



## Our Standard-Bearers in 2020

The Prohibition National Committee conference call held April 14th chose C. L. "Connie" Gammon to be our presidential candidate in 2020. Connie has been one of us for decades, but usually works in the background. Few of us know him well.



Prohi – Introduce yourself:

**Gammon** -- I was born in Lafayette, Tennessee, but as a kid we split time between Tennessee and Detroit, Michigan. It was like two different worlds. There were about as many students in my school in Detroit as there were people in Lafayette.

I have two children and three grandchildren. My son lives in Milwaukee and works undercover for the TSA. He will be starting law school this fall. My daughter lives in Lafayette and is a stay-at-home mom.

Prohi – What do you do when you're not politicking?

**Gammon** -- As far as interests are concerned, beyond writing, I read almost anything I can find. I enjoy going to the range and shooting pistols with my wife. I am an avid political collector. I have the opportunity to speak before historical societies and

school groups several times a year. I really enjoy interacting with kids. One class actually adapted one of my books into a play. I got a kick out of it.

Prohi – You mentioned “wife”

**Gammon** -- How I first “met” my wife is a fun story. I am almost 12 years older than she is. My family was at the hospital in Lafayette visiting my ill grandmother and my father and I were in the hospital lobby. A man named Ralph Driver approached us. He asked us if we wanted to see his new daughter, Kimberly. Dad said, “Sure,” and the two of us went with Ralph to the nursery and looked at the baby that had been born earlier that day. By my reckoning, I was the eighth person to see the child. The baby didn't impress me. Twenty-one years later, I was fresh from the Army when I met Kimberly again. I was more impressed the second time around. I asked her out and we have been together ever since.

Prohi – A lot of historical articles have flowed from your pen

**Gammon** -- Hillary Clinton wrote a book called *Living History*. The truth is that we have all lived history. For example, I survived the riots in Detroit in the 1960s and I was in Germany when the Berlin Wall came down. I can tell you it was great to be a soldier in Germany the night they tore down the wall.



**Phil Collins**

Vice-Presidential Candidate 2020

Navy veteran Phil Collins of Illinois is the Prohibition Party's vice-presidential candidate for 2020. He was born into a Navy family at Point Mugu Naval Air Station, California, where his father was stationed, on 8 March 1967.

Phil himself served our country for 21 years as a Navy hospital corpsman, 11 on active duty and an additional 10 in the Reserves. During that time, he was stationed overseas in Guam, Okinawa, and Iraq, as well as stateside near Chicago and San Diego. He was attached to marine units for eight of those years.

Since leaving the Navy, Collins has worked as an account executive for a Chicago public relations company and in Las Vegas. He graduated from Siloam Springs, Arkansas high school in 1985, later earned a B.A. in political science from the University of Arkansas, and currently is working on an MA in Public Administration.

Phil considers himself a fiscal conservative. In 2013, when he lived in Mundelein, IL, he was elected a Libertyville Township trustee, in a nonpartisan race. Six candidates vied for four seats, and he defeated two incumbents. While living in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 2019, he entered a non-partisan campaign for mayor and came in second out of seven candidates.

His wife, Nicole, is a Lutheran pastor. They have no children.

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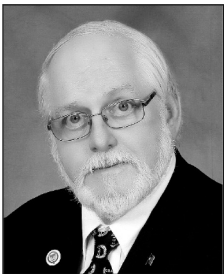
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**From the  
Chairman's  
Corner**  
*Rick Knox*

It is the duty and responsibility of every Party member to give 100% support to the Gammon and Collins ticket. Here are some suggestions: donate today, write letters to your local paper, and make postings on social media. Your task as a Party member is to do all you can; this also includes helping out in petition drives and helping with other functions of ballot access work.

I expect every officer of this Party to show loyalty. A slave can have only one master, and as Party Chairman it is my duty to make sure everyone who holds a leadership position helps the Gammon and Collins ticket.

We need your help today. I want our Party to make a great showing in 2020, but this will only happen with the support of every member. Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their Party.

Connie Gammon is an excellent candidate. He is a hard worker, an excellent spokesman for our Party, and he has the ability to lead. We owe Connie a debt of gratitude, and we need to help him.

