Candidate News

Los Angeles attorney Carol Newman, who received over 128,000 votes in her '86 bid for California Attorney General, has declared her intention to seek the LP’s ’88 presidential nomination. In a recent interview with American Libertarian she stated that if asked she would be willing to run as vice-presidential candidate with either of the two principle presidential candidates.

Congratulations to Doug Anderson, who recently defeated two Democratic incumbents and was elected to a 4 year term on the Denver Board of Elections. Good work, Doug!

Survey Responses

Of approximately 500 survey forms distributed, 63 have been returned so far; we have also received a number of letters and phone calls -- some from non-pledgers seeking some way to participate in surveys and other networking activities of the LP (more on this later). Questions and answers received are listed below.

1. Asked how often you read The Liberty Pledge News? 37 said always; 15 said usually; 4 sometimes; 2 never; 1 said he makes copies to share with other Libertarians who don’t have access to news available in The Pledge. 4 did not respond to this question.

2. Favorite section/feature? 22 said clippings; 21 said Headquarters news; 10 said they like the whole thing and refused to pick a section; 1 specified Party news; 1 candidate news; 1 ballot status news; 1 said the Quote of the Month; 1 says “not much,” and 6 did not respond.

3. New features you’d like to see in The Pledge? 30 want to see news of freedoms lost or gained; 17 want Committee news; 17 want new campaign techniques and equipment; 14 want more interviews and profiles; and 5 want book reviews.

Quite a number offered their own suggestions: 4 want news of internal happenings; 3 each asked for fundraising news, LP election victories, and putting the suggested new features in LP NEWS; 2 each asked for more campaign do’s and don’ts, networking news, and membership drive news; 1 each asked for Party organization news, state party news, election news, pledge program news, initiative news, government news, ballot news (including monthly reports by percentages on in-process ballot drives), classifieds, Republican conversion techniques, news the establishment media ignore, an enlarged Liberty Pledge Newsletter, the same Pledge Newsletter, no Pledge Newsletter -- and, of course, there was 1 vote for None of the Above.

4. 22 of those returning survey forms do not plan to attend the Nominating Convention in Seattle this September; 33 do plan to attend; 4 are not yet sure; 4 didn’t respond.

5. 21 had attended previous national conventions; 37 had not; 5 didn’t respond.

6. 35 plan to be active in the ’88 campaign; 18 do not (2 are government employees prohibited from political activism); 6 are still unsure; 4 did not respond.

7. 32 of 63 are not interested in buying outreach materials or issue papers from the National LP; 14 are; 3 might. Topics and issues suggested: 1 vote each for the Platform; environmentalism; zoning; property rights; the farm crisis; LP NEWS outreach issues; campaign pamphlets; the Q&A pamphlet; and a better Q&A pamphlet, and “new stuff.”

14 did not respond; 3 wanted to know more about materials available; and 3 suggested a catalogue or sample distribution.

8. Asked what projects the national office should give highest priority:

14 listed media attention; press releases and advertising received another 4 votes each; publicizing the Platform and publicizing LP positions on issues of current interest to the general public received 1 vote each.

Ballot access received 11 votes.

10 listed education top priority with 1 more specifying issue education.

Recruitment received 9 votes, and celebrity recruitment got 1 vote.

Outreach received 10 votes; outreach literature received 2 votes; minority, new voter, non-voter, opinion leader and student outreach were each listed once.

8 listed helping the state parties; 2 listed party networking; 1 voted for helping state and local activists; 2 for communications; 1 suggested we delegate some responsibilities to the state parties and 1 voted for decentralizing.

6 listed fundraising; there was 1 voted for financing.
There's no fundamental or natural right to education, nor to an educated education.

— Bernard Siegan

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A "Yuppy" is like to respond to William Dunn's article. One of my favorite political topics is the role of government in our lives. I'm a libertarian, free-market specialist.

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past commitments.

2 want us to focus all our energy on the presidential race; 2 others think we should focus on developing US Senate and Congressional candidates, saying those positions were more winnable; I voted to target a few races where we can match funds with the two traditional parties; 1 wants us to give top priority to developing credible candidates; I suggested we focus on recruiting officials already in office.

2 voted for Party organization; accurate record-keeping received 1 vote as did stability, ending all infighting on the Libertarian National Committee, the computer, legalization of victimless crimes and deregulation.

7 did not respond.

9. Asked what could be done to improve the effectiveness of the national LP:

- Decentralization was the top vote-getter with 3. Items receiving 2 votes each: media drives; news releases; financing; the pledge system; moving back to D.C.; a smaller National Committee; and prioritizing.
- Items receiving 1 vote each: name recognition; candidate exposure, publicizing the platform; focusing on winnable campaigns; publicizing our successes; posting campaign results on computer bulletin board systems; participation in League of Women Voters' debates; developing coalitions; nominating Ron Paul; educating local parties for better outreach; networking local, state and national Parties; delegating responsibilities to state Parties; maintaining membership lists for state Parties; organizing; improving organizational skills; hiring a paid volunteer coordinator; spending less time and money on phone solicitations; Bylaws revisions; better use of subcommittees; development of continuity; keeping promises; staying out of debt; buying Macintosh computers; keeping the Macintosh computer; buying a good computer system; making effective use of a computer system; moving to California; staying in one place; a 1-800 listing in the D.C. phone directory; ending divisive bickering; downplaying the drug issue; focusing on mainstream issues; philosophical arguments concerning popular issues; focusing on issues where the LP has attention-getting, positive, persuasive solutions to issues of popular interest; continuing with recent innovations; continuing to explore new ideas and techniques; establishing goals and plans to achieve goals (fundraising, membership, etc) and publishing both.

9 did not respond.

Comments of interest included: "I see things breaking down on the local level which will effect National..." "I'd like to see The Pledge used as a networking tool for active Libertarians; "We must find a way to have Tom Brokaw acknowledge we exist!" "I think the information contained in this month’s Liberty Pledge Newsletter shows National Headquarters is on the right track," "Keep up the good work;" "You're doing a fine job given the money you have to work with. You can do a better job when you have more money;" "I would give you...over the years...A minus...considering all the changes and ins and outs;" "Sounds like some good starts -- the ability to pass good starts on to the next people may be very important;" "Remember Pledgers are in it for the long haul;" "Hang in there. It will come."

All your input -- whether praise, constructive criticism or comfort -- is appreciated.

Networking News

Although we can’t incorporate all your suggestions into The Liberty Pledge Newsletter, many of them have great merit and we do not intend to drop the ball.

In an effort to fill the gap and improve communications among LP activists, the LP is launching a new publication: The LP Activist Network News. The Activist will focus on YOU -- the volunteer, the officer, the candidate, the editor, the activist, state, local and/or national -- and what you’re doing -- what works, what doesn’t, how long it takes, how much it costs, who’s where doing what and what they need to keep this movement moving.

Subscriptions ($10 per year) include Libertarian National Committee meeting Minutes, LNC Resolutions and updates, Director’s and Chair’s reports, and other FYI mailings to keep those of you “in the field” in the know.

In the June issue, you’ll find an interview with newly-elected Doug Anderson, a Ballot Access Committee Report, a proposed Classroom Outreach project, clippings, classifieds, and more. Pledgers and State Chairs will receive complementary copies of this first issue, and all are invited -- are urged -- to use this newsletter as a tool to actively network with the LP and with each other.

That’s it for this month. Hope you enjoy the clippings.

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