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Summer 2011 ACTION Newsletter



Message from the President...

by Robert Kettering

ACTION of PA Elects Board

Last month, our newly formed state Political Action Committee, ACTION of PA elected officers to serve for the first year. The officers of the new board are as follows:

Board Chair, Jay McKiernan – York County

Board Vice Chair, Bob Kettering – Lancaster County

Board Secretary, Gwenne Alexander – Chester County

Board Treasurer, Angie Kline – York County

Other board members include Ron Cohen – President, York County ACTION, Pastor Ken Gibson – Providing Spiritual Oversight for our new organization.

Deborah Hamilton – President, Hamilton Strategies, will head up public relations.

Tim James - Lancaster County ACTION, will help with the website.

Dan Wilson - currently serves as the President of Adams County ACTION.

The main focus of ACTION of PA will be to duplicate other chapters in other counties, and as these chapters develop, it will help us to have a greater impact on state wide elections. Gwenne Alexander will serve as the Director of day-to-day operations for the new organization.

Will there still be a Lancaster County ACTION? Yes, LCA will continue to function as the Lancaster County Chapter of ACTION of PA. We will continue to operate as we have in the past. Our mission has not changed, it is still to elect men and women who will uphold the Judeo-Christian values that our country was founded upon.

Proverbs 14:34 tells us that righteousness exalts a nation... Please pray for ACTION of PA, that we would become a force for righteousness all across PA.

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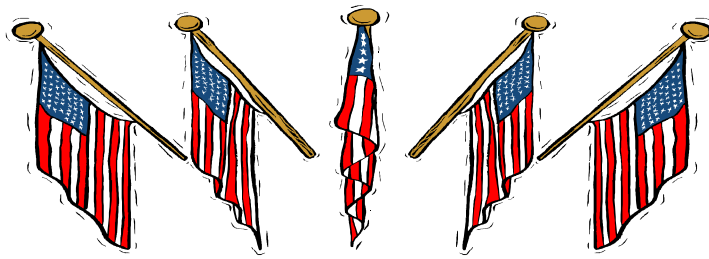
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“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”
Edmund Burke

Have a Great Independence Day!!

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Declaration of Independence, 1776



This year take a moment to reflect on some quotes by our founders:

“Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only Law Book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited ... What a paradise would this region be!”

John Adams, 1756
America’s Second President

“If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.”

Daniel Webster, 1821

“It is fit and becoming in all people, at all times, to acknowledge and revere the Supreme Government of God; to bow in humble submission to His chastisement; to confess and deplore their sins and transgressions in the full conviction that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and to pray, with all fervency and contrition, for the pardon of their past offenses, and for a blessing upon their present and prospective action.”

Abraham Lincoln
Declaring a National Day of Prayer and Fasting
following the Battle of Bull Run

“We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that ‘except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.’ I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.”

Benjamin Franklin
Statement he made at the Constitutional Convention,
June 28, 1787

“It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and to humbly implore His protection and favor.”

George Washington
October 3, 1789
Proclaiming a National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving

“God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever.”

Thomas Jefferson, 1781

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, July 9, 2011 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

The Manheim Grille & Restaurant, 1455 Lancaster Rd (Rt. 72), Manheim
(site of former Kreider's Restaurant)



Guest Speaker: State Senator Mike Folmer

Topic: School Choice

About Our Speaker

**PLEASE NOTE!
NEW LOCATION!**

Mike is a founding member of the Constitutional Organization of Liberty, a community-wide educational project designed to promote awareness of America's founding principles.

In 1986, Mike pulled an upset victory to Lebanon City Council campaigning as a conservative Democrat (he would later follow Ronald Reagan's example by re-registering as a Republican). As the Council's Director of Public Safety, Mike fought local labor unions on excessive contract demands and introduced a plan to trim hundreds of thousands of dollars from the cash strapped community's annual budget. Mike honored a term-limits pledge, retiring after just one term in office.

Two decades later, running on a "Promise to Pennsylvania," a pledge to advance government reform, tort reform, the elimination of wasteful state spending, and lower taxes, Mike pulled another upset victory to win a seat in the Pennsylvania State Senate. He was reelected to a second term in 2010.

Mike and his wife, Shelia, reside in Lebanon City and have two grown children and seven grandchildren.

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-569-0148) by Wednesday, July 6, 2011. The cost is \$11.00 per person. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

A Message from the Treasurer - Is Your Membership Current?

