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NEWSLETTER **October 2014**

September lunch meeting proves both well-attended, educational

The fall season got off to a strong start as the September meeting was attended by a mixture of long-time members, recent members, men hopeful of becoming members, and two guests from the State Society.

The program was appropriate for National Constitution Month with a PowerPoint presentation on the Electoral College. The presentation first examined the Founders' knowledge that the pure democracies of ancient Greece and Rome did not survive because they were set up as winner-take-all governments that did not protect the rights of minorities.

Therefore, the Founders set up provisions to protect the rights of citizens who were on the losing side of elections. The Electoral College was established to ensure that a few very large states could not overwhelm the votes of the remainder of the states. Instead, candidates must win enough states to gain the most Electoral Votes.

It was pointed out that only twice has the winner of the popular vote not won the electoral vote--1870 and 2000. In both elections, the winner of the popular vote had most of his support in a few regions, instead of across most of the nation.

Tony Robinson, Central District Vice-President General, and Steve Kelley, Eastern District Chairman, were in attendance and briefed members on Ohio Society news and up-coming events.



While some members finish their lunch, Chuck Finley updates them regarding the chapter website that has been approved and sent off to be produced.

October program will feature Thomas Worthington-- the politician who saved Ohio from being cut in two



Thomas Worthington

Jeri Arent, of the Worthington Historical Society, will present an interesting program about Thomas Worthington, Ohio's 6th Governor at the October meeting, Sat. Oct 25.

Worthington left his Virginia home for the Ohio Territory in 1796, settling outside of Chillicothe. Three years later in 1799, he got into politics, serving in the Territorial House of Representatives and in 1802 was part of the Ohio State Constitutional Convention.

Worthington and two other Ross County residents got into a political fight with Ohio Territory Governor Arthur St. Clair who wanted the Ohio Territory to be broken into two territories, before being admitted as two states. Worthington successfully convinced President Thomas Jefferson to replace St. Clair in 1802, thereby clearing the way for Ohio to remain intact and become the 17th state one year later, in 1803.

He later became a U.S. Senator and Ohio's sixth Governor. The Columbus suburb to the north is named for him, and his 1807 home outside of Chillicothe is open for tours.

**The October meeting will be
noon, Saturday the 25th,
at the MCL, Kingsdale Center in Upper Arlington
(Don't worry. OSU plays at 8 p.m. at Penn State)**

Friday, November 7 is deadline for 2015 SAR dues

Statements for the 2015 dues will be mailed soon because the deadline is Friday, November 7. This deadline allows Chapter Treasurer Bill Diehl enough time to complete all of the record keeping and complete his report to the State Society. "We want to do a better job of getting the word out," explained Diehl, "Last year saw us lose 30 members due to failure to pay their 2014 dues. Sadly, most of these compatriots were unaware that this occurred. For this reason we'll mail out statements along with the 2015 membership card in October."



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