

# Washington PA 9.12 Project

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**Win** a limited and numbered edition

FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY poster

HAND SIGNED by **Glenn Beck**

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## Notes from the Librarian's Desk

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"Information is the currency of democracy." - Thomas Jefferson

**Matti Gruz, Group Librarian**

**Greetings All,**

***Just incase I forget to tell you all recently, you folks are amazing! The Library has received generous gifts of books, movies, and I'm particularly please to announce, recordings of Glenn Beck's show on DVD.***

***Even before the last Newsletter went out, in which I shamelessly begged for assistance ☺ several wonderful people had offered to compile information, research topics, and even write articles. All of which I intend to take them up on.***

***What I would like to ask of you now is become an expert on a subject you are passionate about. Let me know what it is. There is so much going on there is no way any one of us can stay on top of it all. So find that thing you understand best and become the 'go to' person on that subject.***

***We will be the change we seek.***

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Winning number will be taken from  
the PA 3-digit evening lottery  
number drawn on:

**Labor Day**  
**September 6, 2010**

Benefits: WASHINGTON PA 9.12 Project

A donation of \$5.00 gives you two  
chances to win.

Tickets are available right now from most  
Washington, PA 9.12 Project members

or contact Matti at:  
[wpa912library@hotmail.com](mailto:wpa912library@hotmail.com)

**Hurry! numbers are limited!**

**"HONOR"**  
**by any other name**

integrity, decency, righteousness,  
principle, uprightness,

scrupulousness, rectitude, morality,  
character

respect, admiration, esteem, regard,  
reverence, devotion

dignity, distinction, nobility, pride,  
decorum, graciousness

reputation, image, good name,  
name, renown, repute

**Restoring Honor Bus Trip**

**Hundreds of Supporters**  
**Load Buses**

More than 800 area residents were to  
board buses early this morning to  
travel to Washington, D.C., for  
conservative political commentator  
Glenn Beck's Restoring Honor rally.

According to Mary Taufer of East  
Washington, the turnout was more  
than she ever anticipated when she  
first started coordinating the local trip.

Taufer said Friday morning that 14  
buses had been contracted to make  
the trip. Taufer said she's pleased with  
the response that includes not only  
local residents but also people from 13  
states, including California and  
Oregon, who are flying into Pittsburgh  
just for the bus trip and rally.

"We have a true mix of people," she  
said. "Young and old alike."

Taufer, who describes herself as a  
conservative Republican, said people  
joining in the rally include local  
Democrats and nonparty affiliates who  
are attending the rally which is being  
promoted as a nonpolitical tribute to  
America's military personnel.

"Actually, about 80 percent of those  
have no affiliation with any group,"  
she stated....[http://www.observer-](http://www.observer-reporter.com/or/washnews/08-28-2010-DC-rallies-sidebar)

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**Pictures on Meet-up**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY TEA PARTY!**

WASHINGTON, PA 9.12 PROJECT IS  
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#### **“CHANGE STARTS HERE”**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM**  
**on the steps of the**  
**Washington County court house**  
**Washington, PA 15301**  
**\*see page 13\***

### **9.12 TAXPAYERS March on Washington**

SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> @ 10 AM  
WASHINGTON DC MALL

**We will have busses going to this event !**

For more info, please call 724-228-1313  
or visit:

<http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/calendar/11932033/>

See pages 13-14 for a more complete  
**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

## **Informational\*Links**

In this new modern age, dare I say it, not all information is found in books. Because of this, Don has been compiling a collection of informative links. Here are the first few:

[www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org)

The Heritage Foundation has some great research papers on various topics at this site. They also have many sister sites related to Reagan, the economy etc.

[www.americanthinker.com](http://www.americanthinker.com)

American Thinker is a great site for articles on current events. Mark Levin refers to this site every so often.

[www.fairtax.org](http://www.fairtax.org)

FairTax is a site dedicated to supporting and promoting the legislation that would enact the FairTax law. It eliminates the IRS, the confiscatory, graduated income tax, corporate taxes and other necessary changes to our tax laws.

