



February 2012 Newsletter

“You can protect your liberties in this world only by protecting the other man’s freedom. You can only be free if I am free.” Clarence Darrow

Caucus Information from CPMN Vice-Chair Wayne Zimmerschied

The following locations are set up for the 2012 Precinct Caucuses being held February 7th:

<p>Feb 7, 2012 - 7:00 PM Robert Trail Library 14395 South Robert Trail Rosemount (Dakota County)</p>	<p>Feb 7, 2012 - 7:00 PM Pizza Ranch 224 W 1st St Waconia (Carver County)</p>	<p>Feb 7, 2012 - 7:00 PM Fridley Community Center 6085 7th St NE Fridley (Anoka County)</p>
<p>Feb 7, 2012 - 7:00 PM Mick's Printing 12074 Central Ave NE Blaine (Anoka County)</p>	<p>Feb 7, 2012 - 6:15 PM Marshall Public Library 201 C Street Marshall (Lyon County)</p>	<p>Feb 7, 2012 - 7:00 PM Long Prairie City Hall 615 S Lake St Long Prairie (Todd County)</p>
	<p>Feb 7, 2012 - 7:00 PM Isanti Middle School 201 Centennial Drive Isanti (Isanti County)</p>	

I will be sending packets to the caucus hosts with further instructions. Please e-mail your street address if I don't already have it. For those not hosting a caucus, you can prepare by:

- Reviewing our State Platform and preparing Resolutions for any changes – Bring resolutions to the caucus in written form with the following information: Author, plank to be changed, the current wording, and the wording as you would like it to be.
- Party Resolutions – Specific announcement or action to be taken that is not part of normal business.
- Resolutions of Commendation – Acknowledge significant leadership or volunteer activity that goes above and beyond expectations in promoting the party or its principles.

A Message from the Treasurer

The outlook for 2012 is that it will be a busy year, not just because it is a presidential election year, but also because The Constitution Party of Minnesota has many plans underway to restore and protect our constitutional form of government. In recent years we have been successful in educating voters through our involvement in many events throughout the year. We have raised issues in the media that others avoid and have given the voters the option to vote for constitutionally sound candidates for political offices where there would not be one without our involvement. This year we will continue to do what has been successful in the past and more.

The Constitution Party of Minnesota prides itself on operating within its means and being fiscally responsible while other political parties operate in debt and spend our tax money foolishly once their candidates are in office. The results are clear, a nation in financial peril. The United States of America was once the world leader in finance, but now is continually on the brink of defaulting due to the massive debt that looms over us. This debt is a result of decades of reckless spending, poor planning, and an apathetic Congress.

In politics we cannot rely on mere words but must look at the actions that follow those words. Constitution Party candidates are carefully vetted and are dedicated to the principles found in our platform. These principles are based on the founding documents, constitutional history, and moral imperatives that form a solid foundation of core values. The Constitution Party has not and will never support the blatant disregard of the American people that we saw in the decisions by Congress to bail out banks and companies as well as the repeated unconstitutional legislation passed by Congress in a bipartisan effort to eliminate our constitutional rights. Doing away with due process for American citizens and allowing the federal government to electronically eavesdrop on any American without a warrant are egregious violations of our constitutional rights and were supported by virtually every member of Congress.

The Constitution Party of Minnesota stands on principle and backs up that stance with every action. Now is the time to join us in our fight to restore and protect our constitutional form of government. To have continued success we need your help and support. Please join us or renew your membership in the Constitution Party of Minnesota by visiting our website at www.cpmn.org, sending a check for \$25 to 36235 US Hwy 71, Redwood Falls, MN 56283, or sending payment via PayPal to treasurer@cpmn.org.

What If It Is All Political Drama?



What if both sides are really pursuing the same goals, and in spite of all the fighting they're really just left wing and right wing of the same buzzard?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eD_ybaXhXno

Across State Lines

Help Wanted – Petition Gatherers – Sioux Falls, SD Area

Please contact Joy Howe at joyhowe@prairiesons.com for details and wages. Joy advises that 10,000 signatures are needed by March 1st to gain ballot access.

An Easy Way to Understand the U.S. Financial Crisis

The following has been floating around the internet and serves to give a “down to earth” idea of how much trouble our country is in. You can also find a video version below.

The budget explained in simple English.

- United States Tax revenue: \$ 2,170,000,000,000
- Federal budget: \$ 3,820,000,000,000
- New debt: \$ 1,650,000,000,000
- National debt: \$14,271,000,000,000
- Recent budget cut: \$ 38,500,000,000

Now, remove 8 zeros and pretend it’s a household budget.

