



Bethel-Tate Tea Party *Edition 15 December 2011*

Who We Are...

The **Bethel-Tate Tea Party** is a grassroots, non-partisan organization of private citizens united by our shared values. Our mission is to organize like-minded individuals, to educate and inform others based on our core values, to secure public policy consistent with those values, and to positively affect the outcome of elections.

For more information on Clermont groups, check the website at www.clermontteaparty.org.

What We Believe...

We focus on three unifying core values: ***fiscal responsibility, limited government, and free markets***. These values derive from our shared heritage and a belief in a free person who exercises personal responsibility.

Our Goals...

It is our desire to educate citizens to these core values, unite like-minded individuals, and restore these core values as primary cultural and political ideology.

Upcoming Events...

December 6:

Clermont County Tea Party

The meeting is at the Holiday Inn-Eastgate at 7 pm. www.clermontteaparty.org.

December 13:

Bethel-Tate Tea Party

The December meeting of the Bethel-Tate Tea Party will be Tuesday, December 13, at 7 pm at the Bethel-Tate Middle School. The program will be Episode 3 of the **American Heritage Series** with David Barton. Contact Kathy Freudenberger at 734-1855 for further information.

December 15:

Miami Township Tea Party

Annual "All Clermont Tea Party Christmas Open House" from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Trustee's

Room, Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Drive. www.miamitwpteparty.com

December 16:

Southern Hills Tea Party

Southern Hills Tea Party meets at the Ripley public library at 6:30 pm. For more information: daysvalleyangus@yahoo.com

Looking Ahead...

Presidential Election 2012

It is essential that all voters become educated on the potential candidates for this major turning point in our country's history. In the next few months, we will try to offer insights and information to help you make an informed decision.

Reports & Updates...

At the Polls

Issue 2 Defeated by Union \$: Sadly, a majority of Ohio voters chose to ignore fiscal reality. In return for killing Issue 2, Ohio can expect:

- More tax hikes than would have been necessary with Senate Bill 5
- More layoffs of teachers, firefighters, and police than would have been necessary with Senate Bill 5
- More service cuts than would have been necessary with Senate Bill 5
- None of Senate Bill 5's drop-dead obvious reforms to benefits & automatic pay hikes
- More lost House seats as employers and citizens flee

Those who voted No on Issue 2 have guaranteed the results they were told their votes would prevent. This is bad news for anyone who doesn't get rich from the government union racket, especially the thousands of young public workers whose jobs will be sacrificed on the altar of union demands. (*Jason Hart – Big Government 11/8/2011*)

Right to Work Amendment: The group of conservatives and Tea Party activists that won a landslide victory on Tuesday with Ohio's "healthcare freedom" amendment wants to come back to voters with a new proposal -- a "right-to-work" initiative. Dubbed the "Ohio Workplace Freedom Amendment," the issue would place into the Ohio Constitution a ban on *requiring* Ohioans to join a union as a condition of employment. (*The Plain Dealer 11/10/2011*)

The Debate: Now, make no mistake, we agree 100% that Ohio would be better off if its citizens were not forced into unions as a condition of employment at thousands of employers across the state. Governor John Kasich is tirelessly working to make Ohio more attractive to business, and to lure more employers to Ohio. It's the reason he was elected, and in less than a year, he is already off to a great start... *But now is not the right time.* Putting this issue on the 2012 ballot could be a disaster.

Ohio conservatives, we must put our focus for 2012 solely on *defeating Barack Obama and Sherrod Brown.* In this election, we must focus on the national issues of our federal government's hyper-spending and crushing debt... *That* must be our first priority, not state-level issues. *That* is where all of our resources must go. (*RS Red State 11/27/2011*)

Did You Know...

Repercussions from Failure of Issue 2?

Middletown (Ohio) City Council on Tuesday narrowly approved a 2012 budget that **reduces** public safety personnel by nine firefighters and seven police employees.

Approval brings Middletown's total \$125.9 million budget in 2011 to \$121.7 million in 2012. The city's general fund is reduced from about \$30.6 million to about \$28.9 million. Council members have said deeper cuts would need to be made in the next budgeting process, if not the current one.

Moving forward, Mayor Mulligan said the city should look at different models to provide services. "I saw an article — and I think I shared it with most of council — that there was news of local agencies hiring firefighters and EMS responders," he said. "They're **part-time at \$13.50 an hour.** That's much different than the service model we

have. I'd encourage us to take a good, hard look at that." (*Middletown Journal 11/29/2011*)

Getting Involved...

Support Local Free Enterprise

We've all seen the huge crowds at the well-advertised "Black Friday" sales. (We've also seen some less than acceptable behavior as people fight to get their best buys.) Now let's put our words to action and spend some of our dollars to benefit our local businesses. Here's the challenge! Instead of running to one of the big chain stores for your next purchase, check out your local small businesses to see if they offer the item. It may be worth it to spend a little more and save your gas. Plus, you'll be helping out a friend and neighbor!

Local Tea Party Information...

Newsletter Locations

Bethel Ben Franklin, Bethel Floral Boutique, Bethel IGA, Bishop's Hardware, Smyth Auto, Sunoco, Village Hardware, and Wichard's. Please make a point of patronizing these local businesses.

Tea Party Gear

Bethel Floral Boutique - 734-7007

Web Address

The two Clermont County Tea Party web sites are being combined into one, which is **www.clermontteaparty.org**.

Internet Links...

www.connect.freedomworks.org
<http://www.cincinnati912project.com/> and
<http://www.ohiolibertycouncil.org/>
<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/megavote/>.

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