



Democrat scandals boost Revolution 2010

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I knew it was different when there was a line to get to the sign-in table last Sunday.

In the past, when attending the Citizens for Limited Taxation annual lunches, the check-in was pretty sparse. This year, in response to the enormous outpouring of support, CLT had to book a bigger room at the last minute. Thanks to the CLT Web site, we could check and see if the lunch had any additional local tax, and Lombardo's in Randolph was surtax free!

I can vouch for the fact that there were twice as many people and half as many with walkers as in other years. The table where I sat was a pretty good cross-section — my husband and I, an older couple who were long-time supporters, a Congressional candidate and his manager, the editor of a conservative message board called Red Mass Group, and a couple who live in Reading who had never been to a CLT function before. New faces, all ages, and all committed.

Barbara Anderson, executive director of CLT, told the crowd that a few weeks ago she had told Chip Ford, director of operations, to send out a "Save the Date" e-mail to the CLT membership. More importantly, she said he wouldn't get any more paychecks until after the lunch, because there was no money for payroll.

"There is nothing that Chip hates more than not getting his paycheck, so 'Save the Date' became 'Save CLT.' Things are so different now — in the past that might have gotten word out to a few hundred people. But with blogs and the Internet, it got to a few thousand, and soon the Herald was calling, the radio was calling".

CLT had lost a few of its 'John Hancock' donors (so named because Hancock had financed the Revolution) and dues were coming in slower in a bad economy. The annual event had always been the biggest fund raiser, because even businesses and individuals who were leery of being too publicly identified as a donor were willing to support the brunch — after all, nobody wanted CLT to disappear entirely";did they?

This was the kickoff for Revolution 2010, with a new batch of Hancocks and Adamses. Along with fiscal activists, there were several candidates attending, already announced for next year. For the Legislature, there were Sandy Martinez, Ed McGrath, Brett Schetzle and Geoff Diehl. For Congress, there was Bill Hudak for the 6th District and Ray Kasperowicz for the 10th. Mary Connaughton and Kamal Jain are running for state auditor. And at the top of the ticket were Jack E. Robinson and Scott Brown.

Pete Peterson from the Pioneer Institute and Frank Conte from the Beacon Hill Institute were there, along with long-time supporter Avi Nelson.

Todd Feinberg of WRKO was the lead speaker. He acidly observed that while he once thought the Obama administration was a plot by the left, he now thinks it's a plot by the right — by exposing extreme liberalism to public scrutiny, the majority center has turned away from its ideology.

Liberals (now called Progressives) were once a wing of the Democratic Party, but have become the majority, pushing that agenda left, and leaving old guard Democrats behind.

"We need to challenge the story line — Democrats are not good guys, for the working stiff." They are the 'Education Candidates,' who own the failure of the urban school systems because of their hegemony. Democrats' reliance on public employee unions for campaign funding has caused a fiscal crisis for cities and towns by creating unsustainable pensions and benefits in legislation. The new slavery is ignorance — be it civic or academic — and we need to be ready to seize this opportunity to restore fiscal sanity.

Barbara Anderson ended by saying that for years, when asked for a comment on legislative fiscal foolishness,

she would blurt out, "That's outrageous!" In fact, she joked with reporters that if they couldn't reach her by deadline, they could just write as her quote, "That's outrageous!"

Now she says, "That's WONDERFUL!" Every outrage, every scandal, every lie exposed — it's wonderful because it's all a boost for Revolution 2010.

The CLT logo has long been a Concord Minuteman — and thanks to volunteer donations, not extorted union dues or taxes, but help from those taxpayers who are willing to support fiscal limits and responsible policy, the 2010 Revolution just fired its first musket.

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