More next month.

Matti

## **New in LibraryThing**

<http://www.librarything.com/home/WashingtonPA912>

**The 9/11 Commission Report:**  
*Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States*

By: National Commission on Terrorist Attacks

If you would like to borrow these or any other titles we have on the shelf send an e-mail to

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**Hatred of conservatives is so much part of the left that the day the left stops hating conservatives will mark the beginning of the end of the left as we know it.**

Several weeks ago **Dennis Prager**, radio show host, contributing columnist for Townhall.com, and author of 4 books, wrote piece entitled:

### **The Left Hates Conservatives**

He gave three possible reasons why...

First, the left thinks  
The right is evil.

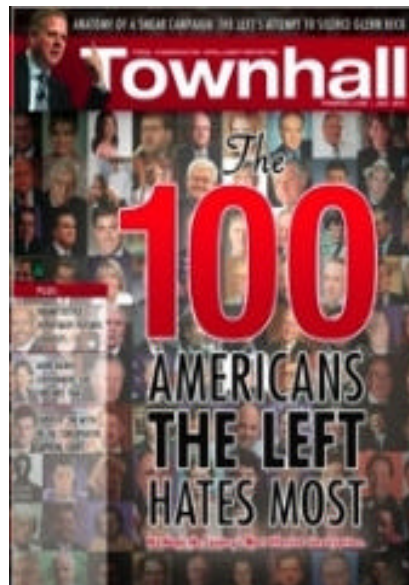
Second, when you  
don't confront real evil,  
you hate those  
who do.

Third, the left's utopian  
vision is prevented  
only by the right.

Prager explains his reasoning for each of these statements and further asserts that even when the left is in power the hatred they feel for the right does not decline. I highly recommend visiting TOWNHALL.com to read this column in its entirety.

[http://townhall.com/columnists/DennisPrager/2010/07/27/the\\_left\\_hates\\_conservatives/page/full#](http://townhall.com/columnists/DennisPrager/2010/07/27/the_left_hates_conservatives/page/full#)

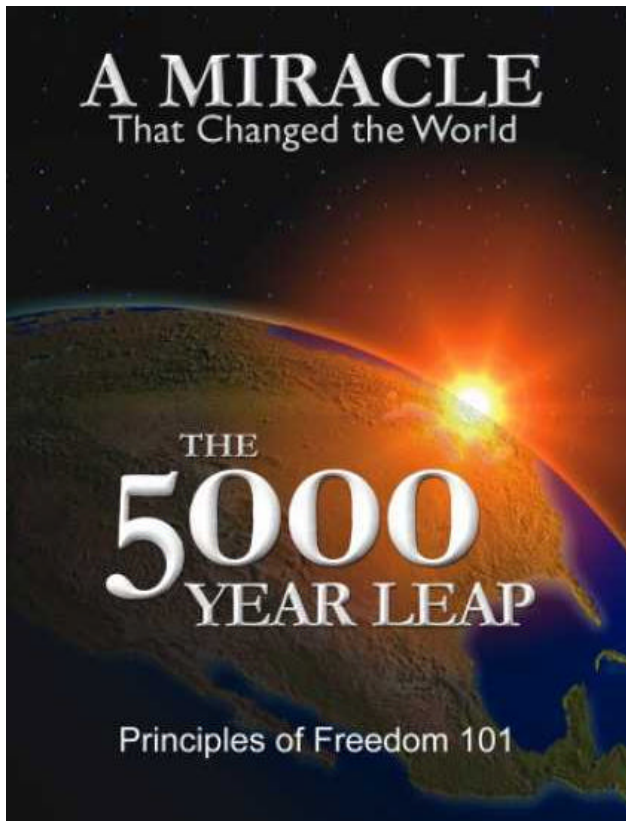
**TOWNHALL** also created this list of conservative names that, the mere mention of, can ruin the festive mood at any gathering of the left.



<http://media.glennbeck.com/docs/100americans-pg1.pdf>

While all of us should recognize #1 on the list and are probably familiar with the top 30, I admit there are several names here that I have never heard and a more than few I had expected to see, that I didn't.

