



A Door Opens

Recreational drugs and their attendant social problems are a particular scourge of the queer community. As outlined in the following article, LGBTQ people stand prohibition of alcohol drugs, but this approach not on users. Severe recreational-drug users instead has increased the has made it more difficult to re-integrate them into



to benefit hugely from the and other recreational must focus on traffickers, all decades of locking up has not reduced use but in-burden on taxpayers and cult to reform users and to the larger society.

We have been gifted with a new member who is part of the queer community (his own preferred term) and who can witness out message in it.

I am not your typical Prohibition Party member. I am 27, a trans woman and Jewish. I am a direct contradiction of the stereotype of Prohibitionists as all being elderly Bible thumping zealots. That being said, I admire the contributions of our elderly and Christian members and know that without them we would have no party. My experience as a member of the LGBT community is a prime reason why I am a prohibitionist.

I am not a prohibitionist in spite of being trans, but in part because I am trans. I am a recovering alcoholic and marijuana addict, a drop in a bucket where upwards of 25% of the LGBT community deals with alcoholism. This is in part due to the persecution we face in this society and due to just how ingrained bars are in our culture, for a very long time the gay bar was the only place where we could be ourselves. The issue of LGBT alcoholism and addiction is one that is deeply understudied and does not receive enough attention within our community. Every major gay pride parade has floats promoting beers and liquors and every June (Pride Month), the beer section of the store is heavily beers and liquors in rainbow bottles. Big booze loves us as long as we continue to be major purchasers of their poison. Its deeply cynical and wrong, when everybody knows these companies would be just as ready to promote homophobia, were it more profitable than gay pride. LGBT people should support prohibition and temperance because alcohol is a factor in a huge percentage of violent crime, and this particularly applies to hate crimes. A study by Cardiff University found alcohol to be a factor in 90% of bias motivated

crimes. LGBT people should support temperance because those who oppose us benefit when we are weakened by drugs and alcohol. LGBT people should support sobriety and opposing drugs (including alcohol and tobacco) because queer life is beautiful, and any life being cut short by cirrhosis or cancer is a terrible tragedy. LGBT people should support ending smoking because we are specially targeted by tobacco companies. Project SCUM (Yes that's really what it was called) was a project by RJ Reynolds company to sell cigarettes specifically to LGBT people. The fact that these people call us "scum" while selling us smokeable poison should infuriate anybody with a heart and cause us to give up our cigarettes and end that vile trade too. It is time to treat alcoholism and addiction like the severe public health issues they are. This involves both ending the criminalization of users and devoting real resources to combating addiction and ending the large-scale sale of alcohol and addictive drugs. It is time for the LGBT community to support its sober members and build more sober institutions such as cafes and bookstores, rather than bars. The Prohibition Party has a variety of positions on LGBT issues within its ranks, but as long as people acknowledge my basic humanity and the inherent worth of the lives of LGBT people I believe that we can work together. I believe it is time for the left and the right to come together with regards to the sheer destruction addiction to alcohol, tobacco, drugs and gambling have on our society, and particularly our poorest and struggling members of our society. Let's work together to build a future where alcohol related death is a thing of the past.

--Zayne Chrisathemum

PPHS Award to Seaman



Adam Seaman has prepared dozens of biographies for past Prohibition Party candidates, for posting on the PPHS Website. Adam was a candidate for our nomination for President in 2020, served on the Southwick Historical Commission for 2 years, and is a Veteran of the U.S. Army. He enjoys genealogical research in his spare time.

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From the Chairman's Corner

Phil Collins

Prohibition Party Statement on the War in Ukraine

On March 2, Secretary Makeley emailed the other officers and suggested that we issue this statement about Russia attacking Ukraine:

"In response to the continuing Russian invasion of Ukraine, we in the party see fit to offer our voice on the matter. The Prohibition Party believes in the principle of mutual respect for the sovereignty of nations, the use of diplomacy to resolve international disagreements, and seeking to minimize military conflict where possible. We deplore the Russian government's decision to launch a military invasion of Ukraine, which has and will bring about unnecessary human suffering and death. We hope that and would encourage that this conflict may be resolved in a manner that limits damage to human lives and allows for a working peace to be reestablished in the region. We would encourage the U.S. government to take appropriate diplomatic measures to help bring an end to the Russian invasion of Ukraine."