Let me close by saying politics is a 24/7 game to be played all the time not just at election time. Lets get to work and make 2020 a great year.

## Gambling X Suicide

This study is from 20 years ago, but it has become even more relevant today as the states continue to loosen restraints on gambling:

Areas with casinos have higher rates of suicide than do other communities. Both visitors and locals are affected, and rates of suicide increase after casinos open.

Nationwide, in 1997, the average suicide rate was 1.97%. In three major centers of casino activity, the rates were 4.28% (Las Vegas), 2.31% (Reno), and 1.87% (Atlantic City).

Other studies have found that people who are economically desperate and in substantial debt are relatively likely to commit suicide. A familiar example is the number of stock speculators who jumped to their deaths out of high windows at the onset of the Great Depression in 1929. On average, gamblers lose money, and people who gamble a lot lose a great deal of money.

The gambler, himself, may not then commit suicide, but his financial distress often carries over to spouses, children, and business partners – who then become dependent and kill themselves.



## Earl R. Chalfant

Los Angeles, California minister Earl R. Chalfant placed himself in nomination for president at the 1943 Prohibition convention. He received no votes.

Chalfant had run for California Assembly District 52 in 1942, receiving a respectable 3.53% of the vote.

Earl Chalfant was born 30 January, 1885, in Belmont, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. He died 8 January 1968. His father, Arthur, was a preacher; his mother, Alice, was a Welsh immigrant. The 1940 census gives his occupation as "carpenter."

An obituary published in the 10 December 1968 Pomona *Progress-Bulletin* says that he had moved to California from Wisconsin in 1900 and had lived in Apple Valley before coming to Pomona in 1964. He taught in the South Pasadena public schools for 20 years. He was a Methodist.

— *Thanks to Tim SanSoucie for this research!*

## Economics 1.0

*Jonathan Makeley*

The United States loses over 250 billion dollars a year to the social, medical, and economic damages caused by alcohol. To help put that in perspective, that is more money than the entire 2018 GDP of the nation of Egypt, and of 154 other countries. In one year, alcohol drains away more wealth from our country than are produced by the economies of entire countries. Apple, one of the wealthiest companies in the world, is valued at about 1 trillion dollars. Within four years our economy loses the equivalent of the Apple company to the damages caused by alcohol.

The alcohol industry tries to promote itself as something that produces economic activity, when in reality it is a leech that drains wealth from society. The economic activity involved in its operation is out-weighted by the vast social, medical, and economic damages caused by alcohol. Meanwhile, if the alcohol industry were abolished, it would not cost our economy; as the money previously spent on alcohol would be spent on other things, which would easily produce as many jobs, without the high social costs that come from the damages of alcohol. Furthermore, the reduction of the damages caused by alcohol would improve the economy, through increased worker productivity, increased savings, reduced medical costs, reduced crime, reduced tax burdens, and more people being able to devote their time and resources towards personal development and productive ventures. Temperance and Prohibition are good for the economy, while the alcohol industry is harmful to it.

## Greed is Winning

Pennsylvanians know that their state Liquor "Control" Board is a sham. Its job is to make alcohol sales consumer-friendly, raking in profits for the State while shunting the burden of social costs onto local governments.

We Pennsylvanians also have a Gambling "Control" Board, a fraud which has made Pennsylvania second only to Nevada in casino revenue.

Two Pennsylvania casinos now provide online gambling 24 hours a day, with a third preparing to expand into that niche.

Only three other states allow on-line casino games: Our neighbor states of Delaware and New Jersey, and Nevada.

**Gambling  
is a Tax on Fools**

## Stigmatizing Drug Use

Social liberals in Western countries have worked hard to make the use of recreational drugs acceptable (tobacco being the current exception). They argue, correctly, that reducing the stigma of drugs makes it easier to persuade addicts to enter treatment.

Prohibitionists believe that preventing a problem is more reasonable than fixing one after it happens. Japanese experience is instructive:

Police make a serious effort to enforce the “Cannabis Control Act,” which mandates jail time for possession and more time for intent to distribute. Few Japanese make a distinction between what Westerners see as “soft” and “hard” drugs: If you are caught with anything (other than alcohol, which is widely indulged), you get fired. If you are a pop musician, your career is scrubbed. People intending to come to next year’s Olympic Games are being warned to “leave it at home.”