1. Glenn Beck
2. Sarah Palin
3. Rush Limbaugh
4. George Bush
5. Ann Coulter
6. Michelle Malkin
7. The **TEA PARTY PATROIT**
8. Dick Cheney
9. Bill O'Reilly
10. Michelle Bachman



## Principles of Liberty

Matt R. has written a summary of each of the 28 principles outlined in the *5000 Year Leap*. I am pleased that he has agreed to let me use them in this and future newsletters. Thank you, Matt.

The fourth principle is about how the role of religion and how, without it, a government of a free people cannot be maintained.

Basically, if religion were ignored, the country would collapse. These

**Principle 4** – *Without religion the government of a free people cannot be maintained.*

days, God is slowly being removed from our culture. No longer is religion taught in school, nor are you allowed to carry a cross or rosary in school, or even pray (but carrying a pentagram and praying to the Devil is perfectly acceptable, since you're being "open-minded")

Our country is currently one of the very few that supports all religions, but our country is very hateful of Christianity, especially Catholics. Though, thankfully, it is not as bad as China, where you can be executed for being Christian.

The government should not be involved in religion. It should not be able to exclude or go against a certain religion. Each individual state should deal with interior problems with religion, though. The Federal Government should never become involved in that.



# The Liberty Enlightening the World

She stands motionless, looking into the distance, removed from every day life. Who is she? Read on to find out. I'll give you clues as you read.

An artist named Frederic Auguste created this fine lady and named her the Liberty Enlightening the World. For years he worked, making design after design until he knew he had the right one for the United States of America. Auguste modeled her face after his mother and her body after a woman that soon after became his wife. He wanted to make our country something special for its 100<sup>th</sup> year of independence separated from Great Brittan.

She is a regal woman wearing a Roman dress and a radiant crown, with seven rays that point out to the seven continents of the world. She carries a torch in her raised right hand and a tablet inscribed with the date the Declaration of Independence was signed

***JULY IV MDCCLXXVI,***

in her left arm. At the base her sandals are trampling a broken chain, which symbolizes how we broke free from Great Brittan.

The Liberty Enlightening the World began her arrival in New York on June 17, 1885 to be built on an island in the harbor and was completed in October of 1886. The statue is made of sheathings of pure copper, hung on a framework of steel the only exception, the flame of the torch, which is coated in gold leaf.

The first thing refugees from other lands see is the Liberty Enlightening the World greeting them with open arms, telling them that they are safe here and free to make a new life. She is a sight to behold for all newly arriving immigrants.

In 1883 the poem, THE NEW COLOSSUS, written for The Liberty Enlightening the World by Emma Lazarus, it goes like this:

***Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to  
land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall  
stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow's world-wide welcome; her mild eyes  
command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!"  
cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your  
poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe  
free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"***

Frederic Auguste was very proud of his work and couldn't wait to give The Liberty Enlightening the World to the United States.

The torch, the crown, the tablet and the broken chain have everything to do

with our nation and our open arms to travelers and immigrants coming to live in American land, to be free to make their own choices. Here is the answer to the question at the beginning of this essay.

