

MAINE CITIZENS FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS COMES TO KENNEBEC, SOMERSET, PENOBSCOT, HANCOCK AND WALDO COUNTIES

20/10 Tour Celebrates 10 Years of Clean Elections

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(October 11, 2010) --- Five counties will be featured this week as part of a statewide tour to celebrate ten years of Clean Elections. "We're reconnecting with the people who made Clean Elections possible - Maine voters," said Alison Smith, Co-chair of Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (MCCE). The Tour has been underway since early September with stops at Rotary Clubs and other community groups as well as local newspapers, radio stations and public access TV shows across the state.

MCCE Co-chair Ann Luther said: "Ten years ago the Maine Clean Election Act put voters in the driver's seat, and today the system is used by about 80% of Maine candidates across the state and in all parties. Candidates like it because it allows them to run better campaigns - campaigns that are focused on voters, not donors. And voters like it because they know their representatives will serve without ties to special interests."

This week, MCCE will present its program at the Hallowell Rotary Club on October 18th, at the Skowhegan Rotary on October 19th, and at the Bangor Fusion Lunch and Learn on the 21st. The presentation looks at the commitment made by Maine people in passing the Act and its successes to date. The Maine Clean Election Act took effect in 2000. Recently, publicly funded elections across the country have been under attack by well funded special interests.

Also this week, in Belfast and Bar Harbor, the tour will feature the critically acclaimed movie, *CASINO JACK and the United States of Money*. The title refers to lobbyist Jack Abramoff who was convicted for defrauding a number of Indian tribes who retained his services to lobby on behalf of their gambling interests. The movie will be screened at benefit showings for Maine Citizens for Clean Elections at the Colonial Theatre in Belfast and at Reel Pizza in Bar Harbor. Alex Gibney, the film's director, made the film available to MCCE for the benefit screenings.

MCCE's 20/10 Tour has already stopped in Washington, Cumberland Hancock, Sagadahoc and Penobscot Counties, and will visit all of Maine's sixteen counties before the end of the year.

For more information about Clean Elections, go to: <http://www.maine cleanelections.org/>

EVENT INFORMATION

October 18, 2010

Hallowell Rotary Club
Maple Hill B & B -11 Inn Road
5:15 pm

October 18, 2010

Movie Screening - *Casino Jack*
Colonial Theatre
Belfast
6:30-8:30pm

October 19, 2010

Skowhegan Rotary
Heritage House - 182 Madison Avenue
12:15 pm

October 21, 2010

Bangor Fusion Lunch and Learn
Wellman Commons - 228 Union Street
12:00 pm

October 23, 2010

Movie Screening- *Casino Jack*
Bar Harbor Reel Pizza
2pm

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