

Libertarian Party of Hawaii

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2011 Annual Report

Libertarian Party of Hawaii events and activities

By Jim Henshaw, LPH Chair

The biggest and most time-consuming accomplishment the LPH achieved this year was re-establishing the organizational structure.

Some highlights:

- 1) Our membership lists were updated, purging people who had left the state or were otherwise no longer members. The national LP membership list was compared with the Hawaii list, giving us prospects to contact about joining the state LP.
- 2) The party's finances were shored up -- at one point we were down to just a few hundred dollars, and were in danger of running out of money despite having no payroll or office rental expenses (all members of the Executive Committee are unpaid volunteers, and the Executive Committee meetings are run out of private residences) and very low overhead. This was caused because the LPH had quit soliciting donations a few years ago.
- 3) We resumed asking members to contribute membership dues this year, and got good responses and some generous additional donations. A big mahalo to everyone who helped out! Tracy Ryan will be sending out a renewal notice for membership and dues sometime in January. We have money in the bank now to move forward -- to recruit candidates for political office and help with their campaigns, to spread the message of libertarian ideals, and to work to get our ballot access renewed after the 2012 election cycle. We're in better fiscal shape than the HI GOP, which is in the hole!

Events:

- 1) We held the first state convention in four years. We had a fair turnout of 25 to 30 people. We had minimal expenses putting this on, and attracted some excellent speakers and talks, including a former candidate for the 2008 LP presidential nomination, Mary Ruwart, and one of the 2012 candidates for that nomination, Lee Wrights.
- 2) We held the first General Party Meeting in four years, where we got the LPH By-Laws updated to reflect some technical corrections, and heard an interesting talk by Tracy Ryan about some infuriating IRS regulatory power grabs.

Executive Committee activism:

- 1) We now have an electronic LPH newsletter coming out monthly (with a handful of snail mail copies sent to those members without email access), thanks to the hard work of our newly minted Executive Committee Secretary, Pat Brock. A big mahalo to Pat and to everyone who has contributed articles for this newsletter!
- 2) More thanks to Tracy Ryan for fixing the formerly semi-chaotic LPH membership lists, and contacting prospective national LP members living in Hawaii.
- 3) And the annual outreach award goes, once again, to Li and Ken Schoolland for running the Foolish Things Salon, a (mostly) monthly libertarian-ish intellectual salon featuring some of the finest meals you will ever eat, prepared by Li Schoolland. Oh, and they also have interesting speakers. :)
- 4) Miscellaneous: thanks to Jeff Mallan for keeping up the website; to John Spangler for filing the required reports to the government (one of the ickier jobs a libertarian must do) and handling the finances; to Larry Bartley for bringing his more than 20 years of experience to the table; and to Cindy Verschuur for helping to get the Big Islanders together.

A final mahalo to Tracy Ryan for preparing the first draft of this annual report -- she is the Energizer Bunny TM of the LPH!

P.S. We still have two open At-Large seats on the Executive Committee -- if you are interested in possibly joining the EC, please feel free to attend one of the monthly meetings and watch us spring into action and advance liberty ... and, we're always looking to increase the number of libertarians running for political office.

Upcoming events:

Libertarian Party of Hawaii Executive Committee Meeting The Foolish Things Salon

WHEN: **ECM:** Sunday, January 29, 2012, 5:00PM – 6:00PM
TFTS: Sunday, January 29, 2012, 6:00PM – 8:00PM

WHERE: **Ken & Li Schoolland's house**
94-1072 Alelo Street, Waikale, HI 96797

WHO: **Brano Opaterny**, Slovakian State Secretary of the Ministry of Transportation, Post, and Telecommunications 2002 – 2003
Member of Parliament 2003-2006

WHAT: Problems and future for Eastern European Members of the EU

DONATION: \$5 for dinner

CONTACT: **Ken Schoolland**
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Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP)

WHEN: Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 5:00 - 7:00PM

WHERE: **YWCA Laniakea, Fuller Hall**
1040 Richards Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

WHO: **Neill Franklin**, Executive Director of LEAP

WHAT: Cops from the frontlines say:
End the War on Drugs

COST: \$10 suggested donation

CONTACT: **Jeanne Ohta**
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The 2012 Libertarian Party National Convention

