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2004 Lancaster County ACTION Banquet Review - What a Challenge!

by Patsy Kloppenburg

Rick Green, former Texas state representative and now ministering with Wallbuilders, spoke to a crowd of 260 at the 15th annual fundraising banquet on February 27 at the Eden Resort Inn.

Rick Green is an outspoken advocate of returning prayer to our schools and promoting in-depth study of the founding fathers' documents. He is dedicated to restoring the fundamental values to our nation.

Green shared that, after having the honor of serving with President Bush, "He is the real deal. He is the same man when the door shuts as he is on camera. He is incredibly genuine. His faith comes through on the TV camera but he lives it out and I am so very proud to have him as my President."

Green was a very young man when he realized that many people had fought and given their lives for us to have our freedom. It was this realization that made him decide he wanted to become a student of freedom. He was determined to study so he could pass it on to the younger generation. This is when he began working with David Barton. He began speaking and letting others know he is proud to be an American and that "there is something different about America because we are built upon a great Christian value system. We are one nation under God." Green declared that the pride and patriotism that was desperately needed in our culture were renewed after 9/11. Comradery was instantly renewed. We stood together. Green emphasized that we need an informed patriotism. We need to have people understand why the flag is worthy of being waved. As the shock of that infamous day fades into history our patriotism cannot be based on fear. We have to take this torch of freedom and instill it in every generation... We cannot just say because you are born in America you understand freedom. It all depends on what the children are taught regarding freedom. Years ago guns were easier to obtain than they are now and we did not have a Jonesboro, Littleton or Columbine where students were willing to take a gun and walk into a classroom and kill their fellow students. This did not happen 40 years ago. Something changed when we said to our young people - there is no right or wrong. The only thing that's wrong is to get caught. You do whatever is right in your own eyes. We really have to get back to the foundation that says God must be in the equation of freedom. As Thomas Jefferson said, our freedom comes from God and it must be exercised with respect for the authority of God if we want to survive. This is why ACTION is so very important and this is why ACTION is having such a great

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*Rick Green,
Keynote
Speaker,
addresses the
crowd at the
LCA's Annual
Banquet*

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

Edmund Burke



Pat Toomey at LCA Banquet

Why I'm Running for Senate

A summary based on Pat Toomey's presentation at the LCA Banquet

Pat Toomey, in speaking at the LCA Banquet, believes that this is an extraordinary opportunity for conservatives and the conservative movement. For the first time in 70 years the American people have given Republicans control of the entire elected government in Washington. Toomey stated, "We have a Republican majority in the U.S. House, we have a great Republican in the White House and we have a Republican majority in the Senate, but it is not a functioning majority and certainly not a conservative majority. This is a great opportunity because we are at the threshold of being able to advance the kind of legislation, the kind of ideas, the principles and values that brought us to the Republican Party in the first place. This is our chance to govern. And the question that I am asking Pennsylvania Republicans this spring is 'are we going to seize this opportunity to govern or are we going to let it slip away?' I am a conservative. I make no bones about it. I am a conservative all the way. The man who wants this seat is not a conservative. I think we all know that Arlen Specter is liberal. He is liberal on

economic, business, social, cultural and legal issues. When push comes to shove, Arlen Specter comes down on the side of the liberals. You can argue that when Clinton was president it did not really matter much because it was so hard to get good legislation signed into law. We cannot make that argument anymore. Because we are now in control, this is our chance to govern and I want to step across that threshold and start to enact the kind of common sense conservative agenda that we believe in."

Toomey said that one of the important opportunities that we now have is to reclaim the culture that the liberals took away from us. "It's a rare opportunity and it can only be done by reclaiming our courts," stated Toomey. "Our courts are really dysfunctional. At the federal, as well as at the state level we now have some judges who think they are legislators and are usurping the authority of the people as expressed in the legislative bodies and issuing edicts from the bench. Let's keep in mind that it was not congress that gave us Roe vs. Wade. It was the court! They are turning the Constitution upside down! This is a fundamental violation of the separation of

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impact on the process. As Christians we all need to recognize that part of our duty is in the political arena. God has given us a system where we get to choose our leaders. We understand that even as powerful as the documents are under which we live, they do little good without men and women to bring them to light and to protect them.

The 56 words out of the heart of the Declaration of Independence are great but they could just be collecting dust somewhere if it were not for the 56 men who signed on the dotted line and were willing to pledge their lives and fortunes and sacred honor, the 56 words would have meant nothing. It never would have been brought to life. It took great courage to sign their names because it literally was signing their death warrant. History tells us that everyone of the 56 followed through on the commitment. Not one backed down when it was time to watch their home burned or when it was time to watch their sons die in the Revolutionary War and when it was time for some of them to give their own lives. The principles they laid out in the Declaration were the very principles that give us the freedom that we enjoy today.