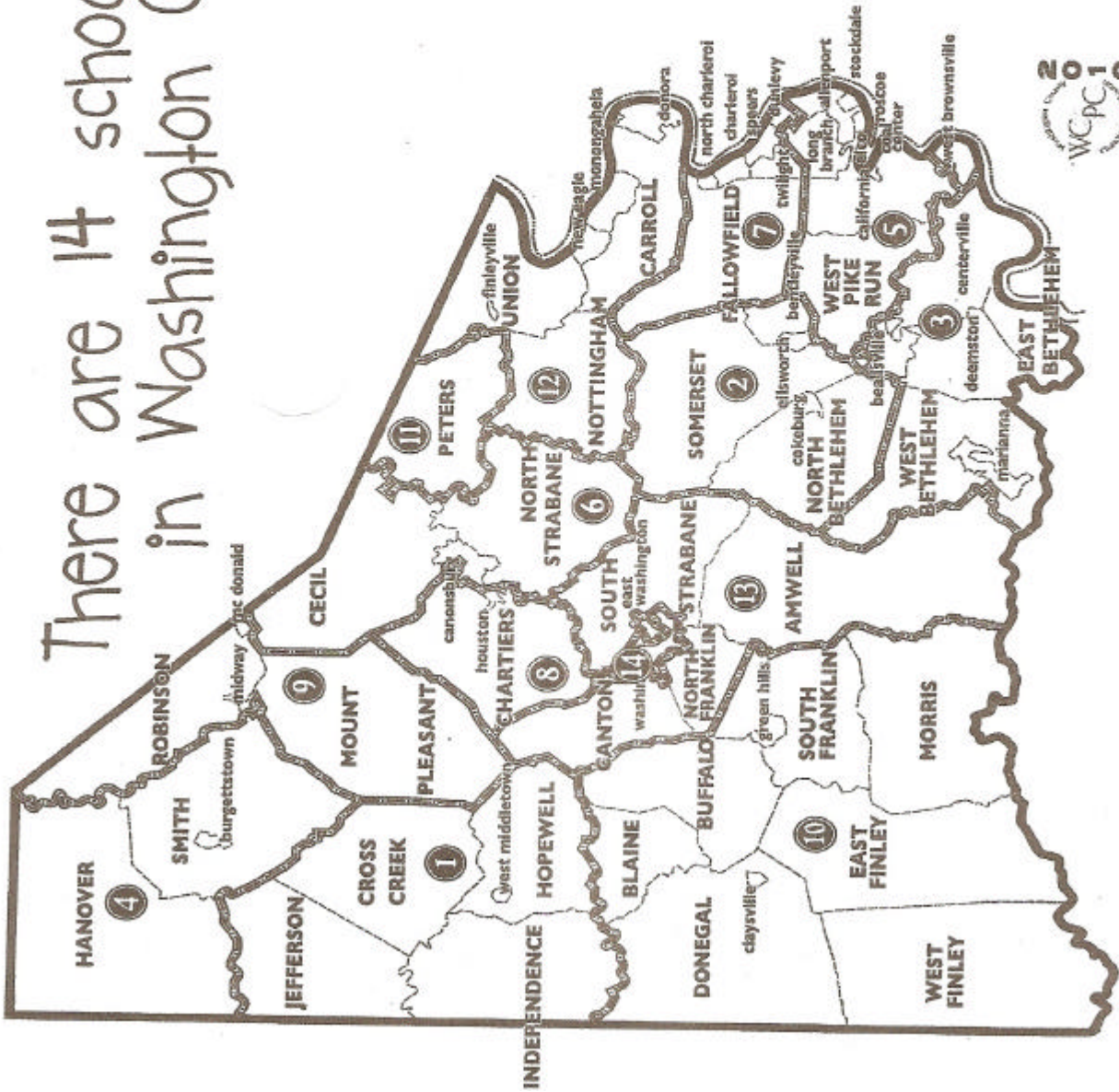


Her name is the Statue of Liberty.

By Megan G  
Grade 7  
June 4, 2010

There are 14 school districts in Washington County.

1. AVELLA
2. BENTWORTH
3. BETH CENTER
4. BURGETTSTOWN
5. CALIFORNIA
6. CANON MCMILLAN
7. CHARLEROI
8. CHARTIERS-HOUSTON
9. FORT CHERRY
10. MCGUFFEY
11. PETERS
12. RINGGOLD
13. TRINITY
14. WASHINGTON



## Precinct Project Update

We have continued to move forward with this project as other aspects of the group get hectic because of the events that are approaching.

We just had a committee person training session with Ed “Buzz” Reich teaching us how to build a stronger and more organized party from the grassroots level.

The focus has become creating individual committees on the district level. Peters Twp has done this and has been very successful in building the numbers of republicans in Peters as well as creating their own group that meets once a month separate from the party monthly meetings.

