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Libertarian Party of Virginia

January/February 2006



Coming Up

January 22

5th District Convention

Agenda: Begins at 2:00. Elect officers, consider any candidates for Congress. **Location:** Northside Library, at 300 Albemarle Square. The library is located in the Albemarle Square Shopping Center, just north of the intersection of Rt. 29 North and Rio Road in Charlottesville.

February 7

3rd District Convention

Agenda: Begins at 6:30. Elect officers, consider any candidates for Congress. **Location:** Eastern Buffet (formerly China Buffet), 7586 W Broad St, Richmond.

February 18

9th District Convention

Agenda: Begins at 10:00 a.m.; runs to 12:00 p.m. Elect officers, consider any candidates for Congress. **Location:** Western Sizzlin' restaurant in Christiansburg (near the intersection of I-81 and Rt. 11/Rt. 460).

April 22

State Convention

Agenda: Elect officers, delegates to national convention, consider rules changes. **Location:** Charlottesville DoubleTree Hotel, 990 Hilton Heights Rd, Charlottesville.

June 30 - July 3

LP National Convention

Portland OR

Bill Wood Endorsed for U.S. Congress

By Chuck Eby

Leesburg – Libertarians in the 10th Congressional District gathered on December 20 to elect new officers to the District Committee, and considered endorsing a congressional candidate as well.

The result was that Wilbur ("Bill") Wood emerged from the meeting with two new jobs.

Wood is running for Congress in the coming year in Virginia's 10th congressional

district, and won the District's endorsement to be their standard-bearer this November.

He was also elected chairman of the District Committee.

The District Chairman, or his designee, has a seat on the state committee.

About his campaign for Congress, Wood said he entered the race because the federal government no longer abides by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

"Congress has delegated its authority to make laws to federal employees. Congress has also given up its authority to declare wars to the president", he said. "I want to change that".

Wood has assembled a team of veteran volunteers for his campaign. Campaign Manager Tony Torres was on hand to help Wood kick off his campaign.

"We hope to build on the successes of the recent House of Delegates campaigns," said Torres. "We have some good experience from those campaigns and we want to keep the momentum going."

Wood's team also includes Treas-

urer Kevin McKenna, Volunteer Coordinator Walt Thiessen, Media Coordinator Geoff Allen, and others.

The 10th Congressional District includes McLean, Great Falls, the western part of Fairfax County, as well as Loudoun County and other counties extending westward to West Virginia. Wood is a resident of Berryville, Virginia.

Wood will be the sixth Libertarian to run for the position since Scott Bowden ran in 1982. The party's most recent contender, Brian Brown, who ran in 2000, received ten percent of the vote in a three-way race.

New officers of the 10th district committee were also selected at the convention. Wood was elected chairman, outgoing chairman Chuck Eby will be the new membership director, and Bill Redpath was selected as the political director. "Bill [Wood] will do a great job representing our district," said Eby. "He has represented us at meetings that I could not attend in the past, and has already earned the respect of his colleagues in the state party."

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Convention Call

By James W. Lark, III

The Jefferson Area Libertarians invite you to attend the 2006 LPVA state convention at the Doubletree Hotel in Charlottesville on April 22. We are putting together what we believe will be an excellent convention, and we hope you will attend.

Speakers at the convention will include John Berthoud (president, National Taxpayers Union), Steven Anderson (coordinator of the Castle Coalition, Institute for Justice), and three of our 2005 House of Delegates candidates.

During the business session we shall elect LPVA officers as well as delegates to the national convention. We shall also consider endorsing a candidate for the U.S. Senate (George Allen's seat). Changes to the LPVA Constitution and resolutions will also be considered.

We have set our convention package prices with an eye toward encouraging as many members as possible to attend.

A **Full** convention package (which includes access to all events, including a three-entree luncheon buffet) will cost \$55 if purchased on or before March 31 (\$65 if purchased on or after April 1).

