

It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." –Samuel Adams



Town Crier Committee Report Vol. 1 No 2

We welcome you to this second issue of the Town Crier Committee Report. November has been an exceptional month for the Committee. The month started with Ed Slavin's proposals to transfer local lands and waterways to the Federal Government. This followed by the advent of the Occupiers in St Augustine which has created both challenges and opportunities for our one on one contact with the people. In this publication we will strive to keep you informed of the activities of the Committee and to make you aware of ways in which you can participate. This Committee is blessed to witness the awaking of America first hand.



Edward Slavin

There is a revolution going on. Come join the counter-revolution. Stand up for Individual Liberty.

One of the strategies of the progressive transforming of America to a Marxist State is the transfer of land from private and local Governments to Federal control. Much of the UN's Agenda 21 programs are about this too. So, our transplanted Radical, Ed Slavin, shows up at the County Commissioners' Meeting with a proposal for a National Historic Park and National Seashore Act. The Town Criers, shown on the right, greeted citizens with information on Agenda 21 at the County Commissioners' Meeting on November 1, 2011. Inside, members of



Photo 11-01-2011



Photo 11-07-11 Staff Photo

the Saint Augustine Tea party voiced opposition to Mr. Slavin's proposal directly to the Commissioners. The majority of the speakers forcefully expressed their opposition to this idea. We are happy to report that the Commissioners rejected the proposal unanimously.

The scene changes to the City of St Augustine Beach Commissioners Meeting

On November 7, 2011, Mr. Slavin attempts the same proposal before the City of St Augustine Beach Commissioners. The Town Criers are again present and later counter Mr. Slavin's presentation. The Commissioners take no action on the Slavin proposal. During this week another Radical working in the area surfaces with the Occupy St Augustine movement.

The Occupy St. Augustine group stages their first event on November 5th, 2011

Though this is their first major event in St Augustine, the organizers of this group have been busy organizing in the St Augustine area for some time now. In March 2011, the organizers staged an event on US 1 South with "Awake the State". Then in July they organized a "Feed the Homeless" project in the Plaza which attracted the attention of Flagler College students. The St Augustine Record reported in two feature articles that this group is a "grassroots movement" organized by students and Flagler College staff and others. What they didn't report was the others' are the International Workers of the World (IWW). Terry Buchenmeyer, pictured at the right, was frequently quoted by The Record as a co-organizer. The IWW has a record of Marxist activity since 1905. The union closely associates with other Communist identities. Mr. Buchenmeyer has been associated with the IWW in Orlando. Mr. Buchenmeyer is an IWW organizer.



Terry Buchenmeyer

The Town Crier Committee Offers the only Challenge to the Occupiers



St George Street near Cathedral Pl 11-05-2011

Photo by Rod Heikkinen

Pictured above, the Committee is in conversation with Rhonda Parker, an Occupier supporter who posted our confrontation with young people wearing Guy Fawkes masks on Examiner.com. Ever mindful of our need to remain separate and not to give the appearance of joining the Occupiers, the Town Criers carried on their normal activities of distributing Constitutions and engaging the people with dialog and photo opportunities on St George Street. Typically, it takes about 45 minutes to work our way up St. George Street, but with demonstrations in the Plaza, it took the Criers two and a half hours. It was not because the Street was so crowded, though there were far more than pictured below. The reason it took the Town Criers so long was

due to the fact that people wanted to identify with the Saint Augustine Tea Party and the values of our founders, rather than cult images like the lower left. People wanted to be photographed not so much with the period clothes, but with the signs the Criers were carrying. Often, they would want to hold them or the flags. Cameras there were flashing and clicking from all over. In the six months that the Criers have been doing this, the Committee has never received the attention they received with the Occupiers in the Plaza.



Plaza de la Constitution 11-05-2011

Photo By Rhonda Parker

While the Cry Babies were in the Plaza The Town Criers were on St George Street with smiling happy People....



Photos by Rod Heikkinen

On November 5th it is safe to say that 1000s of photographs were taken; considering email and Facebook, we can only wonder at the positive image that we got for the Tea Party Movement.

Confrontation!

After completing our rounds with the Constitutions, the Committee decided to return to the Plaza. The numbers of Occupiers had greatly reduced. There was a line of people on the North side of Cathedral Pl. We proceeded to march in front of them with our Flags flying. As we passed they chanted their mindless “you are the 99”. They got a BIG THUMBS DOWN and in their faces from the Chairman of the Committee. At which point, the Committee instinctively took the high road, turned right, crossed the street and marched into the Plaza. There we were at ground zero, face to face with the organizers of this IWW event.



