

Christian Coalition Pinellas

JULY 2005

TEAMWORK



1 Cor. 12:20-22 – *As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable...*

We need each other!

Meetings Matter and So Does Teamwork!

We encourage each of you to attend one of our three growing chapters nearest to you. Our meetings are our training sessions where those present take time out from their busy schedules to learn more about the issues, how to impact public policy and to work together to reach common goals. It's called teamwork!

CCPCFL depends on those who are willing to use their talents to help overcome the predators eating away at our Judeo-Christian heritage and Constitutional rights. We could not have distributed the thousands of Voter Guides here in Pinellas County without our volunteers. We want to continue to add more liaisons and phone workers—giving others a chance to participate, even if they can't regularly attend meetings. **Volunteer! Come join our team!**

❄ JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ❄

All three chapter meetings viewed a video, "Waterway Watch," by the US Coast Guard, a division of Homeland Security. It dealt with the possibilities of terrorists checking out our coastline. In fact, the Coast Guard apprehended suspicious characters that wound up being taken away in handcuffs and were later found to be linked to terrorist activities.

The video urged us all to be aware of our surroundings and suspicious behavior. Boaters are asked to notify Maritime Homeland Security. The following are important numbers: **National Response Center, 800-424-8802 or 877-24WATCH - (92824)**. For Immediate Danger to Life or Property call **911**.

Ronnie took us for a quick tour of our new website www.ccpcf.org. On a copy of our Home Page and he said go to [link](#) to 'Christian Coalition of FL'. Once at the CCFL website go to [link](#) (on left side) 'Study Hall'. At this site are studies of 3 very important subjects:

1. Understanding filibusters & current judicial nominations;
2. Florida's Women's Health and Safety Legislation, (finally some regulations on the abortion industry; strongly supported by CC FL, FL Catholic Conf. and FL Baptists)
3. Governor Signs Parental Notice Bill"; minor girls seeking an abortion, need Parents OK..

A Brochure explaining our mission and work, and forms for '[Marriage Amendment Petitions](#)' will soon be printable on our website.

❄ JULY MEETING SCHEDULES ❄

CENTRAL PINELLAS: Meeting, July 2, 10:00 AM

Meets every first Saturday at Panera Bread, Bardmoor Shopping Center, Bryan Dairy and Starkey Rd.

'Celebration of Independence' program

Co-Chair: Vance Lackore, 398-7827, vlackore@msn.com

Co-Chair: Ron Scheffler, 595-6971, rmscheffler@cfaith.com

St. Petersburg: Meeting, Monday, July 11 at 7:00 pm

Fifth Ave. Baptist Church, Meeting Hall, 4901 5th Ave. N.

Chapter President: Phil Quandt, 647-0256,
pquandt315@aol.com

North Pinellas: Meeting, Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 pm

SPEAKER: DEBORAH CLARK, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Palm Harbor Public Library, Riviera & Nebraska.

Chapter President: John Hicks, 785-2066,
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Court Opinions are Not the Law. They are Merely Opinions of What the Law Is.

By Rebecca O'Dell Townsend

"The Congress, the Executive and the Court must each for itself be guided by its own opinion of the Constitution. Each public officer who takes an oath to support the Constitution swears that he will support it as he understands it, not as it is understood by others. The opinion of judges has no more authority over Congress than the opinion of Congress has over the judges and on that point the President is independent of both." Andrew Jackson, 1832

"Whoever would be obliged to obey a constitutional law is justified in refusing to obey an unconstitutional act of the legislature ... when a question, even of this delicate nature occurs, everyone who is called to act has a right to judge." - James Wilson, 1791, Lectures on Law.

"Court opinions are evidence of Law, not law themselves." - Sir William Blackstone

"The law, we are discovering, is too serious a matter to be left to lawyers or even judges." - Gertrude Himmelfarb, *One Nation, Two Cultures* (arguing that judges are responsible for most of the dysfunction of contemporary American life).

"[Justice] Marshall has made his ruling; now let him enforce it." - Andrew Jackson.

"You're telling me the First Amendment will not allow me to acknowledge God in a public place. Wrong. Unconstitutional. Not going to do it." - Former Justice Roy Moore.

Our founding fathers considered the judicial branch to be the weakest and least dangerous of all three branches. As Alexander Hamilton stated, the executive branch "dispenses the honors and holds the sword," the legislative branch "commands the purse and prescribes the rules by which the duties and rights of every citizen are regulated," but the judiciary "has no influence over either sword or purse." As James Madison stated, "it is necessary that the judiciary have the confidence of the people." "It will soon be lost," warned Madison, "if they are employed in the task of remonstrating against popular measures of the legislature."

Well, my friends, that time has come. Our judiciary has taken upon itself the task of "remonstrating" against vital, moral and constitutional legislation. Our legislators are unable, despite their best efforts, to pass moral and popular legislation that can withstand the unconstitutional "veto" of our judicial branch. Our judicial branch has taken upon itself to "prescribe the rules by which the duties and rights of every citizen are regulated," a task that does not belong to it. We have been patient, but we have finally and irrevocably lost confidence in the judiciary. Just as Madison warned.

