



## ***Bethel-Tate Tea Party*** ***Edition 17 February 2012***

### ***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](http://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...***

*February 7:*

#### **Clermont County Tea Party**

The meeting is at the Holiday Inn-Eastgate at 7 pm. **[www.clermontteaparty.org](http://www.clermontteaparty.org)**.

*February 9:*

#### **Miami Township Tea Party**

The meeting is held in the Trustee's Room, Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Drive. **[www.miamitwpteaparty.com](http://www.miamitwpteaparty.com)**

*February 14:*

#### **Bethel-Tate Tea Party**

The February meeting of the Bethel-Tate Tea Party will be Tuesday, February 14, at 7 pm at the Bethel-Tate Middle School for "Meet the Candidates Night." Contact Kathy Freudenberger at 734-1855 for further information.

*February 23:*

#### **Southern Hills Tea Party**

Southern Hills Tea Party meets at the Ripley public library at 6:30 pm. For info: **[daysvalleyangus@yahoo.com](mailto:daysvalleyangus@yahoo.com)**

### ***Reports & Updates...***

#### **Meet the Candidates**

It's time to pick your candidate! The March 6<sup>th</sup> primary gives you the opportunity to choose the candidates you want on the ballot next November. The Bethel-Tate Tea Party is offering the public a chance to learn more about those in the running. "Meet the Candidates Night" will be held in the Bethel Middle School Cafeteria on Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. Focused on state and local races, this event will provide time to hear the candidates and talk with them individually. At this time, eleven candidates have accepted the invitation to attend. Listen to their views, check their qualifications, and then speak with an informed voice at the March primary!

#### **Caucus Results**

January brought voters out in four states with the following results: (Source AP)

**1/3/12 – Iowa:** Santorum 24.6%, Romney 24.5%, Paul 21.4%, Gingrich 13.3%

**1/10/12 – New Hampshire:** Romney 39.3%, Paul 22.9%, Gingrich 9.4%, Santorum 9.4%

**1/21/12 – South Carolina:** Gingrich 40.4%, Romney 27.8%, Santorum 17.0%, Paul 13.0%

**1/31/12 – Florida:** Romney 46.4%, 31.9%, Santorum 13.3%, Paul 7.0%

#### **Indiana's Right to Work Law**

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels defended his state's new right-to-work legislation recently, saying the phones have been ringing off the hook with companies wanting to come to the state since he signed the measure which bars unions from imposing mandatory fees on members. Indiana is now one of 23 right-to-work states.

He dismissed concerns about the bill saying, “No one will lose pay, and no benefits are going down, and the right to organize and bargain is safe”

### ***Looking Ahead...***

#### **March 6<sup>th</sup> Primary**

Don't forget that the vote you cast in the Primary will have lasting results! Make your vote count on this important day!

#### **Get the News**

Check out [www.theblaze.com](http://www.theblaze.com) for news that is not commonly available through the mainstream.

### ***Did You Know...***

#### **Emergency Preparedness Seminar**

Do you know what to do if your electric is out for a week or if gasoline distribution is hampered by weather or a labor strike? How much food is needed to feed a family of four for a week... 2 weeks? Do you have a back-up system to check on your friends, family, and neighbors? On March 9 at 7 pm, Bethel United Methodist Church will host an Emergency Preparedness Seminar. Chris Taylor and Katy Smith will be leading this seminar, which will be beneficial for you, your family, and your friends. Come out and see what it takes to be a community of caring, a lighthouse in the darkness. Space is limited, so contact **Pastor Steve Fultz, 734-7201 ext. 15**, to reserve your spot.

### ***Getting Involved...***

#### **Educate Yourself**

Mark Steyn's "After America" reads much like he sounds when subbing on Rush Limbaugh: "An America comprised of therapeutic statist, regulatory enforcers, multigenerational dependents, identity-group rent-seekers, undocumented menials, stimulus grant writing liaison coordinators, six-figure community organizers, millionaire diversity-outreach consultants, billionaire carbon-offset traders, an electronic-leisure 'knowledge sector,' John Edwards' anti-poverty consultancy, John Kerry's vintner, and Al Gore's holistic masseuse will offer many opportunities, but not for that outmoded American archetype, the self-reliant citizen seeking to nourish his family through the fruits of his labor." (p. 213) (whew!)

Reading Mr. Steyn is easier than listening to him because when he throws so much at you, you can go back and reread his sentence. I like Mr.

Steyn's sense of humor and his wit. His "Emirs of Incumbistan" (p. 79) is funny and clever. But his message is more than depressing and shocking. He begins with "The Undreaming America," "Decline," "Fall," and "After" among other titles. Facts and figures flow through the pages, but Mr. Steyn, unfortunately, is preaching to the choir. I can't imagine Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, or Katie Couric agreeing to anything Mr. Steyn says.

If you need facts, figures, examples, and events for ammunition in the war against big government and politically correct thought, this is your book! Most Tea Party people are already sadly aware of Obama's and the Left's view of liberty and freedom. (Submitted by Vickie Warren)

### ***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](http://www.clermontteaparty.org).

#### ***Internet Links...***

[www.connect.freedomworks.org](http://www.connect.freedomworks.org)  
<http://www.cincinnati912project.com/> and  
<http://www.ohiolibertycouncil.org/>.  
<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/megavote/>.  
[www.theblaze.com](http://www.theblaze.com)

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