WHEN: Wednesday, May 2nd at 10AM through Sunday, May 6th at 10:59PM, 2012

WHERE: **Red Rock Hotel**
11011 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89135

WHO: **Michael Cloud**, author: [Secrets of Libertarian Persuasion](#)
Sharon Harris, President: Advocates for Self-Government
Carla Howell, Executive Director: National Libertarian Party

WHAT: Nomination of our 2012 Libertarian Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates
Workshops on a variety of topics

INTERACTIVITY: [submit video](#) featuring Libertarian proposal to shrink government (will be shown at convention)

COST: from \$119

CONTACT: **Libertarian Party**
Red Rock Hotel



Upcoming events:

International Society for Individual Liberty

WHEN: Friday-Sunday, July 20-23, 2012
WHERE: [DoubleTree by Hilton Huaqiao/Kunshan Hotel](#)
2 Zhao Feng Road, Huaqiao CBD
Kunshan, Shanghai, China 215332
WHO: more than 17 international speakers
WHAT: Austrian Economics Summit, Asia Regional Conference
COST: from \$758
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Recommended Links:

[Advocates for Self-Government](#)
[American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii](#)
[Antiwar](#)
[Ayn Rand](#)
[Cato Institute](#)
[David D. Friedman](#)
[Freedom Library](#)
[Freeman Online](#)
[Foolish Things Salon](#)
[Friedrich Hayek](#)
[Future of Freedom Foundation](#)
[Grassroot Institute of Hawaii](#)
[Hawaii Reporter](#)
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[Law Enforcement Against Prohibition](#)
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[Spiked! Online \(our British brothers\)](#)
[Tibor Machan](#)
[Tom Mullen](#)
[Walter E. Williams](#)

THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF HAWAII DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ROGER CHRISTIE

(From Press Release)

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party condemns the actions of the Federal authorities in their handling, charging and incarceration of Roger Christie. We believe that these actions against Mr. Christie were politically motivated and the denial of bail a violation of his constitutional rights.

From the Record:

1. Mr. Christie is only the latest of several activists, including the Rev. Dennis Shields, Mr. Jonathan Adler, and Mr. Aaron Anderson, who have been targeted for prosecution due to their political activities in the pursuit of decriminalizing marijuana.
2. In Mr. Anderson's case the prosecutor admitted in court that if he simply agreed to cease all his political activities charges would be dropped.
3. In the Anderson case charges were brought after a drug-sniffing dog identified a package of sterile hemp seeds sent to Mr. Anderson from a USDA-approved source as containing a controlled substance. This demonstrates the length to which the drug-war industry will go to silence persons whose opposition, to operations like Green Harvest, affects their budgets.
4. Big Island voters gave a clear signal as to what they think about marijuana enforcement when they voted in 2008 to make it the lowest law enforcement priority. It is bad enough when our government attacks the rights of its citizens with public support to hide behind, but more intolerable when they do so even against public opinion.
5. Recent national polls indicate that for the first time, since the polling began forty years ago, the majority of American citizens believe marijuana should be legalized.
6. As libertarians we fully support the rights of persons to grow, sell, distribute, and use marijuana. We support the change of legislation, policy and regulations at all levels of government to bring this about.
7. The continued incarceration of a non-violent first time offender, as well as attempts by officials to prevent press access to him, should be an affront to everyone. Whatever one thinks of Mr. Christie or the marijuana law, this action by the court should be seen for what it is -- a blatant attempt to silence a political opponent of the regime.

Featured Link:

Beer bottle toting standup comedian, co-host of "The Man Show" with Joe Rogan, & "Girls Gone Wild" infomercial host Doug Stanhope delivers a profane, but thoughtful assessment of our freedom in the video:

["Liberty"](#)

Past Hawaii Libertarian Party of Hawaii Chair, Ken Schoolland, is Associate Professor of Economics at *Hawaii Pacific University*. In June he traveled to Romania & Bulgaria to lecture on free market economics at the *Romanian-American University* in Bucharest & the *Institute for Market Economics* in Sofia. We are publishing his seminar syllabus in the News. This is the sixth edition of an eight part series.

