



Message from the State Chairman

Funds Still Needed to Meet Utah National Assessment and Ballot Petition Drives

As many of our members are aware, each state has an annual assessment of \$1,000.00 to help fund the national party operations. Due to the McCain-Feingold Campaign Law the individual state parties are prohibited from paying those assessments directly and therefore those dues need to be paid by individual party members in each state. **We are still short of meeting that annual assessment by \$920.00 so we ask our party members to donate what they can individually.**

Party leaders are aware of the sacrifices we all make and are very careful to spend the funds wisely.

Ballot Petition Drives Arizona, Hawaii, Wyoming

The party is currently in the process of gathering signatures to qualify the Constitution Party for ballot status for the 2010 Election in Arizona, Hawaii, and Wyoming. Often the party has to pay professional signature gatherers a per signature fee to obtain those signatures. It is cheaper to gather such signatures now rather than during the presidential election years.

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Please mail contributions to:
Constitution Party
PO Box 1215,
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May 2009

May 16th State Convention

Mark your calendar now to attend the CP State Organizing Convention, Saturday May 16th, Salt Lake County Chambers, 2100 S. State, Salt Lake City. Access to the building and the parking area is just east of the 1910 and South State Intersection. Registration opens at 8:00 am and the convention itself will be 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The agenda is packed so the meeting will be held to a tight schedule. Delegates are encouraged to bring a sack lunch for the half hour lunch break.

Speakers will be Stephen Pratt, Scott Bradley, and Jim Noorlander.

New state officers will be elected and proposed changes to the party By-Laws will also be voted on.

A new state party platform will be proposed. In the past the national platform has been adopted as the state platform, but this year the state will propose a unique state platform dealing with state issues.

All state delegates to the 2008 State Nominating Convention are also authorized delegates to this convention. Due to the growth of the party, additional state delegates have been elected at this year's county conventions since very few of the counties were able to fill all of the delegate seats they were entitled to. Counties are encouraged to select additional delegates this year to meet their allotted quota.

It is expected that some CP members from the surrounding states of Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado will also attend the meeting. Interested people who are not yet members of the party are also invited to attend but will not have voting privileges.

The convention promises to be an outstanding event!

New Scott Bradley DVD, a **Hot Item**

Scott Bradley has published a book entitled "To Preserve the Nation" and developed a **series of DVD's to teach the principles of government as espoused by the Founding Fathers.**

As an introduction to these, he recently did an exceptional DVD to introduce people to the teachings of the Founding Fathers and to the Constitution Party. Already orders for over one hundred DVDs have come in from across the nation.

The DVD is available for a **donation of \$5.00 for two** including shipping, allowing you to keep a copy for yourself and have one to loan to friends and family. It will also be **available at the state convention.** We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this offer. Seldom has the party had such a gem to offer to the public.

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Utah Donations Good

Thus far our Utah members and members in those three states have contributed funds for that very purpose which is most appreciated. However, additional funds are still needed to complete that task, so again we ask that our members donate to both of those areas of need.

We ask that when sending your check you please specify on the check whether the funds are for the Utah national dues to the party or for the purpose of gaining ballot access.

Once the goal is met, we will keep any other funds for the Utah Party which are also very much needed. Your support of these two projects will be most greatly appreciated.

Help needed !!

If any of our readers have family or friends in any of these states who would be willing to either sign the ballot petitions or help in gathering signatures, please contact Frank at

fshtbgdjr@hotmail.com

News from Surrounding Western States

Jim Noorlander Keynote Speaker at Wyoming CP Ballot Petition Drive Kick Off

April 1, 2009 was the magic kick off date for the ballot petition drive in the state of Wyoming. That was the first day that Wyoming residents could begin the process of gathering signatures to qualify the Constitution Party for ballot access in 2010. The event covered three days with meetings in four Wyoming towns and cities. The first event was held in Lovell, a community of about 2,000 residents. A full capacity crowd drew people from as far away as 50 miles from Bighorn and Park Counties and filled the town fire station meeting room to capacity. As usual, Jim Noorlander was well received. The event was covered by the local Lovell paper and the Powell newspaper as well as the local TV station. Frank Fluckiger, Western Region Co-Chair of the CP also spoke at the meeting. Advance news of the event was covered in numerous newspapers throughout the state including the Casper Star Tribune. Coverage of the event by both news reporters at the event was very fair.

