all other political parties listed on the ballot because we only use the Constitution as a yardstick to measure the size and scope of government. That is the key to success.

Our <u>Spring National Committee meeting</u>, set for Pittsburgh on April 24-25, will focus on success. The entire day on Friday is devoted to training sessions: campaign organizing, party building, fundraising and more. On Saturday, successful party members will give special presentations. For example, Bryce Hamilton, Utah Party Chairman, and a member of his Town Council, will talk about "The influence Constitution Party activists can have serving as Town Council members."

Jim Clymer, our former National Chairman and 2012 Vice-Presidential nominee, will speak about "Running a local campaign for County Commissioner." Jim ran for Lancaster Pennsylvania County Commissioner in 2014; his run for Lt. Governor in both 1994 and 1998 set vote count records for Third Party candidates. Jim wrote in the June 2014 edition of the *American Constitutionist* newsletter that, "We need to build a viable organization with the Constitutionally correct issues that will become part of the grassroots movement and then teach and train people in political action at the most basic levels."

That's the objective of our meeting. You can read more details in this month's newsletter.

A number of other Constitution Party leaders are on the meeting agenda including Cindy Redburn who had to go to court to get her name on the ballot for St. Louis County Commissioner in a special election to be held on April 7, 2015. You'll hear the results of her experience at the Spring meeting.

See old friends and make new ones while learning about the road to success at the Constitution Party's Spring National Committee meeting, and take Teddy Roosevelt's advice on our mission:

"The old parties are husks, with no real soul within either, divided on artificial lines, boss-ridden and privilege-controlled, each a jumble of incongruous elements, and neither daring to speak out wisely and fearlessly on what should be said on the vital issues of the day."

STATE PARTY NEWS

Arizona: New State Chairman Mark Hubler can be contacted at chairman@azconstitutionparty.com.

Hawaii: New contact Ed Gazmann can be reached at gazmnn@yahoo.com.

Alaska: State party reports show that the number of Constitution Party voter registrations since the November 2014 election continue to grow statewide since the election, with an increase of 28%. Kudos to chairman J.R. Myers and his leadership team.

CONSTITUTION PARTY PODCASTERS





Darrell Castle and Cynthia Davis tackle the tough issues of our day from their own principled and constitutional perspective –foreign affairs and financial issues to social values, there are no sacred cows. Listen here:

The CASTLE REPORT HOME FRONT with Cynthia Davis

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Frank Fluckiger, UT Vice-Chairman: Randall C. Stufflebeam, IL Secretary: Cindy Redburn, MO Treasurer: Jim Headings, TN Curtis Caine, M.D., MS James N. Clymer, PA Darrell Castle, TN Ricardo Davis, GA Peter B. Gemma, FL Hon. Virgil Goode, VA Janine Hansen, NV Karen Murray, WA Sam Pew, UT Don Shrader, OH Nicholas Sumbles, MA Steven Walker, IN Wayne Zimmerschied, MN



The Howard Phillips Legacy Society

Introduced two years ago, the Howard Phillips Legacy Society builds a solid financial foundation for the Constitution Party, from donors committed to the ideals and principles Howard espoused.

This year, 2015, is crucial to next year's strategy. We must assess the means and timing of our investments in ballot access drives to give voters an alternative to the elitist-controlled major parties.

Last year, over one million voters were inspired to support our candidates and the platform we believe in. That's quite an achievement — one that Howard Phillips would be proud of. He founded the Constitution Party on a simple premise ... "We stand for what George Washington stood for: limiting the federal government to its delegated, enumerated functions and restoring American jurisprudence to its biblical common-law foundations."

Our Republic faces loud and foolish partisan slogans, influential political power brokers, and unfair rules and regulations for 3rd parties. Yet the Constitution Party has survived, even grown, for 23 years.



Members of the Howard Phillips Legacy Society will receive the exclusive VICTORY REPORT newsletter and various gifts of appreciation for joining, including a one gram 999.9 pure silver ingot especially created for the Constitution Party (pictured here).

Learn more about Howard Phillips here.

Join The Howard Phillips Legacy Society here.



ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Double Tree Inn by Hilton, Pittsburgh Airport 8402 University Boulevard Moon Township, Pennsylvania 15108 1-412-329-1400 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dennis Michael Lynch



- Mention the Constitution Party when making reservations to receive the special room rate.
- Plan to arrive on the 23rd. Events begin early on the 24th.
- Rooms are \$130.00 per night, including tax. King rooms and Double rooms available.
- > DEADLINE IS 2 APRIL 2015. Make reservations ASAP! 1-412-329-1400
- ➤ **RESERVE NOW!** The hotel will be full because of other events in the area this weekend. **NO DEADLINE EXTENSIONS!**

MEETING REGISTRATION:

- Registration Fee \$200.00.
- Price includes breakfast on Friday and Saturday/lunch on Friday and Saturday/Friday Night Reception.
- Friday Night Reception Guest \$60.00 for those who will attend only the reception and Keynote Speech.
- Guest and Student Registrations available
- Register by phone: 1-800-2-Veto-IRS (1-800-283-8647)
- Click a button below to download and print the appropriate mail-in registration form:

COMMITTEE MEMBER REGISTRATION

GUEST REGISTRATION

SCHEDULE:

- Friday: Training Sessions and Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.
- Friday Night Reception in the Redwood Terrace, followed by Keynote Speech 6:00 pm
- ➤ Saturday: National Committee Meeting 8:00 am 4:00 pm

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR SPEAKER INFORMATION!

