



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

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It doesn't seem possible that we are on our third issue of the Town Crier Committee Report. 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.

The St Augustine December 3, 2011 Christmas Parade



We had just barely finished second issue when our new Events Committee Chairman, Cindy Di Corrado displayed her skills of choreographing the Saint Augustine Tea Party's 2nd Christmas Parade which turned out to be an impressive event. The procession leads off with the group's sign followed by Town Criers in ever improving attire (see Photo Left). The ladies, who passed out candy to the children along the way, were followed by the male Town Criers who carried their ever present Gadsden Flags. A pair of white horses pulled a carriage filled with additional Saint Augustine Tea Party members. Following the carriage Shannon Padgett, a First Coast Tea Party member, dressed as Betsy Ross and a gentleman Town Crier, Stan Walker, carried the first flag of the Republic. The Town Criers were proud to be a part of this event. However, special recognition is required for Yvonne Heikkinen who hand crafted the clothing and created the seasonal bonnets and aprons for the ladies and the festive sashes for the men. Together, Yvonne and Cindy did a great job and without their efforts this Saint Augustine Tea

Party parade entry would not have happen. So for one I say, "Way to go ladies".

One closing statement regarding the importance of events like this. The impact of engaging crowds of people with their good wishes and their cameras create very positive image for the Tea Party. The people are seeing that the two existing parties are not providing the kind of leadership they need. So they look to the Tea Party to keep the pressure on.



Walk Boldly!

All Photos Above by TCC staff 12-03-2011

December 7, 1941

External Danger



December 7, 2011

Internal Danger



Seventy years ago today, our nation was faced external forces that threaten our very existence. Today we are faced with internal forces of equal perils. Seventy years ago, we had a president very similar, philosophically, to the one we have today. Both Presidents governed or are governing with a total disregard of the Constitution. Both governed or are governing with the same intimidating style. The crash and depression of those times is similar to the crash and depression of our times. The major difference is the currency manipulation. Mr. Roosevelt tried to manipulate the currency, with executive orders, to hide his failed policies, but was largely prevented because the currency was still backed by gold. The result was twelve years of his governmental pain. Today our Marxist President has no such restriction, and to hide the failure of recent administrations, both Republican and Democratic, he has willfully overloaded the system with worthless paper pretending to be money. The result will be devastating to the poor and middle class. In the chaos that is about to appear the question will be which way we will we choose, Constitutional governance or a totalitarian system? In 1941 President Roosevelt and the prime minister of Great Britain came out onto the south portico of the White House to light the national Christmas tree and to give a Christmas greeting to an uncertain world. History has shown that the prime minister understood what Liberty is about; perhaps he got it from his American mother. Clearly President Roosevelt did not understand and neither does the current President. The Prime Minister mentioned in this piece had this to say about where the Federal Government of 1941 took us and the government of 2011 wants to take us.

"Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery." Winston Churchill

Lance Thate
TCC Chair

Town Crier Committee attends the Occupier's City Hall event on December 12th, 2011

Though there had been rain earlier in the day, by the scheduled 3 PM start of the Occupation, there were patches of blue and the sun was shining brightly on the face of organizer Ed Slavin. It would have seemed that Providence had blessed the event, except for one thing. There was no one present. There was Ed Slavin standing in the exterior courtyard in front of City Hall with not a single person in sight. When he saw our approach Mr. Slavin made a quick turn and proceeded into the enclosed courtyard of the City Hall complex as shown in the photo on the upper right.



TCC Staff photos 12-12-11



At 3:30 PM a supporter shows up and then some more. After that the sound and video equipment arrives. The Audio equipment is set up. Note the microphone the lower left photo that never finds an audience. Rhonda Parker from the Examiner.com arrives for photo opportunity. In spite of favorable press releases in the Record, Historic City News, Examiner.com and



First Coast News, the public fails to attend the event.

Occupier's Program Fails

According to the press releases "Protestors in St. Augustine will gather outside City Hall today to talk about both statewide and local issues in the Occupy movement..... People in St. Augustine will vote on their support of those points today during their "Occupy City Hall" event. They will also hold their own votes on issues City Commissioners are discussing, including holiday bonuses for city workers." **This did not happen. At 5 PM when the City Commissioners meeting started the Occupiers dispersed from their position in the front of City Hall.** Some went into the Commissioners' meeting. The Black Friday event was dismal, though the media failed to cover that story. This City Hall event must be a great disappointment to Ed Slavin and his core promoters.



