



# LIBERTY VA

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### A NOTE TO OUR READERS...

Due to an ambiguity in the language of past newsletters, concerning the words "newsletter subscription", from here forward this phrase will be discontinued and replaced with the words "mailing fee". It is our contention that money received via this medium and set as such in the Va. LP's Constitution, is inclusive of *all* communicative literature concerning the Libertarian Party of Virginia, and is *not* a subscription. This fee does not guarantee an issue every month, since this is sometimes not possible. However, this is our goal, and with lowered printing fees, it should be easily reached. Because the newsletter was not published for 8 months, the mailing list will continue to be used in its present form, with inclusions, for an extended period of time.

In addition, because many people receive issues at no cost, as a service of the Party, and due to inaccurate and confusing policies in the past, we have no alternative but to re-evaluate our present financial situation, and by the authority of the State Central Committee, the newsletter's governing board, an increase of the mailing fee at the discretion of the newsletter editor has been approved. Such an increase will be in the form of a flat charge of \$10.00 per year for the cost of mailing and printing the newsletter, state convention news, and other assorted literature. We are sorry for the delay and confusion, and we thank you for your patience and understanding.

**The Editor**

### STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS IN OWEN

Among business conducted at the last State Central Committee meeting in Owen, VA, was the naming of Pat Rode as new 5th district chair, and the decision to allocate the following as the official Virginia LP address and phone number: 824 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220, (804) 788-7044. The committee, under the guidance of State Chair, **Stew Engel**, also set some goals for the years 1982-1985. In 1982, the committee would like to see the following activities completed: obtaining party membership cards, finding a state-side issue and self-sustaining candidates, representation at county fairs, compiling a list of events appropriate for candidate attendance, finding a lawyer to discuss Va's 10% vote requirement, resolving questions by state members concerning our regional representative on the National LP Committee — **Michael Burch**, and the addition of Libertarian groups outside of cities and towns with already established Libertarian organizations. The agenda for 1983 includes researching a state-wide issue, a possible election lawsuit to reduce the 10% vote requirement to 5%, referendums and campus work. 1984 and 1985 will be spent working on ballot status and on becoming a legal political party in the Commonwealth.

The next State Central Committee meeting will be held at 824 West Broad Street in Richmond, June 5, 1982 at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. For more information or directions, please call (804) 788-7044.

**FROM THE DESK OF  
THE EDITOR  
— We Need Money!!!! —**

I know most of you are continually asked to give, give, give money. But without it, this newsletter will be in limbo like it was for so long last year. We presently have about \$84.00 in the newsletter account. It generally costs about \$57.00 to publish each issue. That leaves us with \$27.00 for next month's issue; not nearly enough. **LIBERTYVa** is struggling to stay alive! We are self-sufficient for the time being, since the newsletter account is comprised of donations and mailing fees, and kept separate from the general account for the Party. I would like to see this newsletter stay self-sufficient, but I need your help. In the next few months, I will be working with other activists to devise a plan to maintain the newsletter on a financially stable basis. However, until the time comes when we are receiving a steady income, we are going to need donations, at least to maintain us for the next two months. If ten people give \$10.00, we will have made more than is needed. So please give! Without this medium we all suffer.

**Jane Ellen Rosecrans**

**DEADLINES!!!**

Please note! All district reports and letters to the editor must be received by the 14th of every month in order to make that month's issue. Please mail all correspondence to LPVA, 824 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220.

**5th and 6th DISTRICTS  
TO COMBINE EFFORTS**

**Pat Rode** was appointed new 5th District Chair by the State Central Committee in April. Her plans are to organize a group at Central Va. Community College. On May 12, the Libertarian Supper Club met with a small turnout, but raised the money for Va. LP phone listings in the area. On May 22, **Jim Carson** and **Kathy Rice Woolsey** appeared on Station WSET 13, on the Show Standpoint. The "Phil Donahue" type program discussed gun control with a member of the National Coalition to Ban Hand Guns also in attendance. The next Libertarian Supper Club meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at **T.C. Trotters**, RSVP: 384-3747.

**Kathy Rice Woolsey**

**10th DISTRICT BUSY ON  
BOWDEN CAMPAIGN**

Petitioners in the 10th District are busy collecting the required 1272 valid signatures to place Libertarian **Scott Bowden** on this November's ballot for the U.S. House of Representatives. Three fourths of this task has already been completed. The rewards of this work has included increasing our reserve of experienced petitioners, an increased knowledge of the attitudes and concerns of the citizens of our district, and the discovery of newfound Libertarians!

