

41st Republican National Convention

Cleveland, Ohio Quicken Loans Arena July 18-21 2016



cratic candidate George B. McClellan in 1860. Another reason behind the timing of the convention is the Rio summer Olympics (August 5 - 21), which is certain to draw the nation's attention away from costly campaign advertisements.

The decision to select Cleveland as host, the first time since 1936, was made by the party after a keenly contested selection contest. The hosting job was an extremely highly sought after honor as aside from the prestige, the event is expected to generate revenues in excess of \$400 million to the local economy. Other cities that were considered as host include Cincinnati, Columbus, Denver, Kansas City, Las Vegas and Phoenix.

Columbus and Phoenix were eliminated on April 2, 2014 after a preliminary review. Cincinnati and Las Vegas, meanwhile, withdrew on May 22, 2014. On June 25, 2014, the Republican National Committee announced that the cities of Cleveland and Dallas would continue to the final round of consideration to host the 2016 Convention. The recommendation to select 'Cleveland 2016' was made following a final review by RNC's site selection committee on July 8, 2014.

Cleveland, Ohio on July 18-21, 2016. The event will formally select Donald J. Trump as the nominee for president for the Republican Party - the first non-politician to receive the nomination since former president Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952.

The decision to schedule the 41st RNC about a month earlier than previous editions was made in order to bypass a Federal Election Commission campaign spending restriction and to facilitate earlier campaigning in Ohio, a key battleground swing-state which every winning presidential candidate since 1964 has won. The Ohio winning streak for Republican presidential candidates stretches even further, when Abraham Lincoln triumphed over Demo-



2015年7月起美國兩黨開始選舉總統,一年來黨內預選接近尾聲,美國總統大選共和黨全國代表大會將於下周一(7月18日)在俄亥俄州克利夫蘭召開。據發言人表示:本次大會的焦點議題主要涉及四方面:國際貿易政策、美國移民、健保和經濟,因為在本地舉辦代表大會,大會主辦委會批准6位伊利華報記者做現場專題採訪報道,另外美國APIA組織公開免費在7月18日舉辦我們的夢想,我們的選舉活動,請大家上網登記: www.apivito.org/mc。歡迎大家踴躍參與。

經歷一年的選擇,最後兩黨候選人分別是民主黨總統候選人希拉里·克林頓,共和黨候選人唐納德·特朗普。美國總統選舉共和黨大會,在克利夫蘭召開將會為這個城市增添一份新的政治色彩。克利夫蘭將再次出現像騎士隊獲勝一樣的人潮,而這次美國總統選舉是與以往任何一屆選舉不同:如果民主黨當選是有史以來第一位女總統,共和黨當選是一位地產企業家商人。也許金錢與政治的結合,使得富人可以通過他們的經濟資源來獲得特別優勢。

隨著美國大選進程的不斷深入,美國總統選舉參選人從各種渠道接受捐款,競選組織籌款數額也與日俱增,這個成為各方關注的焦點。美國聯邦選舉委員會最新公佈的數據顯示,截至今年6月27日,希拉里團隊的籌款已超過3億美元,特朗普團隊略顯遜色,也超過了6600萬美元。選戰「金錢化」日益突出,帶來的弊端愈發明顯,另外十分明顯這次亞洲人特別是

華人參政人數明顯上升。從徵信上可看到華人參政的熱烈,這是華人在美國的一大進步,從另一個角度也證明瞭美國這些年來經濟衰退,但是關心政治就是關心一個國家的方向,因為政治是國家的旗幟。本報呼籲:希望我們華人不要放棄我們手中的權利,這次選舉至關重大,請大家關注自己切身利益,投您手中的一票。

2016年11月6日星期二將公佈誰任美國第58屆總統,同時眾議院全部435個席位及參議院103個議席也會進行改選以產生美國第114屆國會。選舉人團將首先選出,再由選舉人團於2016年12月17日選舉產生總統和副總統。美國實行總統制,總統選舉每4年舉行一次。美國總統選舉制度複雜,過程漫長。

自美國建國後,從第一任總統華盛頓到現任總統歐巴馬,共有44任總統,但只有43人擔任過總統一職,原因是格羅弗·克利夫蘭(Grover Cleveland)先後做過兩任總統:他於1885年就職第22任總統,於1889年離任,但時隔4年後重回白宮,就職第24任總統。而俄州出任過8個美國總統,這次共和黨選擇克利夫蘭做主場將給克利夫蘭這個城市帶來經濟與文化的改變。中國人講風水,早在1884年,也在克利夫蘭當總統選舉主場,那年共和黨在克利夫蘭竟選獲勝了民主黨,共和黨獲勝並連續執政20年。時隔百年多,2016年美國總統選舉共和黨主場再次選擇克利夫蘭。

Pastor Shares Unique Insights from Personal Meetings with Trump

By Cynthia Marek Lundeen



Plexed pundits pondering the rise of Donald Trump to the position of presumptive Republican presidential nominee rarely conclude that deep and reflective thought is involved on the part of his supporters. Speaking to an overflowing assembly of members and guests of the Cuyahoga Valley Republicans at the Brecksville Library on June 28, 2016, The Reverend Darrell Scott provided unique insights based upon his personal meetings with Mr. Trump.

Reverend Scott, senior pastor of the New Spirit Revival Center in Cleveland Hts., Ohio first met Mr. Trump in New York six years ago and was stuck by the little things he observed, such as the genuine warmth and friendliness he witnessed between street vendors and newspaper stand owners and Mr. Trump. While Mr. Trump was raised in a successful real estate environment, Reverend Scott explains that Mr. Trump was not coddled, but rather was on construction sites with those who do the hard work of bringing buildings to life and his continued connection and caring for the well-being of those beyond the executive suite is sincere.