- Annual family income: \$ 21,700
- Money the family spent: \$ 38,200
- New debt on the credit card: \$ 16,500
- Outstanding credit card balance \$142,710
- Total budget cuts for which some politicians are proud: \$385

Stop the insanity now. Vote them out and demand a balance budget.

Coming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 17, 2012 – 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Constitution Party of Minnesota - State Endorsing Convention Southdale Public Library 70th and York, Edina, MN

\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door (lunch included)

Those with paid memberships will be voting on proposed changes to the platform and endorsement of candidates for 2012 campaigns. (Platform resolutions must be submitted to Vice-chair Wayne Zimmerschied by March 1st)

(Paid membership dues must be received by March 7th to be qualified for voting)

Finally, members will be voting for the delegates to represent the CPMN at the National Constitution Party Presidential Endorsing Convention in Nashville in April.

From the Editor – You Are Winning!

How do you respond to people when they say, “But the Constitution Party can’t win?” Are you prepared with an answer for these naysayers? Consider the following:

1) Have you felt a little uncomfortable lately because of the federal government and its law enforcement fusion centers labeling the Constitution Party and people who believe in freedom and limited government with domestic terrorist groups? Take heart! Just a few of us are like a mosquito to them and they will ignore us. When we show up on their radar as a cloud of freedom loving mosquitoes, they’ll begin to fight back. This is a sign that you are winning and one little bite at a time you’ll bleed their collectivist operation dry.

2) There have been Constitution Party election winners, and a quick survey provides just a few examples. You will note that most of these are local offices, but so what. These people are put into positions where they can protect those in their states and communities from federal and state overreach. In addition, they are in positions to teach many people about freedom, liberty and the Constitution of the United States. This kind of a list is what might be expected of a party that is growing, and the list will grow with the party.

Rick Jore MT State Representative House District 12	Bryce Hamilton Duchesne, UT City Council	David Waddell Indian Trail, NC Town Council
Jackie Berg Eureka County, NV Clerk/Treasurer	Tom Cochran Zanesfield, OH City Council	Charles Deemer Torrance, CA Water Commission Board
Tom Eschenberg Malabar, FL Mayor	Jose Figueroa Village of Waldo, WI Board of Trustees	Tamara Houle Paxton Township, MN Clerk
Jeff Hyslop Eagle River, WI Mayor	Rober Miller Grant County, WV County Surveyor	Cel Ochoa Searchlight, NV Constable
Marcia Stromgren Normanna Township – St. Louis County, MN Supervisor of Soil & Water Conservation	Jeff Thompson Paynesville, MN Mayor	Ernest Vance Rancho Cordova, CA Planning Commission
Bill Wilkerson Elko, NV School Board	William G. Stacey Melbourne Beach, FL Mayor	Sean Scallon Pepin County, WI Board of Supervisors

3) What about today’s national discourse? There’s a fellow out there named Ron Paul who may never get the endorsement of the Republican Party, because they don’t like him. But his poll numbers consistently hover around 25%. That is one in four people preferring his message over the others, and the mainstream media (MSM) is doing everything they can to avoid showing his face on the news. (Unbiased, fair and balanced, don’t ya know!) It seems his ideas about constitutional government are getting out there in spite of the MSM, and it’s mainly the younger generations abandoning the other collectivist candidates offered up. Imagine what would happen if the MSM gave him a fair shake? No matter what happens, Ron Paul is teaching Americans about freedom. Freedom-minded people and groups are winning converts.

Did you know that military personnel have given more money to support Ron Paul than all of the other candidates combined? What do they know? What do they want? People should figure that out and “support their troops.”

4) Have you heard about the Tea Party? There’s credible evidence that this phenomenon was actually started by Ron Paulites. Whether that’s true or not, there seemed to be a national awakening around the time ObamaCare was implemented. It is my belief that there was a great deal of anger about an out-of-control federal government, but unfortunately there didn’t appear to be much of a consensus on what the proper course of action would be. The Tea Party may now have been co-opted by the Republican Party. The angry partiers will likely vote for more of the same, but the whole brouhaha certainly served to teach a lot of people about what IS NOT allowed according to the Constitution of the United States, and many of them have joined us. If people are being taught, we’re winning.