Staff photos 12-12-11

Occupier's New Spin Attempt

December 17, 2011

In order to counter the group's failure to attract the public's interest on December 12 which they blamed on the weather, the organizers announced the rescheduling of the protest for Saturday the 17th. . A Candlelight Vigil for Injured Police & Protesters of the 1960's was planned. Various media outlets, including WJXT in Jacksonville, reported the planned occupation in St. Augustine. The result of the promotion was the presence of leftist political personality, Edward Slavin, with his sign suggesting that the good people of St Johns County turn over their Beaches to the control of the Federal government. We find it interesting that the main objective of the occupiers at this point of their activity in St. Augustine is to find common ground. They appear to be most interested in having the Tea Party to become part of the 99%. We engaged in dialog with Ed for about 20 minutes. He seemed intent on finding mutual agreement. We found agreement in a corporation in bed with government is a fascist relationship. We could agree that fascism is undesirable, but for very different reasons. Many have been taught that Communists are on the left and Fascists are on the right. They fail to remember that all Fascist governments were or are Marxist or vested in central planning. A more enlighten view is that the Communists, Fascists, Marxist and Socialist are totalitarian systems and they're all on the left, with the Anarchist on the right (no government). The Constitutionlists, which make up the core of the Tea Party members, are to the right of center. The Occupiers are made up with a mixture of Marxists and Anarchists. This is a very explosive mixture for revolution. As we departed two young people joined Mr. Slavin. The young man, who looked a lot like Pasha, the communist revolutionary character from Dr. Zhivago, was holding a Guy Fawkes mask. Ed Slavin is a very bright man with a good command of the language, but very radical ideas. "The Saint Augustine Tea Party has nothing in common with the Occupiers", David Heimbold, Chairman of the SATP commented in a separate interview. The photo left is typical of the attendance during the afternoon. Never were more than three or four observed. The night views were taken at about 7:00 PM. The night view of the City Hall courtyard reveals that it is empty and the Candlelight Vigil planned did not occur. The lights shown are Christmas decorations on the bushes.



Photos by TCC Staff



Photos by TCC Staff 12-17-2011 3:00 PM



Photo by TCC Staff 12-17-2011 7:00 PM



And where were the people?

Celebrating Christmas in what the Occupiers call the "People's Plaza"

And where Occupiers?

Sitting in front of City Hall by themselves plotting Revolution!

(All four of them)

Photos by TCC Staff 12-17-2911 at 7:00 PM

God bless the common sense of the Citizens of St. Augustine

There were a great many people in the downtown area during the day and evening of December 17, 2011. St George Street was packed with people. They were enjoying their freedom and liberty. Here in St Augustine it is still.....

Merry Christmas!

Annual Christmas Party



Our Hosts



Cindy Di Corrado
Events Chairman



Yvonne Heikkinen
Events Member

Saint Augustine Tea Party did not hold their regularly scheduled general meeting at the Village Inn on December 20, 2011. Instead members attended the Saint Augustine Tea Party's annual Christmas Party which was held at 245 Wildwood Drive at Moultrie Oaks Clubhouse.



Photos by TCC Staff 12-20-2011

The members enjoyed a great fare which included deep fried turkey by Stan, roast pork and ham, hors d' oeuvre and salad by Yvonne, sodas and ice from Yvonne's daughter,



Debbie, a Spanish dish from Joaquin and his wife and others that brought delicious food as well... Not to mention the yummy decadent deserts. After dinner the Tea Partiers were entertained first by gift giving and then with an evening of dancing with Dave and Ellen. The Christmas party filled with music in the air, dancing feet, food, fellowship and good laughs. If you didn't come you missed out. Merry Christmas to all and a productive & prosperous New Year!



After Several Months of Continuous Duty.....

TIME TO RELAX



Photos by TCC Staff

While covering the Christmas Party story, I thought that it might be interesting to enclose a picture from last year's party. In reviewing the pictures it became apparent no photographic comparisons were useful. I would like to share some observations, though, that I did note. First of all, the number attending last year was just under the number attending this year. Of the 32 last year only four that attended last year also were present at this year's party (Dave, Ellen, Joyce and Lance). Last year I was still trying to match faces and names and I didn't understand who was associated with whom, I was new to the group. So when I attended the party last year, I thought I was among Tea Party people.

Looking at the pictures today, last year was more of a REC party than an event for the Tea Party. At the time less than half were SATP members and by June of 2011 only three people who attended that first Christmas Party were not REC members (Dave, Ellen, and Joyce). On July 30, 2011, in an interview with Peter Quinta, Harlan Mason (REC Chairman) was reported to have made the comment that the Tea Party is still part of the Republican Party. On August 30, 2011 the SATP was liberated from Republican control.

So as I looked at those who attended the Christmas Party, a new body of activists, larger in number, and more dedicated, I felt honored to be sitting there with you the people of the Tea Party movement. Those of you who are Town Crier Committee members know firsthand that it will be **WE THE PEOPLE** who will deliver this Country to Constitutional governance.

Lance Thate
TCC Chairman

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

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

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