Stigmatizing something, making it socially unacceptable, does work. There were only 3500 marijuana-related arrests last year in all of Japan, and only 14 for heroin-related offenses.

It’s worth noting that the people who want to make (their favorite) recreational drugs acceptable are the same ones who have successfully stigmatized tobacco and made smoking taboo in polite company.

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## Vaping

There is a great hue-and-dry right now, about deaths caused by “e-cigarettes” – battery-powered devices which vaporize liquids containing nicotine and other substances to mimic the effect of smoking tobacco. The assumption is that the (purportedly harmless) vaping liquids have been adulterated by the addition of unsafe compounds.

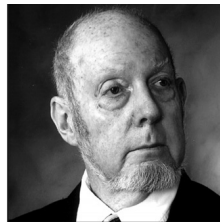
This story line is analogous to the one about adding fentanyl to heroin: Innocent druggies are being harmed by dastardly crooks.

Smoking/vaping anything puts dirty air into your lungs. This behavior is, per se, harmful.



**Alcohol Destroys...  
Lives  
Families  
Communities**

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## Editor’s Musings

### Fumbled Nominations

This year is not the first year that there has been a problem with the national ticket. Missouri historian Tim SanSoucie has sent the Editor an excerpt from the 13 November 1943 *Indianapolis News* describing our nominating convention that year.

Claude Watson and Andrew Johnson ended up on the 1944 ballot, but before that...

Three potential presidential nominees were presented to the 1943 convention: California lawyer Watson, Texas evangelist Sam Morris, and California educator Earl Chalfant. Chalfant received no votes, but Watson and Morris went head-to-head for the nomination.

After Watson was selected as our presidential nominee, he offered Morris the second spot, for vice-president. Morris refused to be on the ticket if he could not be the presidential candidate.

F.C. Carrier and Andrew Johnson then contended for the vice-presidential nomination. Carrier was chosen by the convention, but sometime afterward he dropped out, and Johnson became the eventual candidate.

Carrier, a Maryland resident who had never before run for office, was executive secretary of the (Adventist) American Temperance Society. Johnson was a Kentucky evangelist who had run twice for state offices.

Morris continued being active in the Party after being denied the presidential nomination. He ran twice for Senator from Texas.

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## Pennsylvania Grants

The Pennsylvania Prohibition Committee has awarded \$5000 to American Character Builders to help develop a classroom unit on beverage alcohol. American Character Builders is associated with the Alabama Council on Alcohol Problems, a branch of the American Council on Alcohol Problems.

Pennsylvania gave \$5000 last year toward the production of a similar unit on opiates.

## Social Media Alert

In October 2018, Dr. John Das revived social media for the Prohibition Party, as well as its website. He has created a Facebook page, along with a linked Facebook group for members of the Prohibition Party. Since its creation, fifty-four people have followed our page and forty-two people have joined the discussion group. Dr. Das also started a Twitter account for the Prohibition Party, which now has fifty-seven followers. By adding an online registration form to the Prohibition Party website, Dr. Das’ efforts have resulted in twenty new people using it, either registering for party membership or confirming their contact information. He is working on scanning in previous issues of the *National Prohibitionist* newsletter for the website, which will be ready by the close of January. To access the social media links for the Prohibition Party, please visit:

Prohibition Party Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ProhibitionPartyUSA>

Prohibition Party Facebook Group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProhibitionPartyUSA/>

Prohibition Party Twitter Account:  
<https://twitter.com/ProhibitionUS>

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## More and Later Abortions

This is not the result we were looking for: State-level restrictions on abortion have led to abortions being done later but not to fewer abortions. Women who are unable to obtain early abortions, for financial or legal reasons, still have abortions, but the procedures are done later and at greater cost and risk to the woman.

Everyone would like to see fewer abortions. The more effective method of limiting abortions is sex education in schools and easy access to contraceptives – legislation is a “feel-good” political gambit, but it doesn’t work as well in practice.

The data are in hand. Go read the statistics.

