Over 800 Libertarians on November 2010 Ballot

by Arthur DiBianca

The Libertarian Party is going to have a strong presence at the ballot box this November.

Over 800 Libertarians are expected to appear on ballots in 44 states. At the time of printing, the exact count is 816, but that number is likely to fluctuate. A list of the candidates appears on pages 4 to 7.

LP Executive Director Wes Benedict commented, “I’m thrilled that so many voters are going to have Libertarian choices this November. Win or lose, every vote for a Libertarian makes a difference, because it’s the only vote that sends the right message.

“I’m especially pleased that our state affiliates overcame some difficult ballot access hurdles this year. The Democrats and Republicans love to rig the system against us, but we are fighting back.”

The 2010 candidate count is a significant increase from recent election years. There were 596 Libertarians on the ballot in 2006, and 593 in 2008.

The LP thanks all our candidates for their hard work and perseverance, and wishes them the best on November 2.
Reward LP Candidates

by Mark Hinkle

Here in the United States, we have a variety of tax policies from the local level up to Federal level. I’m fond of saying we have a tax policy that punishes those who are productive and rewards those who are not. That is the hallmark of a “progressive” tax system. The more you earn (by giving customers what they want), the more the government punishes you for doing so. Instead of a meritocracy, our government has endorsed a failure-cracy.

But, back here in the real world, you and I reward businesses that provide good products or services by becoming repeat customers. And we may tell friends and family what a good deal we got or what great service we received.

And so how does that relate to politics, especially Libertarian politics?

We now have over 800 candidates, ranging from school board to U.S. Senator running all across the U.S. Many have spent countless hours and lots of their own money to get on the ballot, so as to give voters an opportunity to cast a vote for freedom.

I encourage you to pick a few of those candidates and reward them for their good behavior. Politics, like art, is labor-intensive. Many of our candidates are self-funded. As a candidate who’s run eight times for partisan and non-partisan office, it really boosted my spirits when I received petitioning help or a financial contribution to defray my expenses. Knowing you have friends on your side, helps keep you going.

If you have some spare money, pick a Libertarian candidate and reward them for their efforts on behalf of freedom. If the Democratic/Republican-caused recession/depression is making that too difficult for you, consider donating some of your time instead.

If you don’t have a local candidate you want to support, pick a candidate somewhere else whose values and priorities match your own and support them any way you think possible. Even if the candidate isn’t local, you can always make Get Out The Vote (GOTV) phone calls asking voters to support Libertarian candidates. Or, if research and writing is your expertise, you can do opposition research and/or write press releases for your chosen candidate.

Only you know what time, talent, or funds are yours to give. We have more candidates running for office than all other alternative parties combined. They are doing yeoman’s work spreading the message of liberty. If you want them to do that again in 2012, I urge you to show them your support in 2010. Reward them for their good behavior and we’ll all reap the benefits for years to come.

And once the election is over, remember it’s your local, state, and national LP organizations that spread the message of liberty between campaign seasons. They are the Libertarian infrastructure that allows candidates to find volunteers and financial help every two or four years. It’s also the source for most of our candidates.

The work of liberty doesn’t start on Labor Day and end on Election Day. It’s a full time endeavor and if you want that to continue, please consider becoming a monthly pledger to your local, state, and national Libertarian Parties. They’re fighting for freedom when you’re busy living your life.

Let’s reward good behavior and promote freedom at the same time.

Shall we?

Mark W.A. Hinkle

The Purposes of the Libertarian Party:
The Party is organized to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by: functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements; moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office; chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities; nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and, entering into public information activities.

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Elected Libertarians Seek Higher Office

Over 150 Libertarians hold elected offices around America. Several of them are running for higher offices this November.

Norm Westwell, an Ocean View School District Trustee in California, is now running for Huntington Beach City Council.

Heather Scott, a County Commissioner in Wilson County, Tennessee, is running for State Representative.

Brendan Kelly, who serves on the Seabrook Council in New Hampshire, is running for State Representative.

by Wes Benedict

Over 150 Libertarians hold elected offices around America. Several of them are running for higher offices this November.

Norm Westwell currently serves in California as an Ocean View School District Trustee. Longtime LP News readers may remember him as Norm “Firecracker” Westwell from his days bringing attention to the freedoms we’re losing, such as the right to shoot fireworks on the Fourth of July.

Westwell is running for Huntington Beach City Council. He’s a 35-year Huntington Beach resident and past Vice Chairman of the Orange County LP. He has over 100 large signs up all over town. He notes, “All the signs are recycled. I am the environmentally friendly Libertarian candidate. I received permission from candidates in previous elections to take down their signs if I could keep them. In the down time between elections every two years, I repaint the signs in my garage a few at a time.”

According to his website, normwestwell4hbcc.com, he is “successfully shrinking government over $13 million in 2 years while minimizing the impacts to both students and staff.” He wants to “Balance the budget by cutting spending, not raising taxes, fees and fines.”

Heather Scott has spent eight years as a County Commissioner in Wilson County, Tennessee (outside Nashville). She has also served as an alternate on the Libertarian National Committee.

She is now running for State Representative in District 57. The Tennessee Report wrote of her, “From her eight years as a member of the Wilson County Commission, Scott says she’s seen how programs come down from the state and federal government that may or may not be right for a particular county, yet local governments have to enact them and cover the costs that come with them.”

On her campaign website, www.eletheatherscott.com, she says, “Having seen firsthand, the costs that mandates from upper levels of government impose upon the County, I’d like to take a more active role in limiting these mandates by returning government control to the local level.”

Brendan Kelly is currently an elected official in New Hampshire. He serves as a Selectman on the Seabrook Council, and previously served as its Chair. The territory of his current office overlaps two-thirds of the state legislative district he is running for (Rochester District 14).