All of the officers agreed with the statement. Secretary Makeley posted it onto our Facebook group and page.

Since Secretary Makeley is also our webmaster, I asked him to include, on the

site, a list of all PNC members and their home states. Treasurer Coleman suggested that the site includes links to sites of groups who agree with us. Secretary Makeley made all of those changes.

R.T. Cooper On Tobacco

Temperance From Tobacco: A Biblical Exposition on Tobacco is available on The Book Patch for \$6.00 and on the Kobo e-reader for \$6.99.

Tobacco is a very controversial topic eliciting mixed opinions. Christians wonder "What place should this have in my life and community, if any." Is it very dangerous or not really a vice? Dr. R.T. Cooper gives a clear and expository description of what the Bible has to say about tobacco."

The link to my YouTube channel is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-7BXDbZg3qiZl-Wk_lw7rkA It can be found by simply searching "Temperance Awakening" on YouTube. I currently have lectures on tobacco and alcohol, and will begin lectures on pornography in the future. Temperance Awakening also has a monthly newsletter if anyone wants to receive it. The email address is temperance-awakening@outlook.com.

Rechabites

The Independent Order of Rechabites (IOR) are a group of local organizations who have been involved in spreading the message regarding the dangers of alcohol and other drugs of abuse for over 170 years. Their work is accomplished through the benefits offered as friendly societies, by education, and by offering companionship and social activities to like-minded people.

The Rechabites were organized in England in 1835. Formerly international, today they are active only in Australia. Here in the United States, similar work is conducted by the International Order (now "Organization") of Good Templars.

Their name comes from the Biblical figure "Rechab," (Jeremiah 35:5-6): "And I set before the sons of the House of the Rechabites, pots full of wine and cups, and said unto them 'drink wine.' But they said 'We will drink no wine, for Jonadab, the son of Rechab and our father commanded us, saying 'Ye shall drink no wine, neither

you nor your sons forever.'"

For more information see www.australianrechabites.org.au

Thanks to J.A. Das for calling our attention to these overseas co-workers!

Pennsylvania State Committee

The Pennsylvania Prohibition Committee has approved an initiative by the Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition to seek easier rules for getting Pennsylvania candidates on the ballot. The "Political Party Equality Act" would do three things:

First: Make any political organization holding at least 0.05% of state-wide voter registrations a "qualified" party" able to get its candidates on the ballot for state, county, and municipal offices by meeting the same requirements that are imposed on Democrats and Republicans (equality for minor parties).

Second: Make all parties pay for their own nomination processes (no more tax-paid primary elections).

Third: Simplify ballot access for independent candidates not affiliated with any "qualified party" by requiring them to gather only the same number of nominating-paper signatures specified by law (25 CS2872.1) for major-party primary-election candidates (cheaper and faster than now)

Three Committee members approved this; none objected.

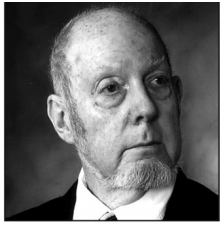
The New Pastor

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house, it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. He took out a card, wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back, and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message: "Genesis 3:10."

Opening his Bible to check out the citation, he broke out in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked."

-- Progress magazine.



Editor's Musings

Anthem

Let's put a novel, attention-getting proposal in our next platform: Replace the Star Spangled Banner with something more representative of our entire country and that is easier to sing.

It's not a new idea. It's been kicked around for years, but it's never before (?) been proposed in a party platform. The Star Spangled Banner refers to just one battle in the War of 1812. The opening is poetically weak ("Oh say..."). Besides that, the wide range of musical notes is difficult for amateurs to sing, and the tune is that of "Anacreon in Heaven" – a bar-room ditty popular at the time.

Let's replace The Star Spangled Banner with America the Beautiful. America the Beautiful refers to all of us, at all times. It is better poetry, is dignified, and is easier to sing. The Prohibition Party is a reformist organization. Let's make a new national anthem one of our signature reforms!

Prohibition Party Social Media

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Each of Us Pays

The most recent data on the cost of alcohol use shows that America's total bill is more than \$235,000,000,000 per year. That's \$826 per person for everybody – children and abstainers included.