A **Basic** package (access to the morning program, along with morning and afternoon beverage service) will cost \$30 if purchased on or before March 31 (\$40 if purchased on or after April 1). Those who wish to attend the luncheon address without purchasing the meal may do

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Steve
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Memo From The Chairman

Pushing Forward for 2006

As the New Year begins, most
publications that you read will
feature 2005 wrap-ups and 2006
predictions. I thought it might be help-
ful for the LPVA if, instead, I offered a
set of resolutions that could benefit the
party as we head into the new year. So
below are my New Year's resolutions
for leaders, activists and members in the
LPVA. I hope you will read onward as
applicable, and join me in beginning to
implement these goals.

Resolution for leaders: Think and work strategically

I would call 2005 a good year for
the LPVA overall, with energizing cam-
paigns, financial common sense and
strong local affiliate activity all around
the state. But 2006 will force the party
to think in new ways, as the zero-dues
model is implemented at the national

level. This requires us to re-think our
management strategies. My own term
as Chair will come to a close in April.
My goal before then is to remove myself
as a single point of failure from chains of
command around the party, and to hand
my successor a well-oiled machine,
where each part knows what the others
are doing.

Resolution for activists: Stay focused on the enemy

When I was first elected Chair, I
compared the LPVA's behavior during
the tumultuous years beforehand to a
group of pioneers circling their wagons
-- and aiming inward. I have worked
for the last two years to keep the LPVA's
complex web of interpersonal and geo-
graphic differences at bay, with mixed
results. In the past couple of months, I
have seen an especially strong threat of
these conflicts resurging.

So my resolution for activists in
2006 is this: Before we write that angry
E-mail, make that lashing phone call, or
start that heated debate at a local meeting,
let's ask ourselves whether we're doing

so to make the party stronger (which
will be necessary at times). If we're
arguing just to save face, or because our
emotions have gotten the best of us, or
because of some ongoing personal is-
sues not relevant to the question at hand,
then let's let it go. We can help liberty
the most by walking away and devoting
our energy to something productive,
something that will actually advance our
cause against the real enemy -- the stat-
ists who chip away at our freedoms as
we stage our internal debates.

Resolution for members: Start a monthly pledge!

As I mentioned at the top of this
article, the new zero-dues model will
change the structure and business model
of the LPVA significantly. You can help
us to replace the revenue lost from basic
dues by opening a monthly pledge to the
state party. Recurring revenue that funds
our general operations isn't a "sexy"
cause like a candidate victory fund, but
in many ways it's even more critical.
Maintaining a healthy operating budget
allows us to keep recruiting candidates,
getting them on the ballot and supporting
them once they get there.

You should receive a letter asking
you to make this pledge very soon. I'm
opening a \$25/month credit card pledge
myself. Will you join me?

This is only a short discussion of
what the LPVA needs to continue suc-
ceeding in 2006, but it's an important
start. I want to hand a healthy, well-
oiled party to my successor. I hope that
you and yours enjoyed a Happy New
Year, and that you'll consider adopting
the resolutions above in addition to your
own.

Yours in Liberty,

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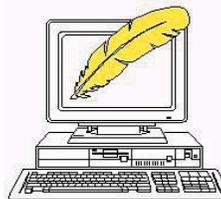
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10th District (cont'd)

The convention was held at Nido's Italian Restaurant in Leesburg where the Loudoun County Libertarians hold their regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Free Email Tools

As a donor benefit, the LPVA is pleased to offer free email forwarders to any LPVA member who wants one.

A forwarder can be used in place of the email address your ISP gave you.

For instance, you can have a forwarder such as:

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When one of your associates sends an email to your @LPVA.com forwarder, it will show up in your regular home email inbox.

All you have to do to take advantage of this free member benefit is send a request to Freedom@LPVA.com, and let me know what forwarding address you would like.

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The LPVA is eager to help you. The first step you should take is to fill out the prospective candidate form on our website:

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The form requests basic information (your name, the office you're interested in seeking, and related data). Once you submit it, LPVA officers will contact you promptly to discuss how the state committee can help you.

Try it!

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VL Hero Award

By Marc Montoni & Jim Lark

This is the ninth in a series of articles designed to recognize the efforts of volunteers who are relentless in their work for liberty.

The intent is to change the culture many of our "best and brightest" face within the Party, to one which gives stellar volunteers the praise and appreciation they are due.

