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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

On Saturday March 6, 2010, the Crescent Society met at the Persimmon Hill Café at the Cowboy Hall of Fame for the spring luncheon.

We had 38 folks attend the buffet luncheon which featured speaker Mike Galiga. Mike is the son of former employees Glen and Rita Galiga both of whom may be familiar to many of our members.

This crowd was

one of the largest in years for a Crescent Society event, with many people in attendance whom we have not seen nor heard from in those many years.

This is attributable, of course, to the announcement of the imminent demise of The Crescent Society. Several spoke of the desire to keep the organization alive in some fashion.

This was an interesting and expected development. That is,

some want to keep the organization alive even though we have pleaded in person, at meetings and in this newsletter of the need for volunteerism for the organization and it's various function.

A breakfast meeting was scheduled for March 20 for further discussion. However, our third blizzard of the season limited attendance to only 10 hardy souls. OKC is now 1 inch shy of the all time record for snow fall in a single season.

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Officers & Directors

July 2008—June 2009

Elected Officers:

President	Bill Henson
1st Vice Pres	Open
Secretary	Pat Goetzinger
Treasurer	Bob Hickey

Appointed Directors:

Membership	Dave Ernst
Publications	Tom Goetzinger

Standing Committees:

Historian	Marty Blazy
Caring	Edith Hughes

Annual Picnic Oklahoma City Zoo May 22, 2010

Members \$8 - Guests \$12 - Children (3 to 11) \$3
Includes Classic Meal (11:30—12:30) + zoo pass for all attractions

Reservation cut off is May 14. Send payment to
Bob Hickey, 1900 NW 160th Place—Edmond, OK 73013-1434
(Mark your calendar More details next month)

OUR COUNTRY

Does our country look the same as it did one month ago, or 1 year ago, or does it look like the country where you grew up ... and is it the same country you came to know, love, serve and defend? Is it even still the country where you would like your children and grandchildren to grow up, and to love and defend? Let's take a look at what is happening under the jurisdiction of our elected and appointed officials.

This country seems to be rapidly and systematically shredding the United States Constitution. You remember, the document we were taught was the backbone of our nation. Yes, shredding this constitution which created three separate but equal branches of government, and was specifically designed to limit the powers of the federal government, leaving the majority of power to the individual states and to the People. (See Amendment X to the Constitution).

Clearly, the United States government is rapidly taking away individual liberties and state's rights in favor of an expanding federal bureaucracy. We are witnessing a takeover of the auto industry, major banking institutions, insurance companies, health care, energy and education. Let's take a look at some examples

Amendment V of the Constitution allows the government to justly compensate owners of private property for conversion to public use. For 230 years, *public use* was

construed to mean use for schools, roads, parks, etc. and in some cases to correct conditions of slum and blight. This was changed in 2005 by a Supreme Court decision (*Kelo v. New London*) which allowed government to take private property for conversion into another private property development which would ostensibly provide additional tax revenue to the government. This *public purpose* was made equivalent to *public use* by the court. Go figure.

***It's time to take back
our country!!!***

Now the United States Congress even takes it upon itself to pass laws, not by voting on the proposed bill itself, but by simply "deeming it to have passed." After all, why risk facing irate voters by taking a stand and having your vote recorded for posterity. See Health Care Bill of 2010.

Congress further determined it could pass a law to force individuals to purchase a good or service; i.e. health insurance. What comes next? Perhaps force people to purchase automobiles only from Government Motors? (formerly known, of course, as General Motors).

Next, the president of the United States, one day after signing the Health Care Bill into law, issued

an executive order to negate a provision of the new health care law. Say what? According to the constitution, the executive branch is supposed to *enforce* the law, not make it...or change it. Making laws is strictly up to the legislative branch. Does this mean the current, or any president, has the power to negate any law by executive order?

Further, the executive branch of government now alleges to have the power to regulate compensation of private industry via the so-called "pay czar." It further alleges to have the power to implement the "Cap & Trade" regulations specifically NOT approved by congress. You remember Cap & Trade ... the single largest tax increase ever levied on the American populace. Well, it appears to be coming directly toward us compliments of the Environmental Protection Agency. You know - the agency which recently declared Carbon Dioxide to be polluting our atmosphere? Apparently government schools no longer teach the process of photosynthesis.

