

Dear Kevin,

I would like to share a story with you about Ice Cream and an election from a teacher in the Nashville, Tennessee area ... and here is how it goes.



Who worries about "the cow" when it is all about the "Ice Cream?"

The most eye-opening civics lesson I ever had was while teaching third grade this year.

The presidential election was heating up and some of the children showed an interest. I decided we would have an election for a class president.

We would choose our nominees. They would make a campaign speech and the class would vote. To simplify the process, candidates were nominated by other class members.

We discussed what kinds of characteristics these students should have. We got many nominations and from those, Joseph and Josephine were picked to run for the top spot. The class had done a great job in their selections.

Both candidates were good kids. I thought Joseph might have an advantage because he got lots of parental support. I had never seen Josephine's mother.

The day arrived when they were to make their speeches Joseph went first.

He had specific ideas about how to make our class a better place. He ended by promising to do his very best.

Everyone applauded. He sat down and Josephine came to the podium. Her speech was concise.

She said, "If you will vote for me, I will give you ice cream." She sat down. The class went wild. "Yes! Yes! We want ice cream." She surely could say more. She did not have to.

A discussion followed. How did she plan to pay for the ice cream? She wasn't sure. Would her parents buy it or would the class pay for it? She didn't know. The class really didn't care. All they were thinking about was ice cream.

Joseph was forgotten and Josephine won by a landslide.

Every time a politician opens his mouth he offers ice cream and seventy-five percent of the people react like nine year olds. They want ice cream.

**The other twenty-five percent of us know we're going to have to feed the cow and clean up the mess.**



It has been almost 18 months since I decided to run once again as your ACF National President. I have put a lot of thought in my platform by surveying many members that have left our federation and those that have been silent due to the leadership in ACF. I know that my platform is sound and is a realistic plan that can work, if voted on by the Board of Governors (Chapter Presidents and Board of Directors).

My platform is needed for the ACF to survive in the coming years; because my opponents have not mapped out a plan that is comprehensive enough to lead us into the future. I know that there are a lot other issues that need to be addressed, but I have chosen the ones that are important to us as an organization.

You should have received your ballots by now, as well as my campaign brochure. I encourage you to take a few minutes of your time to fill it out if you have not done so. Our federation faces an important crossroad and only you can make the decision to change our future or to continue on the path we have followed in the past.

I thank the hundreds of supporters that have assisted me in launching this successful campaign and I know I am the most experienced candidate to represent our federation. I am also the most qualified and have the best, if not the only PLAN.

I encourage you to call on your fellow chefs and culinarians to vote and ask you to endorse my candidacy for ACF National President. If we can accomplish this form of tele-campaigning ... I know I will be your next ACF National President.

Next, I ask you **NOT** to vote with your **heart**, or by **gender, ethnic background, or region**. I ask you to **research** the facts, issues, and platforms... I ask you to **research** the experience, ethics and character of the candidates, and then **decide** who will be the best person to lead you in the next two years and beyond. These are the reasons to vote and the attributes that should be evaluated... for the betterment of ACF.

Last, but not least, several of my fellow colleagues have asked why I wish to serve again. All three of my opponents currently serve on the National Board. **I do not.** Do we need 8 more years of the same! Someone needs to step in, facilitate progress, and make changes or there might not be an ACF in the years to come.

Again, thank you for the honor and support. I look forward to serving you as your next ACF National President.

Warm regards ... God Bless America and the ACF!

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