This issue, *Virginia Liberty's* editorial staff hopes all Libertarians will join us in a loud round of applause for:

Charlotte Patrick

Ms. Patrick has been involved with the Virginia LP for many years. She said the "deciding moment" was when she watched Democrats rallying in support of Bill Clinton right after the impeachment vote in the U.S. House.

She became involved in building the LPVa at the grassroots level with the Shenandoah County Libertarian Party (SCLP).

She ran for a director position on the Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District board in 2001, losing the seat to a Democrat by only two votes (Marc Montoni was elected to a seat on the board that year).

Patrick served as treasurer of the Shenandoah County LP since its founding, and has participated in many Libertarian

activities in the county.

She was instrumental in the Shenandoah Libertarians' efforts to head off government funding for a "Tourist Train" in December 2000. Their efforts, with those of other SCLP members, helped save \$1 million for Shenandoah County taxpayers \$6 million for Virginia taxpayers, and \$2 million for federal taxpayers.

Patrick worked hard to help her husband Jim win election to the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors in 2003, where he fights to limit government to its proper functions.

In 2004, Patrick and current SCLP chairman Nancy Young convinced the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution recognizing December 15 as the County's "Bill of Rights Day".

Patrick served as LPVA secretary since January, 2003, when she was elected by the SCC to fill a vacancy. She was overwhelmingly elected at the conventions of 2003 and 2004. Despite the requirements of work and family, she has handled the tasks of secretary well. Her efforts have earned her the respect and friendship of her State Central Committee colleagues, who appreciate the tremendous amount of work that the job of secretary entails.

Due to a recent increase in her responsibilities at work, she decided in early January to resign from her position as LPVA secretary.

On behalf of the LPVA, the editors of



Charlotte Patrick
Photo by Marc Montoni and Brian Babb

Virginia Liberty express our thanks to Ms. Patrick for her fine work as secretary, and wish her and her family all the best.

From the staff of *Virginia Liberty*, congratulations, Charlotte!

Elections 2006

May 2, 2006 (Primary if held: March 7):

City Council (34 cities)
City School Boards (18 cities)
Town Council (174 towns)
City or Town Mayor
Town Treasurer
Town Recorder (Clerk)

November 7, 2006 - General Elections (Primaries June 13)

U. S. Senate (1) (6-year term)
U. S. Representative (11) (2-year term)
County Board (1 county) - Arlington (4-year term)
County School Board (1 county) - Arlington (4-yr term)
City Council (5 cities)
City School Board (3 cities)
Town Council (10 towns)

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How to be More Effective in Your State or Town

www.CenterForSmallGovernment.com/sgpledge.htm

By Michael Cloud

The 80/20 Principle (Pareto's Law) demonstrates that the vital 20% of an activity creates 80% of the results – while the remaining 80% of the activity produces only 20% of the wanted results.

One hour of the vital 20% has 16 times the impact of one hour of the ineffective 80%.

Whether you are a Libertarian candidate, activist, or voter, you can take advantage of the 80/20 Principle starting today.

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So, too, with becoming a far more effective Libertarian in your state or town.

This is why Carla Howell and Michael Cloud launched the Center for Small Government. So you could become dramatically more effective at advancing liberty in your state and your town.

The Center for Small Government will help you focus your Libertarian efforts where they do the most to advance liberty.

Want your Libertarian vote to really make a difference? You can, by acting on the Libertarian small government pledge.

Want just 1 hour of your Libertarian activism to erase 16 hours of normal Democratic or Republican political activism? You can, by focusing your energy into "striking at the root" of Big Government.

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If you're a serious small government Libertarian candidate, Michael Cloud will show you "The 7 Deadly Public Speaking Sins – and how to avoid them. You can learn to give speeches people can't stop talking

about.

If you're a sincere small government Libertarian activist, the Center for Small Government will show you how and where you can most effectively advance liberty in your town or state.



The Center for Small Government will show you how to quickly and persuasively communicate libertarianism to your family, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances – even if you're shy.

Is this possible? Can Carla Howell and Michael Cloud really do this for you?

Look at their results in Massachusetts.