Kelly has also served as a past state chair of the New Hampshire LP.

New Hampshire is unusual because the state’s legislative districts are so small. Nearly 400 state representatives serve a population of about 1.3 million. That’s just a few thousand residents per representative. New Hampshire also has the nation’s least expensive campaigns for state representative: winners spend an average of $772 on their campaigns.

Kelly’s website is www.brendankellynh.com.

Erik Viker sits on the Selinsgrove Borough Council in Pennsylvania. He is running for State Representative in District 85. On his website he says, “As an elected official, I always represent the interests of my fellow citizens from a perspective of financial responsibility, self-reliance and minimal government intrusion into our lives.”

In a recent interview with the Sunbury Daily Item about Tea Party enthusiasm, Viker said, “I hope those tea party members who truly care about fiscal conservatism and a smaller, more constitutional government realize these are exactly my principles. I am not part of the two-party system, a system where both parties have contributed to record-breaking deficits.”

Erik Viker’s campaign website is www.erikviker.com.

Libertarian Party Candidates Appearing in Election Polls

by Arthur DiBianca

All too often, Libertarian candidates are intentionally excluded from professional election polls. So it’s good to see Libertarian candidates doing well this year in a number of professional polls.

A September 14 SurveyUSA poll in Georgia showed Libertarian John Monds getting 9 percent of the vote. It showed several other Libertarians drawing between 6 percent and 8 percent in statewide races. In three cases, Libertarians were holding the Democrat and Republican both below 50 percent, which under Georgia law would lead to a runoff.

Michael Beitler, running for U.S. Senate in North Carolina, has appeared in a number of polls this year. His results have held at about 6 percent since July.

An August 16 poll by SurveyUSA showed Kansas Libertarian Dennis Hawver at 7 percent in his run for Attorney General. Hawver drew 22 percent of the support from voters...

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Social Networking Success for LP

by Kyle Hartz

In September 2009, the Libertarian Party’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/libertarians) had roughly 14,000 fans. One year later, we have grown to over 104,000 fans. To put this in perspective, the Democratic Party has a total of about 121,000 Facebook fans.

Some may say, “It’s just Facebook,” but we believe it’s important. Facebook has become one of the most powerful marketing tools available. The total worth of the company stands at $33 billion, thanks to their main source of revenue, Facebook advertising.

We have made effective use of Facebook ads, which have been very helpful in attracting users to us.

We want to encourage growth of our Facebook page in any way possible. The benefits we derive from the page are immense. Facebook is the third-highest source of web traffic for our website (LP.org), behind only Google and users who type our web address manually. Facebook gives our blog posts and press releases a huge boost in circulation.

Facebook also helps our outreach by providing a forum for others to discuss their own ideas. Our page is full of interesting dialogue between libertarians, constitutionals, conservatives, liberals, and anarchists. Our page gives potential Libertarians a place to explore the details of liberty that cannot be captured in a 60-second television ad. Sometimes people come to our page with doubts about the Libertarian Party, but the commentary they read makes them feel comfortable about joining us.

For all these reasons and more, passing 100,000 Facebook fans is a milestone to celebrate.
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  - Governor: William S. Toien
  - Lt. Governor: Jeffery D. Brown
  - State Representative, District 20: Scott A. Kohlhaas
  - State Representative, District 21: Robert E. Clift
  - State Representative, District 22: Harley Brown

### Arizona
- **Arizona**: Barry Hess
- Thane Eichenauser
- Rick Fowlkes
- Michael Hulse
- Michael White
- Garret Charter-Dickie
- Andrea Grueber
- William Munsil
- Jack Kretzer
- Frank Mulligan
- William Baker
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- Cristian Dumitrescu
- Damian Trabel
- Chris A. H. Will
- Michael Kielisky
- Christopher Rike
- Rachel L. Kielisky
- Tom Murray
- Sean Shepherd

### California
- **California**: Dale F. Ogden
- Pamela Brown
- Christina Cobin
- Timothy Hannah
- Andrew Favor
- Edward Teyssier
- Richard Brunson
- Kenmitt Watson
- Willard Michlin
- Jerry Davis
- Peter De Baets
- Steve Torno
- Adrian Gulysh
- Bob Weber
- David Ruskin
- Michael Mett
- Kristi Stone
- Gary Bryant
- Kate Moore
- Janice Bonser
- Dan Baehr
- Rich Belfitz
- Norm Westwell
- Steve Kubby

### Colorado
- **Colorado**: James Brown
- Ken Wilby
- Jesse H. Wallace
- Gilbert R. Fuller
- Doug Randall
- Marc Goddard
- Bo Shaffer
- G. T. Martin
- Mike Kegel
- Christine Smith
- Eva F. Kosinski
- Gary Johnson
- Stephen Saint

### Connecticut
- **Connecticut**: Joshua Katz
- Ken Mosher
- Charlie Aspinwall
- Marc Gutman

### Delaware
- **Delaware**: Matthew Flebbe
- Scott Gentry
- James Christina
- George Barnett
- Will McVay
- Jesse McVay
- Mary Pat McVay
- Timothy Webb

### Florida
- **Florida**: Franklin Perez
- Ilene Davis
- Philip Laibe
- Violet Skinner
- Stuart Coffin
- Tyrone Richmond
- A. J. Brent
- Jason Ferency-Zampano
- Ron Skutske
- Tom Clark
- Kim Hawk
- Jim Culberson
- Gary Frigo

### Georgia
- **Georgia**: John Monds
- Dan Barber
- David Chastain
- Don Smart
- William Costa
- Kira Willis
- Kevin Cherry
- Shane Bruce
- James Sendebach
- Brooke Nebel
- Taylor Bryant

