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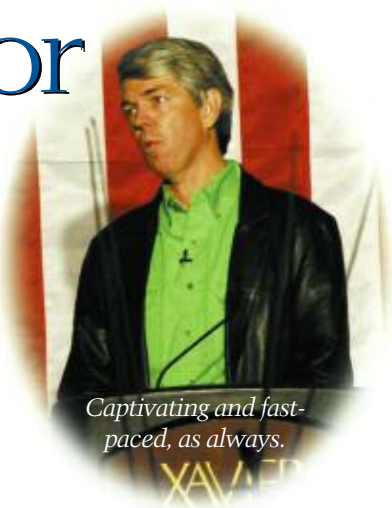
Partnership Banquet Ties Hope to History

CCV's Annual Spring Partnership Banquet on April 21 was a multi-faceted, multi-media event. But there was one dominant theme that tied together the program's multi-components: America's hope for the future depends on a return to the uniquely Judeo-Christian values and traditional principles of good government that made this nation great in the past.

The evening's only other theme was inseparably related to the first: Restoring our nation to those Judeo-Christian values and good

even in the introductory remarks of Jerry Lyon, CCV's vice president of operations and the event's master of ceremonies. In welcoming CCV's friends to the 26th annual event, Lyon noted that on that same evening, just a few blocks away, another organization was holding an event in protest to CCV's position in support of Judeo-Christian family values.

The group to which Lyon referred was Impact Cincinnati, which refers to itself as a network of homosexual, bisexual and trans-



Captivating and fast-paced, as always.

and family. And while we must oppose their efforts as activists to normalize those distortions of God's truth and pull others into captivity, we long to reach out to them in love and to see them set free." As Lyon later noted, tens of thousands of men and women have walked away from same-sex attraction through the outreach of groups like Exodus International and their local affiliates.

Barton Delivers

In the evening's much-anticipated keynote address, American historian and Christian author David Barton concisely laid out the key values and core principles necessary for a return to good government.

Speaking at his trademark fast but captivating pace, Barton documented his points, as always, with quotes from our founding fathers. Many of those quotes came from original documents in the library of WallBuilders, the organization founded by Barton in 1986 to preserve America's uniquely Christian heritage.

At the core of his address was a quote taken from the first inaugural address of Thomas Jefferson, in

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The sum of good government:

1. Acknowledge God
2. Exercise Frugality
3. Restrain the infliction of injury
4. Encourage entrepreneurship and free enterprise
5. Protect the property and earnings of citizens

government principles requires raising up, electing to office, and supporting officials at all levels of government who share those values, who understand those principles, and who have the courage to stand for those timeless truths.

Those themes were apparent

gendered activists. And CCV's response to that "protest," Lyon explained, was one of "heartbreak" rather than "anger."

"We see those folks as captives of a vicious lie," said Lyon, "a lie diametrically opposed to God's truth regarding human sexuality

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CityBeat's Frivolous Lawsuit Continues

Tabloid's Attempt to Intimidate Fails

Although the federal district court judge assigned to the case has dismissed four respected law enforcement officials named as defendants, the frivolous lawsuit filed by *CityBeat* magazine against CCV and 40 church and civic leaders lingers on.

Filed on July 8, 2008, the lawsuit was the pathetic response of *CityBeat*'s management to a compassionate request made by the coalition that *CityBeat* eliminate its adult services category of ads both in its print and online editions, due to the degrading, sexual nature of the ads and because that category of ads had become a vehicle for the promotion of prostitution and other illegal services.

Appealing to *CityBeat*'s integrity as a fellow corporate citizen, the coalition's request was made first in a June 6, 2009 letter hand-delivered to *CityBeat*'s management and then in a

public press conference in Cincinnati's City Hall on June 9.

Sadly, the coalition's non-threatening, compassionate request fell on deaf ears.

"(S)omeone needs to stand up for local people who engage in these types of businesses," wrote editor and co-publisher John Fox in an online editorial. "They need to have outlets for promoting their admittedly alternative goods and services, and *CityBeat* is proud to be one of those outlets."

