

NOVEMBER 2005



A Clean Sweep by a Spunky Team of Ladies

(See "Who says you can't beat City Hall..." p. 2)

PLEASE VOLUNTEER AND COME JOIN OUR TEAM!



Let us therefore rely upon the goodness of the Cause, and the aid of the supreme Being, in whose hands Victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble Actions..."

George Washington

◆◆◆ November Meeting Schedules ◆◆◆

CENTRAL PINELLAS: Meeting, November 5, 10:00 AM
Meets every first Saturday at Panera Bread, Bardmoor Shopping Center, Bryan Dairy and Starkey Rd.

Special Speaker: Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Elections

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North Pinellas: NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Next Meeting: December 13, 6:30 PM

Special Speaker: Saul Pitchon, CEO

Pregnancy Center of Pinellas County

Palm Harbor Public Library, Riviera & Nebraska.

Chapter President: John Hicks, 785-2066,

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◆ OCTOBER Meeting Highlights ◆

Much to our 'October' surprise, our usual private meeting room at Panera Bread was being used for a Shower. Panera did, however, prepare an area for us near the entrance. The breakfast line was long as we pledged allegiance to the American and Christian Flags and 33 attendees sang "God Bless America." (It was a "God Thing.")

Nancy Bostock, Chairman, Pinellas School Board told us that one of the main jobs is to feed students. Also, drivers have to make three round trips every day to bring students to and from school. It inconveniences students have to arrive very early and others having to leave much later in the day. Nancy spoke well of the new Superintendent and is pleased with the diverse group of Board members that work together as a team and attain excellent results.

Nancy was recently appointed to the Higher Education Access Task Force, Joint Task Force of the FL State Board of Education and the FL Board of Governors. She was also appointed to the High School Reform Task Force Access Group, FL Department of Education.



CCPCFL tries to get the Newsletter (NL) to you on time each month. We receive nice comments that many enjoy it. The Oct. issue arrived ten days after our first meeting. (cont'd)

Thankfully, we were not charged for all the work involved. We are contemplating changes to mail the regular NL to all who have paid annual subscriptions/ memberships and will continue to mail the NL to our public officials. All others will be sent electronically. If you prefer this method, we must receive your e-mail address. Newsletters will always be available on our website, www.ccpcf.org in printable form, or contact Vance, Ronnie, Rick, or John at the e-mail address on page 4, upper left hand corner. Thank You

Who says you can't beat City Hall?

A lesson in grassroots activism and Team Spirit

Excerpts from interview with Eloise Comer, 1996 By Katy Heyl

Newspapers heralded the surprising news of the defeat of Boss Pendergast and his manipulating, municipal machine rule in Kansas City. It took a pesky publisher and his paper; a judge seeking justice; Churches forming a Ministerial Alliance; a group of party and nonpartisan organizations and the Charter Party's women to topple the half-century reign of KC's political corruption. It was the women's Charter Party, however, that caught the eye of the nation. Newspapers and *Time Magazine* featured their fearless fight for good government.

Building grassroots. One of these spunky ladies was Eloise Comer. (At the time of the interview, she had recently celebrated her 94th birthday). She attended her first political meeting in the mid 1930's and acknowledged her lack of political savvy, "I didn't know a ward from a precinct." She learned that the city was divided into 16 Wards and declared to her group of about 30 women, "We're going to get a woman in each ward and it's your job to find them." Elected officials were excluded and they couldn't trust the Republicans or Democrats. Despite that, Comer had no problem getting ward leaders because of the enthusiasm that was generated.

Each ward leader had to get one telephone chairman and finance chairman. "I could call the chairman of the telephone committee, who called the ward leaders and they called their telephone chairmen, who would then call the people we wanted to get to our meetings," said Comer. The number of women involved in 1940 ranged from 5,000 to 7,000.