FREE MARKET ETHICS

By Ken Schoolland

Romania-Bulgaria Lecture Series - June 2011

Part 6

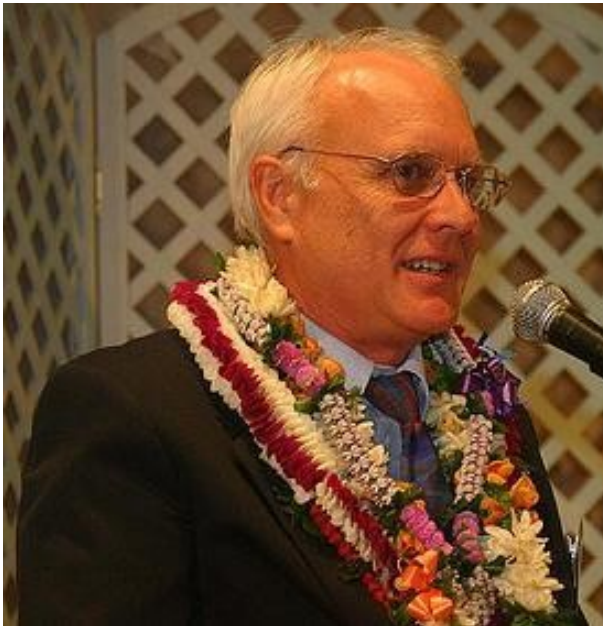
WHAT LIMITS?

"But," says the skeptic, "you need political authority for many things that cannot be provided by the market--postal services, schools, utilities, the environment, courts, fire departments, ambulance services, military defense, and stop signs on roadways."

Despite inefficiencies or failures in these areas, it is to the government that abused voters continue to return. The tactic of the skeptic is frequently to argue the most difficult cases first. If a concession can be won for a single function of government, then the premise exists for any and all justifications for government. The degree of government, then, is just thought to be a matter of opinion.

Most free marketeers acknowledge this premise and accept that government is useful for some basic functions, but these must be limited to protection, not aggression. Each of us has a right to defend ourselves. So we may ask others to do this for us. But none of us has a right to aggress against others, so none of us has a right to ask other people with official hats to do this dirty work on our behalf.

Eventually, we may find that the competitive incentives of the marketplace may also improve our protection as well, with better prices, better services, and more innovation than under government monopolies.



The full possibilities of voluntarism should be open to exploration. A great portion of the police, prison, and court functions in America are being provided by innovative and cost efficient security, corrections, and dispute arbitration companies. This is also happening for mail delivery, education, and fire departments. If incentives and consumer choice are powerful motivators for improving prices and quality of service, then the market should be tapped for everything that people truly value. The more important the services, the more important it is to allow competition and choice.

The mainstream reply is that some things are "public goods" and enjoyed by everyone. It is argued that the market won't provide public goods because private providers cannot exclude people who don't pay voluntarily--i.e. the "free riders." To the mainstream economist, this free rider problem is the justification for a myriad of taxes and government monopolies.

PUBLIC BADS

Unfortunately, the citizens suffer tragically from this state of affairs. What is supposed to be a public good becomes a "public bad." More than 40,000 people die on poorly managed government highways in America every year. Yet few people question this management because we have grown accustomed to this government monopoly.