Seventy-two percent of that is calculated to be from "lost productivity," which is not easily quantifiable. Lost productivity includes missed work days and the associated disruptions to production involving related workers.

Less subjective numbers include 11% for medical expenses; 10% for police, courts, and jails; and 5% for property loss (vehicle collisions). Chalk up another 2% for "miscellaneous."

Even without counting estimates of (indirect) productivity loss, that's \$231 per person, out-of-pocket.

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FAS

Around the globe, 630,000 infants are born each year with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. FAS is a totally preventable birth defect caused by the negligence of uncaring mothers. Preventing FAS does not require education and "wise choices," it requires only prohibition.

In Canada, young people with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome are 19 times more likely to go to jail than are normal people. In Great Britain, the lifetime cost (to the taxpayers) of a 15-year-old who becomes a jail bird is estimated to be \$475,000.

Libertarians who advocate for the freedom to drink don't factor that tax loss into their argument that more booze sales create more tax revenue.

What's in that Beer (Besides Alcohol)?

Ingredient labeling on food products and non-alcoholic beverages is required by the Food and Drug Administration. But the Treasury Department – the same folks who collect your taxes – regulates beer, and not very well. That probably explains why we know more about what's in a can of Coke than a can of Bud. You can also thank the alcohol industry, which has lobbied for years against efforts to require ingredient labeling.

Food columnist Vani Hari ("The Food Babe") has published an exposé of beers showing what all you're getting, besides what you think you're getting, when you throw back a pint of most any mass-produced beer: corn syrup, caramel coloring and other dyes, antifreeze, sulfites and other preservatives, and miscellaneous animal parts.

Imported German beers are an exception, because the Germans are very serious about the purity of their beers; a purity law called "Reinheitsgebot" requires all German beers to be only produced with a core ingredient list of water, hops, yeast, and malted barley or wheat.

Certified organic beers are also an exception. They are required by law not to include additives.

But these beers still contain alcohol, sometimes quite a lot of alcohol. They're not safe, they're just less dangerous. To read the entire report, visit <https://foodbabe.com/the-shocking-ingredients-in-beer/>

Meth in Asia

The "Shan" region of Burma (Myanmar) has become a major source of methamphetamine. Much of that supply remains in Indo-China, which since 2010 has become second only to the United States in the volume of contraband seized by law-enforcement.

About ten percent of meth users will become addicts; for refined, "crystal" meth, that will be twenty percent. A third of users develop a psychosis similar to schizophrenia, and many of those soon die of, e.g., accidents, suicide, or AIDS.

Booker T. Washington—the activist first president of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, dedicated to African American higher education—wrote a detailed study of Mound Bayou, Mississippi (population 4,000), the only 100 percent Black town in the South. Poring through the town's court records, Washington found it "a remarkably quiet and sober place," save perhaps for the occasional outsider swooping in to sell liquor illegally on the weekends. The town's founder credited the lack of crime and high moral standards of the community as a byproduct of the widespread popular support of prohibition. The white liquor interests at the state and county level had repeatedly tried to force their way into Mound Bayou, but were rebuffed every time. In their all-Black town, "a colored man might run the saloon here," the mayor explained, "but in the rest of the county they would be in the hands of white men. We would pay for maintaining them, however, and we would be the ones to suffer. We voted the the law down and there has been no attempt to open the county to the liquor traffic since."

Prof. Mark Schrad, from "The forgotten History of Black Prohibitionism"

Sobriology Forum

The most recent International Forum on Sobriology was held in 2019. Plans for meetings in 2020 and in 2021 were derailed by the Covid-19 epidemic.

It was hoped to resume the series this year – and now those plans have been rendered unfeasible due to the hostilities in Ukraine. Many of the expected participants would have come from countries in eastern Europe and central Asia.



George Pennock
Lifesaver

George L(iddon) Pennock was a florist in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. He was born in 1864 and died on 30 December 1937, of heart failure.

He ran for auditor in 1924 (1.59%) and for governor in 1926 (1.30%).

His wife, Mabel, ran for state senator in 1928, for lieutenant governor in 1930, and for secretary of internal affairs in 1934.

Pennock's father, also a florist, was the first to sell cut flowers in Philadelphia.

George Pennock was interested in ornithology and botany, in addition to being an ardent prohibitionists. He was President of the Delaware County Institute of Science.