FULL AGENDA and OTHER DETAILS will be sent to REGISTRANTS.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dennis Michael Lynch



Dennis Michael Lynch is an entrepreneur with a 25-year history of building successful businesses from the ground up. He's hired approximately 1,000 American workers, and received the Ernst & Young 2000 Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He is also an acclaimed film producer, public speaker, and political commentator, with hundreds of media appearances on FOX NEWS, THE BLAZE, NEWSMAX TV, CSPAN, MSNBC, ABC NEWS, CNN and talk radio programs. He has established a formal 2016 independent presidential exploratory committee and offers solid, conservative solutions to fix America's biggest problems. He believes in the Constitution, loves his country and the American people. Click here to view the trailer for his film "They Come to America".

SATURDAY'S LINEUP OF SPEAKERS



Choices and Unintended Circumstances

Cindy Redburn - Missouri Secretary, National Executive Committee

Cindy is a retired teacher and charter member of the Constitution Party of Missouri as well as serving on the National Executive Committee. She has been a candidate for public office several times in her state and is currently a candidate for St. Louis County Commissioner in a special election to be held on April 7, 2015. Her appearing on the ballot is a success story in itself. Read about it in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch article: Constitution Party Candidate Gain Spot on St. Louis County Council Election Ballot.



Running a Local Campaign for County Commissioner

James N. Clymer - Pennsylvania
Former National Chairman
and 2012 Vice-presidential Nominee

Jim served as National Chairman for three terms from 1999 to 2012. He is the senior partner in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania law firm of Clymer, Musser and Conrad. His run for Lt. Governor in both 1994 and 1998, set Pennsylvania vote count records for Third Party candidates. During his 2004 run for US Senate against Republican Arlen Specter, he received more than 200,000 votes. Jim also served as the vice-presidential running mate for 2012 Constitution Party presidential candidate Virgil Goode and ran for Lancaster County Commissioner in 2014.



The Influence Constitution Party Members Can Have Serving as Town Council Members

Bryce Hamilton – Utah Utah State Chairman and Duchesne Utah Town Council Member

Bryce is a long-time activist and Constitution Party of Utah leader. He is the General Manager of Unitah Machinery.



Domestic Tranquility

Cynthia Davis – Missouri Four-Term State Representative, 2012 Lt. Governor Candidate, and Host of Home Front

Cynthia brings her experiences as a state legislators, candidate, wife, and mother to the battle for social values in our nation. As the creator and host of the Home Front podcast, she and her guests examine and offer solutions to the issues facing America's families.



What is Our Goal?

Scott Copeland - Texas
Pastor and
2016 Presidential Hopeful

Scott is a Texan transplanted from Mississippi. He is a Baptist pastor but has also worked in the public and private sectors.

So You've Got a State Affiliate. Now What?

Floyd Whitley – Idaho Constitution Party of Idaho State Chairman



BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

Representative Virgil Goode

In an address to the country on immigration, President Obama said that "being an American is not a matter of blood or birth." Our current government policy of giving automatic U.S. citizenship to the children of illegal aliens who are born on American soil makes being American solely a matter of birth.

Americans are quickly waking up to the disaster that is the arbitrary government policy of guaranteed automatic citizenship to the children of illegal aliens. A Rasmussen Poll found that 58 percent of Americans opposed granting citizenship to the children of illegal aliens, while only 33 percent supported it.

Birthright citizenship creates a massive fiscal burden on the American taxpayer. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 specifically states that illegal aliens and even many legal immigrants are "not eligible for any federal public benefit" with a few exceptions, such as disaster relief.

According to the Pew Hispanic Center, there are four million children of illegal aliens who received U.S. citizenship by the sole virtue of being born in the United States. Over one-third of these children live at or below the poverty line and are eligible for a host of welfare programs that they would not receive were it not for birthright citizenship.

Additionally, Obama's healthcare legislation created a huge loophole that allows illegal aliens to use birthright citizenship to receive government subsidized health care. While there are verification loopholes, the legislation makes illegal aliens ineligible for taxpayer funded "Affordability Credits." However, the bill intentionally does not address what would happen if an illegal immigrant family had a U.S. citizen child. According to Pew Research, 8.8 million people live in such mixed families.

The Congressional Research Service noted that under Obama's legislation, "it appears that the Health

Choices commissioner would be responsible for determining how the credits would be administered in the case of mixed-status families." In other words, Obama's health czar decides whether or not to give free healthcare to the families of illegal aliens. I wonder what side they will rule on!

Birthright citizenship makes it much more difficult to enforce our immigration laws. When an illegal immigrant is detained, they can use the fact that they have citizen children as extenuating circumstances that make them a "hardship case" when appealing deportation orders.

This is why I have used the term "anchor baby" to describe them. The critics of this term are the same people who are trying to make the anchor drop even deeper. During his immigration speech, President Obama stated we cannot deport illegal aliens because "it would tear at the very fabric of this nation—because immigrants who are here illegally are now intricately woven into that fabric. Many have children who are American citizens."

The costly policy of granting birthright citizenship is based upon a misinterpretation of the Citizenship Clause of the 14th Amendment. It states, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside." This was clearly designed to guarantee for the purpose of ensuring that the children of freed slaves could not be denied citizenship. Granting citizenship to the children of illegal aliens is a completely arbitrary interpretation that has never been ruled on by the courts or passed by statute.

When I served in Congress, I co-sponsored ten bills to end birthright citizenship either by statute or constitutional amendment. I strongly believe in what Mark Twain wrote, "Citizenship is what makes a republic." Our policy of giving the children of illegal aliens citizenship cheapens one of the most basic building blocks of our Republic.

Virgil Goode served as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1997 to 2009. He was the 2012 Constitution Party Presidential Nominee and serves on the National Executive Committee.