In 2000, Carla Howell ran her "small government is beautiful" U.S. Senate campaign against Ted Kennedy. She garnered 308,860 votes – the highest Libertarian U.S. Senate vote total in a 3-way race in Libertarian Party history.

In 2002, Carla Howell launched, organized, and ran the Question 1 Ballot Initiative to END the Massachusetts state Income Tax – and cut state government spending by 39%. Results? 45.3% of the vote. 881,738 votes.

Ms. Howell defeated a \$57 million tax increase initiative in her home town this year, and is consulting on numerous small government local campaigns.

In 1999, Michael Cloud partnered with Carla Howell to organize and launch her "small government is beautiful" U.S. Senate campaign. He served as campaign CEO.

In 2002, he worked with Carla Howell on the Ballot Initiative to END the Massachusetts Income Tax. Michael Cloud wrote the Boston Globe newspaper ads, the TV ads, the speeches, and did the fundraising.

In 2002, Mr. Cloud also ran for U.S. Senate against John Kerry. Results? 369,807 votes. – the highest Libertarian U.S. Senate vote total in Libertarian Party history.

Michael Cloud is the author of "Secrets of Libertarian Persuasion". (2004. Published by Advocates for Self-Government.)

If anyone can dramatically help you and

Libertarians in your state advance the cause of liberty, it's Carla Howell and Michael Cloud. It's the Center for Small Government.

Wouldn't you love to help make your state Libertarian Party bigger and better?

Wouldn't you be thrilled if you helped elect one or two or three effective Libertarians to local office?

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The Center for Small Government – Carla Howell and Michael Cloud – can help you move forward toward these goals.

See why small government is beautiful. Visit the Center for Small Government's Libertarian Action Website (web address in box at top).

Member Notes

New libertarian! Congratulations to Herb and Renz Wathan on the birth of their daughter. Amelia Kathryn Wathan was born December 22, 1005, weighed 8lbs, 10oz and was 21" long.

Herb is a long-time LPVA member often found volunteering at Richmond-area libertarian events.

All the best to this growing family!

General Assembly Updates

The Virginia General Assembly convenes on Wednesday, January 11, 2006. Thousands of bills will be considered, many of them profoundly anti-liberty. If you'd like to be kept advised on these measures so that you can help oppose them (or, for that matter, support them), then drop an email to Roy Scherer:

rscherer@infionline.net

... with a subject line of "GA2006 Update". Scherer will be attending committee hearings and filing email updates 3-7 days a week throughout the session, with links to specific bills and committees. He focuses on drug laws, but also deals with everything from "stop-and-frisk" to the stupid bill that would have made it a criminal offense to wear baggy pants:

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Convention (cont'd)

for a \$15 fee.

All LPVA members may attend the **Business Session** (to take place from 1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) at no charge.

Please note that to be permitted to vote



at the convention, or to serve in Party office, you must be a current contributing member of the Libertarian Party (that is, you have signed the certification) and you have given at least \$25 to either the state or national LP

during the last year.

Please note that if you will be joining us for the luncheon and you have dietary restrictions, we can accommodate reasonable requests. Please be sure to let us know.

For more information about the convention, please view the convention web page located on the LPVA web site:

www.LPVA.com

The convention web page will be updated on a regular basis. To register for the convention, you may use the form included in this issue of *Virginia Liberty*. Payment should be made to the Libertarian Party of Virginia and sent to:

**Convention Committee
PO Box 274
Free Union, VA 22940.**

My JAL colleagues and I look forward to seeing you at the convention!

The Convention organizers have booked one of the nicest facilities in Charlottesville, the Charlottesville Doubletree.

As of this printing, rooms are still available. Those who wish to make room reservations should book them directly with the hotel. (Note that the convention does not have a reserved block of guestrooms.)

On-site guest services and shops include an ATM, baggage storage, a Florist, an Activity & Recreation desk, a Gift Shop, local area transportation, a Lounge, Luggage Hold, Multi-Lingual Staff, News Stand, Safety Deposit Box, and a Business Center Printer.

Convention Hotel

Amenities: Rooms include wireless internet access, PrinterOn - remote printing capabilities, large work desk, coffee makers, telephone with message light, pay per view movies, cable TV, iron/ironing boards, and hair dryers. Connecting rooms are available; pets allowed in some rooms at additional charge.