It is because of Pennock's generosity that the Prohibition Party is still active today. In his will, he provided a substantial sum of money, the income from which is divided equally between the Prohibition National Committee and the Pennsylvania Prohibition Committee (and to the now-defunct Delaware County Prohibition Committee). Today (2021) the estate is in a trust administered by PNC Bank (in Pittsburgh), and the income amounts to about \$4000/year for each.

-- Data from the "Our Campaigns" website, located by Billy Joe Parker. That author cites the Chester County Historical Society archives, the Main Line Daily Times of 30 December 1937, and the Pennsylvania Manual as his own sources.



Rotten Grain Juice

Alcohol-Free beer has become a fad. As sales of the real stuff stagnate, brewers are grasping at the "healthy beverage" market in order to maintain their volumes (and profits).

Buzz-less beer usually is made by taking real beer and boiling off the alcohol. It's a costly additional step in manufacturing, but the increased production expense is

offset by the avoidance of alcohol taxes on the final product.

The stuff tastes awful, even more so than regular beer, but it's become less disgusting today than it was in the past. Formerly sold under obscure special labels to avoid it being associated with big-name brewers, 0.0 beers are now available under the marques of major manufacturers.

The aim of brewers today is to market alcohol-free beer not as a virtuous alternative to real beer but as a premium soft drink for adults, something that can be drunk anywhere at any time without risking penalty.

Zero beers also defend the majors against the many small "craft beers" which are multiplying. Craft beers are made in small batches and thus are already more expensive than are the national brands. Their manufacturers cannot afford the additional expense of stripping out alcohol to render their products buzz-less.

Alcohol-free beers were only 2.4% of global beer sales last year, but their share of the total is growing. We can raise a toast to that!

There is but one thing of real value – to cultivate truth and justice, and to live without anger in the midst of lying and unjust men.

-- Marcus Aurelius

Resveratrol

It is widely known, now, that the health benefits from consuming grape products derive from the chemical resveratrol in grape skins, not from alcoholic wines per se. Laboratory mice fed diets high in resveratrol do in fact, live longer than other mice, but the equivalent "effective dose" for humans would be 35 bottles of wine per day.

The amount of resveratrol varies widely among grape varieties, as therefore it does also among wines both fresh and fermented. However, purple grape juice, the kind most commonly sold, is almost always made from "Concord" grapes. This means that all brands of purple grape juice have a uniform resveratrol content, unlike the wide range found among the many kinds of fermented wines.

So, when temperance workers advocate grape juice instead of wine, we're talking reliable doses, not whining sour grapes.

Drink up, West Virginia

"Wild, Wonderful West Virginia" the welcome signs say, and to emphasize the "wild," the legislature is trying (again) to legalize moonshine. House Bill 2972 would allow any adult to make up to 50 gallons of distilled liquor each year.

That's 250 fifths, almost a fifth a day. But, we already knew that Mountaineers are serious drinkers.

The bill's sponsors, mostly Republicans, have gotten it through the House. They did last year, also, but it died in the Senate last year without coming to a vote.

This year, it has also passed the House and, as of this writing, it is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

To ensure equality of the sexes, HB 2972 says that your wife can make her own 50 gallons, each year: 100 gallons per household, per year. You're not supposed to sell any of that, but if you just can't stay on your feet long enough to swallow all that, then, well, um, you know – there are ways to get rid of this year's surplus (so you can start next year's 100 gallons with an empty barrel).

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West Virginia Drug Toll

West Virginia currently has the nation's highest per-capita death rate from (illegal) drug use: 41½ each year per 100,000 residents. The national average is about 16.3 per 100,000. The West Virginia death rate was below average as recently as 1999.

In 2012, legal drug wholesalers shipped 780 million oxycodone and hydrocodone tablets into West Virginia – 433 for every resident of the State. These two drugs, alone, killed 1700 people in the 5-year period 2007-2012. They accounted for 28% of all deaths of White males aged 15-34.

The government's response to this slaughter has been prohibition – every more strict controls over the manufacture, distribution, and sale of opiates. Nobody believes that the open sale of opiates through licensed dealers would reduce the severity of the opiate epidemic. Why not, then, renewed prohibition of alcoholic beverages, which kill many more West Virginians than do opiates?