NWPOA Annual Dinner A Big Success

-What the NWPOA Is About-



By Rich Loudenback

The Northwest Property Owners Alliance (NWPOA) held its Annual Dinner and Auction at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 5th. An aside to this meeting story is that in the same building just minutes before, Senator Ted Cruz held a campaign rally that over-flowed to outside. 3100 people showed up for the Cruz event, 1600 inside the Jacklin Building and another 1500 remained outside in the rain.

So before the folks at NWPOA could hold their Dinner meeting a lot had to be hurriedly cleaned up and set up. All came together like clockwork due to the hard work of many NWPOA volunteer members and staff from the fairgrounds.

The dinner meeting came off flawlessly and a good time was had by all.



Jeff Tyler - Director



Norm Semanko - Attorney



Brent Regan - Director



Gary Hourigan - Director



Elaine Willman - Speaker



Auctioneers
Ken & Pat Renner

Norm Semanko a water rights attorney defending property owners' water rights in the Coeur d'Alene Spokane River Basin Adjudication gave a CSRBA Update.

<u>Elaine Willman</u> a nationally recognized author & civil rights advocate spoke on "Conflicts of Dual Economies and Jurisdictions on and near Indian Reservations." There are two articles by her in this issue of Gem State Patriot: *"The Spreading Epidemic of Tribalism In America"* **revealing how Muslims are being introduced on tribal 'trust' lands by the Obama administration** and *"Federal Domestic Abuse In the Western States."* She also is the author of the book "Going to Pieces – The Dismantling of the United States of America."

A PRESENTATION FROM THE NWPOA

Northwest Property Owners Alliance: Property Owners Working Together to Protect Property Rights

With regard to government regulation and taxation, who is standing up for property owners? NWPOA is a grassroots organization built by and supporting property owners in the areas of property and privacy rights. NWPOA is the property owners' voice!

The NWPOA was birthed in July of 2012 in North Idaho for the purpose of providing a collective voice for rural property owners.

Like minded citizens began to gather together in grange halls and community centers to discuss the onslaught of new regulations being forced upon us by special interest environmental activists who had hijacked the political process to such a degree that the voice of average property owners was nearly extinguished.

In spite of the odds we experienced great success by banding together in large numbers to insure our voice was heard. We realized that our apathy in keeping an eye on our government has allowed it to spin out of control. It is long past time to organize and reign it in.

Our vision is to set up chapters in every county of Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon. We will accomplish this by neighbor talking to neighbor.

OUR MISSION IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES:

- Individual freedom and liberty
- Preservation of private property rights
- Preservation of privacy rights
- Limited government regulation
- The least amount of taxation
- Free market enterprise
- Personal responsibility
- Support for affordable housing
- Fighting misguided activism that erodes rights

"America belongs to "We the People." It does not belong to the Congress. It does not belong to special groups. It does not belong to the Courts. It belongs to We the people... - John Jay, First Supreme Court Justice

When you join us - YOU make a difference!

IT IS TIME

We recognize as our founding fathers espoused, that power and greed are very powerful influences on the behavior of men and these forces are diligently working to corrupt all areas of our government. As such, "we the people" must become active in watching government so it carries out our will and not the will of special interests.

We seek representative leaders who will pledge to serve citizens and to set aside personal gain or fame to lead in a noble and honorable way.

As an organization we will expose corruption, collusion and any other abhorrent activity that seeks to undermine the Constitutional authority of the people to govern our government.

Working alone we don't stand much of a chance.

NWPOA is effective because property owners now have a collective voice. Some of our successes:

- Stopped the impact fee program and got all the money refunded with interest to property owners.
- Helped defeat the county manager initiative
- Defeated the proposed doubling of our land use codes
- Got the land use consultant fired
- Major influence in local elections
- Review of property tax levies

Plus we are working on -

- We have legal representation in the property owner water rights adjudication
- Influencing Urban Renewal Districts (URD's) and privacy laws

Each NWPOA county chapter is governed by a board of directors, there is no paid staff, no government funding and special interest ties. Each chapter relies on the voluntary financial support and collective effort of the membership in donating their time to keep up with the regulatory and taxing issues affecting property owners.

The Central NWPOA directors provide local chapters with all the support needed to build their own county chapter.

- No mandatory membership fees
- Free literature
- Free town hall presentations

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