Green reminded us that what we do today will impact our children and grandchildren. So he challenged us to



Senator Gib Armstrong receives the outstanding citizen award at the LCA Banquet for his leadership in opposition to the gambling lobby

become mentors of freedom. To be willing to take the value system that our founding fathers gave us and instill it in the next generation. Let us make sure that we are doing it at home with our children and grandchildren. Make sure we are doing it in our community and church. We all need to be mentors of freedom for the sake of the next generation. Generations of Americans have paid the ultimate price for the freedom that we have today. This is the hour in which we must stand guard at the watchtower of freedom. This is the moment that history is going to judge us. Let us do our part to make sure history is going to judge us. Let us do our part to make sure history never says of our generation that it was on our watch that the torch of freedom was only dimly lit. God forbid that history writes that on our watch that torch was extinguished!

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE TO FIRST SATURDAY OF APRIL

Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, April 3, 2004 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Leola Family Restaurant, 2491 New Holland Pike (Route 23, Leola)

Speaker: Congressman Joe Pitts

Congressman Pitts is running for his 5th term in the U.S. Congress

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-653-6605) by Wednesday, March 31, 2004. The cost is \$9.00 per person.

**VOTER GUIDES
WILL BE AVAILABLE**

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powers which is a fundamental issue in our Constitution.”

Toomey said he is proud to be co-sponsor of a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as a union of one man and one woman. As we reclaim our culture we have a chance to help re-establish a culture that celebrates life.

We passed a ban on partial birth abortion recently and the President signed it into law.

Recently, Robert Bork came to Pittsburgh to support Toomey’s campaign. When a reporter asked Specter what he thought about Bork’s endorsement he stated his opinion that the Constitution is a living evolving document that must be understood in the context of its time. Toomey reminded us “that is the kind of mentality that means the Constitution has no meaning at all! That encourages liberal judges to issue the kinds of edicts they have been doing. It is a frightening prospect that Arlan Specter if he were to be re-elected would become the next chairman of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. A committee that is the gate-keeper in the confirmation process of judges. We are almost certain that during the second Bush administration, we will have the opportunity to see the nomination of two new Supreme Court justices. I do not think we would want Arlen Specter to have veto power over who our next Supreme Court justices are going to be.”

Toomey indicated that Specter has unfortunately resorted to being dishonest about his record. (He is now running ads and being untruthful.) Toomey clarified a few of Specter’s accusations because it’s important that we know the truth. Specter accused Toomey of being in opposition to abstinence education. This is simply not true. This charge is coming from the man who votes to have our tax money pay to distribute the morning after abortion pill to school children - with or without their parents’ consent. Specter has also been dishonest regarding Toomey’s position on gambling. He accused Toomey of supporting gambling. The basis for this is an interview on PCN where Toomey was asked

what he thought about slots at the race track in PA and Toomey responded that he did not think slots at race tracks are any way for the state to solve its budget problems. Specter decided that this was a basis to run ads saying Toomey supports gambling. (Incidentally, Specter has taken contributions from pro-gambling groups around the country to advance the cause of developing new casinos.)

Toomey stated that he has had the privilege of serving on the Values Action Team with Representative Pitts. Pitts is the team leader and Toomey assured us that there aren’t any representatives in congress who do a better job or are a more principled leader, who have more integrity, credibility or force on the traditional value issues that effect our country.

Toomey concluded, “Now I am looking forward to crossing over to the other side of the Capital where I can join the Values Action Team in the U.S. Senate and work with folks like Sam Brownback and Rick Santorum and others in advancing the kinds of agendas that we can accomplish in the House but that we do not have the votes for in the Senate. But we are so very close. This election could make the difference and I am so convinced we are going to win.”

He went on to share a couple of facts: “We have a tremendous grassroots network. All across the state in every county we now have a team of county coordinators who are experienced in the process and who are working very hard. We are making enormous progress. I will work as hard as possible each and every day until the polls close on Tuesday night, April 27. I am convinced that most Republicans want to have a mainstream conservative representing their values in the Senate, especially at a time when we have the opportunity to govern and my challenge is to get that message out. Go to my web site, log on, become a volunteer. If everyone in this room tonight would make ten phone calls or take a bumper sticker, which is very powerful, it would greatly help our cause. We can reclaim our culture. Please help me do it in the U.S. Senate. Thank you.”

A Scene at City Hall in San Francisco (This couldn't really happen...could it?)

"Next. Good morning."

"Hello, we want to apply for a marriage license."

"Names?"

"Tim and Jim Jones."

"Jones? Are you related? I see a resemblance."

"Yes, we're brothers."

"Brothers? You can't get married."

"Why not? Aren't you giving marriage licenses to same gender couples?"

"Yes, thousands. But we haven't had any siblings. That's incest!"