Then came the lawsuit, filed on *CityBeat*'s behalf by attorney Louis Sirkin, the infamous defender of Larry Flynt and virtual child pornographers. The suit contended that the coalition's respectful request represented "a conspiracy to violate... *CityBeat*'s protected First Amendment right and to chill *CityBeat*'s free expression and freedom of the press."

All defendants filed a request that the frivolous suit be dismissed. U.S. District Court Judge S. Arthur Spiegel granted the dismissal request of Kenton County Attorney Garry Edmonson, Hamilton County Sheriff Si Leis, Dearborn County Attorney Aaron Negangard and Campbell County Attorney Justin Verst, all of whom *CityBeat*

accused of conspiring to place a prior restraint on the tabloid's right of free expression and freedom of the press.

In his decision, Judge Spiegel recognized that the frivolous suit was unusual in that it sought "to hold Defendants (CCV and the other coalition members) liable for what is arguably an exercise of their own First Amendment rights." Nevertheless, because in a dismissal request the law requires that a decision be made "in a light most favorable to the Plaintiff," Spiegel was obligated to deny the dismissal requests of CCV and the other members.

"*CityBeat*'s purpose in this misuse of the legal system is obvious," said CCV's president Phil Burress. "They felt that they could intimidate us. But they have failed."

"As in the numerous suits filed against us in the past, with the assistance of our friends at the Alliance Defense Fund, we will win by seeing this one, like all the others, through to its successful conclusion. And in the meantime, we will continue to ask the greater Cincinnati community to join us in pleading with *CityBeat*'s management to eliminate their disgraceful Adult Classified ads." *Take Action*



ABOVE: Typical adult classified in *CityBeat*'s print edition.

Supreme Court Upholds FCC's Regulations "Fleeting" Indecency is Still Indecency!

In a season when so much discouraging news has been coming from our federal government, two recent decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court have been especially welcome and encouraging.

First, on April 28, the Supreme Court upheld the right of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to treat the use of "fleeting" expletives on public airwaves as a violation of broadcast decency law. The high

court's decision in *Fox v. FCC* overturned a ruling by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals that Fox Broadcasting Company should not be held liable for breaking the FCC's rules prohibiting the use of indecent language on broadcast TV during times when children might be watching.

The case originated after indecent utterances were aired in two live broadcasts by Fox television stations. During the 2002 Bill-

board Music Awards, Cher, upon receiving an "Artist Achievement Award", used indecent language ("the F-word") during her acceptance speech. Only a year later, during the 2003 Billboard Music Awards, Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie used similar indecent language. Both vulgar statements were aired to millions of people across the country, including children.

The FCC subsequently fined

Pro-life Billboard Group Relocates Event Due to Hotel Porn

Abortion Connection Goes Without Saying...

Just weeks before its annual Culture of Life Banquet, a Minneapolis/St. Paul pro-life organization pulled its reservation from the Roseville (Minnesota) Radisson Hotel because its director discovered that the facility offers in-room, pay-per-view movies.

Prolife Across America is an organization dedicated to delivering a positive, pro-life message through billboards, TV and radio ads to people who may not otherwise be exposed to abortion alternatives.

Director May Ann Kuharaski's last-minute decision to change the location of Prolife's largest annual fundraiser cost the group \$3,000 in cancellation fees plus untold hours of planning.

Neither Kuharaski or her board regret the decision.