They are truly focused on working on their district as a whole and becoming more effective at informing the voters of issues and candidates. After talking to Buzz about doing the training and going through the training session that he instructed and motivated us to do the same, I truly believe that this is the route that we need to take to become more successful long term.

Buzz has informed me that he is running for 1<sup>st</sup> vice chairman within the county party and will focus on organizing the entire county to function in this way as well as hold more training sessions to teach all of us how this can be done in all 14 districts in Washington County.

I would like to see Buzz be elected to 1<sup>st</sup> vice chairman in the reorganizational meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>. I believe that he would be a tremendous asset to the party and our efforts going forward. He has no interest in being

involved in the political infighting that is often seen, even at this level. His motivation is to build the party, give us the knowledge and training to build a solid foundation for us to be as effective as possible.

If we are going to be effective long term, Buzz is the type of leader that we need to make that happen. He has the knowledge and experience from the process that the Peters twp group has gone through to be what they are today.

I am looking forward to getting as many of the committee people involved and trained for long term success. I feel that we have gained an ally in Buzz that gives us the opportunity to make that happen.

If you are interested in attending committee person training in the near future or may be interested in being involved in this process, contact me [jeff15301-912@hotmail.com](mailto:jeff15301-912@hotmail.com) and we can change this country from the county level together.

Jeff Foutz

### **Random Liberal Quote:**

**"It's not surprising, then, they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."**

**—Barack Obama,**

**It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark."  
— Howard Ruff**

# A School Choice Governor?



Commentary by  
JOSHUA HOERNER

Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Corbett recently made headlines by announcing his support for full-fledged school choice in Pennsylvania. Democrat Dan Onorato has also expressed support for school choice, particularly the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). A school choice governor will be a welcome change from the past eight years, during which Governor Rendell and his allies worked to stymie educational options.

Parental demand for school choice is growing. According to a recent Pew Study, Philadelphia parents insist they need more educational options. Charter school enrollment is 170% higher than it was in the 2000-2001 school year, yet despite this growth, 62% of parents surveyed said they do not have enough good choices when it comes to picking a school.

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia have created scholarship or tax credit programs, including Pennsylvania's EITC. The EITC, however, has reached capacity. Even though many families are stuck on a long waiting list, the program's funding was reduced last year. Pennsylvania state senators have acknowledged this demand and have introduced Senate Bill 1405 to expand education alternatives.

If enacted, this bill would provide scholarships to low-income parents in failing school districts. This scholarship would be available to parents with children in either public or private schools. To help public schools keep some of their support, the bill also allows public schools to keep half of the local funding for students who transfer due to scholarships - i.e., students they no longer are educating.

Instead of expanding school choice, the current administration has worked to *reduce* schooling alternatives and has attempted to spend the state to educational success. State funding for public schools increased to over \$25 billion in 2009, and staffing grew while enrollment declined. Despite this infusion of funds, Pennsylvania's performance

on the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) exam has remained relatively unchanged, and Pennsylvania ranks among the worst states in SAT scores. Clearly, more spending is not the solution.

Increasing educational opportunities will help to improve student performance. A report from the U.S. Department of Education observed that students who participated in the D.C. voucher program gained the equivalent of an additional 3.7 months worth of reading achievement each year. Another recent study concluded that students who participated in the program were 21% more likely to graduate than their peers in public schools. In New York City, a study found the average charter school student was ahead of his public school peers by 5.3 points on the state English exam and 5.8 points ahead on the math exam.

Not only do alternative education programs improve student performance, but they also save taxpayers money. In the D.C. voucher program, scholarships cost about one-quarter the amount spent per student in public schools. In Pennsylvania, school districts spend about 13 times the value of the average EITC scholarship of \$1,000. In the 2008-2009 school year, non-traditional educational options combined saved Pennsylvania taxpayers over \$3.6 billion.

Though they differ on the details, Corbett and Onorato have championed school choice as vital to improving our educational system. While both candidates support the EITC, Corbett has outlined broader support for school choice than has Onorato. Corbett ultimately desires tax dollars to follow the child, thus attaching a set amount of money to each child and allowing parents to send their children to whichever school they choose.