"Incest? No, we are not homosexual."

"Not homosexual? Then why do you want to get married?"

"For the financial benefits, of course. And we do love each other. Besides, we don't have any other prospects."

"But we're issuing marriage licenses to homosexual couples who've been denied equal protection under the law."

If you are not homosexual, then you can just get married to a woman."

"Wait a minute. A homosexual man has the same right to marry a woman as I have. But just because I'm straight doesn't mean I want to marry a woman. I want to marry Jim."

"And I want to marry Tim, are you going to discriminate against us just because we are not homosexual?"

"All right, all right. I'll give you your license. Next."

"Hi. We are here to get married."

"Names?"

"John Smith, Jane James, Robert Green, and June Johnson."

"Who wants to marry whom?"

"We all want to marry each other."

"But there are four of you!"

"That's right. You see, we're all bisexual. I love Jane and Robert, Jane loves me and June, June loves Robert and Jane, and Robert loves June and me. All of us getting married together is the only way that we can express our sexual preferences in a marital relationship."

"But we've only been granting licenses to homosexual couples."

"So you're discriminating against bisexuals!"

"No, it's just that, well, the traditional idea of marriage is that it's just for couples."

"Since when are you standing for tradition?"

"Well, I mean, you have to draw a line somewhere."

"Who says? There's no logical reason to limit marriage to couples. The more the better. Besides, we demand our rights! The mayor says the constitution guarantees equal protection under the law. Give us a marriage license!"

"All right, all right. Next."

"Hello, I'd like a marriage license."

"In what names?"

"David Deets"

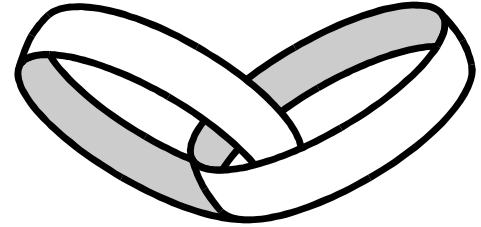
"And the other man?"

"That's all. I want to marry myself."

"Marry yourself? What do you mean?"

"Well, my psychiatrist says I have a dual personality, so I want to marry the two together. Maybe I can file a joint income-tax return."

"That does it! I quit!! You people are making a mockery of marriage!!"



Is this where we really want to go? A country where anything goes, everything is o.k. and nothing is wrong.

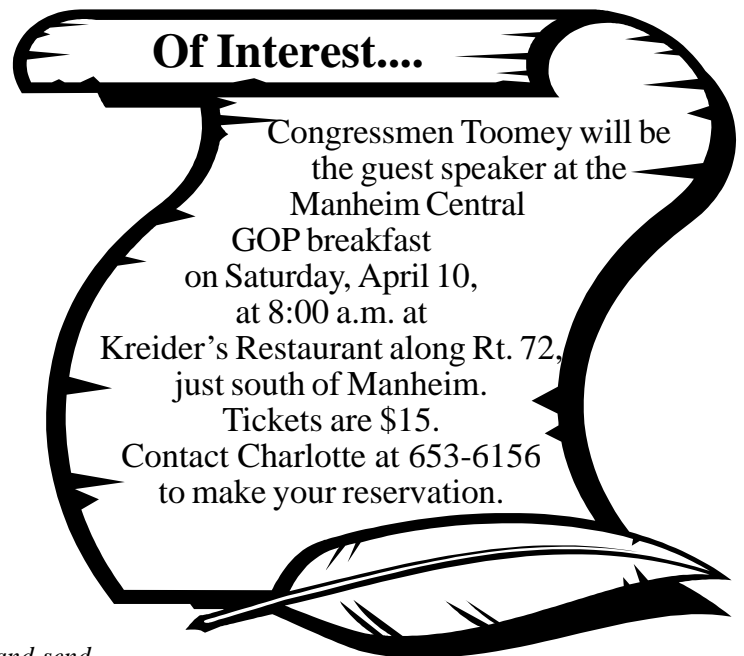
DATES TO REMEMBER

March 29, 2004	Last day to register to vote
March 31, 2004	Last day to register for the April Quarterly Breakfast
April 3, 2004	LCA Quarterly Breakfast at Leola Family Restaurant
April 4, 2004	Palm Sunday, Daylight Savings Time Begins
April 9, 2004	Good Friday
April 11, 2004	Easter
April 20, 2004	Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
April 27, 2004	Primary Election Day

A Message from the Treasurer

Well, spring has finally arrived. Thanks to the many of you who renewed your membership at our annual banquet. To be certain that your membership is current, please look at the mailing label on this newsletter to see if your dues are up to date. The number "2004" should appear in the parenthesis on the label. If it does not, please fill out the form below and mail it to:

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Office of the Treasurer
849 Valley Road
Lancaster, PA 17601



