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Walkers Victory - A New Direction



Message from the President... by Robert Kettering

Scott Walkers recent victory in Wisconsin was like a breath of fresh air during a period of time in America where there hasn't been much fresh air. The Obama presidency continues to press for bigger and bigger government which of course requires more and more spending and with this president unlike the former democrat Bill Clinton there is no course correction in sight, only more and more of the same.

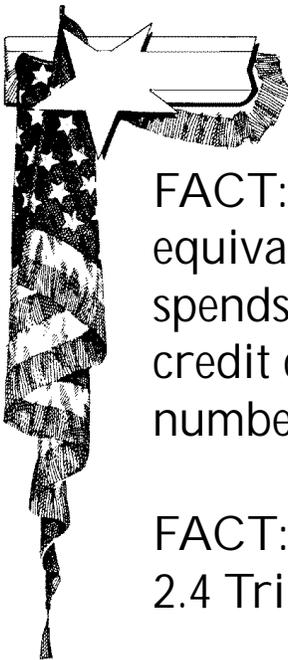
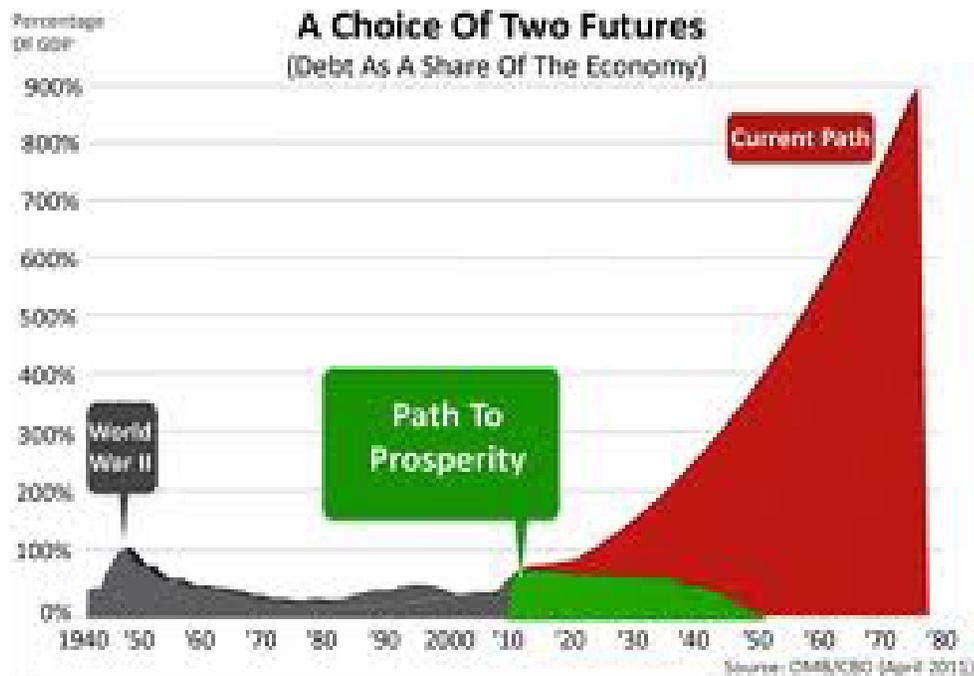
Governor Walker's record stands in sharp contrast to the direction in Washington DC, and provides some hope and perhaps a roadmap for a country that needs real answers to real problems. When Scott Walker campaigned for Governor, he promised to balance the states budget without raising taxes. Of course his democratic opponents said that it couldn't be done but that is exactly what he did. Now after only a few years, the state is on a solid fiscal course.

Contrast Walkers record with President Obama's who promised to cut our deficit in half by the end of his first term. He would do this by "stimulating" the economy with massive amounts of new government spending. Now nearing the end of his term, America's economy is still gasping for air. Unemployment is still high. Furthermore, Americans have seen a 20% drop in their home equity, and instead of cutting our deficit in half, Obama has increased it three fold!

In our last newsletter, I said that this would be the most important election of our lifetime and I still believe that it will be. America must quickly change direction and get on a course that is sustainable, there is simply no time to lose. Four more years may be too late.



"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."
Edmund Burke



FACT: The government's debt situation is proportionally equivalent to a family that makes \$65,400 a year, but spends \$150,600 a year, and has accumulated \$435,000 in credit card debt. (Calculated assuming FY 2010 budget numbers and a debt of \$14.5 trillion.)

FACT: Last year the Federal Government took in 2.4 Trillion Dollars and spent 3.7 Trillion Dollars

FACT: When President Obama came into office gasoline was \$1.89 per gallon

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

PLEASE NOTE!
OUR NEW
LOCATION!

Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, July 14, 2012 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Enck's Catering Facility (rear of Manheim Grille - former Kreider's Restaurant),
1455 Lancaster Rd (Rt. 72), Manheim - use south entrance



Guest Speaker: State Representative Scott Boyd Chairman - Lancaster County Republican Committee

State Rep. Scott W. Boyd is passionate abChairmane Republican Party in Lancaster County to history-making influence in the defeat of Obama-Biden in 2012. He is now in his fifth term serving the 43rd Legislative District (Lancaster County) in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Born and raised in the legislative district he represents, Boyd has been a member of the Republican Party ever since he was eligible to vote. Boyd was elected as a Republican Lancaster County committeeman for the West Lampeter Township/Lampeter District in 1994 and served in that capacity through 2001, the last four of those years as chairman of the Lampeter-Strasburg Republican Committee.

