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Celebrating and Protecting Our Religious Freedom

Liberty Institute President to Address CCV's Spring Partnership Banquet

Our Founding Father George Washington said in 1790, "The value of liberty was thus enhanced in our estimation by the difficulty of its attainment, and the worth of characters appreciated by the trial of adversity." He mentioned two components that are vital for religious freedom: hard work and great men.



Kelly Shackelford, Esq., defending our religious freedom.

Kelly Shackelford fits the bill of a tireless supporter of religious freedom, and CCV welcomes him as the keynote speaker for the Spring Partnership Banquet. He is an attorney, constitutional scholar, and president of the Liberty Institute in Plano, Texas. A recipient of the William Bentley Ball Award for Life and Religious Freedom Defense, he has witnessed victories within the U.S. and Texas Supreme Courts and Legislature, and receives frequent media coverage.

With the theme "Celebrating Religious Freedom," it seemed only natural to choose Shackelford

as our keynote speaker. CCV President Phil Burress has known Shackelford for many years and says, "Kelly is one of the leading attorneys in the nation who is working to protect our religious freedoms."

Burress appreciates Shackelford's work and is excited about Liberty Institute's next step. He shares, "Because our religious freedoms are under attack—especially by homosexual activists—Mr. Shackelford will offer a solution to the problem. He is working with several states to pass a state constitutional amendment that will protect our religious freedoms, and CCV will join the effort."

If you've had the privilege of listening to Shackelford present a case or talk with the media, you have probably noticed that he is an articulate, unashamed defender of the truth. We hope you can join us on April 19, when we'll once again gather at Xavier University's Cintas Center, in the Schiff Conference and Banquet Center. George Washington would have enjoyed it—it'll be a gathering of hard workers and great men and women.

For details and reservation information, visit www.ccv.org or phone (513) 733-5775.

**The propitious
smiles of Heaven
can never be
expected on a
nation that
disregards the
eternal rules of
order and right,
which Heaven
itself has ordained.**

— President
George Washington

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WAIT NO MORE

CCV partners with Focus on the Family to offer a one day adoption seminar for those with a heart for America's orphans. Mark your calendar for this event and make sure CCV has your e-mail address so you can receive more information!



Ohio Capitol Update

Activity or inactivity – which is better?

Whoever said that gridlock is a good thing never had to actually deal with a legislative body embracing that philosophy. Ohio's General Assembly have been characterized by activity without accomplishment during their first year of the 128th GA, and year two looks to be similar.

This is not to say there have not been some notable actions: our Democratic governor and House, and enough Republican members of the Ohio Senate to create a 17 vote majority with 12 Senate Democrats, have given Ohioans slot

machines at the horse racing tracks (House Bill 1), higher taxes (House Bill 318), and little comfort that they will be able to do anything proactive to stave off another massive budget deficit for the next budget cycle.

However, the lack of substantive action by legislative leadership has given them time to do some other things, like introduce a flood of bills

to give homosexuals special rights by classifying their sexual behavior as a civil right (House Bill 176), expand gambling (House Bills 250 and 263 and Joint Resolutions 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11), repeal the Ohio Marriage Amendment (House Joint Resolution 7), subsidize the Ohio Lottery (the Ohio Controlling Board, comprised of legislators, gave that body nearly \$1 million to "boost" the failing "KENO" game that Governor Ted

Strickland authorized in 2007), and eliminate the abstinence-until-marriage law (Senate Bills 55, 59, and 176 and House Bills 293 and 316) to replace it with "intimacy negotiation skills" for our children in public schools.

Pro-family Ohioans know that much of what is happening in Columbus will have major impacts on them and their children, so in one sense having little action is actually a good thing. However, many good policy ideas are being ignored by the current administration in Columbus, and that is not a good thing for the family. Bills that would reduce the cost and size of government (House Bills 25, 66 and 230) are being ignored in committee, and legislation that would alert residents of long term care facilities and their families that a sexually oriented offender would be moving in (House Bill 98, sponsored by our friend, Butler County representative Courtney Combs) is not being heard, although this same legislation, which CCV supported fully, passed the House last session.