As pastors are certainly courted by both major political parties, Reverend Scott was on the alert for any sense of insin-

cerity, and states that instead he found Mr. Trump to be not only gracious and respectful, but an exceptionally good listener.

To critics who note that Mr. Trump has changed his positions on various issues over time, Reverend Scott responds that wise men change and only fools stay the same. He suggested that people might reflect upon how their own opinions may have changed through the course of their respective life experiences.

Reverend Scott pointed out that while he himself has been criticized for supporting Mr. Trump, he has always voted for the person, not the party, and has therefore voted for both Democrat and Republican candidates in the past.

Perhaps most importantly, Reverend Scott believes that Mr. Trump's motives are pure, stemming from a sincere desire to serve his country, as Mr. Trump surely has the means to live out his life in comfort.

In addition to his busy life as a pastor, Reverend Scott has also organized the National Diversity Coalition for Trump (ndctrump.com) which seeks to educate voters with respect to Mr. Trump's solutions for the challenges facing the U.S.

Speaking after the event, Dr. Don Moorehead, Vice-President of the Cuyahoga Valley Republicans stated that he intends to vote for Mr. Trump, and Dom Sciria, President of the Cuyahoga Valley Republicans stated that he believes that Mr. Trump is a strong advocate for the American Dream.

For Trump supporters who feel vilified by the opposition and thus reticent to discuss their support, Reverend Scott offered this final bit of advice: "We all learn from disagreements, and your true friends will not sever relationships over politics."



7月7日,克里夫蘭中華會館在克里夫蘭百年中國城敦煌宮舉行千歲宴會,這是克里夫蘭中華會館第一次宴請80歲以上的華人免費用餐,由於當日所有代表發言講的都是廣東話,我也沒有聽懂,輪到我說:自從做報紙以來,與華人社區有不少接觸,我知道克利夫蘭中華會館每年將舉辦一次野餐活動,讓大家結識新老朋友,交流感情,還有會提供獎學金給優秀華人學生,另外克里夫蘭中華會館還有一塊墳地,來幫助已故華人。

當日一位華僑的一曲讓中國人振奮的歌讓大家都開始品嚐美味佳肴,明日之星小朋友的舞蹈表演為晚宴帶來了喜慶,中華會館負責人林志生先生表示:舉辦這個活動是讓老人們知道,有人想着他們,有人關心他們,接下來有計劃帶老人去玩克利夫蘭遊輪。

本活動是由企業與個人贊助的,本報也贊助了一桌,但費用是黃唯大律師的媽媽贊助伊利華報的,我十分感謝許多像黃媽媽,黃唯一一樣的在伊利華報幕後默默支持我們的人。當日黃唯十分興奮地對我說:這位老人與我媽媽在香港就認識了,至少50年,平時很少看到,真是要感謝今天的晚宴啊。

我也感受到老一輩華人社團的領袖還是保持着優良

賀中華千歲宴

的傳統:向老人敬酒,在門口站立送行,那天讓我想許許多多關於華人在美國工作學習和生活的事。

我2008年開始與美國華人社團:中華會館,安良工商會,洪門,協勝還有許多早期的華人社團領袖人物接觸,早期的華人為生存大家合在一起,保護自己,保護家人,記得早期為了華人有說話的聲音,有一位華僑賣了自己的兒子創辦了一份華文報紙,這種精神讓人汗顏。

從1820年美國移民局記載第一批華人抵美,至今,在近二百年的美國移民史中,華人形象的演變反映了華裔在美國政治、經濟、文化地位的提陞,今年看到一篇文標題寫道:美國大

學迎接30萬中國學生,它反應了華人在美國榮辱與衰與當今中國的崛起。

克利夫蘭中華會館舉辦千歲宴,第一排都是超過90歲的老人,他們健康簡單快樂地生活着,而克利夫蘭最早的唐人街就是今天的敦煌宮這條街。

克利夫蘭的華人明明(見P1),她也是第一個華人女會員。

中華會館一起源:早期的華僑,來到美國這樣一個正待開發的新環境中,舉目無親,言語不通而且面臨白種人甚至中國同胞的迫害,欺壓。因此,初期的華僑很難憑個人

之力在美國生存,必須藉由團體生活,來互相扶持,救助,以適應美國這個處處充滿新奇,卻也步步暗藏危機的新國度。

所以,會館組織也就應運而生
中華會館 - 歷史:剛開始,美國只有一個華人會館,叫做中華公所,1862年後,改稱中華會館。1876年,華慶會館從合和會館分出,形成七大會館;在1862-1882這20年間,中華會館的英文名稱,叫做中國人聯合慈善會(Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association)。

中華會館 - 舊金山
第一個會所是在1882年舊金山所建。由美國加州六家最重要的會館組成,分別為三邑、岡州、人和、陽和、寧陽、合和。公所的正式名稱應為"中華會館"(Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association)。

紐約中華公所則在1883年成立,是唐人街中歷史最悠久的社群組織。是華人社團中心的母組織。紐約中華公所在1883年成立,它代表着也服務著在紐約的美國海外華人的需求。在歷史上,它在海外華人社群中扮演着一個類似政府的角色。在它的歷史中,商業上的成就是許多唐人街居民的目,而它則不只在財務上有幫助,還包括了訓練。今日,中華公所在26個城市有他的辦事處,服務著廣大的美國海外華人。文:浦瑛

