



Center for Constitutional Values

“A well instructed people alone can be permanently a free people” – James Madison

If children do not learn the history of our founding they will not understand why our ancestors thought it necessary to declare a philosophy new to the world, that men have God given rights to liberty including the right to govern themselves. Without that knowledge they cannot fully appreciate why the Constitution is so important and why each American has a responsibility to preserve and defend it.

Our Organization

The Center for Constitutional Values is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization formed for educational purposes. We are directed by a distinguished Board of Directors including educators, attorneys, public officials and other individuals committed to preserving the values of the U.S. Constitution through education.

Our Mission

The mission of the Center for Constitutional Values is to provide opportunities for students and members of the community to increase their knowledge of the Constitution and gain a deeper understanding of the its' importance to preserving our individual liberty and a system of limited government based upon the consent of the governed.

Our Goal

Our goal is to expand opportunities for the citizens of Martin County and in particular students to gain a deeper knowledge of the Constitution and in so doing strengthen civic support and commitment to the principles therein.

Our Programs

Our primary program is an Education and Scholarship Program is designed for high school students to enhance their knowledge of the Constitution and challenge them to demonstrate their understanding of its meaning and relevance today. We also sponsor community education programs.

➤ Student Competitions

In partnership with the Martin County Public Schools, we hold competitions among students from each school and between schools and provide scholarships to students who demonstrate superior knowledge of the Constitution. The competitions have taken different forms, such as prior year debates or our current format of individual interviews of students by a panel of members of our judiciary. Students address a constitutional issue related to current discussions among policymakers and in the courts. Winners receive a scholarship for post-secondary education or training. These scholarships are funded through contributions to the Center for Constitutional Values Scholarship Fund.

➤ Community Education

We sponsor a speaker series open to the public that brings noted scholars and thoughtful commentators to our community to discuss the Constitution and current policy issues.

We welcome contributions to support our scholarship and education programs. Contributions are exempt from federal taxes pursuant to IRC Section 501(c) (3). Please mail contributions to the Center for Constitutional Values, P.O. Box 1303, Hobe Sound, FL 33475

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Joseph Acinapura served as a Vermont State Representative from 2005-2012 and in 2005, as Chair, of the Vermont Parole Board. He held the position of an Adjunct Professor (Political Science), College of St Joseph (VT), 1992-1997. His profession was in the United States military, serving in the U.S. Army 1961-1989. He holds a BA in mathematics from Rutgers University and an MA from the University of Colorado in political science. He also attended the Naval War College.

Kathleen Boland, Chairman

Kathleen Boland is retired from a 25 year career in the field of housing finance. She was Chairman and Executive Director of the public housing finance authority for the state of Maine and subsequently was an executive with the National Association of Homebuilders and a private consulting firm. She was a Guardian Ad Litem and served two terms on the Board of Habitat for Humanity of Martin County and currently serves on its Advisory Board. She has a B.A. from Webster College in St. Louis, Missouri and an M.A. from the George Washington University in Washington D.C.

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George W. Bush is a partner in the law firm of Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Beard, Bush, Goldman, Kilbride, Waters and McCluskey in Stuart, Florida with a practice in business law. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and the Cornell Law School. He is admitted to practice before the U.S and Florida Supreme Courts and U.S. District and Appellate Courts for the State of Florida. He is the former President of the Martin County Bar Association and a Board member of the Florida Oceanographic Committee, the Kravis Performing Arts Center and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

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Susan Murphy is a graduate Southern Connecticut State University with Bachelor's in English Ed and University of Hartford, M.Ed. Former English teacher and Guidance Counselor. Since moving to Florida in 2002, she has worked in public relations and marketing. She is currently a realtor with the Water Pointe Realty Group. Mrs. Murphy recently completed a 3 year term as a member of the Vestry at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stuart.

Caroline Philipbar

Caroline Philipbar is a graduate of Northwestern University and Marquette University of Law where she was the Editor in Chief of the Law Review. She practiced law in Wisconsin and was a partner in a real estate development company. She has spent her retirement years in philanthropy serving on the Board of Directors of several non-profit organizations, most recently including the Atlantic Classical Orchestra the Martin County Library Foundation

Michael Stetson

A graduate of the University Of Florida He served in the U.S. Air Force in Germany. Subsequently he was a Realtor and owner of a real estate development and investment firm. He has served on two school advisory boards, as chairman of the Martin County code enforcement board, a member of the ad hoc committee that helped write the original Martin County Comprehensive Plan and as Vice President, Martin County Economic Council. He is active in two local nonprofit organizations, a founding director of Palm Beach Savings and a member of Fidelity Federal Bank's Advisory Board.

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