**Paul Hite**

**MONEY NOTE!!!**

Please send all newsletter donations and mailing fees to the State LP Headquarters, LPVA, 824 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220, not the newsletter editor!

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I would like to be active in the LPVA:

- LIBERTYVa  Speakers Bureau  
 Letters to the editor  Campaigning  
 Local Organizing  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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Will Friesmuth at Anti Tax Rally being interviewed for local TV news.

## 2nd and 4th DISTRICTS FORM NEW GROUP

The 2nd and 4th Districts have joined to form the **Tidewater Libertarian Party**, and plan to hold monthly dinner meetings. For our May meeting, Ms. **Dixie Dickenson**, Chair of the Tidewater ACLU, informed us of the ACLU's upcoming cases, including the case of the man sentenced to 40 years for possession of 9 oz. of marijuana, and the case of a man fighting VA's widely used "no knock" laws. On April 24, the newly formed **Norfolk Duck Club** heard from **Doug Skelton**, Vice Chair of the Tidewater LP.

## STUDENT LIBERTARIAN GROUP FORMED AT HOLLINS COLLEGE

Several members from Va Tech's Manchester League have helped form a student group at Hollins College in Roanoke. Speeches were given on Libertarian principles, at a recent group gathering attended by 15 people. The "Incredible Bread Machine" was also shown. The contact person for Hollins is **Margaret Thomas**, Box 10182, Hollins College, VA 24020.

## 3rd DISTRICT TO MEET WEEKLY

The 3rd District announced to its members that it would be holding its meetings every Wednesday instead of bi-weekly. On April 24, the district members got together and held one in a chain of yard sales, netting \$120.00! With the money, the district will be sending out a 3rd District bulletin about every 3 - 4 weeks, telling of upcoming events.

But the big news was Tax Protest Day on April 15. Richmond LPers and some our of towners held a small demonstration outside the U.S. Post Office on Mail Street. 1000 pieces of literature were passed out which resulted in follow-up inquiries later. The demonstration also gained media coverage by all three local TV stations! Thanks go to **Will Friesmuth** for organizing the event!

**Jim Ellwood**

Says trip was "far out"

### TURNEY ON LSD!

In mid May, **Michael Large** of Pound, VA, organized a series of small meetings, media interviews and school classroom presentations for **Jim Turney**, a spokesman for the Virginia LP. The purpose was to acquaint the local community with libertarianism and the LP.

The effort was successful according to Jim, who pointed out that "this trip was the first contact the LP has had far out in the western regions of the State." The Pound/Norton area is in the western tip of Virginia between Kentucky and Tennessee.

**Michael Large**, an LP member, is a native of the area and is currently attending VCU in Richmond. There was a gathering of friends at his home for a cook-out and discussion of libertarianism. Also, **Jim Turney** made a 50 minute presentation of "Libertarianism as an American and Virginian political tradition" to a government class of Pound High School. There were thirty minute interviews on three area radio stations — WLSD, WNVA and WWLH. A scheduled appearance at the community college had to be cancelled.

### WANTED

Assistants to help with layout and pasteup of **LibertyVa**. No experience necessary but an artistic flair an asset. Call LPHQ — 788-7044.

### We are two electric shock victims who want to hear from ex-patients or anyone interested in forming a Virginia Patients Rights Group.

In Virginia, accused incompetents usually can't appeal indefinite imprisonment. Minors are committed by two M.D.'s signatures — no hearing or lawyer. The right to bear arms is lost at commitment. Dangerous, sometimes painful drugs are forcibly administered. Private hospitals shock (not State). Parents sign for children to be shocked. Fourteen year old girls have been shocked here. Private and State ex-patients may be put on probation for 1 - 2 years (the doctor can re-commit you anytime by signing a handy form, no hearing is required, nor must he first see the ex-patient).

Gloria DeCuir (boss of all Va's "patient advocates") knew of illegal commitment procedures at Western State from 1978-1981 but did nothing — according to 1981 Va. news reports. Why isn't *she* fired (or jailed) instead of the employees who blew the whistle?

The Fifth Amendment said due process must precede loss of liberty. The Fourteenth "guaranteed" equal protection of the law. Voluntary treatment would force hospitals to compete to be the kindest, safest, etc. — until then we want the rights murderers and all others have.

We want to repeal bigoted laws, stop shocks, abolish the insanity "defense", work for alternative treatments (reason, self-help, peer groups, etc.), constitutional rights, etc.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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