

ISCHUA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

POLITICAL CHUCKLES

Last year was an election year and it seems that for months we had been inundated with debates, polls, primary caucuses, and advertisements. Promises, accusations, etc. increased as we approached the November election. Below are observations on politics made throughout the years. We hope these make you smile.

Aesop: We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to office.

Plato: Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.

Will Rogers: If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these acceptance speeches there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven.

Nikita Khrushchev: Politicians are all the same. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

Adlai Stevenson: I offer my opponents a bargain: If they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them.

Benjamin Franklin: Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is an armed lamb contesting the vote.

Ronald Reagan: Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

And finally . . . for those of you who are interested in your genealogy: Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponent will do it for you. – Unknown