

CONSTITUTION PARTY OF TEXAS BULLETIN

STATE CONVENTION

The 2000 Convention of the Constitution Party of Texas was held June 10th at Washington on the Brazos. This historic venue provided an inspiring setting for the gathering of those who seek to restore our heritage of freedom.

Marian Ward was named as this year's **Alamo Award** recipient because of her principled stand for our God given right to pray. Her obedience to God has meant defiance of public officials who seek to restrain personal liberty before God.

Receiving the award on Marian's behalf was Pastor Bob Ward. Bob presented a summary of the case and asked for our continued prayers and support. He expressed his appreciation for the recognition of his daughter who had a previous engagement as a speaker at a youth camp.

Presenting the award was Daniel New, father of Spc. Michael New who was the 1999 recipient of the award. Daniel noted that, contrary to popular opinion, Marian's actions are not rebellion but obedience.

He stressed that history is replete with examples of those who insisted that their government obey its own laws. Noting that the courageous men of the Alamo were upholding the rule of law against a tyrannical government, Daniel presented a print of the 1824 Texas flag that flew over the Alamo during those "Thirteen Days of Glory." The presentation included a plaque and a gold necklace with an eagle. A special donation also made it possible to present Marian with a \$500 scholarship from the party.

The **Thom Holmes' Family** was recognized for their on-going service to the party. Jim Wade noted that Thom was named as the Southern States Regional Co-chairman of the Constitution Party last September.

His new responsibilities greatly impact the time he has available for local party development. With much regret, the party accepted Thom's letter

of resignation as vice-chairman of CP Texas. A replacement will be named in the near future to finish Thom's unexpired term.

Jim Wade also announced that the party had also accepted the resignation of Susan Holmes as party secretary. Noting how she has mothered the organization since its conception, Jim noted her relief that we now have others who can carry on this important task.

Jim announced that a **Holmes Service Award** would be established to honor this family that exemplifies the kind of commitment and sacrifice that is a standard for all of us.

The party is presently seeking input regarding the nature and design of the award. Any party member may submit a nomination for the award at any time. The decision regarding the presentation of the award will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

David McCracken of Brenham was named as the new secretary for the remainder of Susan's term that expires in 2002. David became involved this year and quickly demonstrated his willingness to dedicate himself to the tasks he is given. We are blessed to have him aboard!

Dr. Norris Austin, Chairman Emeritus of the party, spoke regarding a number of constitutional abuses which are presently in view. He delighted the assembly with his insight and wit.

Dr. Austin concluded his remarks by presenting plaques recognizing the service of the families of Fred and Cindy Kemper, Daniel and Suzanne New, Thom and Susan Holmes, and Jim and Sharon Wade.

Treasurer **Bob Eoff** introduced three of our candidates, Daryl Ware, Reed Hickson, and Robert Taylor. Each addressed the group briefly on issues of importance. They each received a silver dollar from Bob who assured them that "it does pay to run for office."

Thom Holmes addressed the group in his capacity as Southern States Co-Chairman. The assembly included many new faces and Thom led the group through basic issues that will confront them as they begin their work in party building.

The keynote speaker of the day was **Cathie Adams**, President of Texas Eagle Forum. Although she remains within the GOP, she delights in being a thorn in the side of those who are working diligently to remove the last remnants of its principles.

Cathie spoke early in the day regarding why our involvement in the political process is so important. There are many who talk about the problems, but there needs to be more who "walk the walk."

In the afternoon session, Cathie addressed the UN agenda as it marches forth for a global democracy, a global church, etc. She noted the upcoming meeting this September that has serious ramifications for American sovereignty.

Cathie and her husband Homer reside in Dallas and are true friends of our party. If you would like to be added to her email list send your name and email address to:

cathieadams@texaseagle.org

BALLOT ACCESS

Our ballot access effort fell far short of the required number of signatures. While the large number of signatures required is unfair, it is not impossible if we have the will to do the work. Sadly, only a faithful few made the effort. This must change! If you did not do your part, plan now to do better in 2002.