The following day, Noorlander and Fluckiger stopped in Casper to meet with local residents of Natrona County who wanted to help in the petition drive as well. That evening the two again spoke to a student group at the University of Wyoming where a new Constitutional Student Club had their first meeting. Noorlander's message was again well received by an enthusiastic group of students. The goal of the group is to have members from each of Wyoming's 23 counties by the end of the school term. Matt Edwards, an accounting major in the College of Commerce and Industry is the group leader and Steven Kiggins of the UW Public Relations Department serves as the faculty advisor of the new club. The first signatures for ballot position were gathered at this meeting.

The final stop was in the town hall in Mountain View where people attended from communities in Uinta and Sweetwater Counties. Again the meeting was well attended and both speakers were well received. Conducting the meeting was Blaine Williams, a former city council member who organized the meeting. A total of 4,988 valid signatures of registered Wyoming voters are required to qualify the party for ballot position. This is a large number of signatures for a state with such a small population.

Ballot Position Drive Under Way in Arizona and Hawaii !!

Arizona is one of five western states where the Constitution Party is not yet ballot qualified. The ballot petition drive is underway there under the capable direction of Mark Hubler, the newly elected state chair of the Arizona Constitution Party.

In the 2008 General Election, Chuck Baldwin was not on the ballot as either a member of the Constitution Party or as an independent and so could only run as a write in candidate. In spite of that, Baldwin still received 1,371 votes which was very encouraging.

Steps are now being taken in **Hawaii** to begin the ballot process in that state. Hawaii requires the signatures of 663 registered voters to gain ballot position. David Porter and Ed Gazmen are spearheading the process there.

The Price We Have Paid for Our "Two-Headed, One Party Political System"

With the passing of each month the dangerous path to socialism our nation is careening down is becoming alarmingly and painfully more apparent. That path was initiated with great skill and stealth with the **16th Amendment** and the creation of the misnamed **Federal Reserve Bank in 1913**.

The passage of the **17th Amendment** which called for the direct election of U S Senators rather than their being selected by the various state legislatures destroyed the voice of the states in protecting their vested interest in controlling the federal government and effectively transformed the republic given us by the Founding Fathers to the dangerous and unstable democracy we now find ourselves in.

Another fatal step was taken with the election of FDR to the presidency of the United States and the initialization of the **Social Security System** after the Market Crash of 1929 and Great Depression which followed. That was followed by the United States becoming a member of the **United Nations** after the end of World War II.

In more recent years, the passage of the **Patriot Act** and the **Stimulus packages under both the Bush and Obama administrations** are just three more steps our nation has taken down the road to socialism. The last three pieces of legislation were passed without Congress even having read those acts.

Other even more dangerous legislation looms before us in the near future all of which will further erode our liberty. All of this legislation has one common thread to it. Each in its own way further undermines the republic given us in the original documents of the Constitution by the Founding Fathers and each destroys in one or more ways the God given rights of Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness (the pursuit of property) secured and enjoyed by our forefathers. We are now at the very dangerous point of losing all that remains to a totalitarian government.