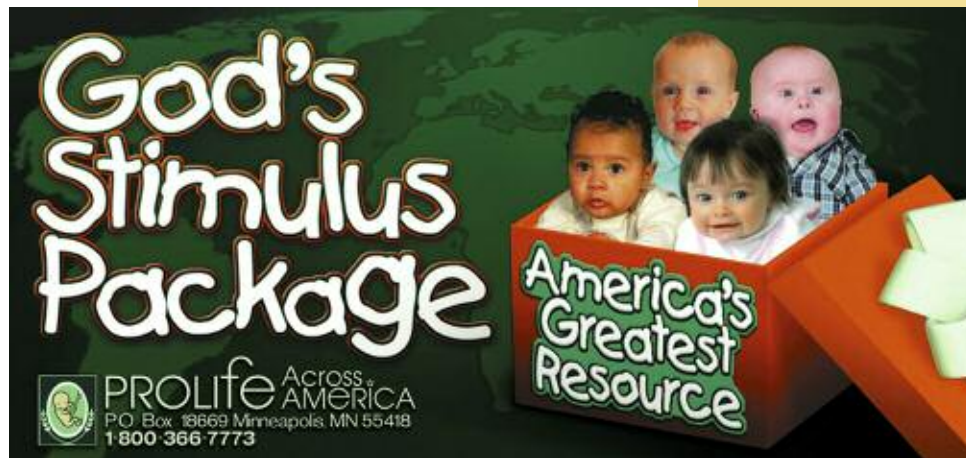
"For our organization to in any way support that kind of [pornographic pay-per-view] material is very inconsistent with our position to be supportive to families and to

helpless or vulnerable people," said Kuharaski.

Prolife also was disappointed to learn of Radisson's support of Planned Parenthood.

In a letter to constituents, Kuharaski wrote, "Pornography preys on the weakness of men and uses and abuses women and even innocent children. 'Pay-per-view porn' offers a degrading view of women – portraying them in perverse scenes – including violent rape. The abortion connection goes without saying, and is routinely promoted as a 'solution' to any untimely pregnancy that results."

Jerry Lyon, CCV's vice president of operation's and the group's primary event planner, applauds



Kuharski and her board for standing behind their convictions.

"A change in venues so close to the date of an event would be an event planner's worst logistical nightmare," said Lyon. "I hope that other groups and corporations that stage events or book rooms will be challenged by Prolife's example. We need to support facilities that care enough about the families and communities that they serve not to carry these degrading, destructive movies."

In 2003, CCV launched CleanHotels.com, the nation's only online booking service dedicated to lodging facilities that do not offer pornographic pay-per-view movies.

Pro-life Across America endured hassle, fee rather than support a hotel with pay-per-view porn.

Fox and released Notices of Apparent Liability for a number of broadcasts that the Commission deemed actionably indecent, including the two very publicized examples above. Fox appealed the FCC's censorship to the Second Circuit. That court held that because the indecent language aired consisted only of "fleeting expletives," Fox should not be held liable.



Justice Scalia

The Supreme Court disagreed. In an opinion penned by Justice Scalia, the Court held that the FCC was fulfilling its mission

from Congress to patrol the public airwaves for descriptions or depictions of sexual or excretory functions, whether used literally or as expletives.

Said Scalia, "Programming replete with one-word indecent expletives will tend to produce children who use (at least) one-word expletives."

How Much Outrage Does it Take?

And then there is the case involving the infamous airing of Janet Jackson's breast by CBS during the 2004 Super Bowl, a prank

that shocked millions of unsuspecting families, including children, enjoying the Super Bowl TV tradition.

The FCC's case against CBS had been thrown out by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, which justified its ruling by saying that the Super Bowl incident had not resulted in sufficient public outrage. As if Congress had not been inundated by phone calls, e-mails and letters! As if the FCC had not been barraged by complaints! And as if the story had not become the top news story for weeks!

The Supreme Court did not buy that reasoning either, and on May 4 ordered the Third Circuit to reexamine its ruling. **Take Action**

Second Annual Awards

Whatever one's walk of life might be, however large or small one's circle of influence might be – we all share the same cultural mandate and challenge. We are called to be salt and light in our culture, to proclaim Biblical truth and to uphold Biblical moral values.

Last year, CCV's board and staff established three annual awards to recognize persons – in three very different walks of life – who had distinguished themselves by their consistent and courageous response to that cultural mandate. Recipients of the first annual awards were then honored at CCV's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

On April 21, 2009, during this year's Spring Partnership Banquet at the Cintas Center, David Miller, CCV's vice president of public policy, recognized the second annual recipients of those awards.

Rosa Parks Citizen Activist Award: Lori Viars



Rosa Parks was not an activist by temperament.

She had grown up living in fear of physical violence and economic deprivation. And she did not want the next generation of African-Americans in this country to live in such fear.