### Hawaii
- **Hawaii**: Fred Fogel

### Idaho
- **Idaho**: Ted Dunlap
- John Charles Smith
- Randall Williamson
- Marvin Gardner
- Mikel Hautzinger

### Illinois
- **Illinois**: Lex Green
- Edward Rutledge
- Josh Hanson
- Julie Fox
- William Malan
- James Pauly
- Steve Funk
- Kevin Hendrickson

### Indiana
- **Indiana**: Mike Wherry
- Eric Knipe
- Charles Barman
- Don Crossley
- Benjamin Hale
- Ed Glueck
- John Schick
- Ron Cenkush
- Andrew Wolf
- Steve Helkel
- Richard Liedtky
- Jeff Duensing
- Ben Jarvis
- Thom Cox
- Jim Rainwater
- Greg Noland
- Rob Johnson
- David Hinkel
- Dennis Beauty
- Chuck Hammeman
- Rex Bell
- Sarah Jordan
- Brad Hyatt
- Edward A. Dills
- David Murdoch
- Al Cox
- Darel Dillard

### Iowa
- **Iowa**: Elizabeth Sepponen
- Paul Leslie
- Joe Hauptmann
- Kevin Vail
- Matt Amorim
- Jason Sipe
- Kent Raquet
- Mike Smythe
- Josh Burker
- John Meuser
- Paul Djikaj-Blomgren
- Duncan Adams
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- Gayle Bond
- Mark Harris
- Keith Henry
- Zachary Capheart
- Conley Tilson
- Marvin Heacox
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- Terrie Cloud
- Sheila Garriot
- Tom Perl
- Christopher Bowen
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- Mark Lindborg
- Dan Drexler
- Jon Henderson
- Erik Morris
- Mike Bishop
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- Paul Ogden
- Ken Biss
- Mark Lambert
- Barbara Adams
- Josh Featherstone
- Chris Sherman
- Todd Singer
- Richard Cunningham
- Mark R. Burris
- Drew Bisson

### Kansas
- **Kansas**: Andrew P. Gay
- Stacey Davis
- Philip Horatio Lucas
- Dennis Hawser
- Larry Monaghan
- Michael Kerner
- Jeffrey S. Caldwell II
- Robert J. McElwain
- Sean Tabor
- Troy Abbott
- Justin McCarthey
- Gordon Bakken
- Randall Batson
- David Thomas

### Kentucky
- **Kentucky**: State Representative, District 81
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- State Representative, District 87
- State Representative, District 90
- State Representative, District 91
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- State Representative, District 93
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- State Representative, District 97
- State Representative, District 99
- State Representative, District 100
- Brown County Sheriff
- Elkhart County Council, District 1
- Hillsborough County SWC District, District 2
- Hamilton County Council, District 3
- Henry County Sheriff
- Howard County Council, District 2
- Lake County Council, District 5
- Lake County Council, District 6
- LaPorte County Commissioner, District 1
- LaPorte County Commissioner, District 3
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- Madison County Council, District 1
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- Decatur Township Trustee, Marion County
- Fall Creek Township Trustee
- Franklin Township Trustee, Marion County
- Kankakee Township Board, LaPorte County
- LaPorte County Commissioner, Allen County
- Lawrence Township Trustee, Marion County
- Liberty Township Advisory Board
- Marion County IPS School Board
- Michian Township Board, LaPorte County
- New Daragon Township Board, LaPorte County
- Perry Township Trustee, Marion County
- Pike Township Trustee, Marion County
- Pike Township Constable, Marion County
- Pike Township Board of Ed., Marion County
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- Pleasant Township Board, Steuben County
- St. John Township
- Van Buren Township Board, Brown County
- Warren Township Trustee, Marion County
- Washington Township, Hendricks County
- Washington Township Trustee, Hendricks County
- Washington Township Trustee, Marion County
- Washington Township Board, Monroe County
- Wayne Township Trustee, Marion County

### Louisiana
- **Louisiana**: Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
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- Commissioner of Agriculture
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### Libertarian candidates quoted in the news

**“I no longer believe we’re a two-party country, I think it’s a one-party country of big government that has two wings: one (Democrat) that likes to talk about your civil liberties but doesn’t come through, and one (Republican) that likes to talk about your economic liberties but doesn’t come through.”**

-- Rebecca Sink-Burris in the *Indianapolis Star*, September 6

**“I would rather government do too little than too much. I believe people make better decisions for themselves than most members of government do. I would rather just take a chance on the people.”**

-- Martin Soehman in the *Molalla Pioneer*, September 8

**“Free market is my religion. It’s my philosophy. It’s my ethics.”**

-- Dan Barber in the *Gwinnett Daily Post*, September 10

**“I think it is part of the two-party ‘duopoly’ to keep politics status quo. They don’t want an independent candidate with different views. It’s a game of polarity — to divide people into two camps and avoid alternative solutions.”**

-- Rob McNealy in the *Colorado Statesman*, September 10

**“I run to give people a real choice, because right now there’s just not a lot of difference between Republicans and Democrats.”**

-- Lars Grossmith in the *North County Times*, September 11

**“I hope those tea party members who truly care about fiscal conservatism and a smaller, more constitutional government realize these are exactly my principles. I am not part of the two-party system, a system where both parties have contributed to record-breaking deficits.”**

-- Erik Viker in the *Sunbury Daily Item*, September 16

**“What the government can do, the people can do better.”**

-- Ken Matesz in the *Port Clinton News Herald*, September 18

**“I don’t know how to run your life and I know the federal government doesn’t, either.”**

-- Alex Snitzer in the *St. Petersburg Times*, September 18

**“Government is for the protection of individual rights. I may not agree that smoking weed or hiring a prostitute is morally OK, but it’s not hurting anyone.”**

-- Michael Kielisky in the *Phoenix New Times*, September 20
Meet Libby
from the Libertarian Party of Texas

On September 17, the Libertarian Party of Texas (LPT) rolled out a new campaign strategy for 2010-2012. The campaign is designed to introduce Texans to the Libertarian Party in a new light. According to the Cato Institute, 14 percent of American voters can be classified as libertarian. A 2009 Gallup poll found that 23 percent of voters held libertarian views. A Zogby poll found that 59 percent considered themselves “fiscally conservative and socially liberal,” and 44 percent agreed that they were “fiscally conservative and socially liberal, also known as libertarian.”