These are just a sample of what is really happening to our country. My friends, it is time to take back our country! In the few remaining issues of the Crescent Society Newsletter, I would welcome your comments in the form of discussion as to what we as senior citizens can and should do to make this happen. Address your comments to the e mail address listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

Note: (re: *Kelo v City of New London*)

In a 5 to 4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that the city of New London, Connecticut could use the eminent domain process to condemn private real property to turn over for private commercial redevelopment. The residents were moved and the condemned real properties razed for the new development. Subsequently, the developer backed out of the project and today the land has become a rat and weed infested blight on the city of New London. Poetic justice, perhaps.

MEMBERSHIP

In Memoriam:

Lyman Good passed away March 18th.

Warren Stone passed away March 19th

A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor and bread it has earned - this is the sum of good government.

..... Thomas Jefferson

Maxine on Health Care

Let me get this straight. We're being gifted with a health care plan written by a committee whose chairman says he doesn't understand it, passed by a Congress that hasn't read it but exempts themselves from it, to be signed by a president who also hasn't read it and who smokes, with funding administered by a treasury chief who didn't pay his taxes, to be overseen by a surgeon general who is obese, and financed by a country that's broke.

.....What the Hell could possibly go wrong?

It's not that I want to punish your success. I just want to make sure that everybody who is behind you, that they've got a chance at success, too...and I think when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody.

..... Barack Obama

FROM THE ARCHIVES

MARTY BLAZY

April 19th marks the 15th anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. That explosion claimed 168 lives and the Seagate community was not spared. Co-workers, friends and relatives were included. Two of our members, Calvin and Peola BATTLE, were among the lost that day.

The Oklahoma City National Memorial now occupies the space where the building once stood. The 168 chairs symbolize each life lost. The Gates, 9:01 and 9:03, that stand at each end of the shallow Reflecting Pool, depict the moment of 9:02 AM when the explosion happened. (If you haven't been to the site or the Memorial Museum, it is a worthwhile experience

Seagate Business Monday, May 1, 1995 – Concerned employees and Seagate responded quickly in the days following the

explosion. Those with medical or nursing training assisted at hospitals and Red Cross centers. Seagate donated three vans and drivers, working with the “Feed The Children” organization, delivered supplies, food and equipment. Seagate donated flashlights for use in searching through the debris.

Employees donated blood and brought various items – food, clothing, umbrellas (it was raining after the blast), batteries, generators, canned beverages and water – to control points for Red Cross, Salvation Army and Feed the Children. Easel pads and clipboards were donated to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) employees for the rescue efforts.

Employees made and wore multicolored ribbons (white-Peace, yellow-Missing, green-Prayer, purple-Children, blue-Flag of OK) as a show of love and support for the victims and their families. Seagate

management and Human Resources representatives contacted employees to address the needs of individuals who had been affected by the tragedy. Seagate executives immediately began evaluating how to continue to offer aid to key groups helping in the disaster relief.

Not only had the Murrah building been destroyed, but many buildings and businesses in the general area had been destroyed in the downtown area as well and were not able to function. Seagate officials made a commitment for an immediate response to small businesses that suffered physical or economic damage from the blast. With \$260,000 pledged, including \$10,000 personally donated by Al SHUGART, Seagate President and CEO, the Oklahoma Pride Disaster Relief Fund was established to aid in the healing process.

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Mark Your Calendar

Breakfast
Woodbridge Restaurant
N.W. 39th & Tulsa Ave
Saturday April 17, 2010 9 a.m.

EMPLOYEE PLACEMENT

.....*Thanks to Skip Cameron for passing this along*

Put 400 bricks in a closed room....Put your new employees in the room and close the door.

Leave them alone and come back after 6 hours, then analyze the situation:

- o If they are counting the bricks, put them in the Accounting Department
- o If they are recounting them, put them in Auditing.
- o If they have messed up the whole place with the bricks, put them in Engineering
- o If they are arranging the bricks in some strange order, put them in Planning.
- o If they are throwing the bricks at each other, put them in Operations.
- o If they are sleeping, put them in Security.
- o If they have broken the bricks into pieces, put them in Information Technology.
- o If they are sitting idle, put them in Human Resources.
- o If they say they have tried different combinations, they are looking for more, yet not a brick has been moved, put them in Sales.
- o If they have already left for the day, put them in Marketing.
- o If they are staring out the window, put them in Strategic Planning.
- o If they are talking to each other, and not a single brick has been moved, congratulate them and put them in Top Management.
- o Finally, if they have surrounded themselves with bricks in such a way that they can neither be seen nor heard from, put them in Government.