So overcoming her personal fears, she boldly stepped onto that bus in Montgomery, Alabama on December 1, 1955, and today is recognized as "the mother of the modern-day civil rights movement in this country."

Lori Viars has stepped on many

a bus. At times those buses were headed to Washington, D.C. and a March for Life. At other times, they were the campaign buses of conservative candidates whom Lori endorsed and supported, and the destination was the next stump stop.

And like Rosa, whenever Lori steps on a bus...or sits down at a phone bank...or walks into a campaign mail room, she does so out of spirit of self-sacrifice and duty.

"I'm proof that the average citizen can make a difference," Lori often says. "If you're concerned about what is going on in our country, you have the opportunity – and the duty – to get involved in the process to change things."

Lori stresses the importance of raising up and electing to all government offices pro-family, pro-life, pro-faith candidates. So the former stay-at-home mom has made volunteer work in support of such candidates a full-time occupation.

In addition to chairing or working on the campaign committees of numerous worthwhile candidates, Lori formerly served as president of Warren County Right to Life and currently serves on the board of directors for the Warren County Republican Party as well as on the Ohio Right to Life Political Action Committee, and is Executive Director of Family First, a conservative political action committee.

When President George W. Bush made a stop in Cincinnati to assist in a congressional campaign, party officials asked four key activists to greet the president as he stepped off Air Force One. Lori was among those chosen.

She deserved that recognition. And Lori deserves to be this year's Rosa Parks Award recipient.

John Peter Muhlenberg Pastor Leadership Award: Pastor Ed Bonniwell



2009 Recipient
Rachel Hutzel, Ed Bonniwell

"To everything there is a season..." So begins the third chapter of Ecclesiastes, the text of Pastor John P. Muhlenberg's sermon to his Woodstock, Virginia congregation on January 21, 1776.

"...a time for war, and a time for peace." When Muhlenberg reached that eighth verse, he quietly raised his clergy robe to reveal his Continental Army Colonel's uniform. "This," he declared, "is a time for war." And the next day he led out 300 men, many from his own congregation, to form the nucleus of the 8th Virginia Regiment. God had called him to lead in that conflict; faithfully and fearlessly he followed that calling.

Dr. Ed Bonniwell, senior pastor of Faith Christian Fellowship Church in Cincinnati's southeast side, wears his battle fatigues at all times.

"We are all involved – every day of our lives – in a cosmic/cultural battle," Pastor Ed explains, "and I consider it my highest duty to arm



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Lori Viars with Phil Burress

those in my congregation so that they can stand firm in that battle. The spoils of this battle are our own souls, our families, our communities and our nation."

Realizing that the most strategic and decisive battles in this cultural warfare are fought in the minds of our youth, Bonniwell has always invested time in training young people at the primary, secondary and higher educational levels.

In 1995, he assisted in the founding of Miami Valley Christian Academy, one of greater Cincinnati's most respected K-12 private Christian schools. He served as Chancellor for Kingswell Theological Seminary, and presently is president of the Bible Institute of Practical Ministry as well as a contributor to the Global Pastors' Network.

Along with CCV president Phil Burress, Pastor Ed is a member of the Arlington Group, an association of pro-family, pro-faith leaders who meet in Washington, D.C. to discuss and strategize on cultural Congressional issues.

"The God we serve created culture, created government and created social order," Bonniwell proclaims. "It is our duty to see

that these institutions reflect His character."

John Peter Muhlenberg would agree.

William Wilberforce Elected Official Leadership Award: Rachel Hutzel

From a worldly perspective, British Parliamentarian Wilber Wilberforce had it all. Nobility, a top-notch education, a gift of eloquence, position. He could have remained a back-bencher in Parliament and enjoyed all the benefits that British high society had to offer.

But after a mid-twenties conversion to Christianity, Wilberforce began to approach politics and his position from the perspective of Christian morality. For over 20 years, without regard for his own career or even his own health, he fought the establishment and fought his own party to abolish the British slave trade.

