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Dear OCPA Member:

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William F. Buckley, Jr., passed away last week and reading the tributes no one can deny he lived an interesting life. Perhaps no individual has been more identified with the conservative movement for more years than Buckley. In 2001, OCPA presented him with our Oklahoma Citizenship Award in recognition for his lifetime of commitment to conservative principles and ideas. His wit was a distinct trademark and this issue of *FaxLine Report* is dedicated to a small sampling of such gems. Enjoy!

“I won't insult your intelligence by suggesting that you really believe what you just said.”

“A Conservative is a fellow who is standing athwart history yelling 'Stop!'”

“Back in the thirties we were told we must collectivize the nation because the people were so poor. Now we are told we must collectivize the nation because the people are so rich.”

“I mean to live my life an obedient man, but obedient to God, subservient to the wisdom of my ancestors; never to the authority of political truths arrived at yesterday at the voting booth.”

“I would like to take you seriously, but to do so would affront your intelligence.”

“I'd rather entrust the government of the United States to the first 400 people listed in the Boston telephone directory than to the faculty of Harvard University.”

“Idealism is fine, but as it approaches reality, the costs become prohibitive.”

“I would like to electrocute everyone who uses the word "fair" in connection with income tax policies.”

“Liberals, it has been said, are generous with other peoples' money, except when it comes to questions of national survival when they prefer to be generous with other people's freedom and security.”

“One must bear in mind that the expansion of federal activity is a form of eating for politicians.”

“Scientists are people who build the Brooklyn Bridge and then buy it.”

“The best defense against usurpatory government is an assertive citizenry.”

“There is an inverse relationship between reliance on the state and self-reliance.”

“Liberals claim to want to give a hearing to other views, but then are shocked and offended to discover that there are other views.”

William F. Buckley, Jr. (Nov. 24, 1925 - Feb 27, 2008)

Until next time. . . Brett A. Magbee, Vice President for Operations

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