“We have been working with Cultural Strategies, an Austin-based marketing firm, to find out why so many libertarian-minded people were not voting for the party that best represents their political philosophy,” said LPT Executive Director Robert Butler. “We determined that our logical approach was capturing people’s minds, but not their hearts. We needed to add personality to the party’s image to resonate with more voters.”

That personality has taken the form of “Libby.” In aiming to introduce the Libertarian Party of Texas to a broader audience—to those who are disillusioned by the little differentiation between the two parties and see the country drifting away from its founding principles—the LPT will present “Libby,” a personification that clearly portrays how Libertarianism provides a sound alternative. This way, individuals will better identify with the issues being addressed, not just through a political party, but through a person with whom they can connect. Libby is the introduction of the Libertarian Party to “the rest of us”; to all those who are not self-proclaimed political activists, but do desire a change from the status quo.

“A good novelist shows the story, he doesn’t tell it,” said Butler. “For too long, we have been telling people about liberty. Our goal through Libby is to show people what a Libertarian is and how liberty is relevant to their everyday lives.”

In addition to the Libby Campaign, the Texas party has encouraged the formation of other affinity groups that are not directly connected to the party. The Liberty Campaign for Texas is a political action committee geared towards helping Libertarians in winnable or margin of victory campaigns. Texas Libertarios is a political action committee created to support Latino issues, voter registration, candidates, and leadership within the Libertarian Party. The non-profit Foundation for a Free Society is a new 501(c)3 educational foundation focusing on incorporating the principles of liberty in people’s lives.

“We are very pleased with the efforts of Cultural Strategies and our Executive Director,” said LPT Chair Patrick Dixon. “We see great potential to attract new voters and members with the Libby campaign.”


3,200 Door Hangers at Glenn Beck’s D.C. Rally
by Wes Benedict

LPT Headquarters staff and volunteers handed out 3,200 door hangers and about 1,000 Libertarian bumper stickers in three hours at Glenn Beck’s “Restoring Honor” rally in Washington, D.C. Hundreds of thousands of people attended this rally, many of whom were Tea Party activists.

In preparation, we had the top two inches of the door hangers cut off to make them more convenient for handing out at a rally. Fed-Ex/Kinko’s cut all 3,200 for just nine dollars. The result was a handy card featuring the World’s Smallest Political Quiz along with information on the Libertarian Party.

While I think Glenn Beck holds some Libertarian views, he strays on some issues. Some passersby mentioned having taken the Quiz on Beck’s television show. Of that informed group, some eagerly accepted the bumper stickers and quiz cards, while others were clearly against us.

One gentleman took the Quiz and scored solidly in the authoritarian region. Ironically he was wearing an anti-Obama T-shirt with pictures of Stalin and other notorious authoritarians. He seemed good-natured, nevertheless, and I’m hopeful that Libertarian activists help open people’s minds to what true freedom means.
Students For Liberty: Striving for ‘A Free Academy, A Free Society’

by Clark Ruper

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e live in an exciting time for the cause of liberty. While the current environment is distressing, with consecutive Republican and Democrat administrations competing over who could outspend and regulate the other, the future gives us great cause for hope. That is because today students are standing up and taking the lead in the fight for personal and economic freedom.

For anyone who has been through college in recent decades, the thought of a libertarian student movement probably seems strange. Surely the academy is not a friendly place for the ideas of liberty. Why is the student movement so much larger and better organized today than ever before?

The Growth of the Student Movement for Liberty

More and more students are interested in the ideas of liberty. The continuing big government morass of the Bush and Obama Administrations has frustrated young idealistic students who want to make the world a better place. They see unprecedented government spending through bailouts and stimuli. The overreaching regulations in health care and financial markets give our generation a reason to fear the future. The endless foreign wars have revitalized the anti-war sentiment amongst young people. The 2008 Ron Paul campaign exposed a new generation to the thought that there is an alternative to Republican and Democrat political monopoly.

All of these factors have combined to make our ideas more popular than ever, evidenced by the fact that sales of Atlas Shrugged and The Road to Serfdom are setting records.

However, the key is not just that there are more libertarian students; it is that they have finally organized. Young leaders are standing up and taking control of their futures. They are working to educate and coordinate their fellow students to work together in building a robust student movement for liberty.

Just over two years ago a handful of libertarian students came together to found Students For Liberty (SFL), a network of pro-liberty students from all over the country. It started as a simple idea to host a small roundtable meeting for about 30 libertarian students to discuss and share best practices. That small meeting in 2008 blew expectations out of the water when 100 students traveled to New York City through a blizzard to be a part of the conference. Clearly the organizers had hit upon an unmet market need.

Since that first conference, Students For Liberty has grown into a full-fledged 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to provide year-round support to libertarian students. The growth is unprecedented. At the end of the 2008-2009 school year, SFL’s network included 109 pro-liberty student groups. At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, SFL’s network includes over 300 pro-liberty student groups, and more are starting every day.