We will continue to work with pro-family legislators to move forward good policy, and hold back bad legislation. CCV will keep you apprised of activity when (or if) it happens in the Ohio legislature.



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– Barry Sheets, Director, Governmental Affairs



Changing the Culture by Winning Campaigns

Practical tools for proven principles

On January 14 and 15, at the METS conference center in Erlanger, Kentucky, Citizens for Community Values Action and Indiana Family Action PAC hosted over one hundred people from seven different states to embrace a common goal: Changing the Culture by Winning Campaigns.

"Because we all know a campaign is based on..."

And the coffee-contented crowd answered, *"Resource management!"*

Mark Montini, CEO of CampaignSecrets.com and speaker for this event, engaged the participants with the

"This information is indispensable to the conduct of an effective campaign."

– W. B.

clear message that successful campaigns hinge on wise resource management. He first laid out principles to develop a foundational strategic plan, and then offered practical, flexible tools to sharpen the campaign message, utilize available resources, and stay the course amidst common distractions. (Did you know that you can quickly hone your target audience to just twenty-five percent of your constituents,



Mark Montini gave a fast-paced, entertaining presentation.

increasing your effectiveness fourfold? And that's only the first step!) The fast-paced, entertaining presentation imparted direction and order into an otherwise overwhelming task.

If you missed this exciting and informative event — one that has already drawn guests from Mississippi and Georgia — make sure you sign up for CCV's e-mail alerts at www.ccv.org for future opportunities to change the culture!

Ideas Have Consequences

Are you registered to vote in the 2010 election?

Ideas have consequences: cap and trade, health care, marriage, taxes, environmental issues, religious liberties, gambling, education, abortion, family stability.

All of these ideas have something in common: they are all issues that have been, and may yet be, decided upon by elected officials at each of our levels of government. And all of those elected officials and their decisions have something in common: the voters. Elections have consequences. The recent election in Massachusetts to seat a replacement for the late Sen. Ted Kennedy is proof of it, as it hinged on the larger consequence of the federal health care proposal.



In Ohio, the deadline for voter registration is 30 days prior to the election.

Polling data is showing a significant discontent among the voting populace for the current situation we have in our American civic arena. The displeasure with the President and Congress also shows up as a strong feeling in Ohio that we are going in the wrong direction as a nation and as a state. Our state leaders are now relying economically on the socially destructive policy of gambling, and are putting more strains on the family by repealing tax breaks to provide revenue.

As we are seeing now, people understand that there is a need for the average citizen to stand up and defend the values

they hold dear and that their votes can and do matter. We are seeing this through the rise of various local and regional groups which are focused on bringing the voice of the people to the elected officials in a very direct way. This approach is working, but also needs another element: the action of voting those values.

CCV has long been involved in encouraging citizens to become active participants in our civic process, from learning where elected officials and candidates stand on issues

of importance, to training citizens on the effective techniques of running for office (whether at the precinct level or at any other level of elected office), to mounting major ballot campaigns to put policies into law. We have seen the impact of an educated and engaged populace on many major issues, especially the defense of traditional marriage and the protection of our communities from the devastating impacts of sexually oriented businesses.

But all of this starts with one very important and easy step: registering to vote. If you are not registered, and do not vote, then someone else's values will decide who will be representing you in elected office, and who will be making the decision on all of the issues and ideas that are important to our families and our faith, and that impact you directly.

CCV has made it easy for you to make this step. Please visit our Ohio Election Central webpage at www.ohioelectioncentral.com/voterresources.aspx to obtain an Ohio-specific voter registration form, or a generic form for our friends outside of Ohio. Fill this out, and send it in to the Secretary of State's office so that you can help ensure that the consequences of our electoral process are positive.

In Ohio, the deadline for voter registration is 30 days prior to the election. For 2010, this means April 5 for the May 4 primary election, and October 4 for the November 2 general election. This year is the year in which all of the statewide offices are up for election.