Please take a moment to make certain that your membership is current, by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter to see if your dues are up-to-date. Your renewal date should appear after your name on the label. If it does not or has expired, please fill out the form below and mail to:

ACTION of PA - Lancaster Chapter, Office of the Treasurer, 1939 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603

clip and send

I would like to begin/renew (\$20.00 per household) my membership in Lancaster County ACTION.

I would like to begin/renew my membership in LCA's Governors Club (\$250.00).

I would like to begin/renew my membership in LCA's Presidents Club (\$500.00).

(Please make check payable to ACTION of PA - Lancaster Chapter.)

I'd like to volunteer for the following ACTION Committee(s):

- Church Contact/Prayer Fund Raising Legislative Issues Newsletter School District Coordinator
- Education Growth/Membership Library Quarterly Breakfast Voter Guides

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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Township: _____ Polling Place: _____

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Please clip and return to ACTION of PA - Lancaster Chapter, 1939 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view ... it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!



DID YOU KNOW?

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.



DID YOU KNOW?

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

DID YOU KNOW?

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement: "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

DID YOU KNOW?

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

DID YOU KNOW?

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law an oligarchy the rule of few over many.

DID YOU KNOW?

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said: "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."



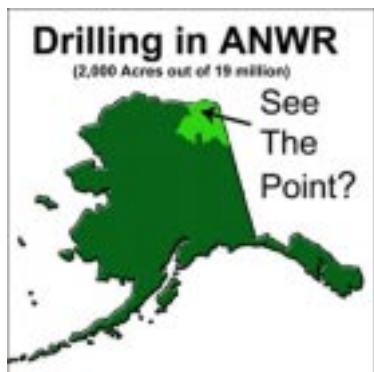
With gas prices going higher and higher, here's some information about drilling in ANWR:

FIRST... do you know what ANWR is?
ANWR - Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Now a comparison



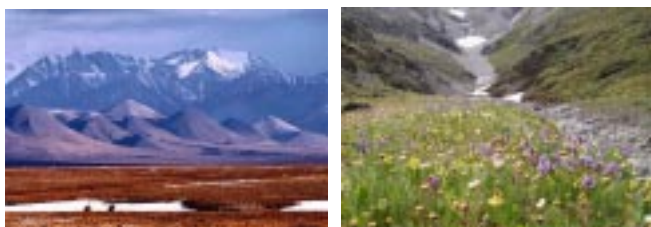
And some perspective...



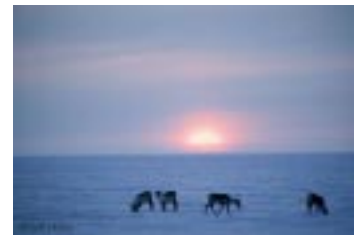
Note where the proposed development area is... (it's in the 'ANWR Coastal Plain')



Below are photos that the democrats, liberals and "Greens" show you when they talk about ANWR and they are right... these ARE photographs of the ANWR Isn't ANWR beautiful?



Why should we drill (and destroy) this beautiful place? Well that's not exactly the truth. Do you remember the map on the left? It shows a coastal plain... Do those photos look like a coastal plain to you? What's going on here? The answer is simple... That is NOT where they are wanting to drill! Below is what the proposed exploration area ACTUALLY looks like in the winter



And this is what it ACTUALLY looks like in the summer



As you can see, the area where they are talking about drilling is a barren wasteland. Oh... and they say that they are concerned about the effect on the local wildlife... Below is a photo (shot during the summer) of the "depleted wildlife" situation created by the drilling around Prudhoe Bay.



The Prudhoe bay area accounts for 17% of U.S. Domestic oil production.

Remember when Al Gore said that the government should work to ARTIFICIALLY raise gas prices to \$5.00 a gallon? Well... Al Gore and his fellow democrats have almost reached their goal!

IN GOD WE TRUST: A BRIEF HISTORY

In the early days of the Civil War, Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase instructed the director of the U.S. mint at Philadelphia to prepare a motto for the nation's coins:

“Dear Sir,” his memo began: “No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins.”

After a few options were considered, Chase settled on IN GOD WE TRUST; Congress passed the necessary legislation, and the motto first appeared on the 1864 two-cent coin.

IN GOD WE TRUST has been in continuous use on the penny since 1909, and on the dime coin since 1916.

In fact, since 1938, all United States coins have borne the inscription.

(When the motto was left off of a new double-eagle gold coin in 1907, the public's outcry led Congress to order it restored.)

In 1956, the Congress and President Eisenhower agreed to declare IN GOD WE TRUST the “national motto of the United States.”

The motto then began to appear on our paper money also.

