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We The People! By Roscoe Streyle

In thinking about what I was going to write for my Rotary article this time around I had many thoughts, but in these troubling times I felt just reciting parts of the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, and Bill of Rights was the most appropriate as these documents have been so tramped on in recent years.

If anyone hasn't been to Washington, D.C. to view the historical documents of this country I would highly recommend it. I've been to Washington, D.C for both business and pleasure many times and every single time I've been there I stand in line, sometimes for hours just to see these magnificent documents if only for a few short minutes. I'm speechless and full of goose bumps each and every time.

The sacrifice of the founding fathers, bloodshed by our brave veteran heroes, and all patriots who came before us to form this great union is truly breathtaking. It seems these days more and more elected officials don't have a clue what the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, or even the simple to read Bill of Rights says or means.

I ask you shouldn't this be the first document a person running for or holding elected public office read?! I for certain have read them all many times over and even found time to read North Dakota's state constitution, which is less than 40 pages.

Does the President of the United States of America not put his hand on a Bible and swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States? This is the case of course, so how can it be so quickly thrown out like trash? These are simple to answer questions and all of you know where I stand.

I decided to just include the Bill of Rights (First ten amendments to the Constitution) as putting the full Declaration

of Independence and Constitution would take up to more space than I have, but you can view all historical documents at www.archives.gov free of charge!



Bill of Rights

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment 2

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment 3

No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment 4

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment 5

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or

Recent Guest Speakers

Norval Semchenko—Free Wheelchair Mission

Norval is a retired farmer and crop sprayer from Max, ND who still has his pilot's license. He is on a mission to provide inexpensive wheelchairs for people who cannot afford them who cannot walk. www.freewheelchairmission.org



Norval Semchenko

Ward County Sheriff Candidates

Kevin has been in the police business for 32 years and is presently a Deputy U.S. Marshall in Minot. He started out as a jailor/dispatcher for the Ward County Sheriff's Department under Leon Schwan and later Arthur Anderson.



Kevin Howe



Steve Kukowski



Todd Keller

Steve has 36 years of law enforcement experience and is a Captain in the Minot Police Department. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy as well as the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Todd is began his career as Correctional Officer and is now a Captain and supervises investigations of the patrol division in the Ward County Sheriff's Department.



Paul von Ebers

Paul von Ebers—BC/BS Health Care Reform Update

Paul is President and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota (Fargo). Before joining BC/BS ND in August 2009, Paul did extensive work on entities of the BC/BS organization, both in senior management position and as a private consultant.

Some proposed changes to reduce the cost of insurance would be the use of generic drugs, limiting the number of x-rays, MRI and CT scans, and cost controls. BC/BS of ND is committed to implementing the health reform law.

John Kutch—CEO Trinity Health

Trinity Health thanks our congressional delegation for their work in representing the health care interests and needs of all North Dakotans. North Dakota needs and deserves health care that is:

- Available and accessible to everyone;
- Health and prevention oriented, with the goal of enhancing the health status of our communities;
- Sufficiently and fairly financed;
- Patient centered, and designed to address health needs of all; and
- Safe, effective and designed to deliver the greatest possible quality.



John Kutch

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June 8
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Jarid & Lynn Lundeen

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June 9
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June 11
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June 12
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June 13
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Wednesday, June 9

Bob Horne
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Wednesday, June 23

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THURSDAY, 7:00 AM
Grand International

We the People *Continued from page 1*

naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment 6

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

Amendment 7

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment 8

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment 9

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment 10

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

After once again reading the Constitution I didn't see a place where the Government could regulate citizens to death, mandate citizens to purchase healthcare, take over banks, car companies, insurance companies,

mortgage companies, dictate salaries paid by private business and on and on.

Watch out—the “big bad” oil companies and utilities are next on the chopping block, along with much higher taxes, massive changes in environmental law, cap and tax, hundreds of thousands of new government employees, trillion dollar deficits for decades, decreased way of life for our children and grandchildren, and most likely in my lifetime the US defaulting on debt.

Look to the current crisis in Europe as an example of what socializing and government control does to countries and economies, this is the path the United States is on and it's simply NOT sustainable! The US Debt to GDP ratio is expected to hit at least 97% next year, Greece is around 115%.