Warren County Prosecutor Rachel Hutzel's early life was quite unlike that of Wilberforce. One of 13 children born to Hamilton Township missionaries turned dairy farmers, Hutzel achieved her education and her position through hard work, diligence and determination.

Once she had attained the position of Warren County's top law enforcer, though, she could have simply played it safe – attending to the many duties of her demanding position with an eye to the next election.

And the statistics bear witness to the fact that Hutzel performs her job well. In 2008 alone, the

department she heads handled over 23,000 court cases, including 930 felonies, 2,864 juvenile cases, 8,098 adult misdemeanors, and 11,500 child support cases.

Among her department's many indictments and prosecutions were several very high profile homicides, sex crimes and drug offenses.

Indeed, by diligently performing the duties of her elected position, vigorously enforcing the laws of the state and county, Hutzel has made Warren County a better place to live and raise a family.

So isn't that enough?

Not for Hutzel. Like Wilberforce, Rachel Hutzel is driven by a desire to improve the moral climate of her community in a still more meaningful way and hopefully prevent crime

before it happens.

How? By meeting regularly with church leaders to address problems such as domestic violence, drug abuse and child abuse. By creating a Child Advocacy Center. By creating a task force to seek out Internet predators. By sponsoring public service announcements that address topics such as internet safety and the consequences of parents' hosting teen drinking parties. And by cracking down on sex businesses that operate outside the new state law.

When her department became involved in a highly publicized "sexting" case, Hutzel took the time to write a guest column published in local papers in which she pleaded with parents to be diligent in monitoring the cell phone and internet use of their children.

There are those in her community, *mirabile dictu*, who criticize Rachel Hutzel for such pro-active measures. "Just do your job," they would say.

We see in Rachel Hutzel a sense of duty and compassion that we appreciate and that well qualify her as the recipient of this year's Wilberforce Award.





REP. JOHN BOEHNER
Standing Firm

By Rep. John Boehner

Middle class families and small businesses are struggling in today's economy, and they need help. Instead of providing help, President Obama and Congress have raised taxes on the middle class, paved the way for a new national energy tax that will affect every family and small business, and embarked on a spending and borrowing spree that will leave future generations in debt up to their eyeballs.

In the federal budget recently passed by the Democratic Congress is a national energy tax that will cost every American family and small business as much as \$3,100 a year – and the revenue from this tax will be used to pay for an expansion of government-run health care. What's more, the

GUEST EDITORIAL

The Era of BIG GOVERNMENT is Back... and It Threatens Ohio Jobs

tax cut that President Obama promised to middle-class families during his campaign was tossed out by congressional Democrats – and the President didn't so much as blink.

My Republican colleagues and I voted together against this budget because we believe America can do better, and we offered a fully-detailed alternative free of the higher taxes and jobs-killing policies that mark the budget that was actually passed. You can read our proposal, "The Path to Prosperity," on my website, www.JohnBoehner.House.Gov.

According to a report from the Columbus-based non-profit Buckeye Institute, the so-called "stimulus" bill rushed through Congress may actually do more harm than good:

"Federal government spending comes with costs; it should not be expected as the free-lunch it is frequently thought to be. Every dollar the government spends must first be removed from the pocket of the private sector – through higher taxes today, or higher borrowing today implying higher taxes tomorrow. Either way, government spending crowds out private sector spending, diminishing the private economy's rate of growth. In other words, increased government spending makes citizens poorer because it takes their money now while reducing their future income."

The Buckeye Institute estimates that the eventual cost of this massive influx of federal dollars will be the loss of between 66,400 and 91,200 jobs in Ohio. At a time when our unemploy-

ment is 9.7 percent, the highest it's been in 25 years, working families in Ohio can hardly absorb such a hit.

The Buckeye Institute is not alone in predicting the "stimulus" may hurt the economy. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) similarly noted the potential long-term harm the bill could do but the Democratic Congress, seeking a political victory, dismissed these warnings and passed it anyway.