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Libertarian Party of Virginia 2006 State Convention

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2006 LPVA Convention Registration Form

Clip & Mail

Please make it easy on our volunteers and register early!

- **Basic Plan** -- Includes morning and afternoon beverage service, admission to morning session. \$30 on or before March 31; \$40 on or after April 1
- **Full Plan** (Includes morning and afternoon beverage service, admission to morning session, *and* Luncheon (featuring three-entree buffet) with John Berthoud. \$55 on or before March 31; or \$65 after March 31.
- **Luncheon Address only (no meal) - \$15.**
- **LPVA members may attend the business session at no charge.**
- **Non-members may attend the business session for \$10 but may not participate.**

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FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:30-10:00 pm Hospitality Suite (TENTATIVE!! Please call or email Convention Coordinator Jim Lark at 434-973-5958, or JWLark@delmail.com to confirm).

Open to all contributing LPVA members.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:30-9:30am -- Registration

9:30-10:00am -- Welcoming remarks; Address: "State of the LPVA"

10:00-10:50am -- Presentation; Steven Anderson -- property rights and eminent domain/takings

11:00am-11:50pm "Lessons Learned: The 2005 House of Delegates Campaigns"

12:00-1:30pm -- Luncheon (three-entree buffet); John Berthoud

1:45-4:00pm -- Business session:
- constitutional changes
- Election of officers
- Elect national convention delegates
- Consideration of resolutions

4:30-5:30pm -- Meeting of State Central Committee.

Note: Appearances by speakers and panelists at the LPVA convention are subject to change in the event of conflicting campaign obligations.

JOHN BERTHOUD

John Berthoud is the President of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU) and the National Taxpayers Union Foundation (NTUF) in Alexandria, VA. NTU, founded in 1969, is the nation's largest grassroots taxpayer group with 350,000 members in all 50 states. NTUF was founded in 1977 and produces re-search on economics, tax policy, and government spending.

STEVEN ANDERSON

Steven Anderson serves as the Coordinator for the Institute for Justice's Castle Coalition. Through his grassroots support and strategizing, he educates and inspires property and business owners around the nation in the fight to end eminent domain abuse.

Steven has been quoted extensively in newspapers across the country and has had frequent broadcast media appearances, including the nationally syndicated radio shows hosted by former congressman Bob Barr and G. Gordon Liddy.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SPEAKERS

In Spite of Government

By Jim Babka -- Downsize DC Foundation

“Unschool” Your Child -- Give them an edge over government-schooled children

Home Schooling is much better training than Government Schooling. In fact, working without a structured curriculum, lesson plans, and academic goals (called, “unschooling”) is more likely to turn out a gifted entrepreneur than will the regimented drudgery provided in Government Schools.

Oh, and it's more fun for the student. Things like the joys of reading and discovery don't get stamped out by boredom in an unschooling environment. But in the Government Schools, well...

Are you looking to hire a reliable, hard-working, intelligent employee who's able to comprehend and follow instructions? If you're a small business owner you know it's hard to find that kind of person.

Entrepreneurial coach Perry Marshall has the answer...

Hire a Home-schooler. In “Escape from the Institutional Straightjacket,” Marshall explains, “why entrepreneurs have to un-learn so much mental garbage before things really start to click.”

Marshall explains the six ways that the Education Business “unconsciously conspires” to stifle entrepreneurial skills.

Want your child to be successful? Marshall explains what makes homeschooling so special. And it turns out that this is another one of those “more with less things” Downsize DC is always talking about. Here's Marshall, in his own words,

“In modern education we have this notion of helping students become well rounded. This is accomplished by ringing a bell. At eight o'clock in the morning, the bell rings and school begins. The teacher lectures

for forty minutes, and you spend ten minutes working on her assignment. Just when you start to get some momentum going, the bell rings again... Now it's time for math. 50 minutes later the bell rings and it's time for gym. 50 minutes later the bell rings and we're in social studies... Then comes lunch... everything is spoonfed and compartmentalized... The bell conditions kids to never spend more than an hour on anything. It prevents them from ever becoming interested or passionate about any one thing - just passively involved in a little bit of everything. ‘Well rounded’ usually just means shallow and disinterested. Those inane textbooks... condition young minds to believe that all books are boring and irrelevant.”