The good news is the tides are turning as proof in the recent polling data. According to Rasmussen Reports the President's approval rating is 42%, 27% believe [Congress knows what it's doing](#) when it comes to the economy, 41% say that [a group of people randomly selected from the phone book would do a better job than the current Congress](#), 63% favor repeal of the healthcare bill, and 28% say the country is heading in the right direction.

This is why the United States of America is the greatest country in the world, WE THE PEOPLE have finally had enough! Our form of democracy isn't like any other in the world and is importantly self correcting. The party in control has swung the pendulum too far and now has awakened a sleeping giant called the American people.

The principals I will take to the ND House of Representatives (District 3) are pretty obvious. I would appreciate anyone's support in whatever capacity you can.

Visit my website in the coming months at www.votestreytle.com (not active yet) or follow us on facebook.com.

Thank you and God Bless.

Does Music Serve a Purpose in Everyone's Life?

By Kelsey Aspaas, 3rd Place Four-Way Essay Contest Winner

Fredrich Nietzsche, a 19th Century German philosopher once said, "Without music life would be a mistake." This quote made me wonder if people realize how much they depend on music in their daily lives.

Is music really that important? What would people do if musical instruments would have never been invented? How different would our world be if there was no music?

To answer my curiosity I decided to apply the Rotary Four-Way Test to answer the questions, "Does music serve a purpose in everyone's life?" By examining this question under the scrutiny of the four questions, I came to an apparent conclusion.

The first question that needs to be asked is, "Is it the Truth?" Is it true that music serves a purpose in a person's life? My answer to this is yes, music is extremely important in one's life whether one notices it or not.

There are so many emotions involved with music. People can listen to it when they are sad, happy, frustrated, mad, or confused with something in their life. That is the beauty of music. No matter how a person is feeling on any given day, music has a way of relating to one's own emotions.

It can also make a lasting impression or memory, like, a song chosen to be the first dance at a wedding or a song being played at a funeral. Either way, happy or sad, every time a person hears that song one can automatically relate it back to the memory they have of that certain situation.

From this people can clearly see that music does serve a purpose in everyone's life and helps people through whatever emotions they are going through in their life.

The next question to ask is, "Is it Fair?" Music is one of the things that everyone can be a part of. There are

no drawbacks or rules. There also is not just one set kind of music. People do not have to just listen to pop or rock-n-roll. They are free to express their own individuality in whatever they choose.

How well people play or the talent they have for their musical gift can never be taken away from them. It is up to the person to decide how well one would like to succeed. The more one practices, the better the person will become.

The equality in music is endless and people are able to be free to express themselves however they choose to. Also the harder one works the more they are able to achieve.

The third question being asked is "Will it bring Goodwill and better Friendships?" Of course music has the power to do both of those things being asked. Music helps create a bond between friends by sharing something in common with one another.

Music camps and concerts are great examples of how to meet new people and build great friendships. Music also teaches a person to have more respect towards others. One learns to listen to not just those who are helping them in their music, but also those who are supporting them with everything.

In general music has the power to create lasting friendships and more respect for others.

The last question that needs to be asked is, "Is it Beneficial to all involved?" My answer to this question is yes. Music has been proven to relax people when they are stressed or put people in better moods,

If a person has had a bad day maybe all they need to cheer them up would be to just close their eyes and listen to that favorite song of theirs. It has been proven that people who play musical instruments are more

likely to perform better in school. Students also have better chances for scholarships in college to help them save money.

By using the Four-Way Rotary Test, one can clearly see the answer to the question, "Does music serve a purpose in everyone's life?" is a YES!

Music can make lasting memories, express individuality, create new friendships, help one relax, and even improve academic abilities.

Whether a person admits it or not, music is a part of everyone's life. I may be as simple as listening to the radio while getting ready for the day or driving somewhere.

Or it may be a serve as a bigger role, like playing an instrument. No matter how big or little the role, I believe that Friedrich Nietzsche was right, "Without music life would be a mistake."

By analyzing music in the Four-Way Rotary Test, I realized that I should really value music in general. It may seem like such a little thing, but I would hate to see what life would be like if there were not music in the world at all.

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