Cathedral PL 11-05-11 Photos by Ronda Parker



Plaza de la Constitution 11-05-2011



Plaza de la Constitution 11-05-2011 Photo by L Dicorradro

Can anyone think that Cindy, pictured in the left photo, is joining them? Do the two Guys in the Channel 47 photo look like they have common ground? I think the body language is proof positive. One of the co-organizers, Aubrey Skillman (according to Rhonda Parker) commented, “I wish we could have gotten them (Tea Party members) to join us. I wish they would have spoken. We would have been happy to have them participate.” Never, Mr. Skillman! It’s a new day; we don’t participate with Marxists and we don’t use the pretty names... Liberal or Progressive. The public finds favor with the Tea Party because they like our lawful and peaceful manner. However, they also respect us because we are standing up for America. They do not see either party doing it and the so called Political Leaders fail to “say what they mean and mean what they say”. This is a time to stand up for the Country. **All in all Town Criers had their best day ever in St**

Augustine. We had the best acceptance on St George Street yet. ...Too bad the St. Augustine Record did not cover the Town Criers' overwhelming acceptance by the public at large. The Record did report our opposition to the Occupiers. Sadly, it did not report our success.



St George St. 11-12-2011

Town Criers Complete their Saturday Rounds the following week

With the Occupiers gone our duties returned to normal. We passed out 400 Constitutions on November 12th 2011

The Nights of Lights

Because of the expected high turn, out the Town Crier Committee set up a tent and table at the North end of Town. Here pictured below is Cindy manning the booth. The rest of the Committee goes off to St George



North Garage Area 11-19-2011

Street to pass out Constitutions. There was a rumor that the Occupiers were going to Hijack the Nights of Lights event, but that never materialized. Ed Slavin was spotted later in the evening and a posting of the sign shown below on the internet was credited to him. The Criers never encountered this sign or any Occupiers throughout the evening. What they did run into was a very welcoming public interested in photo ops with the Tea Party.



Staff Photos



Plaza de la Constitution 11-19-2011



St George Street 11-19-2011



Plaza de la Constitution 11-19-2011 Staff Photos

Black Friday



Terry Buchenmeyer



Ed Slavin



Plaza de la Constitution Staff Photos 11-25-2011

The much promoted Black Friday Occupy St Augustine Event must have been a disappointment to its IWW organizers as they look at their much reduced numbers. This was an event to promote local merchants vs. the corporate retailers. Is it possible that their missing multitudes were shopping at Wal-Mart? The Committee marched past at about 1:00 PM and again at 4:00 PM. It appears that the Occupiers spent the afternoon talking with each other.... How boring. The numbers were reduced by 50% at four O'clock.

The Town Criers on the other hand engaged the Public



The Town Criers, took a position along the walk leading to the Fort. The Criers passed out Constitutions and provided opportunities for photos to the Public as they passed by. The sea breeze caught our Flags and the people could not resist the opportunity to capture the bright yellow Flags of our Revolution.

Castillo de San Marcos

11-25-2011 Pictured below are some of the

many folks taking pictures of the family members and friends with a Tea Party Movement in action. It is exciting to be a part of the awaking.



Bay Front at Castillo de San Marcos was Great For the Town Criers..... The people loved being associated with the Tea Party!

From the Castillo de San Marcos the Committee returned to the Plaza to see how Marxists were doing. Finding a great sadness in the Plaza, the Criers made one final pass for the day up St George Street even though they had given away the last of their Constitutions.

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As we turned to proceed up St George Street, groups of people along the way would start applause at the sight of our signs and the flags.....



Now we have had thumbs up, and from time to time cheers, but clapping and applause! This is something new. It was so inspiring that Dave, an enthusiastic Town Crier member, broke into song. Not that he needs much encouragement! What was special was the woman pictured in the upper



right hand photo. She walked along singing close harmony with Dave. The folks loved the patriotic song. The Saint Augustine Tea Party had the good will of the American People. For a moment though, I could not stop thinking of Marxist Revolutionary forces in the Plaza. They had little or no contact with anyone but themselves. The misguided students and the Hippies of the late 60's trying to recapture their youth failed them on this day. So they sat in the Plaza and dreamed of the day when they can eliminate OUR LIBERTY and turn our beautiful Country into a Communist waste land.

NOT ON MY WATCH!! There is a Marxist uprising going on in our own City. Come join the counter- revolution. Stand up for Individual Liberty.

***Lance Thate
Town Crier Committee
Chairman***

Come join us! We are a small Committee with many tasks to do to preserve Liberty...

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