Taking control One of the first things they had to do was take control away from the police department that was ruled by the machine. "The only way we could do that," said Comer, "was to go to Governor Stark, and have him change the Missouri Constitution for the Governor to appoint the commissioners." That took about a year. Stark, after selecting the Commissioner and wary about sticking his neck out, told Comer that if Police Chief Higgins would not protect them, he would call out the militia!

Scary Business Some of the husbands were reluctant to get involved. Comer told them that the women would clean up then. Her husband was upset that she was spending so much time on this venture. He reminded her that some clients of their advertising agency had machine connections and he wanted her to get out. The next day, "...my

husband got a telephone call. Someone said, 'There will be a nice big Cadillac in front of your house in the morning if you get your wife out of politics.' That made Russell so mad he jumped in with both feet."

Twila Pollard, the Comers' daughter said, "I can remember when I was about ten, we received many threats. A detective lived with us and walked me and my brother, Warren, to and from school everyday."

The boss machine had complete control of the city and could enforce their own "taxes/lugs" on any group they wanted to, from police, truck drivers, prostitutes and other business interests and city departments. (A "lug" was a percentage of employee pay collected each month by the machine's county committeemen.) Votes could be bought by the highest bidder and thugs sent out to beat up protesters.

A time to run Comer recalls the time a former policeman was coming to speak at one of the meetings about the "lug" he was forced to pay to keep his job. The ladies and their activist husbands were stationed at their headquarters. They were warned not to go to the meeting as there were a bunch of rough-looking men at the corner with baseball bats, threatening to break up the meeting.

Comer put in a call to Higgins. The Police Chief asked, "What do you want me to do about it?" Comer said, "The usual thing—absolutely nothing." Within ten minutes every squad car in Kansas City was there.

Uniting Despite all the corruption, the determined citizens demanding justice merged into one organization, the 'United Campaign'. They chose a slate of candidates of five Democrats and four Republicans for the Council and Democrat John B. Gage for Mayor.

Clean Sweep The ladies' division of the Charter Party did not lose its identity, flavor or fervor. They were proud wives and mothers who wore broom pins with red ribbons as a badge of honor, symbolizing their pledge to make a clean sweep of city hall. They showed up at rallies carrying brooms over their shoulders symbolizing their pledge to make a clean sweep of city hall.

Climax Gage was elected Mayor in 1940. Tom Pendergast was sent to prison in 1939 over gambling debts and tax evasion. Thus ended the Pendergast machine.

William Reddig, former editor of the *KC Star*, wrote *Tom's Town* in 1947. The book is still available on websites and in a few libraries. Kansas City was not alone in having to deal with 'boss machine' figures controlling towns and cities. In fact, 'rumor' puts one in a flourishing city where Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern and burned down the whole town.

Can you imagine the impact we could make if we had 5,000 to 7,000 active, political participants in Pinellas County? Or, in every county in this country?



Veterans Day November 11

Remember our Veterans and Pray for our Troops

**The American Family Association
has brought these facts to light!**

Here are some issues the ACLU supports:

- Legalization of homosexual marriage
- Legalization of child pornography
- Legalization of prostitution
- Legalization of live sex acts in public
- Legalization of sex between adults and children
- The ACLU defends the North American Man Boy Love Association whose motto is "sex before 8 or it is too late."
- Removing "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance
- Removing our motto "In God We Trust" from our money
- Forcing the Boy Scouts to accept homosexual scout leaders
- Removing prayer from school and public events
- Abortion on demand, without parental consent
- Legalizing illicit drugs
- Physician assisted suicide
- Partial-birth abortion
- Mandatory sex education
- Legalized polygamy
- Tax supported profane art

Here is what the ACLU is against:

- Parental notification for minors having abortion
- School vouchers
- Filters on public library computers
- Student led prayer in schools
- Nativity scenes on public property
- Sex offender registries
- Broadcast decency laws
- "Choose Life" license plates
- Tax exemptions for churches
- Posting of the Ten Commandments of public property
- Prayers before high school football games
- Parental consent laws
- "Abstinence before marriage" sex education

To confirm these facts, or to learn more, simply place the words "ACLU supports" or "ACLU opposes" in your search bar.