The SFL network is diverse. We do not utilize a strict membership model where people sign up for SFL each year, nor do SFL have chapters that take orders from a national office. Instead we work from the bottom up, acting as a facilitator that empowers students and strengthens the student movement for liberty by building on local knowledge. We have a diversity of groups in our network—such as College Libertarians, Objectivist groups, free market economics clubs, philosophy reading groups, and Austrian Economics clubs—that share the common belief in social, academic, and economic freedom.

Helping Students—Showing Them They Are Not Alone

SFL’s philosophy for working with student groups is simple: student empowerment. Today’s libertarian students are idealistic and motivated to change the world. We go out onto college campuses to find them, learn what they are passionate about, and then give them the training and resources to make a difference.

Students For Liberty provides a number of resources to help students fight for liberty on campus. These include an academic journal, free books for reading groups, e-leadership webinars, helpful handbooks, protest grants, an alumni network and much more.

We also train students and put them in positions to be leaders of liberty. The organization is run by the student Executive Board, which is comprised of twelve current students and recent graduates that volunteer approximately 10-15 hours per week to advance the student liberty movement. To provide students with local support, SFL has launched the Campus Coordinator Program. The Campus Coordinators act as community organizers for liberty. Each is responsible for up to ten campuses in his or her immediate area where he or she identifies pro-liberty students, starts new pro-liberty student groups, and grows the student movement for liberty in the region.

The most important thing Students For Liberty does, however, is show libertarian students that they are not alone. The biggest obstacle that a libertarian student faces in starting a group is feeling they are the only one, that they are strange for holding their beliefs. Students For Liberty hosts conferences around the country to introduce young people to their fellow students and the leaders of the liberty movement to show that no student is alone in this noble fight.

In 2008, Students For Liberty hosted three Regional Conferences with a total of approximately 120 students in attendance. The 2009 Regional Conferences blew those numbers out of the water with over 700 students at seven Regional Conferences. In response to ever-increasing demand, Students For Liberty will be hosting nine Regional Conferences this fall, branching out to new cities and reaching new audiences.

To see upcoming Regional Conferences in your area, visit www.PoliticalConferences.org, where you can learn more and register for the Regional Conference nearest you.

To learn more about starting and growing a student group, visit SFL’s main website at www.studentsforliberty.org or email us at info@studentsforliberty.org.

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Arkansas
Change is Happening Rapidly

After returning home from the National Convention, the LPAR took inspiration from John Jay Myers’ grassroots-oriented approach to growth by launching their first two county affiliate programs.

Immediately following their creation, Craighead and Washington counties began holding monthly social events and are already expanding the LPAR’s outreach.

In the last 12 months, the LPAR has established a dues-paying membership base, completely reinvented their website, become active on Facebook, Twitter and MySpace, and begun a blog with several talented writers. In June, the Executive Committee also elected a new Chair, Vice Chair and three new District Representatives. The LPAR has also formed various committees to address everything from Social Events to Ballot Access.

The LPAR Family BBQ was a huge success. Members from all over Arkansas gathered for good food, good conversation and a breathtaking view. Special thanks to LPMS members Danny Bedwell, Ross Scalise and their families for making a long trip to support the LPAR.

The LPAR also has big plans for the next twelve months. The Bylaws/Platform Committee is working on a brand new Constitution and Bylaws as well as an Arkansas-specific Platform. The Ballot Initiative Committee is creating a ballot initiative on gun rights, which Arkansans will hopefully be able to vote on in 2012. The LPAR is also working on a weekly podcast, activism training, the 2011 state convention which will be held on April 9, and, the biggest challenge in the history of the LPAR, ballot access for 2012.

Arkansas is currently the only LP affiliate that has never run a Libertarian in a partisan race other than President. The LPAR works to gain ballot access and find candidates in 2012, making the LP the first and only third party to have run a partisan candidate (besides President) in all 50 states. Please consider supporting the LPAR in this historic venture!

California
Opposition to Ballot Measure

NC Chair Mark Hinkle, along with LP activist Elizabeth Brierly, worked with Republican Doug McNea, who is also the Chair of the Silicon Valley Taxpayers (SVT) to submit nine arguments against nine bond issues or tax increases scheduled to appear on the November 2 ballot throughout Santa Clara County, aka Silicon Valley.

Brian Darby, local LP Chair, and LPC Treasurer, signed on behalf of the local LP and Doug McNea signed on behalf of the SVT. The tax increases ranged from parcel taxes, to vehicle fee increases, to bond measures. The bond measures totaled over $450 million, with millions more for the proposed parcel taxes and other fees.

Illinois
Candidates Spreading the Message of Liberty


All state-wide Libertarian candidates were in attendance at the Convention to provide campaign updates. The Party’s slate includes: Mike Labno, U.S. Senator; Lex Green, Governor; Ed Rutledge, Lieutenant Governor; Josh Hanson, Secretary of State; James Pauly, Treasurer; Bill Malan, Attorney General; and Julie Fox, Comptroller.

Among the weekend’s many highlights were the presentations of Sheriff Richard Mack, author of the book The County Sheriff: America’s Last Hope; Michael Badnarik, the 2004 Libertarian Presidential Candidate; David Nolan, co-founder of the National Libertarian Party; and Dr. Sharon Presley, author of Standing up to Experts and Authorities: How to Avoid Being Manipulated, Intimidated and Abused.

Also participating in the LP-Illinois Convention were LNC Vice Chair Mark Rutherford and LNC Region 6 Representative Dianna Visek. The two teamed up to offer attendees a special presentation on “Growing the Revolution with State and National LP Working Side-By-Side.”

The conventioners enjoyed a special treat as “Thomas Paine” was on hand to offer some updated “Common Sense.” Paine was joined by “Patrick Henry” and “Thomas Jefferson,” who presented a new Declaration of Independence written on 100% hemp paper, which was signed by many of the attendees.

