

# A**bolition**

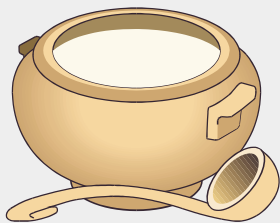
# A**lert**

## **Alaskans Against the Death Penalty Annual Chili Feed Saturday, March 6th @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Featured Speaker:  
Curtis McCarty**

**Where:** Home of **Hugh & Lanie Fleischer**  
(1401 W. 11th Ave., Anchorage 274-2453)

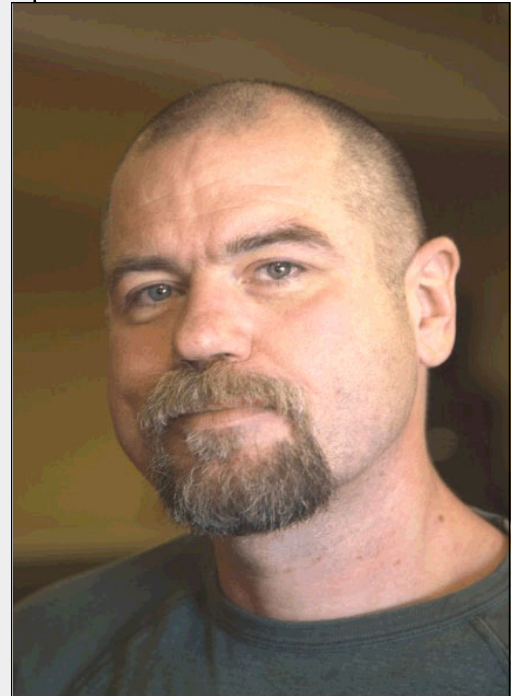
Food & Refreshments provided  
regular & veggie chili



**Cost:** Free - Donations  
encouraged

*Mark your calendar and bring friends!*

*Donations gratefully accepted.  
Call Sue for information at 276-5753.*



### **Additional McCarty Appearances:**

- Curtis will be giving talks in various churches in Anchorage on March 7th and March 14th.
- He will be in Homer March 8th-10th.
- There is a public event on Saturday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Anchorage Senior Center that is co-hosted by *Call to Action Alaska*.

**Check our Website  
for details or call Sue  
at 907-301-5005.**

## **Curtis Edward McCarty: Sentenced To Death, Then Exonerated**

We are honored to host Curtis at our Annual Chili Feed. Curtis Edward McCarty was exonerated in 2007 after serving 21 years – including 19 years on death row – for a 1982 Oklahoma City murder he didn't commit. McCarty was convicted twice and sentenced to death three times, based on prosecutorial misconduct and testimony from forensic analyst Joyce Gilchrist, whose lab misconduct has contributed to at least two other convictions later overturned by DNA evidence.

*For more information about Curtis, go to:*  
<http://www.innocenceproject.org/Content/576.php>

## AADP Website

**www.AADP.info/**

## AADP Board of Directors

**Hugh Fleischer**  
**Kathy Harris**  
**Cara McNamara**  
**Jamie McGrady**  
**Blanche Crandall**  
**Bill Pelke**  
**Rich Curtner**  
**Erika Kahill**  
**Salli Burgin**  
**Sue C. Johnson,**  
*Coordinator*

## Saving Trees & Time

Would you be interested  
in receiving your  
newsletter via  
e-mail?



If so, please  
tear off your  
address label,  
include your  
e-mail address,  
and send it to us.

## Hugh Fleischer Wins Award

Congratulations to AADP Board President **Hugh Fleischer** for receiving the Charlie Parr Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent **2010 ACLU Liberty Awards Event**. What a wonderful honor. We are proud of you, Hugh!



Lanie Fleischer, Bill Pelke, Hugh Fleischer and Kathy Harris at the 2010 ACLU Liberty Awards Event.

## AADP Recognizes Kathy Harris

AADP Board member and Treasurer Kathy Harris was recognized by the Board in January for all the work she does for Alaskans Against the Death Penalty. Kathy has served as Treasurer since AADP was formed. Kathy was awarded with flowers and a Certificate of Recognition. Thanks, Kathy!



## No News Is Good News on HB 9

No news is good news regarding House Bill 9. The Bill has not yet been scheduled for a hearing. We have experts standing by (**Sam Millsap and Richard Dieter**) to travel to Alaska should the Bill be scheduled.



## AADP Annual Day of Faith in Action Held October 18th

The AADP Annual Day of Faith in Action was held at Turnagain United Methodist Church on October 18th.

The program included the video, **“Murder Up Close...From Fury to Forgiveness”** by Mennonite Media. AADP Board Member and cofounder of Journey of Hope **Bill Pelke** is in the film and held a discussion after the viewing. Channel 11 covered the event.



## Bill Pelke to Speak in Switzerland February 24th

AADP board member **Bill Pelke** is scheduled to speak at the World Congress Against the Death

Penalty in Geneva, Switzerland Feb 24<sup>th</sup> on the subject of **“Elaborating arguments to convince public opinion.”** Bill will share his experiences with the Journey of Hope...from Violence to Healing and how Journey storytellers help change public opinion on the death penalty.

## NCADP Annual Conference Shows Movement to Oppose Death Penalty Grows Broader and Deeper

Political conservatives joined progressives, law enforcement officials joined exonerated former death row inmates, families of death row prisoners joined family members of murder victims and leaders from a multitude of faith communities at the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty's annual conference in Louisville, Kentucky earlier this month.

The conference, entitled, “Training for the Long Run: Building Bridges to Wider Audiences,” convened more than 400 participants from 40 states in a united effort to end capital punishment — NCADP's largest annual conference in recent years. The energy was palpable and the momentum of the movement clearer than ever. The tone for the conference was set with a panel discussion on “The State of the Death Penalty,” and an exceptional opening address by Executive Director Diann Rust-Tierney that focused on the need to continue to build common ground across diverse political parties, racial

backgrounds, and faith communities, and to be part of the overall criminal justice solution that addresses victims' and society's needs.

**Rich Curtner**, NCADP Chair, **Hugh Fleischer**, **Bill Pelke** and **Sue Johnson** attended the conference.



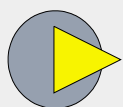
Elaine Jones presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to Professor Anthony G. Amsterdam.

# **A**laskans Against the Death Penalty

**P.O. Box 202296  
Anchorage, Alaska 99520**

Sue C. Johnson, Coordinator  
scjohnson@gci.net or 276-5753  
Website: [www.aadp.info/](http://www.aadp.info/)

PRSRT STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
ANCHORAGE, AK  
PERMIT NO. 957



## **Death Penalty Awareness Week February 26 - March 7**



People gather in hopes of saving Troy Davis, an innocent man, from execution in Georgia. Read more about Troy:

[http://www.pslweb.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=12763&news\\_iv\\_ctrl=0](http://www.pslweb.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=12763&news_iv_ctrl=0)