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A Vision for the Future

In these trying times, the Prohibition Party of New York continues its work to advocate for positive policies and advance social reform. We offer a vision for a better future for New York. A vision for a new approach to governance focused on moral principle, public service, and advancing the public wellbeing. A vision of a state filled with healthy, prospering communities, and greater opportunity for all New Yorkers. If you are interested in helping to make a positive impact on your state and your community, consider joining the Prohibition Party of New York.

"Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better." Harry S. Truman

Sign Up For The New York Prohibitionist

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National Party News

The Prohibition Party continues to move forward in the 2020 Presidential Campaign. We have completed our presidential ballot access efforts. Phil Collins will be on the ballot in Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi, Vermont, and the U.S. Territory of Guam. We will work to encourage voters in those areas to vote for Collins and will work to conduct write-in campaigns in various other states.

State Party News

We in the Prohibition Party of New York continue to move forward in our efforts for the 2020 election. We have filed for Phil Collins to be certified as a write-in candidate in the state: that means that the state should produce a separate count of the total number of votes that Phil Collins receives in the state. We will work to help spread the word of the campaign and encourage voters to write-in Phil Collins.

Annual Deaths from Alcohol Increase Nationwide

The number of Americans being killed by alcohol is apparently on the rise. Recently, the CDC has updated its information on the number of annual deaths from alcohol. The number has increased from over 88,000 deaths a year to 95,000. This increase in deaths further demonstrates that alcohol is a major public health problem, which kills people on an industrial scale, and that our society needs to take serious steps to address it.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/features/excessive-alcohol-deaths.html?fbclid=IwAR2BZ5JJ9TEus_93b9Ovlnq6FEjOshL8t-NPsqW5tV4TN45yEiipmW18g

New State Limitations on Drinking While Hunting Take Effect

At the beginning of the month, the state enacted new limitations on hunting while intoxicated. The blood alcohol limit for hunting while intoxicated was lowered from its previous limit 0.10 to 0.08 (the same BAC limit for driving or operating a boat).

Source: https://www.wvfb.com/news/lowered-hunting-while-intoxicated-threshold-takes-effect-statewide/?utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=referral&fbclid=IwAR1r2GNxmngv5u0-LBaNw4okqpk20x2BB-OuYfGr41U7R_EHs77Nur_i-k

"Teachers need our active support and encouragement. They are doing one of the most necessary and exacting jobs in the land. They are developing our most precious national resource: our children, our future citizens." Dwight Eisenhower



Community Colleges and Economic Recovery

Well educated and well-trained workers are important for establishing and maintaining a thriving economy. This is especially the case in times of economic dislocation and transition, where significant numbers of people lose their previous jobs and need to find new employment in emerging fields of work. Community colleges can act as important centers for providing education and job training.

Earlier this month, the New York Times published an article, titled "Community Colleges Can Be Engines of Economic Recovery", focusing on the potential of community colleges to aid in economic recovery.

The article presented the following key points:

- The economic dislocation created by recent economic downturn has resulted in the loss of millions of jobs. While many of these jobs may be only temporarily lost, millions of these jobs have been permanently lost, and many people will need to find new jobs.
- Community colleges have often acted as important centers for providing vocational education and job training, as well as helping to connect people to new employment opportunities.

- Community colleges tend to operate more efficiently and with a higher degree of success than for-profit colleges.
- While community colleges can be valuable for providing worker training and education, they are generally lacking in needed investments. Instead of increasing investment during a time of greater need, various states have instead weakened their funding for community colleges.
- If states were to sufficiently improve funding for community colleges, these community colleges could help to provide education and job training to millions of American workers, and thus speed up the rate at which people gain new jobs and the economy recovers.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/17/business/community-colleges-economic-recovery.html?fbclid=IwAR1VU1ZK4Sh7AggWWUVTEMs14wlaFWswPWqbyl9TY0CF9ROAg7Ykm4MNIrw>

Reported Decrease in Vaping Among Teenagers

A National Survey has indicated that the practice of vaping among middle and high school students has decreased. In the survey 20% of high school students and 5% of middle school students reported having recently used e-cigarettes and other vaping products. This is down from 28% of high school students and 11% of middle school students last year. The number of kids using vape products reportedly declined from 5.4 million to 3.6 million. It is believed that this decline in vaping is due to a number of efforts, including increased public awareness about the harmful effects and risks involved with vaping, increased public education efforts, and the passage of laws increasing restrictions on the sale of vaping products.

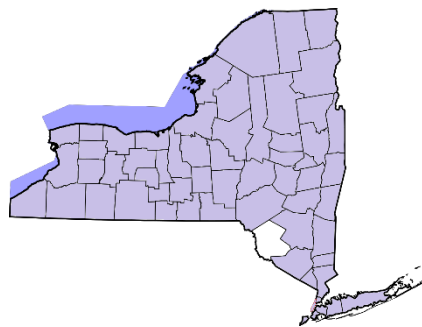
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“The true worth of a shoe is dependent solely upon the goodness of the shoe itself, just as the true worth of anything is determined from its good qualities. True worth and price should not be confused; the former is permanent, while the latter is not.” James S. Coward

Study Indicates That Use of Marijuana While Pregnant Has Damaging Effects on Children

The Journal of the American Medical Association published a study on the use of marijuana during pregnancy can effect children born from those pregnancies. The study looked at over 11,000 children around the age of 9. The study found that children whose mothers used marijuana during pregnancy tended to have higher rates of mental illness, a higher rate of sleep problems, and lower average cognitive abilities. If a woman continued to use marijuana after finding out she was pregnant then the negative effects on their children tended to be more pronounced.

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Expanding Outreach

Our public messaging efforts continue to reach an increasing number of people in New York State and beyond. We continue to reach more people over Facebook. Our most recent data shows that content from our Facebook page has been viewed by people in at least 385 communities across the state, in 61 out of 62 counties. We also reached people in every other state, and in over 50 countries. The New York Prohibition Party twitter account has reached over 890,000 cumulative views.



New York Prohibition Party History



George F. Thompson

George F. Thompson was a lawyer, politician, and 1920 Prohibition Party candidate for governor of New York. Thompson was born on July 24th, 1870 in Saratoga Springs, New York. In 1883, his family moved to Royalton, in Niagara County. He studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1893, and practiced law in Middleport, New York. In 1895, he was elected a justice of the peace.

Thompson was initially affiliated with the Republican Party. He served as a member of the State Assembly, representing Niagara's 1st district, from 1904-1905. He was a member of the New York State Senate, representing the 47th district, from 1913-1920. As a state senator, he was a strong supporter of establishing prohibition and urged his fellow senators to take action on the issue.

In 1920, Thompson challenged Nathan Miller in the Republican primary for governor. After losing the Republican primary, Thompson continued to run for governor. He was nominated as the Prohibition Party candidate for governor.

In the 1920, Thompson campaigned in support of strongly enforcing national prohibition in New York state, repealing state laws which loosened restrictions on alcohol sales, such as the 2.75% beer law, and working to lower taxes in the state. Thompson called into question whether Nathan Miller was committed to prohibition, and claimed if elected Miller would likely neglect enforcement and leave the task to local authorities. During the race, state leader of the Anti-Saloon League William Anderson turned against Thompson. Anderson sought to discourage people from voting for Thompson and encourage people to vote for Miller in the hope of defeating anti-prohibition incumbent governor Al Smith. Nonetheless, Thompson continued with his campaign. Thompson received 35,509 votes and 1.24% of the vote.

George F. Thompson died on June 13th, 1948.

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