Special recognition goes to David McCracken and Reed Hickson who gathered more than half of the signatures we submitted. Thanks to all who did make the effort!

WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN

Although we did not achieve ballot access *you will be able to vote for Howard Phillips in the November election.*

Howard will be filing as a write-in candidate in August and we need everyone's help in making the public aware of this option. We need to be sure that every county clerk understands the requirements for write-in candidates and follows them.

Although the name does not appear on the ballot, **the election code requires the names of all write-in candidates to be posted at all polling places so that voters will know who is eligible as a write-in candidate.**

If you will be responsible for contacting your county clerk, please call David McCracken at 888-868-3327 and let him know. We need **everyone** to check their polling location to be sure that the list is posted.

If it is not, call for an election judge and see that the situation is corrected immediately. Then let us know that it was not posted. Failure to post could invalidate the election.

Decisions concerning write-in campaigns for our other candidates are still pending. There are several factors which will impact those decisions and some are yet to be resolved.

We continue to await a hearing in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeal concerns discrimination against our district candidates. If handled in a timely manner, our district candidates could be on the ballot. However, at this late date, it is unlikely that the court will hear the case in time to impact this election.

MEETING THE THE DFW METROPLEX

On July 22nd there will be a meeting with **Dr. Herbert W. Titus** in Arlington. Herb was the 1996 vice-presidential candidate and is a tremendous resource for those who want to understand the roots of our heritage of freedom.

Prior to his conversion to Christianity, he was an ACLU attorney who supported abortion, homosexual rights etc.

Called out of darkness, he and his wife Marilyn spent a year at L'Abri with Francis Schaeffer. Herb continues his law practice and publishes **The**

Forecast, a newsletter that examines current issues from the perspective of God-ordained law.

Herb is also the author of **God, Man and Law: The Biblical Principles.**

The July meeting will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center. Additional details can be found on the website.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2000 DUES?

If you are among those who have not paid your 2000 dues, please do so today! The cost is just \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. We desperately need the funds to enable us to grow further.

We continue to build our group of committed supporters who will pledge at least \$10 per month. Our initial goal is 1,000 members so that would give us \$10,000 a month to run ads, put up billboards, etc.

This is a grassroots movement so it depends on each of us. Are you doing your part?

A few people are carrying the weight of this effort by giving above and beyond the call of duty. Please do not be content to allow someone else to carry your load.

The battle in which we are engaged would be difficult with the resources we need, it is all but impossible without them.

You can pledge monthly, quarterly or annually.

Now you can conveniently have your bank account automatically drafted for the amount. Our Treasurer, Bob Eoff maintains our account at his bank and will oversee these transactions. Just fill out the enclosed form and send it in. The form is also available on the website.

Folks, the cost of restoring our beloved land will never be cheaper than it is right now. Won't you please join us in making the sacrifice now? Our failure means our children will pay an even dearer price. There is little that is of more

value to them than what you can help us accomplish through the efforts of the Constitution Party.

LET'S GET TO WORK!

The Fourth of July presents us with lots of opportunities to promote the party ... ***be prepared to take advantage of them!***

There will be parades, concerts, firework displays, etc. You should plan to be at each of these passing out information about the party and the write-in campaign.

The four-color Constitution Party brochures are a steal at just nine cents each! You can't make photocopies for that.

They may be ordered from Lydia Kaiser at 636-332-5134. See is a party member in Missouri and makes no profit on these.

Order 1,000 today and put your name and phone number on them. Pass them out to the crowds and tell the people that there is a party that still understands what the Declaration says!

You can order other party materials from "Live Free or Die Campaign Supply" at www.lfod.com on the Internet.

People are paying more attention THIS YEAR because of the presidential election. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE PARTY GROW IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Write letters to the editor on a regular basis addressing the issues that confront us. Watch for letters from others that express similar sentiments and make every effort to contact them.

Start making plans to have a booth at a fall fair or other event to publicize the party and Howard's candidacy.

Above all, ***pray!*** This effort is founded in prayer and depends upon your continued prayer support. But, never forget that when you pray, you should be making yourself available to be an instrument in God's hands to fulfill that request.