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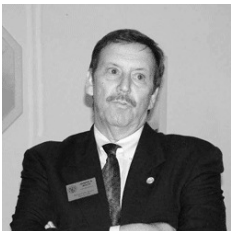
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This month, ISRA BOD member and ISRA Glock Match organizer, **Terry Kreimeier**, will discuss the Glock pistol. He will demonstrate the maintenance and disassembly, as well as the varied models available. As always, we invite you to bring a friend...it's sure to be an interesting and informative evening!

Will County ISRA member, *Kenneth R. Steinhart*, was the name drawn for the WCGR Gun Giveaway last month. Unfortunately, Kenneth was not present, so he missed out on the Mossberg 500 shotgun. Remember, the winner must be present, have a valid FOID and comply with all local, state and federal firearm laws.

Local Candidates visit Will County Grassroots

We would like to thank the candidates who took the time to visit with us last month:



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Karen Callanan



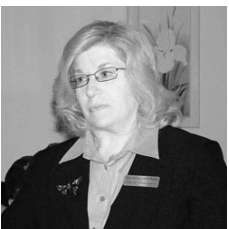
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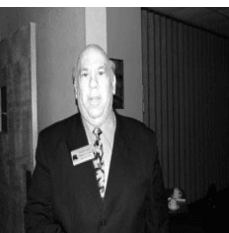
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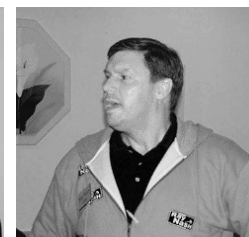
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Though their campaigns may or may not have been successful, we enjoyed hearing about their views on the 2nd Amendment and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. We are sure that we will see many of them again in the future.

Chairman's Comments



WOW! That is one word to describe the outcome of last Tuesday's elections. Shocking was another frequently used word, as was depressing. As the saying goes, "Be careful what you ask for, you may get it." The people wanted change and they got it all right. We all got it.

We now have as our next President, a man named, Barack Obama. Obama, a man who as Richard Pearson has said, is the most anti-gun person he has ever lobbied in the Illinois Capitol. Somehow, while campaigning for the office of President, Obama said gun owners did not have to fear him as he supported the Second Amendment along with "some common sense" gun laws. His "common sense" laws, while in the Illinois Senate, included banning most firearms from general ownership by the public. Let us also not forget with whom Obama associates himself. Tony Rezco, a convicted felon; Rev. Jeremiah Wright, an extremely radical minister; and Bill Avers, proud to be an admitted bomber and hater of America. I do not know anyone in the likes of these men, but if I did, they would definitely not be in my circle of friends. It is well known that personal associations of this kind would not allow him to even get a security clearance to serve as a secret service guard for the President. Yet, amazingly, he is now our President-elect.

I believe it was Obama's popularity that allowed him to sweep in many unknown Democrats, riding on his coat tails, to defeat various Republicans in our local Will County races. Fortunately, some well-known Second Amendment supporters did well. Some included are: State Senator, Christine Radogno (R), State Representatives, Renee Kosel (R), Careen Gordon (D) and Lisa Dugan (D). Pro-gun Debbie Halverson (D) beat out pro-gun, Marty Ozinga (R), for the spot in the Federal House of Representatives. Sadly, I believe we can expect another anti-gunner to be named to complete Obama's senate term.

This election, fourteen counties in Illinois had a non-binding concealed carry referendum on their ballots. Ten of those fourteen counties voted in

favor of this referendum which, in my opinion, shows that Illinois citizens are crying out to be equal to the citizens of the forty eight other states that allow them to be able to defend themselves against thugs, robbers, rapists and the like.

We have fought anti-gun battles it seems like...forever. The first big battle I can remember was the Gun Control Act of 1968. It was finally dramatically reduced some thirty (?) years later. Then, there was Bill Clinton's Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, which was allowed to lapse in September of 2004, some ten years after it was enacted. Even with the cries from all of those who said that crime would run rampant and "assault rifles" were the guns of choice for gangs, four years later, the anti-gun extremists were proven wrong.

I am, of course, extremely concerned about a huge assault against our firearm rights. The Brady Campaign already started the day after the election with their pledge that they can now can get "common sense" gun laws passed. I am equally concerned about Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, who has been very vocal about re-enacting the Fairness Doctrine in an attempt to stop all conservative talk radio broadcasts, as we know them.

Ultimately, I am afraid the Obama administration will try to stifle our First and Second Amendment rights to where we are forced to march in lockstep with Obama's views. Like never before, I believe that we must work together to create a HUGE vocal and voting group to stop as many anti-gun bills as possible, both state wide and nationwide. All freedom-loving people (actually I like to call us civil rights activists) must do their part and more in getting new members to join the ISRA and NRA and write and call their state and national Congressmen. I ask that you volunteer your time and money toward maintaining your civil rights. Do it now or, as they experienced in England and Australia, you can lose your rights in seemingly the blink of an eye. If we do nothing, it can and WILL happen here.

Doug Mayhall

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Good News and Bad News

The beginning of this month seemed reassuring. I received an invitation from Cabela's to set up a membership table for the opening weekend of November.

This was my first time setting up an ISRA table in the Hoffman Estates location and I wanted to make sure I had everything at hand. This was the last weekend before the election and if there was one area that I was to get questions on, it would be about the candidates. I felt it necessary to get a feel for the pulse of the sportsmen and women that shopped at this store and talk directly with them about this election. With all of the media seemingly backing Barack Obama, I wanted to do my own, unofficial poll. As it turned out, the time spent there was worth it. The ISRA had new members sign up and I sensed that everyone that stopped by was on the same page, politically, as I was. Given the fact that the Democratic Party rules in Illinois, I knew that Obama owned the electoral votes. I did think that some of the other candidates would fare better and provide some balance in the end. Well, it did not work out that way.