I often like to highlight the folly of politicians' spending money we don't have. Many workers have become familiar with a concept known as "Tax Freedom Day," which is the day on which Americans begin working for themselves each year, after having covered Uncle Sam's tax bill for the year. "Debt Day" is very similar. It is the day of the Fiscal Year – beginning on October 1 of the previous calendar year – on which total government spending exceeds total federal revenues. This year, Debt Day fell on April 26 – about three months earlier than last year, and barely 100 days into President Obama's term.

Washington's attitude gives new meaning to the common sales phrase "buy now, pay later." Congress and the White House have burned through our government's "income" for the current Fiscal Year – a practice that shows no signs of stopping. In light of the Buckeye Institute's report showing the loss of up to 91,000 jobs from the so-called stimulus package alone, one must wonder how many more jobs Ohio – and our nation – will lose as we return to the Era of Big Government. *Take Action*

Boehner represents Ohio's 8th District, which includes all of Darke, Miami and Preble counties, most of Butler and Mercer counties, and the north-eastern corner of Montgomery County. He was first elected to Congress in 1990. He is serving his second term as House Republican Leader.

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Sex Sting Highlights Internet/Prostitution Connection

For the Internet-savvy consumer searching for practically anything, online services such as Craigslist.org have virtually replaced hard-copy newspaper classifieds and garage sales.

For the Internet-savvy consumer seeking a sexual encounter, such services have replaced street corners in dangerous neighborhoods and have brought prostitution into some of Ohio's most affluent communities.

An April sting by the Warren County Sheriff's Department in a Deerfield Township motel graphically illustrated this ugly truth.

After receiving complaints from other Deerfield Township businesses and residents, Warren County detectives searched Craigslist for "erotic services" in the Cincinnati area.

"They're not exactly advertising specific sex acts," explained Sergeant Brandon Lacy. "They're advertising messages and other stuff but it's all innuendo where everyone knows what they mean."

Their search found 11 women who were offering their services at the Deerfield Township motel. Eight of the 11 offered undercover officers sex for sale and were arrested and charged with prostitution.

Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims feels that such sting operations are important because they send the message that Warren County is not the place to be if you are buying or selling sex.

"It comes down to quality of life in the area where people reside and work," said Sims, "and this level of activity brings in other criminal activities such as thefts, robberies, and drug activity."

In March, the Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois (Chicago) filed a civil suit against Craigslist, demanding that the giant Internet firm remove their "erotic services" listing.

In mid-May Craigslist CEO Jim Buckmaster announced that

the company was dropping the "erotic services" category and moving those ads into a catch-all "adult services" classification. In addition, Buckmaster said that persons posting ads will be charged a small fee and Craigslist employees will monitor every posting before it appears online – a precaution the site has been criticized for refusing to take in the past.

CityBeat.com Vies for the Business

"Even if Craigslist were to eliminate their prostitution ads, those seeking sexual encounters in greater Cincinnati would not be without an Internet source," says CCV's special project manager, Charlie Winburn.

The "adult classifieds" page of *CityBeat.com*, the online version of the give-away tabloid *CityBeat*, contains hundreds of such thinly veiled ads for sexual services. Winburn points out that both the Hamilton County Sheriff's office and the Cincinnati Police Department have used *CityBeat.com* ads to run stings similar to that of the recent Warren County sting.

In June of 2008, CCV, along with 39 church and civic leaders, publicly asked *CityBeat* management to eliminate their adult classified ads.

CityBeat's management responded by filing a frivolous lawsuit against the church and civic leaders who had made the request. (For an update on that suit, see page 2.)



CRAIGSLIST CEO
Jim Buckmaster

TIMELESS TRUTHS

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which he succinctly defined the "sum of good government." As Barton detailed each of Jefferson's five essentials, it became painfully obvious to his audience how far our government – at all levels – has strayed from those core principles.

"How do we move toward restoration of government based on those essential principles?" was the question that plagued the audience. Barton's answer: By electing to office men and women who govern their own lives according to Christian values and who understand those foundational principles of good, limited government.

Illustrating with congressional election statistics of the past eight years, Barton concluded his address by graphically illustrating the impact that informed Christian voting can have on the make-up and direction of government.

A One-Two Punch

The annual report of CCV's president Phil Burress reinforced Barton's powerful message.

