

# **SOSEN NEWSLETTER**

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## **Membership Dues**

In recent weeks, SOSEN has been incorporating new ideas as we strive to become a leader in the field of Human and Civil Rights regarding Sex Offender Laws and how these laws affect American families.

SOSEN has become an important support forum for former offenders and their families. In addition, the web site offers educational information and materials, including facts, statistics and reports, for the media, law enforcement, legislators, and the public.

Funding continues to be a major issue. SOSEN has had two special fundraisers this past year. The first solicited donations for a trip to the Julia Tuttle Causeway and the production of a documentary on the Julia Tuttle residents. The second created a fund to enable SOSEN representatives to travel to Washington D.C. for the next public hearing on the Adam Walsh Act.

We also have a constant need for funding to meet rising organizational expenses. These include

web site maintenance, fees associated with incorporation and trademark registration, printing and distribution of brochures and other material, and general business outlays, such as postage.

We understand that many former offenders and their families are in financial difficulty due to restrictions which severely limit their ability to find suitable work. However, SOSEN needs to be able to show a positive cash flow if we are going to be effective in our mission.

For this reason, the Board of Directors has decided to request that our members begin paying dues to offset our rising expenses.

You may send your dues, either by check or using our PayPal account. Dues paid during the period of September through December of this year will cover your 2010 membership.

If you mail a check, be assured that only Mary, SOSEN's COO, and our Treasurer will see your true name, and that your name will never be linked to the internet site. If you do pay by check, please include your screen name so that credit can be correctly applied.

A Supporting Membership is \$ 25.00 per year. As a Supporting Member, you will receive membership for your family, as well as one of SOSEN's pink triangle pins. Supporting Members will need to provide a mailing address so that we can send your pin.

The General Membership rate is only \$ 10.00 per year, and is offered for those on a tighter budget.

Your status as a Supporting Member, or a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Member (determined by your financial support to SOSEN above the Supporting Membership rate) will be recognized on the forum under your avatar.

SOSEN will never deny membership to anyone for lack of funds. If you can't afford the General Membership dues, just PM Mary (CFC National) or Linda (lindape54) and say you need a waiver. No further questions will be asked, because we understand how hard it is for RFSO's and their families to make ends meet.

Sincerely,

SOSEN

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*SOSEN RESOURCE CENTER LINE** is now available for the public, media and lawmakers to contact us for educational materials and information on sex offender laws and issues. Please share our new Toll Free number 877-594-2228.

**\*\*In June**, SOSEN sent 3 members to Florida to complete a documentary on the Julia Tuttle residents. We have been working nonstop to edit this video and hope to have it available by November 1, 2009. We'll keep you posted!

## **THINGS IN THE WORKS**

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### **SOSEN MEDIA CENTER**

We have been working to build and publicize the new SOSEN Media Center, which is currently under construction. If you are interested in working on videos, graphics or sound clips please contact [Jackie@stormnow.net](mailto:Jackie@stormnow.net) for further details.

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### **Introducing SOSEN ONE:**

SOSEN ONE is a new addition to the SOSEN forums. SOSEN ONE will be used to teach what SOSEN officially stands for, and how our members can respond to the questions, comments, and inaccuracies of others. Most importantly, SOSEN ONE will be the official voice of SOSEN. All official announcements from the SOSEN BOD or SOSEN Staff will be posted under the user name SOS\*N ONE.

When our members see the user name SOS\*N ONE on the boards, they will know that what they are reading is not simply the opinion of one person; it is the united voice of SOSEN.

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## IN THE NEWS

LANCASTER, Ohio — A law designed to help law enforcement track convicted sex offenders was passed last year, but some authorities said Friday that the law is taking up more time and costing more money. READ MORE

[http://www.10tv.com/live/content/local/stories/2009/07/17/story\\_offender.html?sid=102](http://www.10tv.com/live/content/local/stories/2009/07/17/story_offender.html?sid=102)

Registering youths debated. READ MORE

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/state/59953382.html>

Miami, Florida ACLU loses residency restrictions and heads for appeals. READ MORE

