

# Local

## 2A Rally

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Signs stating, “Stop the hate,” “Stop the racist,” and “Arpaio is racist,” popped up as an estimated three separate protest groups moved into line. The minority of the protesters were individuals who had driven or walked to the site individually, making up the first group.

The others were paid protestors bussed in from around the state, the first bus from the Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN) farm workers’ union, which advocates for blanket amnesty of illegal aliens and is the largest Latino organization in Oregon. PCUN wrote to members to “counter-rally against racist Joe Arpaio and his hate message ... among other topics, Arpaio will be talking in support English Only and E-Verify, two very damaging initiatives to Oregon families and our economy.”

The last group was also filled with supposed paid protestors whose source of funding was never disclosed. Some within this group identified themselves as members of the Brown Berets, and others part of other labor unions.

Protestors brought out a sheet soaked in fake blood with the words, “Stop white supremacy” written on it, as well as other signs stating, “Immigrate to Hell, Sheriff Joe.”

With 55 years in law

enforcement, Arpaio is the six-time reelected Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona—always reelected with landslide margins. Known as “America’s Toughest Sheriff,” Arpaio, at 83 years-old, is known for his hard-as-nails stance on law enforcement, reinstituting chain gangs and implementing tent cities for inmates. Vehemently against the Obama administration’s immigration policies, Arpaio quickly became a flashpoint for media attention and the target of lawsuits launched by various left-leaning advocacy groups.

Arpaio is also known for the pink underwear he makes inmates wear. When inmates were stealing jailhouse white boxers, Arpaio had all inmate underwear dyed pink for better inventory control, which contrasted nicely with their old-fashioned black and white striped uniforms. Two pairs of those pink boxers signed by Arpaio were raffled off at the event. Carole Dyke won the first pair.

Finally, in the 100-degree heat, the screaming escalated, said Jones.

“They said they were going to do anything so that we couldn’t be heard. They had whistles, a drum, megaphones ... They disagreed with us, so they felt we should be prevented from speaking. All the while preaching tolerance!”

“Most of the protes-

tors were Hispanic, most openly illegal,” added Jones, “and as we walked near their line, they were saying things like they wished they could kill whites. They kept yelling, ‘Die, bigot!’ and ‘Die, [expletive]!’ to Joe while waving their peace signs. It was a real eye-opener,” said Jones. “They absolutely hate us. If the message from the left keeps on like this, there will be a race war and it’s scary.”

Oregon State Police officers were out on foot and in patrol cars, and the Oregon Republican Party also brought in private security.

“Some of the OSP officers looked nervous,” said Jones.

Jones herself was one of the Republicans who surrounded Arpaio to help walk him through the crowd to his car. Arpaio attempted to speak with some of the protestors, but was met by an onslaught of obscenities. Some of the protestors spit at him and many presented obscene gestures.

Meanwhile, Carole Dyke remained back with the crowd on the steps, feeling that the protestors could explode into violence at any minute.

“It was absolute hate,” Dyke said. “There was no love in it at all.”

She added, “I personally didn’t think Sheriff Arpaio should have walked across to talk to them. I felt like if he hadn’t left when he



Submitted by Wayne Dyke.

L-R: Kody Justus, Heidi Justus, Carole Dyke, Sheriff Joe Arpaio, Wayne Dyke and Suzan Ellis Jones.

did ...”

When asked to complete that thought, Dyke said quietly, “They would have physically attacked him.”

“I’m so proud of our entire group,” Dyke added. “Of all the people who stood up and spoke for patriotism, for the Second Amendment—who actually spoke for immigration reform, but not in the way liberals want it.”

Dyke said due to the stifling heat, she remained back in the shade with many others where she could observe both groups.

Dyke also noted that nearly 90-percent of protesters were Hispanic, all carrying signs written in the same handwriting.

“One man from the other side crossed the street into our group and kept pushing a camera into people’s faces. One man was smoking marijuana in a clam shell and kept trying to push it into people’s mouths,” she said.

Her son, Wayne Dyke of Baker City walked down the steps near Jones to help Arpaio reach his car.

“Protesting is fine,” said Dyke. “But the signs were misguided and the people were so full of hate.”

“You know,” he added, “I’ve seen that on TV and in the movies, but never up close like that.”

He spoke to the day’s extreme heat, and said when demonstrators began “breaking through” the established barrier line, “I thought—this is going to be a brawl.”

His thoughts then turned toward the dinner he attended after the rally.

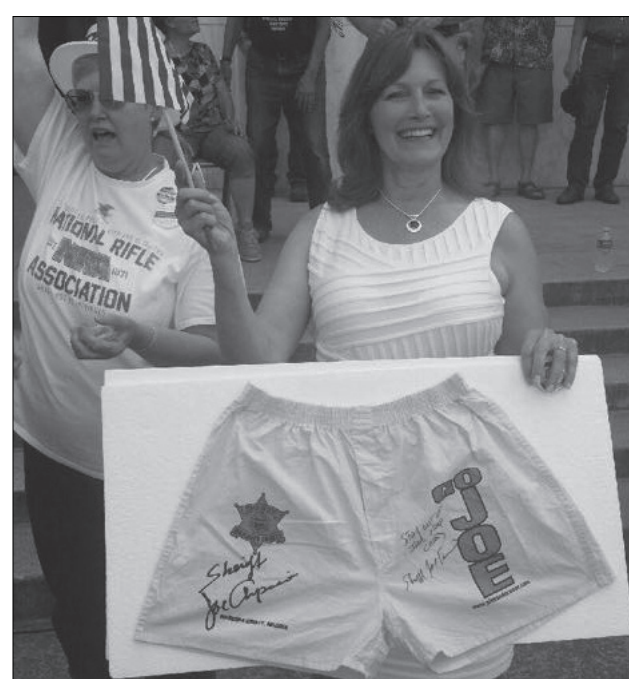
The Baker County contingent joined about 25 others at the Barretos’ in-session home in Keizer for an evening meal afterward.