The judiciary must be restored to its proper role within the confines of our written Constitution. Our legislators and our executive officers must learn to say "no" to the unconstitutional and immoral rulings of the judicial branch. Our elected representatives must learn to say to the judiciary, "You have made your ruling; now *you* enforce it." We must teach our elected representatives that they can and that they should refuse to enforce or to comply with unconstitutional and immoral judicial decisions. We must take away the Court's "sword" and "purse."

Court "Opinions" Make New Laws

Following are part of the *new laws* created by the US Supreme Court: (*It's "creative editing of our Constitution."*)

1962 Engle v. Vitale – US Supreme Court created new law- "Separation of Church and State".

1973 Roe v. Wade – US Supreme creates 'The right to abortion', & striking down all state laws forbidding abortion.

1980 Stone v. Graham - Banned displays of the Ten Commandments from Public Schools.

.2004 Clinton appointee Federal Judge Phyllis Hamilton overturned the Partial Birth Abortion ban passed by the US Congress and signed by the President in 2003.

1992 Planned Parenthood v. Casey - Ruled not to overturn Roe v. Wade because the its *legitimacy* of the Court would be questioned. (What?)



HumanEventsOnline.com – Week of May 16, 2005

Briefly: *McCain bolts for compromise instead of victory while other judicial nominees remain in filibuster limbo.

*Democrats refuse to schedule up or down vote to nominate John Bolton as UN Ambassador. (...and the good news...)

*Gov. Bush signs law that sets new limits on abortion clinics.

CCPCFL'S SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU!

Please partner with us in prayer and financial support for Christian Coalition of Pinellas County for us to meet our commitments to inform, influence and impact public policy.

- Partner in prayer with CCPC for all its many endeavors.
- I would like Information on becoming a Church Liaison.

Membership Options

- \$25/year \$10/mo \$25/mo \$50/mo other

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A Relentless Revolutionary Hero

As the time nears to celebrate this country's Day of Independence, we should give special recognition to one of our revolutionary heroes, Samuel Adams. In fact, he earned the title of the "Father of the American Revolution." He kindled the patriotic fires of the Colonists that would lead to the Revolutionary War.

Filling the Information Gap. Sam wanted the Colonists to be educated regarding their rights and political convictions based upon *Biblical* principles. Today he would be scorned by our liberal media for such an idea and permanently banished to the "religious-right" bin. In 1772, Sam proposed "Committees of Correspondence" to implement his information agenda. Without computer, fax or printer, Sam circulated his [news] letters among the Colonists by pony express. (*Some of us might wonder if they got theirs faster than we get ours.*) His first report was entitled, "Rights of the Colonists."

Claiming the Turf. Sam was a prayerful man. He was incensed over the British Parliament's taxation without the colonists' approval or representation. In his inaugural [news] letter, he wrote: "The supreme power cannot justly take from any man any part of his property, without his consent in the person or by his representation."

Sagacious Sam also said: "...the natural rights of the Colonists are these: First, **a right to life**; Secondly, to liberty; Thirdly, to property; together with the right to support and defend them in the best manner they can."

Fortunately, our freedom-fighting Father Sam did not have to forfeit his rights to Federal Judges nor follow the forged editions of our First Amendment. He boldly stated that, "The rights of the Colonists as Christians may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institutes of the great Law Giver and Head of the Christian Church, which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament."

Parliament's Policy Pains. England's policy of allowing the Colonies representation in matters relating to themselves began to change with the Stamp Act in 1765. The Colonists vehemently opposed the principle of taxing them without their consent. Although repealed, England continued with the Townsend Act in 1767 and the Tea Act in 1773 that imposed a tax upon all British tea sold in the colonies. The Colonists declared that it violated the English Constitution guaranteeing the fundamental right of property.

Tea Time. Since boycotting the British tea would jeopardize the ship's owner, the Colonists decided to accept the tea, but they wouldn't have to drink it! They

would have to pay for it, though... (So *what?*). Disguised as Indians, they went on with the tea dunking and all went smoothly; hence, the historical "Boston Tea Party."

Bad Aftertaste. England was traumatized by the treacherous treatment of her treasured tea. She retaliated by passing the Boston Port Bill intending to shut down all commerce on June 1, and starve the townspeople into submission. "*British men-of-war surrounded Boston; it was a period of suffering and a day of prayer and fasting; business was suspended; bells tolled from morning to night; flags kept at half-mast and streets were dressed in mourning.*"

(Excerpts: Richard Frothingham)

Cranking Up Communications. The "Committees of Correspondence" was pressed into service again, spreading the news to all the colonies. Some responded by calling for days of fasting and prayer. Thomas Jefferson penned the resolve in Virginia "to invoke the divine inter-position to the American people one heart and one mind to oppose by all just means every injury to American rights."

For material support, Colonists campaigned door-to-door for patriotic offerings. The gifts included letters of encouragement, i.e., "Stand firm, and let your intrepid courage show to the world that you are Christians."

E. Pluribus Unum, "one from many." Out of adversity and diversity, our Christian nation was born. John Adams declared July 4: "...to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

Katy Heyl

[Source: America's Providential History, Feb. 1994, by Mark A Belilas & Stephen K. McDowell.]

Let the Fireworks Begin!



Another way to celebrate this great nation's birthday is to watch the patriotic movie, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" starring James Cagney as George M. Cohan, who was born on the Fourth of July. *The New Yorker* described it as "a complete delight, an extravaganza of tunes the country has most liked for decades." And, of course, celebrate the Lord and His goodness!