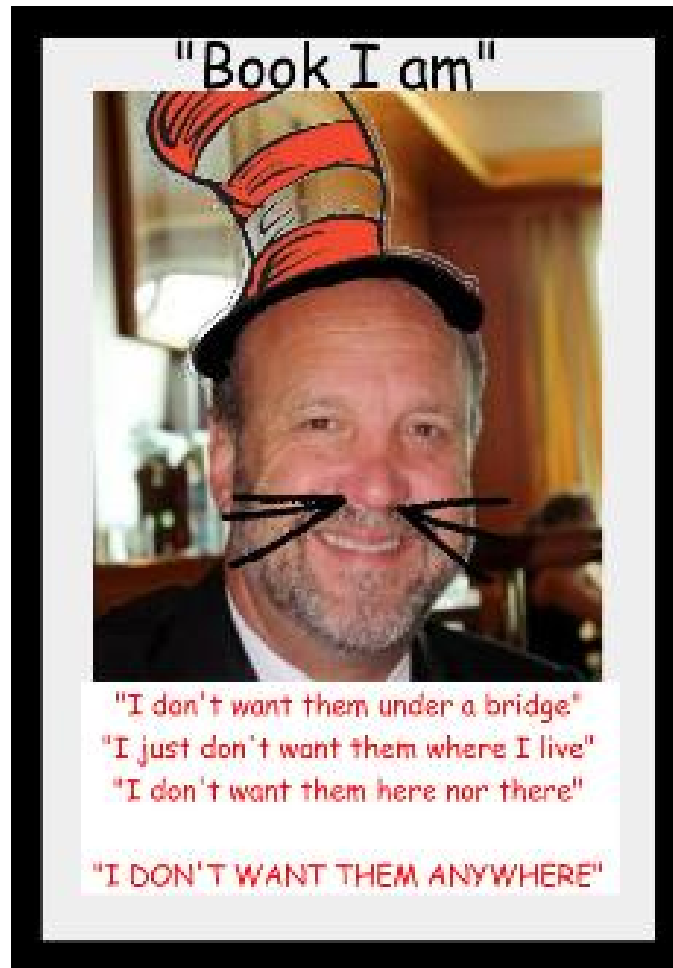
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## SOSEN in the NEWS

Cartoons not so black and white- outrage at cartoon promoting the hanging of Tier 3 offenders draws attention. READ MORE:

[http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/east\\_king/kir/opinion/60438797.html](http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/east_king/kir/opinion/60438797.html)





## SHOWCASE

### Rebel Without A Causeway

All those folks down in Bookville, they were all asleep,  
when down into Bookville, Ron Book did creep,  
with police officers, hoping to force,  
a confrontation, ending in jail, of course!  
Now, the attention to Bookville did sting,  
the rotten, corrupt, and crooked old thing.  
For old Ronnie Book was a most upset man,  
he'd started to scheme, and started to plan,  
and from the mansion up high on the hill,  
had managed to make a terrible bill!  
With trappings of this, and snippets of that,  
and statistics he'd pulled from an old dusty hat,  
he'd cajoled and he'd wheedled a distance quite far,

2500 feet from everything, for these folks to bar.  
But, oh no, his cunning intention,  
had brought to him quite unwanted attention!  
A human rights nightmare, out in the bay,  
where people could see it! Oh terrible day!  
So Old Ronnie Book, he started to huff,  
and tried with stratagems, and tried with bluff,  
to shut down old bookville, that he had made,  
and move them to parking lots, out of the shade.  
For no, living under a highway was bad,  
he'd tried to make trolls, now he was sad!  
His efforts had been all quite in vain,  
and so he sat down, and racked his brain.  
His finagling was faltering, his capital fell,  
and he just wasn't getting his way quite as well!  
For, out of nowhere, a blind woman came in  
and helped bring to the light, the way he did spin!  
He sat down in his office, with cushions so thick,  
and schemed up a scheme, and schemed it up quick!  
Perhaps, said the Ronny, "I'll sue the state!"  
so he drew up the documents, and sent it off straight.  
But the state countersued, and Ron book was mad,  
so he went down to Bookville with all that he had!  
But Bookville was quiet, and no violence ensued,  
In spite of how Ronnie was crass and was rude.  
And more and more Ronnie was facing the sound,  
of politicians pulling back, his career losing ground!  
If you want to know how this story does end...  
Go down to Julia Tuttle Causeway, my friend.  
Look at yon Bookville, and the reasons it's there,  
For it's Ronnie Book's fault... and that's what gives him a scare.