Expanding the EITC will provide greater options for parents, but more needs to be done. Allowing funding to follow children to the school their parents choose will break up the underachieving monopoly of the public schools and force them to compete. Competition and choice will increase the quality of education and reduce costs.

A school choice governor benefits us all.

[www.CommonwealthFoundation.org/research/detail/a-school-choice-governor](http://www.CommonwealthFoundation.org/research/detail/a-school-choice-governor)

Potluck  
Picnic  
Pic



Although I was able to figure out how to create more than 12 pages for this Newsletter, I wasn't able to make it accept all the photos I wanted \*yet\*

Look for more pictures of the picnic on Meet-up ...as soon as I figure out how to post them there 😊

# Fellowship

*A feeling of friendship, relatedness or connection between people*

I have always believed that breaking bread together is an important part of making a group of individuals into a family; sealing the connections between people in a way that no contract or agreement ever can. When folks share a meal, they cross the line from associates to companions and eventually to friends. It is a theme that you see repeated in films and books, and every year with families and friends at birthdays, weddings, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

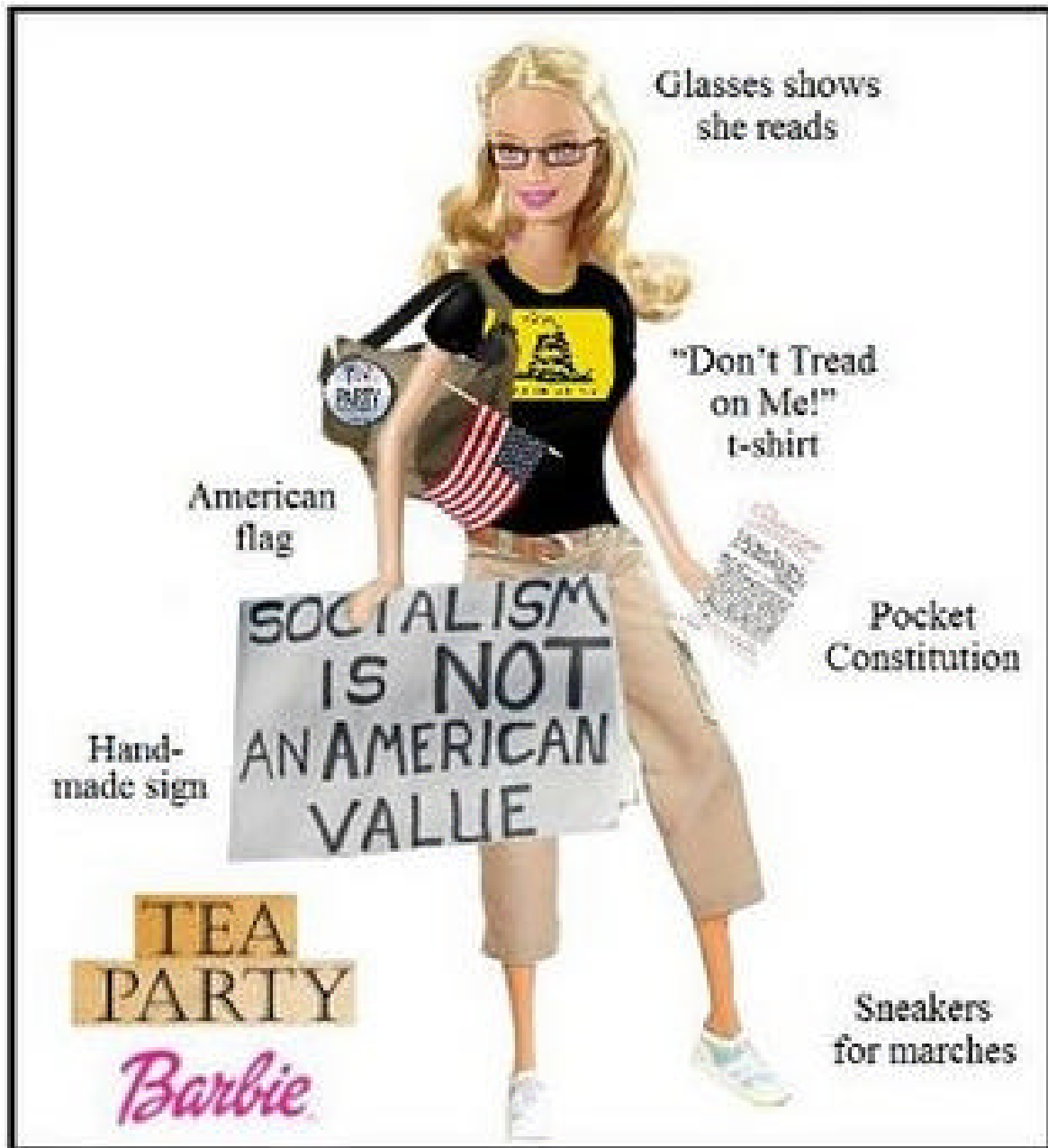
Our recent Potluck was just such a meal and I, for one, am looking forward to seating down and breaking bread in fellowship with all of you again real soon.