5) Much like the Tea Party, there was a more recent movement called Occupy Wall Street. I suspect this group was even less united in what they believed and most certainly wanted more government control no matter what the problem was. Once again, it served as a time for people to be educated about the banks and Wall Street. It is my hope that there were many commentaries in many newsletters such as ours that focused on the real issues that always seem to be ignored by the MSM. Every person who is taught what real capitalism and free markets are like understands that we haven’t experienced anything like it for a long time. Further, they understand that our federal government is the problem – not the solution, and they begin to recognize the wisdom of putting that binding chain called the Constitution of the United States back on the federal government. When people learn this, we’re winning.

6) There’s an increase in the study of Austrian economics. Through organizations like the Ludwig von Mises Institute and people like Lew Rockwell and Murray Rothbard, there are hoards of students who are beginning to learn and challenge the Keynesian model of economics that has gotten us into the mess we’re in. Many are beginning to see that government intervention in the economy is actually counter-productive and that an economy should be based on production – not consumption. How many people/countries do you know in serious debt because of their consumption? People are learning a better way, and as a result, we’re winning.

7) It is gratifying to see and hear about many state legislatures challenging the federal government on 10th Amendment grounds, and passing state laws nullifying federal laws within those states. Add to that, more and more Sheriffs are taking on the feds and reminding them who the ultimate law enforcement authority is in the county. Time will tell if the muscle of the Sheriff will meet up with the intent of the nullification laws.

8) All of the above is worthless if you (the individual) do not have a concept of personal freedom. This can encompass many areas, but it should be something that crosses your mind occasionally. This newsletter regularly attempts to show that you’re not as free as you might think, but there also needs to be an answer to that problem. How can you be freer? First, don’t voluntarily fund those who enslave you. Again, this newsletter has provided ideas on how to “starve the beast.” Don’t get yourself thrown in jail for tax evasion. There are plenty of other ideas such as not playing the lottery [May 2011], not purchasing vanity license plates [Aug 2010], recovering family money that the state is holding [Nov 2010] or shopping on Craig’s List and avoiding the taxes required in brick and mortar stores.

Remember the quote from a previous newsletter: *“Resolve to serve no more and you are at once freed. I do not ask that you place hands upon the tyrant to topple him over, but simply that you support him no longer; then you will behold him, like a great Colossus whose pedestal has been pulled away, fall of his own weight and break into pieces.”* (Etienne de la Boetie - 16th century judge, writer & political philosopher)

When you are free in your own heart, mind and finances then you are far ahead of most people and much more prepared to fight for the freedom of others.

All of the above is intended to give you an answer to the “you can’t win” comments. Yes you can, and you already are. The Constitution Party may not put many people in office, but our enemies and those who were previously non-committal are beginning to sing our songs. Considering that, you can tell people we ARE winning. The only question that remains to be answered is how long until victory – in our lifetime or not?

Do something! Don’t sit there and wring your hands over how bad things are getting. What can you do? What skills do you have? What products or services can you offer to the cause? Beyond that, keep learning – keep teaching – keep pushing for restoration of Liberty in America. The more you participate, the faster liberty will be restored in our land.

Other Items of Interest (The For Whatever It’s Worth Section)

You too can increase your debt limit – here’s how.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Li0no7O9zmE

Some More Information on Newt Gingrich

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_c3GJMOMk0

Rick Santorum on Small Government in His Own Words (spread far and wide)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Gwwmm-cQxU&feature=player_embedded#

17 Reasons Why a Vote for Mitt Romney is a Vote for the New World Order

<http://endoftheamericandream.com/archives/17-reasons-why-a-vote-for-mitt-romney-is-a-vote-for-the-new-world-order>

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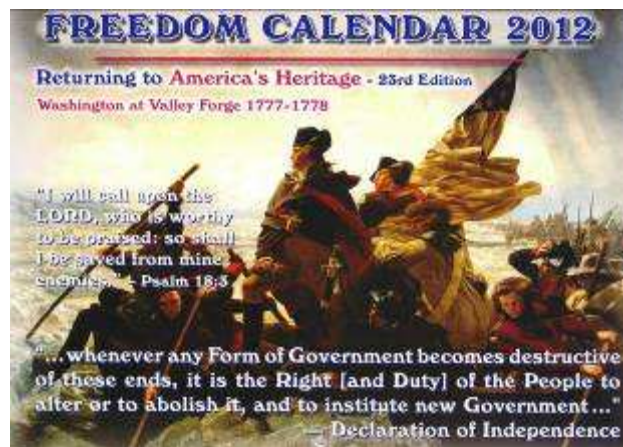
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