So how is homeschooling different/better? It allows a student to focus. Marshall tells his story of entrepreneurial success. It started in his high school years with a single

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deep, passionate interest – not a well-rounded search for knowledge. His enthusiasm drove him to learn everything he could about his hobby. It required everything of him, and the deeper he got, the more skills he needed – the more well-rounded he naturally became.

“...looking back I realize that this technical, entrepreneurial and musical journey was the natural consequence of a labor of love. I was deeply interested in something, while all my friends were bidding their time in The Matrix... If they had an itch to scratch, they didn't build something, they just went to the store and bought it. They were being educated about everything, but learning next to nothing; I was building instead of buying. I was searching for everything I could possibly find about ONE thing, and in the process, learning something about everything.”

So can we get better education for our children if we closed the public schools? Yes.

Back in February, Bill Gates declared American schools, “obsolete.” The Microsoft founder also said he was, “terrified for our workforce of tomorrow.” But he's busy trying to fix it: Right problem, wrong solution.

Perry Marshall quotes John Taylor Gatto, former New York State “Teacher of the Year,” who told his colleagues when he resigned from the public school business, “Your bureaucracy is a mill that grinds up human beings and turns them into consumer fertilizer for a planned economy. Human potential erodes as hungry minds sit in listless boredom, and teachers operate without the tools they need, just so you guys can fill your administration buildings with cushy jobs and give contracts to your cherished vendors. That's why most of our students can't read after 12 years of education – yes, even though it only takes 3 months to learn how to read. That's why most kids follow the herd into a bleak future instead of thinking for themselves.”

On a sight like this, where we're concerned about Human Progress, clearly this is an issue we cannot afford to ignore.

Both Perry Marshall and the author of this blog entry, aren't ignoring Mr. Gatto's warning. We both Homeschool our children. Why?

I like how Marshall puts it: “...they're not immersed in a corrosive, disrespectful environment where they learn bad habits from other kids and become conditioned to think that learning new stuff is boring.”

But here's the best thing about homeschooling, in particular. You don't need to lobby Congress, march on your capitol, or petition the school board to make your child's education better. You can simply make the decision that you want something better for your kids – something better than you had.

I can't let this blog entry close without sharing a fantastic Perry Marshall soundbite with you. I was blown away by this quote: “Accusing a home school kid of missing out on ‘socialization’ is like accusing a work-at-home entrepreneur of missing out on corporate politics.”

Amen.

Check out the full article:

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RICHMOND: City of Richmond LP. Meeting time & location varies. Jon Walker, <RichmondLP@LPVA.com>, or 804-915-7175.

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COLLEGE: VWCC: Libertarians of Virginia Western Community College: <VirginiaWestern@LPVA.com>

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SUFFOLK: City Of Suffolk Libertarians. Ken Taylor, <Suffolk@LPVA.com>, or 757-923-1285.

VIRGINIA BEACH: Tidewater Libertarian Party. 1st Monthly meeting -- every first Saturday, 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 9 a.m. for the meeting. Old Country Buffet, 1952 Laskin Rd, Virginia Beach, VA. See the TLP web site TidewaterLP.com. Call Tom Cantrell, 757-460-4017, or write: <Tidewater@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: W&M Libertarians: <WilliamAndMary@LPVA.com>

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ORANGE COUNTY: Orange County Libertarians. Don Ober, <OrangeCounty@LPVA.com>, or 540-672-2793

COLLEGE: UVA University Libertarians. ALSO: UVA Students for Individual Liberty. Contact the Liberty Coalition, <Liberty@Virginia.edu>, or 434-982-5016 (voicemail).

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COLLEGE: JMU Libertarians. - see info for Harrisonburg, above, or write <JMU@LPVA.com>.

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ARLINGTON COUNTY: "NOVA Libertarian Social Hour", every Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Hamburger Hamlet, Crystal Square shopping center. Call Tony Torres, 571-214-8356, or write <LPNOVA@LPVA.com>.

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