The following awards were given to acknowledge recent top contributors: Edward Bushel Lifetime Libertarian Achievement Award, Julie Fox; Crispus Attucks Libertarian Activist of the Year Award, Crystal Jurczynski; Outstanding Young Libertarian Award, Kyle Kidwell; Libertarian Leadership Award, Lex Green; Volunteer Petitioner of the Year Award, Ken Prazak.

Julie Fox, who was recently endorsed by Tax Accountability 2010, continues to campaign around the state at county fairs, tea parties, and on radio shows. She had eight media interviews in the Rockford/Freeport area on September 16. Fox is the only CPA in the Comptroller’s race, which resonates extremely well with voters throughout the state. The campaign is currently raising funds through its “10-10-10 Raffle.” The first prize is $500 cash. The winning ticket will be drawn on October 10. Contact Maureen at events@FoxforComptroller.com to purchase a raffle ticket.

The Lex Green campaign has done an excellent job building the Libertarian brand in Illinois. The campaign has brought Libertarians together throughout the state, introduced thousands of people to the party name, and has found support from the general public. Lex will be campaigning full time in the final six weeks leading up to Election Day.

The U.S. Senate campaign has generated many media appearances for Mike Labno, including multiple interviews on ABC TV. Mike’s Democratic opponent recently issued a statement: “The anti-incumbent, conservative wave will claim

North Carolina
Update in Ballot Access Case

The North Carolina Supreme Court heard oral arguments September 9 in what could be a landmark ballot access case for the state. The hearing culminated a five-year legal battle by the Libertarian and Green parties to reform the state’s restrictive ballot access laws.

The justices asked questions focused on several key issues, including the limits of the state’s compelling interest in regulating elections, what causes so-called “ballot clutter,” and the concept of “voter confusion” that may or may not occur with multiple parties on the ballot and multiple offices up for election.

Several of the justices questioned the argument by the state that a ballot with more than two parties would result in longer lines on election day and discourage voting. “What’s wrong with that,” commented Justice Edward Brady.

“This case is not about the Libertarian Party,” said Barbara Howe, Libertarian Party chair, “This case is about the people of North Carolina.” She said that the huge barriers erected by the State for ballot access, which get bigger every year, limit political dialogue and limit voting choice.

It will probably take several months for the court to issue a decision, according to attorneys for the Libertarian Party. They believe that whatever the court decides, it will be a landmark decision for ballot access.

Ohio
Candidates Challenge Establishment

The past month has been an exciting time in Ohio. Ken Matesz, our Governor candidate, held a press conference at the Ohio Statehouse and became the first and only Governor candidate in the state to release a detailed budget...continued on page 11
A Warning to the Tea Party
by Wes Benedict

Libertarian Party staff and volunteers participated in the Washington, DC Tea Party events on September 12. They distributed flyers pointing out how the Top 10 Disasters of the 2009-2010 Obama administration mirror the Top 10 Disasters of the 2001-2008 Bush administration.

But, looking at the 9/12 Tea Party events in Washington, DC, I issued the following warning to Tea Partiers: “Republicans are trying to fool you again.”

There are two kinds of Tea Partiers. One kind is so blinded by its hatred of Obama and Democrats that it cannot see fault with Republicans. It’s the other kind the Libertarian Party is reaching out to.

Libertarians have much in common with Tea Party goals of reducing government spending and taxes. While many Tea Party supporters will admit that George W. Bush’s administration grew government, Libertarians want to remind Tea Partiers about previous Republican administrations that loved big government.

Republican Newt Gingrich and the Contract with America promised to eliminate the Departments of Education and Energy. Yet once Republicans took control of Congress, they failed even to reduce the spending on those departments.

Republican President George Bush, Sr. remains famous for coining the phrase “Read my lips, no new taxes,” and then raising taxes.

Republican President Ronald Reagan grew federal government spending to the highest level it had reached since World War II. He also “saved Social Security” by raising payroll taxes.

Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole was a huge supporter of taxpayer subsidies for corn and ethanol.

In 1971, Republican President Richard Nixon instituted wage and price controls. That made a group of free-market supporters so angry that they decided to form the Libertarian Party.

Republicans seem to think we’re idiots. For decades they have paid lip-service to shrinking government, while consistently doing the opposite in office.

Our fear is that Tea Partiers might say, “This time it will be different.” No it won’t. If you vote for Republicans this time, it will just reinforce the message that they can lie to you and grow government with impunity.

Current Republicans are just as bad as past Republicans.

This year, Libertarian Party co-founder David Nolan is running for U.S. Senate against Republican John McCain, who famously suspended his 2008 presidential campaign so he could rush back to Washington to bail out the banks.

Republican leader John Boehner might end up as the next House Speaker, and he voted for George W. Bush’s huge 2003 Medicare expansion.

John Cornyn, Republican senator from Texas, and current chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, voted for the TARP bailouts.

Ron Paul is probably the only Republican congressman willing to point out the huge cost of America’s foreign wars and empire building. Other Republicans pretend that spending trillions on the military just doesn’t count as big government.

With Social Security, Medicare, and military spending making up the vast majority of federal spending, you can’t cut significantly without cutting those. But Republicans refuse to touch them.

Libertarians welcome the Tea Party movement’s focus on the problem of government growth. However, we are concerned that Tea Partiers might fall for the Republicans’ trickery.

Republican leaders have brought up distractions like New York City mosques and gay marriage to distract voters from Republicans’ big-government track record. We hope that Tea Partiers will see through the smoke and mirrors.