In a departure from his traditional format, Burress took the time to show video of a shocking CBN report on homosexual activist and millionaire Tim Gill, who has

dedicated his personal fortune to removing from office elected officials, primarily in state legislatures, whom he considered obstacles to his agenda to normalize the same-sex lifestyle through special rights legislation.

Burress pleaded with the audience of 500-plus to counter Gill's successes by employing Gill's technique. To begin, he explained, we must establish the core values, such as life and marriage, that a candidate at any level must have to warrant our support. Secondly, find – and if necessary, train – candidates who fit that template. And finally, provide the support, financial and otherwise, to get them elected.

Both Barton and Burress stressed the importance of CCV's online voter information guide, OhioElectionCentral.com, to this process.

The final component of this year's Partnership Banquet was the presentation of three annual awards, established at last year's 25th Anniversary Celebration, to persons in three different walks of life who had distinguished themselves in advocating Christian family values.

This year's awards were presented to citizen activist Lori Viars, Pastor Ed Bonniwell, and Warren County Prosecutor Rachel Hutzel. Their stories appear on page 4.

Cleveland Launches Domestic Partnership Registry

Symbolic? Or a violation of Ohio's Constitution?

In 2004, when Ohio voters approved a constitutional amendment defining marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman," they went the extra mile to also protect this most-important societal institution from all enemies, foreign and domestic.

The second sentence of Ohio's marriage protection amendment stipulates, "This state and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage."

A recent action by the City Council of Cleveland seems to be in direct defiance of that second sentence.

Just before the close of 2008, the Council created a domestic partnership registry for couples who are in a "non-marital committed relationship of two adults of the same or different sex, who share a common residence and affirm that they share responsibility for each other's common welfare."

Although the city's official registry is nonbinding, supporters of the registry clearly intend it to encourage local businesses to pro-

vide privileges generally reserved for married couples.

Opponents see the registry as a clear violation of the state's constitution. Attorney David Langdon of Cincinnati, the primary author of the 2004 marriage amendment, points to the plain language in the second sentence, saying that the domestic partnership registry is a blatant attack on marriage and an act of defiance by the City against the citizens of Ohio and their constitution.

Couples began registering their domestic partnerships on May 7, 2009 amid much pomp and circumstance at City Hall with festivities sponsored by the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Community Center.

On the same day, Langdon, along with the Alliance Defense Fund, a legal alliance of Christian attorneys and like-minded organizations, notified Cleveland's City Solicitor Robert J. Triozzi of the registry's constitutional violation. Representing Dorothy McGuire and the Cleveland Taxpayers for the Ohio Constitution, Langdon requested that Triozzi, in accordance with state law, seek an injunction in Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas to "enjoin the City from the further abuse of its corporate powers entailed by the passage and enforced operation of the domestic partnership registry in violation of the Ohio Constitution."

If McGuire's request is refused and an action is not brought by Triozzi against the City, the Cleveland Taxpayers will ask the court to intervene to stop the unconstitutional ordinance. Langdon expects a lengthy three to four year court battle to end up at the Ohio Supreme Court.

CCV has a vested interest in protecting the marriage amendment due to their significant involvement in its passage in 2004. David Miller, Vice President of Public Policy for CCV, worked

with local taxpayers to secure plaintiffs for the potential challenge. "We not only need to protect the institution of marriage from devaluation by these types of counterfeits, but we also need to protect society and the rule of law from elected officials who believe they are above the law," Miller said. "Dorothy McGuire and her fellow taxpayers have the full support of CCV and we stand with them in defending marriage and the constitution."



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- ◆ Most businesses that distribute City-Beat (Cincinnati) and other alternative tabloids are not aware that sexual services are advertised in their "adult classifieds." If a vendor that you patronize serves as a distributor, bring the "adult classified" section to management's attention.
- ◆ John Boehner is one of a handful of U.S. representatives from Ohio who are standing up against an administration and majority party determined to destroy our nation's foundation of Judeo-Christian values and fiscal responsibility. To send John or other patriotic representatives a word of encouragement, visit our Web site, CCV.org and click on "Contact Your Elected Officials."