Prior to being elected to the House in 2002, Boyd was the owner and chief executive officer of White Oak Display & Design, a business started by his father and based in Manheim.

Boyd is a 1976 graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School and a 1980 graduate of Millersville University, where he graduated magna cum laude with a degree in political science.

He and his wife, Nancy, reside in West Lampeter Township. They have two grown children.

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-569-0148) by Wednesday, July 11, 2012. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

A Message from the Financial Officer - Is Your Membership Current?

Please take a moment to make certain that your membership is current, by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter to see if your dues are up-to-date. Your renewal date should appear after your name on the label. If it does not or has expired, please fill out the form below and mail to:

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- Quarterly Breakfast
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Saving Unborn Babies a Heartbeat Away

by Bradley Mattes, MBS (edited from October 2011 edition of Life Issues Connector)

The state of Ohio is on the cusp of once again leading the way with unprecedented pro-life legislation. The first was when the Ohio legislature introduced the first Partial Birth Abortion (PBA) ban (at the time called the D & X Abortion). As a result, this and later legislation in other states and in Washington, DC changed the landscape of abortion discourse.

The dispute surrounding PBA focused the nation's attention on the primary victim of abortion, the unborn child. The pro-abortion argument of a "woman's right to choose" took backseat to the humanity of the unborn child late in pregnancy. Before ultimately prevailing on the federal level, this decade-long debate turned the tide of public opinion on abortion, adding a solid ten-percent to the number of those who oppose abortion.

Now comes another groundbreaking piece of legislation—again in Ohio—that has the potential of greatly impacting the abortion debate. This time it will focus America's attention on the humanity of the unborn child early in pregnancy, and possibly deal a fatal or debilitating blow to *Roe vs. Wade*. It's called HB 125 or better known as the Heartbeat Bill. The proposed bill is simple in its concept. It would prohibit abortion when the unborn baby's heartbeat is detectable. The heart of an unborn child begins to beat at just 18-28 days after conception; however, it cannot be heard in average clinical settings until after the mother has missed her second period. This is approximately six to eight weeks after fertilization. If the Heartbeat Bill is passed, Ohio will then protect the lives of about three-fourths or more of the developing babies who are now being killed by abortion.

This extraordinary concept is the brainchild of Janet Folger Porter, the former legislative director of Ohio Right to Life. "We don't bury people with beating hearts because the heartbeat is a sign of life," Janet said. "We are just applying that same measurement to this end of life."

The Heartbeat Bill passed the House by a vote of 54-43. It now moves on to the Senate where its fate is uncertain. Dr. Willke has been credited with being a major force propelling the bill forward. Without his prestige and influence, the bill advocates say, they may not have gotten this far. Dr. Willke—often referred to as the Father of the Pro-Life Movement—is an enthusiastic supporter of the Heartbeat Bill. He said, "This bill is a simple and very positive approach to ending most abortions. I believe that now is the time to take a bold stand in a way that will both educate Americans to the truth about abortion while challenging the infamous *Roe vs. Wade* decision. What's more, I think we can win." It's true the Heartbeat Bill won't protect innocent human life at its earliest stage, which is our ultimate goal. However, if enacted, it will save countless babies while we continue to work to protect them all.

Momentum is with the bill's advocates. The average American understands that if there's a heartbeat, there is life—simple as that. This is an intellectual conclusion, but it's also an emotional one. Remember that we have a whole generation of young people who are growing up with their first baby picture taken inside the womb. Ultrasound has clearly demonstrated the humanity of the unborn child to a majority of Americans. So it's a natural progression to understand that the beating heart of an unborn baby is a convincing confirmation of the presence of a life that should be protected.

Just as the PBA Ban focused the nation's attention on the humanity of the unborn child late in pregnancy, the Heartbeat Bill has great potential to focus the nation's attention on the humanity of the unborn child early in pregnancy. This would facilitate a giant leap forward in our goal to protect innocent human life from fertilization to natural death. It could ultimately mean an end of the abortion industry.

Even if the Heartbeat Bill gets to the Supreme Court and is struck down—like the Partial-Birth Abortion ban—it will inform and probably change the minds of millions more people. If so, it will bring the day of full reversal of the abortion decision closer.



Did You Know?

On the rear of the One Dollar bill, you will see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid.



Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just its infancy. We were just getting started. We had not begun to explore the west or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the Capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man could not do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM is the Latin motto suggested in 1782 by Charles Thomson, the Founding Father chosen by Continental Congress to come up with the final design for the Great Seal of the United States.

Although Thomson did not provide an exact translation of the motto, he explained its meaning in conjunction with the date 1776 on the foundation of the pyramid:

"The date underneath is that of the Declaration of Independence and the words under it signify the beginning of the new American Era, which commences from that date."

An accurate translation of Novus Ordo Seclorum is "A New Order of the Ages."

The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, 'God has favored our undertaking.' The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, 'a new order has begun.' At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776. (MDCCLXXVI)

Thomson, a former Latin teacher, adapted it from a line in Virgil's Eclogue IV, a pastoral poem written by the famed Roman writer in the first century B.C. that expresses the longing for a new era of peace and happiness.

The original Latin in Virgil's Eclogue IV (line 5) is:
"Magnus ab integro seclorum nascitur ordo."

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.



The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own.

We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, 'E PLURIBUS UNUM' meaning, 'from many - one.'

Above the Eagle, you have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one.

Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.



Have a Great Independence Day!

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Declaration of Independence, 1776