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I would like to begin/renew (\$20.00 per household) my membership in Lancaster County ACTION.
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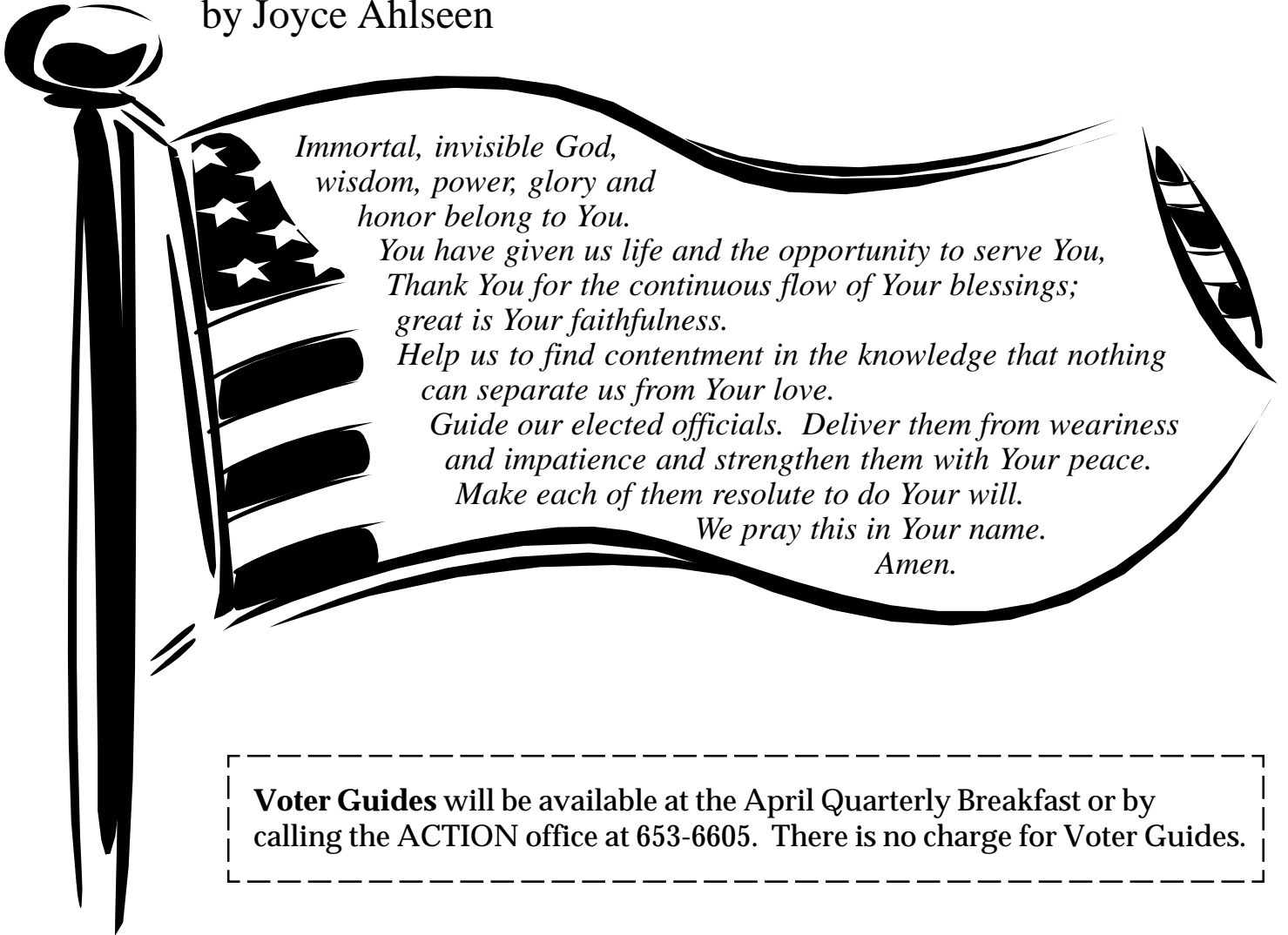
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Please clip and return to Lancaster County ACTION, 849 Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Thank you!

A Prayer for our Elected Officials

by Joyce Ahlseen



*Immortal, invisible God,
wisdom, power, glory and
honor belong to You.*

*You have given us life and the opportunity to serve You,
Thank You for the continuous flow of Your blessings;
great is Your faithfulness.*

*Help us to find contentment in the knowledge that nothing
can separate us from Your love.*

*Guide our elected officials. Deliver them from weariness
and impatience and strengthen them with Your peace.*

Make each of them resolute to do Your will.

We pray this in Your name.

Amen.

Voter Guides will be available at the April Quarterly Breakfast or by calling the ACTION office at 653-6605. There is no charge for Voter Guides.



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