A recent directive by the **Department of Homeland Security** in so many words stated that anyone who opposes the current leadership in power in our federal government is to be considered a potential terrorist. **When the voice of dissent is oppressed, tyranny has taken full power over the lives of the people.**

None of this could have happened without the help and aid of the "Two-Headed One Party Political System" we have found ourselves under since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. **The blame lies at the door of both political parties and ultimately at the door of U S citizens as a whole. We have become apathetic and indifferent to our responsibilities to shoulder the burden of self government.** This negligence is to be found at every level of government. **We have fallen prey to the gods of sports, pleasure and other indulgences and have left it in the hands of misguided public leaders.**

According to Gerald Celente, Director of Trends Research Institute,

"Nothing short of total repudiation of our entrenched systems can rescue America." He further stated that "We are under the control of a two-headed, one party political system. Wall Street controls our financial lives; the media manipulates our minds. These systems cannot be changed from within. There is no alternative. Without a revolution, these institutions will bankrupt the country, keep fighting failed wars, start new ones, and hold us in perpetual intellectual subjugation."

He further warned that the country is restless, and ripe for radical reform. There is no doubt protests will proliferate and intensify. In response, the government will call out the troops and bring in the police. The Patriot Act could be used to silence, detain, harass, persecute and

prosecute groups and individuals exercising their Constitutional rights. But Celente cautioned that the revolution need not degenerate into violence or open warfare. Celente stated,

"I am calling for an 'Intellectual Revolution'. I ask American citizens to free their minds from the tyranny of 'Dumb Think'. This is a revolution about thinking - not manning the barricades. It's about brain power - not brute force. For society to survive and grow, it must wake up and grow up. Americans must acknowledge what their opinions are based on, who they listen to...and why."

Celente is correct. The revolution must begin with each of us. We desperately need to reverse the dumbing down process we have allowed ourselves to be subjected to during the last century and must begin to reeducate ourselves in the teachings and writings of the Founding Fathers who gave us the Constitution, a document which British Statesman, Gladstone, said was "the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

To begin the process we need to turn off the TV and begin reading such books as **"The 5,000 Year Leap"**, a book that has been promoted by the National Center for Constitutional Studies for years and is now being promoted by radio talk show host Glenn Beck. A companion book is that written by Scott Bradley **"To Preserve a Nation"** which is newly off the press. Only by educating ourselves and then in turn sharing our new knowledge with family, neighbors and friends, can we then begin to change the direction our country is heading. **Truly it is a restoration of that which has been lost and not a change for which our country is crying.**

**May each of us . . .
be up to the
challenge.**



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Constitution Party Platform... Bring Government Back Home

The closer civil government is to the people, the more responsible, responsive, and accountable it is likely to be. The Constitution, itself, in Articles I through VI, enumerates the powers which may be exercised by the federal government. Of particular importance is Article I, Section 8 which delineates the authority of the Congress.

The federal government was clearly established as a government of limited authority. The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution specifically provides that: **"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."** Over time, the limitations of federal government power imposed by the Constitution have been substantially eroded. Preservation of constitutional government requires a restoration of the balance of authority between

the federal government and the States as provided in the Constitution, itself, and as intended and construed by those who framed and ratified that document.

We pledge to be faithful to this constitutional requirement and to work methodically to restore to the States and to the people their rightful control over legislative, judicial, executive, and regulatory functions which are not Constitutionally delegated to the federal government.

We stand opposed to any regionalization of governments, at any level, which results in removal of decision-making powers from the people or those directly elected by the people.

2008 Constitution Party Platform ConstitutionParty.com

Upcoming Events

STATE CONVENTION SATURDAY May 16th

Our state convention will be held at the Salt Lake County Chambers Building 2100 S. State, 9:00AM to 3:00 PM. There is a \$5 registration for delegates.

We will be electing state officers and voting on By-Law and Platform changes..

We urge you to make every effort to attend the state convention whether you are a delegate or not. Bring a lunch so we can use the time to get to know each other.

It will be an event you will long remember.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

National Committee Meeting
June 11-13, 2009
Newark, New Jersey

Fall National Committee Meeting
Phoenix, Arizona
Date to be announced.

Steve Pratt Lectures

"The Republic of Republics"
Friday, 3 July 2009, 7 pm
Layton City Council Chambers
437 N. Wasatch Drive

Keynote Speaker
4 July 2009, 8:30 am
Layton City Flag Raising
Ed Kennley Amphitheater