“Dinner was phenomenal,” Wayne Dyke said. “Greg and Chris Barreto are such gracious hosts and I was able to sit and have some one-on-one time with Joe Arpaio for about half an hour.”

Dyke said he asked Arpaio about his tough law enforcement stance—and just possibly what he was told by Arpaio will stick with him for a lifetime.

“He told me,” said Dyke, “that he has to be tough because he doesn’t want people to come back to prison. He said he wants people to get out and have nice lives. He’s such a sincere gentleman.”

Dyke said he asked Arpaio when he’d become aware of his celebrity status. Arpaio told him that when he was first elected he made a decision not to do his job like anyone else. He said he’d made up his mind to uphold existing laws and that was that. Dyke said Arpaio believes that his firmness cre-



Submitted by Heidi Justus.

ORP Secretary Chris Barreto, wife of Rep. Greg Barreto displays a pair of Sheriff Joe’s pink boxers for a raffle fundraiser.

ated controversy, and the controversy translated in notoriety.

“This was the opportunity of a lifetime,” he concluded.

Husband and wife, Kody and Heidi Justus, concur with the other members of the Baker County group.

“He, Joe—is a Korean War Veteran. A lot of the old-timers that I grew up with had that same down-to-earth, common sense approach to everything like he does,” Kody Justus said. “He was just real. He’s genuine.”

Justus said he, like Wayne Dyke, is fascinated by how a county sheriff can achieve such notoriety “just by doing his job.”

He paused and added, “It’s the same duties as everywhere. The difference between him and everyone else is that he isn’t scared to implement them.”

Justus contends that if every sheriff in America simply upheld his oath of office, Arpaio’s time in office might have largely gone unnoticed.

The Justuses remained on the Capitol steps while the Sheriff was escorted to his car. “There were specific people selected to go with him, and private security.”

He said of the demonstrators: “Nothing they did was reactionary to us. Nothing was reactionary to what we did. They were there chanting before we even got there. We were some of the first to arrive and they were standing there getting organized.”

Justus also said his takeaway from the weekend was gratitude to the group of freshman state representatives. “For the first time I feel like the people I elected to represent me are saying what I’d say.” Justus expressed that even though they were in the minority on almost every area in the Oregon legislature, “They didn’t give up. They didn’t back down.”

The next day, *The Statesmen Journal* reported on

the rally, stating that only 100 pro-2A supporters had shown up with “more than three times” that amount in protestors. The article also excluded the purpose of the rally and did not report on the nature of the comments from protestors.

“Those numbers are completely untrue,” said Jones.

Wayne Dyke explained that while the protesters took up a whole block, they were spread only one or two deep. Carole Dyke believed that the newspapers had taken shots of the rally supporters prior to the start of the event—before most people had arrived.

In addition to the ORP, the rally was attended by Oregon Right to Life, and Kevin Starrett of the Oregon Firearms Federation. Members of either III% or Oath Keepers were also spotted in the crowd. Also of note at the dinner were Sen. Doug Whitsett and wife, Rep. Gail Whitsett.

Denise Nanke of the *Salem-Keizer Sentinel* attended the event, writing, “They did their level best to drown out a message that they hate—and funny enough, they were successful only in making sure they didn’t hear a message they didn’t want to hear anyway. This is your progressive brain trust in action in Oregon.”

Tom Andersen, City Councilman from Salem’s Ward 2, has dubbed himself “Salem’s progressive voice.”

Andersen posted photos of the protest to Facebook and explained, “I can be seen in the right middle of the first one, talking with my good friend Peter Bergel, a Salem peace and environmental activist.”

What stood out most to Andersen about the event? “A minor, but telling incident,” he writes. “The Republicans announced that there was ‘water for sale’ at their rally while there was free water at the protest!”



# MOTORCYCLE RALLY HELLS CANYON

## Baker County Residents...

**Please join us downtown for the  
2015 Hells Canyon Motorcycle Rally**

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**

**7am-10am: Breakfast at VFW Hall**

**9am-8pm: Vendors, Local Shops & Food Court**

**Open**

**Poker Run**

**Ride the Ogre Course**

**7-10pm: Kickstart Party**

**Free with wristband**

**Live Music at VFW Hall, Lefty’s & Kiss**

**Tribute Band at Barley Brown’s**

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

**7am-10am: Breakfast at VFW Hall**

**9am-8pm: Ride the Canyon, Mtn Valley & More**

**Vendors, Local Shops & Food Court**

**Open**

**Poker Run**

**2-6pm: Hells Canyon Motorcycle Show**

**6pm: Poker Run Entries Due**

**7pm: Trophys awarded**

**8pm: Hells Canyon BBQ**

**Free with wristband**

**Live Music at VFW Hall & Lefty’s**

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**

**9am-2pm: Vendors, Local Shops & Food Court**

**Open**

