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CALLING ALL MEMBERS !

Time to light the barbeque, then call in your friends and neighbours to come and learn about Reform BC and what the party can do for our province. Make it a fundraiser and have fun!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Shirley Abraham

As the new President of Reform BC, I would like to express my thanks to all of the Members and Executive who have tirelessly worked to keep Reform a viable political party, and particularly, to express our gratitude to Past President Ron Gamble. Without his guidance and leadership we would not be here.

Reform BC will elect members to the legislature in the May 17, 2005 election. It will take teamwork and funds. We have proven we are a Team. Now let's prove we can win!

MEMBERS and RENEWALS

by Barbara Smith, Secretary-Treasurer

The focus of the Party for the rest of this year MUST be on new members and renewing those who, for whatever reason, have lapsed. I would like to suggest each area compete with the other regions for the most new members sent to Head Office this year. THE WINNER would receive \$100 for the election war chest for their candidate.

It is time to think of the supplies you will need in constituency offices. Time also to consider people of interest for candidates.

The time remaining up to May 17, 2005 should be sectioned into weeks for focusing on areas of "work needed". The year ahead is going to need your concentration and focus as never before if we are going to sit in the Legislature in 2005.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2004

Reform BC is on the move! The AGM was held in Kamloops on June 12, hosted by Regional Director Bob Eedy and expertly assisted by his wife Liz.

The attendance was good, with a lot of lively debate. Reports from the President, Secretary Treasurer and Regional Directors were presented. The general feeling is that *Reform BC* is gaining positive momentum and interest!

Guest speakers at the open forum were Mary Ann Hardy, a non-Indian living on the Westbank First Nations Lands and Marie Wilson, a member of the Westbank Band. Both speakers presented arguments against Bill C-11 and the potential disaster of self-government for both Indians and non-Indians living on First Nations Land, and that the Westbank Self Government Agreement should not be used as a template for further negotiations.

David Hawkins, forensic economist, spoke on the research he and Ron Gamble have done on the mishandling of public funds, and Erle Martz, second Vice President from Prince George gave an interesting synopsis on his activities in the north, including the sale of BC Rail.

TIDBITS

Did you know that seniors can defer property taxes? This is not widely known, but if you are a senior and are short of cash at the end of the month, inquire at your municipal office tax department.

GASOLINE PRICES

by Mike Summers, Regional Director

I wonder whether the sale of gasoline and diesel fuel in this province should be controlled under the Public Utilities Commission to protect residents from excessive price gouging and to unify prices in the province. We know that oil companies will scream foul, but at the end of the day the price should be the same in all areas of the province.

Oil companies will have to show just cause why their prices have to go up, not just because the crude price went up somewhere else. We live in an exporting province and there should be some benefit directly to the consumer for living here.

Let me know your ideas on this subject. My email is taximike@telus.net

Reform BC is looking for a Treasurer, CA or CGA. Do you know someone who has the training and perhaps has just retired? What better way to spend some volunteer time than acting as Party Treasurer. Call or email Barb Smith.

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

by Bob Eedy, Regional Director for Okanagan, Kamloops and Kamloops/North Thompson

There is still time to get your interim constituency boards and candidates organized. The next Provincial election is May 17, 2005. With the Liberals and NDP running neck and neck, there is a need for a strong third party, other than the Green Party to come into play. This is a great opportunity for Reform BC to elect some MLA's and hold the balance of power. So let's get organized. Politics can be a lot of fun.

Remember the Okanagan was one of the "hot spots" in B.C. Please renew your \$10.00 membership and send a small donation if you can.

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for information on our Constitution, Principles, Policy Direction and Direct Legislation Act from our *Foundation for Reform*, which can be downloaded in pdf format. Our *Foundation for Reform* can only be amended at an Annual General Meeting.

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