“Remember and help America remember that the fellowship of human beings is more important than the fellowship of race and class and gender in democratic society”

-Marian Wright Edelman

# When Attending a Rally or March Don't Forget the Essentials



- Fanny-pacs worn around the waist are great!
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Water
- Clothing appropriate to the weather
- GOOD walking shoes
- Patriotic Sprit!



the more complete  
**Calendar**  
**of Events**

For  
September 2010

Washington, PA 9.12 Project  
**Group Meeting**

Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
@ 7:00 pm

Details on the meetup website:  
<http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/calendar/14553055/>

9/12 Taxpayer  
**March on Washington**  
- 2010 -  
**TAKE AMERICA**  
**BACK!**

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

**We will have busses going to  
this event !**

For more info, please visit:  
<http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/calendar/11932033/>

Or call 724-228-1313

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**Washington County court house**  
**Washington, PA 15301**

For more info, please visit:  
<http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/calendar/14605280/?from=list&offset=0>

**Greene County  
Tea Party Patriots**

presents:  
**"TAKE BACK AMERICA"**  
September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm  
Greene County Fairgrounds

Washington, PA 9.12 Project  
**Group Meeting**

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7:00 pm

For more info, please visit:  
<http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/calendar/14553066/?from=list&offset=0>

According to Burbee.com  
NOW is the best time to plant  
garlic and shallots for a HUGE  
harvest next spring! ☺

**2010 .  
Values Voter Summit**

Friday Sept 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 am

For more info, please visit:  
<http://www.valuesvotersummit.org/>

**Being Salt and Light**  
**in a Culture of Change**

**September 24, 2010 at 7:00PM**

Washington Alliance Church  
246 Sanitarium Road  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-705-0019

For more info, please visit:

[http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/  
calendar/14553400/?from=list&offset=0](http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/calendar/14553400/?from=list&offset=0)

**American Heritage**  
**Academy**  
one-day seminar  
**Patriotism 101**

**Saturday Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 9:00 am**

For more info, please visit:

[http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/  
calendar/14173684/?from=list&offset=0](http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/calendar/14173684/?from=list&offset=0)

**Washington, PA 9.12 Project**  
**Group Meeting**

Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

For more info, please visit:

[http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/  
calendar/14553075/?from=list&  
offset=0](http://www.meetup.com/washingtonpa912/calendar/14553075/?from=list&offset=0)

AND ...  
coming in October  
**Washington County**  
**Annual Republican Dinner**  
*Tuesday, October 19, 2010*  
**Julian's Banquet Hall**  
*call 724-228-1313 for details*

There was plenty of room left for ~~anything but photos of children having fun at a picnic~~ more information, and we had collected a few flyers for some of the upcoming events. Alas,



their info is constantly being updated and they were already obsolete. In an effort to save your home from a possible paper storm, Jeff has provided a link for each event. ☺