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A regular feature of this newsletter has been biographies of our community-spirited forebears. Many more are available as links to candidates’ names on the website [www.prohibitionists.org](http://www.prohibitionists.org)



### Marie Brehm

The first woman to run for vice-president on the ticket of a ballot-qualified party, Marie Caroline Brehm today is virtually unknown. She was born 30 June 1859, in Ohio, and died 21 January 1926 after being injured by the collapse of a grandstand at Pasadena, California the previous New Year's Day. She is buried at Sandusky, Ohio.

She taught school at Claremont in Richland County, Illinois during the 1887-88 term, living during that time in the Claremont Resort home of her sister, Mrs. William Rhode and her tavern-keeper brother-in-law. Miss Brehm was an ardent suffragette and temperance advocate. She joined the WCTU in 1891 and worked her way up to President of the Illinois state WCTU by 1901.

Brehm was part of the "National Party" faction of the Prohibition Party during the 1890s. She ran for Trustee of the State University in 1892, 1894, and 1908.

National recognition came to her in 1909, when she was appointed by President Taft to be a delegate to the Twelfth International Congress Against Alcoholism (London). She was appointed again as a delegate in 1913, this time by President Wilson (Milan).

Moving to California, she was a Prohibition candidate for the California State Senate in 1920. She served as the California State Superintendent of WCTU Institutes; she was also Superintendent of Franchise of the National WCTU and First Vice-President of the Woman's Legislative Council of California.

Miss Brehm chaired the national Prohibition convention in 1920 and was chosen by acclamation to be our vice-presidential candidate at the 1924 convention.

She never married.

A personal idiosyncrasy – Brehm made "Suffragette" part of her legal name: "Suffragette Marie Caroline Brehm." One wonders if her contemporary anti-alcohol crusader Carrie Amelia Nation inspired that? Nation, who serendipitously had married a man named David Nation, sometimes spelled her given name "Carry," which then created the slogan "Carry A. Nation."

-- Data from Wikipedia and from an article by Ron Scherer published in the *Olney (Illinois) Daily Mail* on 30 October 2018.

Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain cool and unruffled under all circumstances. -- Jefferson

He who best governs himself is best fitted to govern others. -- Milton



### PPHS Cites

#### Das, Gammon, and Makeley

The Partisan Prohibition Historical Society awards "Citations of Merit" to individuals and organizations for noteworthy accomplishments in preserving the history of the Prohibition Party. Founded in 1971 by several Party leaders, PPHS has awarded 21 citations for books, architectural restoration, education, and other efforts to publicize the record of our achievements.

In June of this year, 2019, the members voted to give its 2017 award to Connie Gammon, "For his many publications and lectures on Prohibition Party history," its 2018 award to Jonathan Makeley, (For his extensive biographical researches on Prohibition Party candidates and the publication of these in his online journal *The New York Prohibitionist*," and its 2019 award to John Das "For up-dating and expanding the social-media footprint of the Prohibition Party to meet the demands of today's online society, especially with reference to his corrections and additions to our Wikipedia entries."



John Das of New Philadelphia, Ohio is the recipient of the Year 2019 Citation of Merit given by the Partisan Prohibition Historical Society. Apart from his medical career, Dr. Das has written several articles pertaining to history, including those covering Indian independence, Christianity, as well as the temperance movement.. The 2019 Citation of Merit was given specifically for his work in writing about the temperance movement, which details its history in countries including the Australia, India, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Das is helping manage Prohibition Party social media. He also is "Social Media Administrator" for the U.S. Woman's Christian Temperance Union and for the Independent Order of Rechabites. And, he has done significant work on such Wikipedia entries as "Temperance Movement," "Temperance Movement in India," "Alcohol Education" part of "Alcohol and Health," "Prohibition in the United States," and "Repeal of Prohibition in the United States."

Dr. Das graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, *magna cum laude*, from Kent State University and with a Doctor of Medicine degree, *magna cum laude*, from Avalon University School of Medicine. Dr. Das did research in the Department of Pathobiology at the Lerner Research Institute of the Cleveland Clinic, as well as at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement at Aultman Hospital. He currently holds membership in the American College of Physicians and in the Ohio State Medical Association.

He was made a knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in 2017 and in the following year, he was awarded another knighthood in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Dr. Das has taught Biology for *The Princeton Review* and has served on the board of trustees for the Camp Zimmerman Foundation in Gnadenhutten, Ohio.