


Independence Hall Tea Party Association
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Dear **Members and Friends**,

What a year! Beginning with **Chris Clemency's February 27, 2009 Philadelphia Tea Party**, the first on Independence Mall since the original **Philadelphia Tea Party of December 27, 1773**, the **Independence Hall Tea Party Association** has been active and visible.

Since April, 2009, the Association has sponsored many successful events, including: The April 18 Philadelphia Tea Party II; the July 4 Independence Hall Tea Party III, the August 2 Specter/Sebelius Town Hall Rally; 14 buses to the 9/12 March on Washington, 8 buses to the 11/4 Weekday DC Rally; an array of other rallies at Congressional Offices and Town Hall meetings.

Sadly, on Christmas Eve, the US Senate voted to take control of the American Health Care Industry, despite overwhelming public opposition to what is now universally known as **Obamacare**.

Several days earlier, Catholic members of our executive board hand-delivered a letter to **Cardinal Justin Rigali** beseeching him to **intervene publicly** with **Senator Robert Casey (D-PA)** regarding his support for the **Reid Health Care Bill** which included **provisions for taxpayer funded abortion and the rationing of health care** (leading, ultimately, to the practice of euthanasia).

Cardinal Rigali indicated he had spoken privately with Senator Casey about those concerns—but it was clear he was not yet willing to publicly confront the Senator. Our representatives reminded the Cardinal that a public dialogue would provide an education for us all on grave moral and ethical issues.

A few days later (December 24), **Senator Casey voted to end the filibuster and move Obamacare forward**. The Independence Hall Tea Party Association immediately issued a press release condemning the vote and Senator Casey's role in the Bill's passage. The Bill is now entangled in a closed House/Senate reconciliation process. **Obamacare** faces a final Congressional vote sometime in January.

In related news, recent polls show **Republican Scott Brown now running even with Democrat Marge Coakley in the Massachusetts Special Election** to fill the seat of expired **Senator Ted Kennedy**. **Mr. Brown** has gained over 30 points in the last 30 days.

If Mr. Brown wins, he could provide Republicans with the crucial 41st vote to uphold Senate filibusters. His victory could even bring Obamacare to a halt. It's not clear, at this point in time, if the Health Care Bill would be subject to another Senate filibuster.

Mr. Brown has indicated, that if given the chance, he would vote against Obamacare.

Recently, on December 27, 2009, our Association commemorated the **original Philadelphia Tea Party of December 27, 1773**.

With **Big Talker Host Dom Giordano**, in full costume, convincingly playing **Dr. Benjamin Rush**; Association Member **John Peteraf** realistically portraying **Captain Ayers**; Association Board Member **Phil Schieber** as **Narrator**; and the spectacular **White Hall Guard Fife and Drum**, about 400 hearty souls witnessed the re-enactment of a historical event that **John Adams said led directly to the First Continental Congress**.

Thank you to everyone who participated in some way, including **Skye** (www.midnightbluesays.com) and **Sam Caggiula**, both of whom videotaped the event; and **Sean Carpenter**, who provided stills.

Thank you to **Rich Davis** for responding to our last minute request for a "Don't Tread On Me" flag and for promoting the event. (Good to see so many **Sheepdogs, PACC Members, and Saturday Morning Gals!**)

Also, a big thank you to those who brought gifts for our troops. Association friend, **Dale Michalak**, has already shipped most of the goods.

Without the assistance of **Bill Green, Ellie Towhey, Lin De Cesare, Amanda Murray**, and **other Board Members**, and the co-sponsorship of **Joey Vento** and **William Marsh**, the event would not have been a success. (It was good to see so many **Board Members** in attendance!)

Visit www.IHTPA.org for additional video coverage.

Important Upcoming Events

2010 Congressional Candidate Forum, PA 8th District.

When: Monday, January 11, 7 PM

Where: Council Rock High School South Auditorium

Moderator: Steve Highsmith of Fox 29

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Welcome Back Tea Party, Delaware State Legislators

When: January 12, 1-3 PM

Where: Legislative Mall, Dover, DE

Why: Remind Delaware State Legislators that they work for us!

Contact: Kevin Street, kbs2112@comcast.net, 302.388.7793

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Happy 2010 – may it be a year of blessings for our nation!
Independence Hall Tea Party Association Executive Board