By Triedbyconscience



## **CREATIVE CORNER**

### **One Voice**

One voice calls out from a wood-be prison. Hands touch the cold moist concrete as the lights of the city brighten the horizon. A cool breeze lifts from the ocean and caresses the skin of one who is deemed... less than human.

One voice quivers as tears fall to sand. Eyes look towards a former home and long for compassion. The dammed sit watching the shimmering lights as the city moves on towards the promise of a new and better day.

One voice cries out from the darkness. Eyes look and see only sadness all around. The day draws to a close and the sounds of the city drives a clamoring beat and the roar of traffic above sings a plainchant melody.

One voice cracks as knees buckle. Head down as tear fall to the earth. Friends long gone, hate rules the day. Hands grip the dirt and cast it to the wind where it is carried away... to the city.

One voice now silent. Sitting at the water's edge as the city becomes hushed for the night. Banished under a bridge. Breath heavy with emotion, heart begging for release. Hands reach to gather the wind. Feet lead the way to a hovel. Mind weary of the fight closes out the world.  
Darkness. Sleeplessness.

One voice from behind calling out. "You are not alone! We are with you though not by your side!" Eye's peer from the darkness. Ears question every sound. *Was it real of just a dream? I am here alone, it was a dream...* Eyes fill with tears.

One voice becoming louder. "We are here and we are many! Our numbers grow every day." Ears understand the meaning words. Heart leaps for joy. Feet run to comfort as arms embrace love. One voice awakens. "I am loved."

Many voices cry out together and the sound is that of the ocean crashing on the rocks. "We stand as one!" Eyes now bright. Lips bring forth a smile. Eyes behold the city and no longer cry. Hope is once again alive. Mind is lightened of its load.

Strong voices demand an audience. "We will not leave these ones behind! We will be heard!" Legs stand strong, head lifts high. Eyes beam with brightness. One voice now joins with many others. "We will be heard." The sound is like a great storm. "We will not give up!" The storm that rages on. "We speak as one!"

"One voice, one message, one cause!" The storm becomes great and strikes at the cause of the affliction.

One voice no longer alone. One voice, now many. One voice now stronger. One voice singing aloud. One voice demanding reform.

By Midwest Dad

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## SITES TO SEE

OHIO RSOL- an Ohio blog regarding Ohio laws and issues. Get involved!

<http://ohiorsol.wordpress.com>

Texas youth gets 60 years!

<http://www.freebrandon.org>



Florida Reform Sex Offender Laws- work with this motivated group to reform the Florida laws that are causing more harm then good.

<http://www.flareformsexoffenderlaws.org>

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### **WEEKLY EVENTS & BOOKS**

American's Reality Check Radio

Every Wednesday 9:30 p.m. Eastern

Dial: 724-444-7444

Code: 29521

<http://www.talkshoe.com/tc/29521>

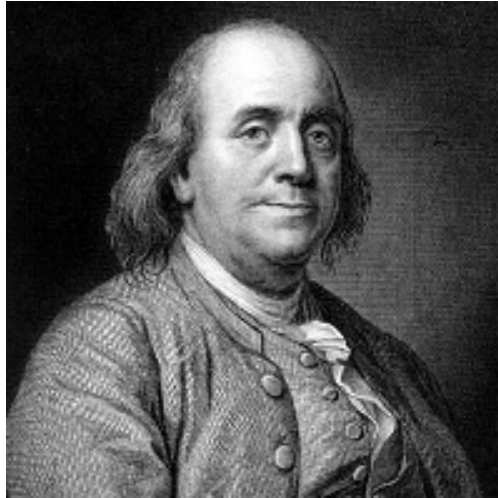
The Once Fallen e-book - a in depth look at Once Fallen's life with facts, statistics and reports regarding the sex offender laws. A MUST read! (Visit the below site to purchase)

<http://www.oncefallen.com>

## QUOTE FROM THE PAST

All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move.

[Benjamin Franklin](#)



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## ALERTS

### **SOSEN's Annual Members Meeting**

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

8:30 p.m. Eastern

For information to call in, please contact Linda at:

[ceo@sosen.us](mailto:ceo@sosen.us)

Or

1-877-594-2228

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