It is now fact that Barack Hussein Obama is the President-elect, Joe Biden is his sidekick and Rahm Emmanuel will be the new Chief of Staff. Both the U. S. Senate and House have lost some more Republicans and Nancy Pelosi, with the assistance of Harry Reid, will do her best to give the new administration the most left-leaning advice they could possibly think of.

So what happened? Obama received 62,776,613 votes, or 53.02%. McCain finished with 55,623,734 or 47.98%, this is according to www.politics.com. I also searched around to find that 88% of American voters went to the polls, as stated by www.statemaster.com. I know that there are some different numbers out there concerning the final count, but they all mean the same. The political pendulum is swinging farther to the left and we will see what the new President has to add to its momentum.

In my opinion, this administration will try to influence many areas of law that had once thought to be settled. The Fairness Doctrine could be brought back to quiet the airwaves of commentators like Rush Limbaugh or Cam Edwards. The Tiaht Amendment will be sacrificed to justify the need for public officials to peruse through sensitive police documents. The "assault weapons" ban will come back as a permanent restraint on our Rights. Then, there is the (un)intended consequence of the changes made in the U.S. Attorneys office here in Chicago. I am afraid that it is very unlikely that Patrick Fitzgerald will continue on with the fantastic job he is doing. If he is called for a promotion or, even worse, asked to step down, it will probably cause something of a breath of free air to those that are on the "List of Politicians to Indict". I believe that the

type of politics that prevails in Illinois is now moving to Washington, D.C. But then again, I think that corruption can only go so high. After a while, this power seems to lose its luster. But, money isn't everything. There is the power to control others. The power to manipulate and to have someone else do your bidding. This is what Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot and so many other dictators preferred. To control all that is there. Absolute power over lives.

Our new administration may feel that it needs to explore legal agreements with the rest of the world. There are some that feel that the U.S. Constitution is looked at as something from the past that needs to go away. I feel that is far from the truth. The Constitution constantly reminds everyone of the power of the citizens of the U.S. and that is something that the Hitlers of the world are afraid of.

That is what is good about these United States. We are the United States. We are its blood, brains and muscle. We have the courage and power to stop aggression and terrorism and also the compassion to help those in need, even those we've conquered. We have the largest claim to what makes this world what it is today. In the sciences, the modern inventions and the medical advances that have raised the standards of living that no other country can make claim to. Bu, it is the freedom to pursue these dreams that pushes us to those levels.

The ISRA has not had much time to sit back and reflect on our battles. Tomorrow will bring more to fight for. I believe this is what we have to do. It's the "we" part that is important. I believe we need to increase our voice to a higher level. Our membership has been increasing month by month. With your help, the ISRA can increase its rolls even more and build up a bigger defense. The media has been reporting that firearm sales are up. I can understand the precautions that many are taking because of the threat this administration is to the Second Amendment. Okay, it is your right to purchase a firearm and the ammunition for it, but consider spending an extra \$25 for the ISRA. If you are a member already, consider advancing yourself to another level of membership, talk to a relative, friend or co-worker about joining up. That firearm you bought, or already have, needs some additional insurance. It's not about a loss due to fire or an accident, it's more about a loss from theft. Government theft.

I, too, am disappointed over the election results. There is nothing that will change this. However, the Constitution is still with us, the flag is flying overhead and the men and women wearing U.S. uniforms are in place around the world, defending democracy. This is good.

God Bless America.

Al Tiscareno

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***** Political Disclaimer *****

The ISRA and the Will County Division of the ISRA **cannot** and **will not** endorse any candidate or party. We feature speakers to allow us to learn about the positions a candidate holds on the Second Amendment and welcome all candidates to speak to us. Only the **ISRA Political Victory Fund (ISRA-PVF)** can endorse candidates or donate to political campaigns.

Calendar of Events

- November 19** National Ammo Day - *The goal of National Ammo Day is to empty the ammunition from the shelves of your local gun store, sporting goods, or hardware store and put that ammunition in the hands of law-abiding citizens. Make your support of the Second Amendment known--by voting with your dollars!* - for more information, visit www.ammoday.com
- December 7** Wheaton Gun Show - Dupage County Fairgrounds - Mike Holan - (630) 365-2808
- December 13&14** Kankakee Gun Show - Kankakee County Fairgrounds - Terry Keller (815) 930-4422
- December 14** Kane County Gun Show - Kane County Fairgrounds - Kathy Carlson - (815) 758-2773

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- January 11** Kane County Gun Show - Kane County Fairgrounds - Kathy Carlson - (815) 758-2773
- January 17** ISRA Winter Wars Match V - ISRA Range - Bonfield - Claude Heale (815) 553-0591
- February 8** Kane County Gun Show - Kane County Fairgrounds - Kathy Carlson - (815) 758-2773
- February 20 & 21** **ISRA Annual Meeting** - Crowne Plaza - Springfield - look for more information to follow in future newsletters
- March 11** **IGOLD - IL Gun Owners' Lobby Day** - State Capitol - Springfield - ISRA (815) 635-3198

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*Please contact Chairman, Doug Mayhall, or the ISRA office if you would like to volunteer at any of the **ISRA** events*

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