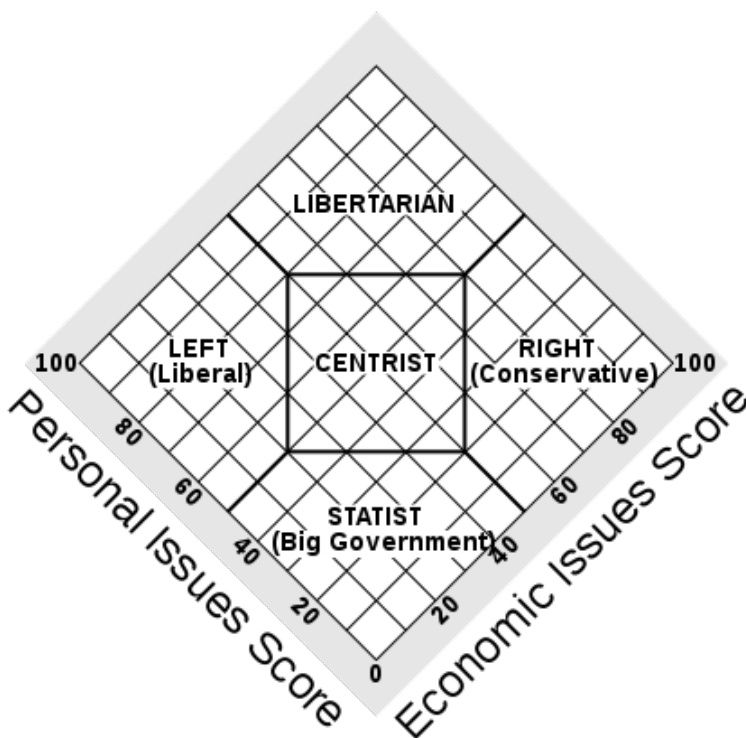
Suppose that a private transportation company was responsible for that many deaths? It wouldn't be long before the owners were lynched. But when government officials operate such a deadly transportation system year after year, people shrug because there is little or no choice—thus, little or no accountability. [See Walter Block and David Friedman on privatizing roads.]

Lack of accountability is also a serious problem in the area of environmental pollution. If I dump garbage on you or on your property, then I should be held accountable for damages and compensation. If I dump on you or your property by putting my garbage into the air first, then I should still be held accountable. There should be no defense against this aggression because of limited liability laws or public interest laws.

As for defense, we have come to expect that government military services are wasteful and inefficient--and too frequently offensive rather than defensive in nature. As pointed out by Rudy Rummel's book, *Death By Government*, governments in this century have killed a hundred and seventy million people. Ninety percent of these people were killed by their own governments—institutions that supposedly exist primarily for protection of the citizenry. And yet mainstream economics textbooks categorize this carnage as a "public good" instead of a "public bad"?

This does not even begin to count the suffering from other kinds of civil war that governments conduct against their citizens, i.e. drug wars and trade wars. People have grown accustomed to these tragedies and think of them as inevitable—inevitable like a volcano.

And what of the "free rider" problem? Is the free rider problem solved once the government uses taxes to pay for public "goods" or "bads"? Hardly! Nations still abound with free riders. Governments have simply found new free riders, those with the greatest political influence.



NOLAN CHART

A sampling of issues is presented in the Nolan Chart:

1. Should businesses and farmers operate without taxpayer subsidies?
Yes. People have a right to choose what to do with their own money.
2. Should people be allowed to practice free trade without tariffs?
Yes. People have a right to decide business partners for themselves.
3. Should people be allowed to receive pay below the minimum legal wage?
Yes. People have a right to decide what they will accept for their own labor, even if it is to volunteer to work for experience in lieu of pay.
4. Should voluntary means of funding be sought for government services?
Yes. Numerous alternatives to coercive funding are practical and just.
5. Should governments stop protecting commercial interests of their citizens abroad? Yes. The free market offers far more hope for the world than political intervention. Commercial interests across borders come with risks.
6. Should military service be voluntary?
Yes. Free men and women should be hired to perform professional protection services for a career.
7. Should the media be free of government control?
Yes. Radio, television, and the press are free speech and a check on tyranny.
8. Should consenting adults be free to practice their choice of sexual conduct?
Yes. The right to decide personal lifestyle should not be limited to politicians.
9. Should people be allowed to consume harmful substances?
Yes. People have the primary right and responsibility for their own bodies.
10. Should people be allowed to cross borders?
Yes. People have a right to flee oppression and to hire whomever they choose.

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Membership Note:

Dues solicitations for 2012 were mailed at the beginning of January. It is important that we are able to maintain and grow our party so please take a minute to respond if you have received a notice for renewal or new membership.

If you have received nothing please contact:

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Letters

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With kind regards,

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Date

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Make check out to: **Libertarian National Committee**

Mail form & check to: 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW
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Washington, DC 20037

Or click: www.lp.org/membership

Your dues includes: **The quarterly LPNews newspaper
The Monday email bulletin**

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\$20 per year**

Make check out to: **Libertarian Party of Hawaii**

Mail form & check to: 713 Ulumaika Street
Honolulu, HI 96816

Or click: www.LibertarianPartyofHawaii.org/membership

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