While our nation is declining dangerously right now, a turnaround could be straightforward and simple with Libertarian steps like these: 1. Bring our troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan; 2. Stop rewarding failed companies with bailouts; 3. Cut taxes and spending and let the free market work.

The Libertarian Party is fielding 170 candidates for U.S. House, and 21 candidates for U.S. Senate this year.

Win or lose, a vote for a Libertarian sends a clear message for smaller government and more freedom. After all, what message did a vote for John McCain send?

Canditates Appearing in More Polls

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classified as independent.

A July poll by Public Policy Polling showed Libertarian Alex Snitker, running for U.S. Senate in Florida, running at 3 or 4 percent, depending on which Democratic candidate was listed as an opponent.

Travis Irvine, running for Congress in Ohio’s 12th District, polled at 10 percent in July in a Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research poll.

In all cases, the Libertarian candidates are running against both Democratic and Republican opponents. In some cases there are additional candidates running as well.

Despite the media’s tendency to present Libertarians as competitors for conservative votes, these polls show a more complete picture. Libertarians sometimes poll higher among conservatives, and sometimes higher among liberals. As expected, Libertarian candidates poll significantly higher among independents than among Republicans or Democrats.

The two firms that most often include Libertarians in published results are SurveyUSA and Public Policy Polling. Their websites are surveyusa.com and publicpolicypolling.com.

Affiliate News

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plan for the state. Bill Yarbrough, candidate for state senate, received the endorsement of Ohio Tea Party PAC, as well as the endorsement of Outlook Columbus, a LGBT magazine, proving that Libertarian candidates can appeal to both the left and the right.

Charlie Earl, candidate for Secretary of State, may set a new record as he attempts to visit every county fair in Ohio this year! Charlie has been spreading the Libertarian message and campaigning in every corner of the state this summer, and wishes that his gasoline card had a mileage program. As everyone who receives the LP Monday Message saw a few weeks ago, the Libertarian Party of Ohio has a truly inventive candidate in Travis Irvine, whose weekly campaign videos continue to impress.

For more information on what is happening with the LPO, you can go to http://www.lpohio.com. We also have a Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/libertarianpartyohio and a YouTube channel at http://www.youtube.com/user/libertarianpartyohio.

Libertarians Fight to Break Cycle of “Battered Gay Voter” Syndrome

from 9/23 LP Press Release

Like abused spouses who keep returning to their aggressors, gay voters keep handing their votes to the Democrats who abuse them.

LP Chairman Mark Hinkle said, “Exit polls indicate that Democrats get over 70% of LGBT votes in federal elections. Those voters must really love the Democrats’ rhetoric, because they certainly aren’t seeing any action.”

“President Obama and the Democrats had almost a year of complete control of the federal government: the Presidency, the House, and a filibuster-proof 60 votes in the Senate. They could have repealed ‘don’t ask don’t tell.’ They could have gotten rid of the Defense of Marriage Act. But they didn’t do either of those things. That’s a complete and total betrayal of all the promises they made to gay and lesbian voters for years.

“After a carefully orchestrated failure in the Senate, the Democrats are now blaming Republicans for blocking the repeal of ‘don’t ask don’t tell.’ Of course, three Democrats just voted against it too, including Majority Leader Harry Reid. Reid claims he voted for procedural reasons, but the whole situation seems calculated to look like they’re trying to help, while making sure they don’t actually help.”

Unlike the Democratic and Republican Parties, the Libertarian Party believes that gays and lesbians deserve equal treatment under the law.

The LP Platform states: “Sexual...continued on page 15
The Libertarian National Committee Welcomes Our Newest Members

The LNC grants Lifetime memberships to members who contribute at least $1,000 during any twelve-month period. Call 202-333-0008 to find out how much more you would need to donate to upgrade to the Lifetime level today.

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Robert Smith (WA)
Patricia Stewart (WA)
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Kristian Barber (WI)
Glen Gade (WI)
Mitchell Katt (WI)
Kirk Lane (WI)
John Passak (WI)
David Pizon (WI)
Nicholas Pauls (WI)
Joshua Zimmerman (WI)
Gregory Bailey (WV)
Wayne Horton (WV)
Moritz Ericsson
Suggestions for Quiz

With the concern over huge government, massive bailouts, and enormous debt at an all-time high, the Libertarian Party should be on the brink of electing scores of national leaders. Instead, the disorganized Tea Party and Big-Government has-beens like Sarah Palin dominate the news.

Brian Blum
New York

Thank You, Libertarian Party!

I would like to thank and extend a warm “mahalo” from Hawaii to the LP for being a bright shining light in an otherwise dark and gloomy generation. Before deploying to Iraq last year, one of my Marine friends told me that he and many members his unit were extremely worried, and reading articles, sharing videos and talking a lot in their free time about the direction in which America was heading.

He started talking to me about social and economic liberty issues, various laws that had been passed and how the politics of crisis were being used to give government incredible power to do nearly anything.

At first I didn’t believe him because I was so fixated on the “War on Terror,” but he encouraged me to study the crisis out and to think objectively. It wasn’t until I read “The Citizen’s Rule Book” one afternoon that I found myself moved to tears as I came to the realization that America had become a police state and that individual freedoms were rapidly vanishing.

On my own initiative, while my friend was in Iraq, I started reading Thomas Paine, Ludwig von Mises, Murray Rothbard, Ron Paul and many others. I found myself undergoing a rapid transformation of the way I saw myself, my fellow man and the world around me.

Growing up, I had been raised to think very statist, and in college and later graduate school as a political science and public administration major, the teachings I learned had only reinforced those beliefs. But, in the span of just a very short time of reading books and listening to liberty viewpoints I’d never heard before, I found myself understanding that what I was so sure of was in fact wrong. And, if I could change, perhaps others could change too.