You can find information on those candidates who have announced their campaigns by visiting their web pages, listed below (alphabetically by last name).

GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

John Kasich and Mary Taylor (R)

(www.kasichforohio.com)

Ted Strickland and Yvette McGee-Brown (D)

(www.tedstrickland.com)

SECRETARY OF STATE

Jennifer Garrison (D) (www.jennifergarrison.com)

Jon Husted (R) (www.hustedforohio.com)

Sandra O'Brien (R) (www.sandraobrien.com)

AUDITOR

Seth Morgan (R) (www.sethmorgan.org)

David Pepper (D) (www.davidpepper.com)

Dave Yost (R) (www.daveyost.com)

TREASURER

Kevin Boyce (D) (www.kevinboyce.com)

Josh Mandel (R) (www.joshmandel.com)

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Steve Christopher (R) (www.stevechristopher.org)

Richard Cordray (D) (www.cordrayforohio.com)

Mike DeWine (R) (www.mikedewine.com)

Did you find this in your local newspaper?

CINCINNATI – Citizens for Community Values (CCV) has long recognized the connection between human trafficking and the prevalence of sexually oriented businesses. Last year, CCV asked Steve Wagner, a former employee and expert on human trafficking for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (HHS), to write tough anti-trafficking legislation to protect girls and women from the worst type of abuse. That legislation was ignored by the Ohio General Assembly.

Instead, the legislature created the Ohio Trafficking in Persons Study Commission. Now the Commission tells us what common sense already knew: more than 1,000 children under the age of 18 were sex-trafficking victims in Ohio during the past year, and another 2,879 youth were at risk of being trafficked. An additional 783 foreign-born persons were trafficked for sex or forced labor in Ohio in the past year, with another 3,437 at risk.

The Commission said that human trafficking is the second-largest crime in the world, affecting at least 18,000 women and girls in the U.S. each year. Another 300,000, many of them girls as young as 11, are vulnerable. Instead of passing the tough law that CCV recommended, our legislators passed a law that the Commission called “weak.”

The Commission noted that Toledo is behind only Miami, Florida, Portland, Oregon, and Las Vegas in the sex trafficking industry. The Commission’s recommendations will be sent to the General Assembly and governor later this year. Unacceptable answer!

What do all these cities have in common? Sexually oriented businesses — with Toledo boasting more per capita than any other city in Ohio. What’s worse is that these sex businesses are supported by newspaper advertising. Some, like the *Toledo Blade* and the *Columbus Dispatch*, make millions off these establishments that abuse girls and women.

Two years ago the legislature passed the Community Defense Act (CDA) by a 75% majority. CDA requires that all sexually oriented businesses must end their activity at midnight; if they do not have a liquor license, they must not operate between midnight and six in the morning. CDA also

SEX TRAFFICKING IN OHIO MUST BE STOPPED
Enforce Laws Already on the Books

prohibits strippers from touching men. This legislation is a powerful tool that law enforcers can use to help victims.

The legislature must pass tough new anti-trafficking laws which CCV recommended, and start charging pimps with human trafficking. How can we wait until the end of the year to enforce the CDA, while thousands of girls are pulled into this abusive industry?

Take Action

- ✓ **By April 5: Make sure you, your family and friends are registered to vote** in the primary on May 4, 2010.
- ✓ **Mark your calendar for the CCV banquet**, Monday April 19, and invite a friend to join you.
- ✓ **Call or e-mail your state senator** and ask him or her to oppose the special rights bill, HB 176. (Go to www.ccv.org to find your elected state officials.)
- ✓ **Pray for CCV staff** as it partners with you to stand for the families of Ohio.
- ✓ **Find the copy of the “Sex Trafficking in Ohio” article** at www.ccv.org and send to your local police department and elected local and state officials. Ask them to protect abused girls and women in the following ways:
 - Strongly enforce the Ohio obscene pornography law where selling, renting or giving away an adult movie is a felony.
 - Strongly enforce CDA statewide.
 - Pass tough new anti-trafficking laws that CCV recommended.



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