There's More...

According to the Center for Reclaiming America, the ACLU has made a fortune by suing and receiving compensation for attorney fees on cases that they filed—not just any cases—but cases that impact the Christian faith.

Recently in Nebraska, the ACLU was awarded \$156,960 by US District Judge Joseph F. Bataillon after he overturned an amendment to the Nebraska constitution defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman—even though 70 percent of Nebraska voters supported the amendment.

Over the last few years, American taxpayers have given the ACLU and various pro-abortion organizations upwards of \$6,000,000 in court awards, following the Supreme Court's decision in which it declared the Nebraska partial birth abortion ban unconstitutional. These awards have affected 30 states.

The ACLU profited enormously, collecting \$790,000 in legal fees plus \$160,000 in court costs, as a result of its suit to deny the Boy Scouts of America the use of San Diego's Balboa Park for a summer camp, a city facility the Scouts had used since 1915.

Recently, U.S. Representative John Hostettler introduced the Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005 (HR2679). This legislation would prevent secular organizations from collecting attorney fees after suing communities to remove religious symbols such as the Ten Commandments, memorial crosses, Nativity scenes and more.

The Center for Reclaiming America is mobilizing 100,000 citizen petitions to present to Congress within the next 30 days urging lawmakers to support the above legislation.

If you would like to help The Center for Reclaiming America to expose and defund the ACLU, then you can add your name to their petition:

<http://www.cfra.info/33/petition.asp?RID=5622334>

This courtroom campaign has netted the ACLU untold millions, and continues to fuel the group's insatiable drive to secularize our nation!



CCPC'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

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City State _____ zip _____

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Please mail to and make checks payable to: Christian Coalition of Pinellas Cte., 13563 Cordova Dr., Largo, FL 33774 (727-595-6971)

Contributions, including membership fees, are not tax deductible.

Our Nation is under attack from without and within. Just as in WWII when we had a 5th column of infiltrators and saboteurs working for the enemy here within our shores, we have organizations like the People for the American Way, American Civil Liberties Union and others affiliated with Communist fronts as well as those dedicated to the downfall of our Republic and all it stands for. Because they are attempting to remove God from the public arena and make this Nation into an anti-God, Socialist country, we must fight them tooth and nail. The impending struggle for conservative justices on the Supreme Court is a vital battle for the United States to remain a Constitutional Republic.

Another battle to be won is on the immigration front. We cannot allow free access, official or unofficial, to our nation; flooding our system with those who demand free health care and disability payments, whose children become citizens when born here, and who plan to bury us under their numbers with many dedicated to treacherous activities,

Our battle from without is our war against the terrorism fostered and perpetrated by Islamist activists. There are thousands of Muslims who are not advocating the violent overthrow of any government, but their Koran teaches that using the sword and violence to convert others is acceptable and sometimes necessary. Mohammed taught, and his words are recorded in the Koran, that someday the world will be all Muslim or every Muslim will be dead. There is no compromising with this belief-system nor will they be satisfied until every citizen of every nation is ruled by Islamic edict, including dress, second-class existence for women, and severe punishment for any offense against the teachings of the Koran or of the various 'Holy Men' of Islam.

Our national obsession with Political Correctness that makes it wrong to profile those who commit crimes, to speak any negative statements about all non-Biblical belief-systems or people groups, forbidding the mention of God's name in public, (unless it's a swear word) or view a manger scene or sing Christmas Carols on government land. Even thanking God for our blessings as a nation as written in the Declaration of Independence and Constitution is as dangerous to our well being as a Nation, as is the threat of a bomb in a subway or the presence of Middle Eastern men in flight schools across the nation, according to the PC crowd. The time has come for the Federal Government to provide for our common defense using common sense, not setting silly anti-profiling regulations that are worse than ignoring the dangers. Let's get serious about this war on Terrorism before it rises up to bite us where we least expect it.

I'm Vance and I'm thinking right.