I love the fact that libertarians reject the use of violence to initiate change.

I’m still learning about what it means to be a libertarian and am not at all perfect, but I want to thank every person out there who is talking about liberty, sharing in small groups and just making the decision to be different by design.

All of you are salt and light and I thank you for being the voice of mercy, love and truth for America.

Danny de Gracia, II
Waipahu, Hawaii

A Simpler Strategy

It is very likely the Republican Party will retake the House, possibly the Senate in the November elections. However, this will not happen because so many people love Republicans, instead it is because they have recently learned to dislike Democrats even more. In a situation like this, our Libertarian Party should be reaping a windfall of new followers if not outright members. Sadly, we are not.

I believe there is a simple reason for this: Our platform (which I fully support) is simply beyond the understanding of the average voter—just as it has been for years. And, what people do not fully understand, they shy away from. I am certain we can do better.

Troy Robinson
Whitney, Texas

Let’s Do More for the Youth

My name is Luke Edwards and I am currently a freshman at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. I would like to add a suggestion for my newly found love, the Libertarian Party.

I have been extremely interested in politics ever since I was accepted to be a Page in the United States Senate for Senator Richard Lugar. I spent two months in Washington D.C. sitting on the Senate Floor watching the Republicans and Democrats bicker and argue.

Nothing is getting done. I am writing to you as a leader so that the party would spend more of its resources on the future generation (take into consideration that I have no idea of the party’s finances at this time).

I personally do not believe that we can change the minds of the middle aged and senior citizens of America. However, I do believe that we can reach out to high school and college students, and the beginning workforce of this nation. The Libertarian Party platform is just about everything that the youth agree on—same sex marriage rights, legalize marijuana, and so much more!

The government needs to get out of our lives and minors are directly affected by it. Examples are with drinking, curfew, and voting laws (you can probably tell I am big on youth rights).

To get to the point, I was looking to find the Libertarians of Purdue, and realized there isn’t one!

In fact, the LP website shows that IUPUI is the only college in Indiana that has such a group. Most of the peers that I talk politics with generally agree with the Libertarian Party, but they just don’t know what it is.

We have to change that. I completely understand if you are not interested in this approach, or are too busy to read all of your emails due to the large volume of mail that you get, but if you are interested, I would like to give you a few examples of some types of successful movements with a strong influence on youth.

Please pay attention to the style and language that these organizations are using. I would like to end by saying thank you. Thank you so much for all that you have done for us libertarians, and the people of the USA.

Luke Edwards
West Lafayette, Indiana

A Change in Strategy

I read John Pack’s letter with a mixture of pleasure and despair. Pleasure because he emphasizes many of the same things that I did in a letter 10 years ago, despair because he emphasizes many of the same things that I did in a letter 10 years ago.

We will not be taken seriously as a party unless we have a serious, consistent platform and serious, electable candidates. Many Tea Party participants espouse the same ideas and ideals as Libertarians, but we have not been able to lead them to the party. Instead many continue to hope that the Republicans will fall back in line after going astray since the defeat of Barry Goldwater and they have been able to nominate weak Tea Party backed Republican candidates who might very well ensure the election of “progressive” democrats.

Why haven’t we been able to take advantage of the spirit of liberty that is rife in the country? Is it because we are too interested in being pure rather than political, or are we afraid of success because we make better complainers than leaders? Also, unfortunately, money is fungible. If one designates a donation for one thing, the party will merely use other funds to send multiple begging pleas.

We have some attractive candidates in Georgia. Monds is even listed in newspapers as a candidate along with Barnes and Deal (a failed former governor voted out previously and a crooked politician who resigned from the House just ahead of announcement of ethics complaints). Our polling is still in the single digit range. There was even a positive comment on Donovan’s polling 7% as the highest ever. There is nothing positive about 7 percent. It is a losing number. If the race were a prize fight, the referee would have stopped it a couple of rounds ago. We need to get serious.

Not only are our candidates in Georgia strong, but they should be able to take advantage of weaknesses in their opponents.

Peter Gayton Claymore
Low-Priced LP Items Still Available

Hundreds of Libertarian volunteers have already ordered hundreds of thousands of our door hangers, and we have lots more in stock!

Don’t miss this fantastic opportunity to spread the word about the Libertarian Party before the November elections.

The door hangers feature the World’s Smallest Political Quiz and brief information about the Libertarian Party. They encourage people to visit the LP website to join the party.

The door hangers are very easy to distribute. It takes just a few hours to put up 200 in a typical urban or suburban neighborhood. Apartment complexes go even faster.

Also order some of our 10-cent bumper stickers. Some marketing experts have estimated that putting a bumper sticker on your car is worth at least $200 in advertising.

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Send in the form and order some low-priced LP campaign gear today!

Democrats Don’t Respect Gay Voters

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orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the government’s treatment of individuals, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration or military service laws. Government does not have the authority to define, license or restrict personal relationships. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships.”
What have you missed recently on LP.org?

- Nolan for U.S. Senate gets more media coverage
- Libertarian Party Of Nebraska turns in 8,000 signatures
- Libertarians at State Fairs
- Libertarian Bill Woolsey elected Mayor in SC
- Texas LP chair gives his take on the tea party
- Colorado Libertarian primary results
- Strong Libertarian voter registration in Alaska
- Libertarian Party has first-ever primary in Louisiana
- Libertarian Dennis Hawver polls 22% among Kansas independents
- New York LP candidate Warren Redlich comments on mosque controversy
- The FDA Wants Jurisdiction over Your Kitchen!
- New York Libertarians get on the ballot
- Libertarian Barry Hess in televised debate
- Libertarian candidate Bill Yarbrough announces endorsement from Tea Party