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Voters' Choice Act Update

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There's much good news for Libertarians and for Pennsylvania's voters regarding the Voter's Choice Act and ballot access reform.

On Wednesday, January 11th, 2006, members of the Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition (PBAC) met with the House State Government Committee in Harrisburg to talk turkey over the contents of a ballot access reform bill. Most of the twenty state representatives who sit on the committee attended the two-hour informal hearings, listening to testimony from Libertarians, Greens, Constitutions, Reforms, Naderites, Socialists, the League of Women Voters, and the public. There were about half a dozen reporters in the audience, and the hearings were well publicized. James Babb's photos from the hearing can

be found at <http://tinyurl.com/cgp3r>.

From a historical perspective, the meeting went very well. The last round of hearings regarding ballot access reform were held in 1997. At that time, the committee members were hostile and argumentative. However, this time the atmosphere was cordial and friendly, and the dialogue was open and productive.

In the end, the committee chair stated that the committee would be drafting legislation to restore fair ballot access. In the meantime, the PBAC will continue to keep up the pressure for the passage of a ballot access reform bill. At this time, the odds of that happening in the next few months appear to be excellent.

Concerned citizens can help the efforts of the PBAC by calling their state representatives and state senators immediately and urging them to push for ballot access reform this month, as outlined in the bill being authored in the House State Government Committee. For more information, refer them to the PBAC's White Paper on ballot access reform which can be found on the web at www.PaBallotAccess.org.

The current situation is both promising and urgent. There are only a few months left before petitioning for 2006 begins. The more pressure that can be brought to bear on the legislature, the better.

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2006 LPPa Convention Speakers Announced

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The Saturday evening keynote speaker will be Russ Diamond. Russ was the Libertarian candidate for both Congress (17th district) and the Pennsylvania House of Representatives (101st district) in 2004, waging a unique and innovative dual campaign that made both headlines and history for third party efforts in Pennsylvania. He is the founder of Operation Clean Sweep which has already recruited over 100 citizen candidates for the 2006 elections against the entrenched incumbents. On January 1, 2006 Russ was named a co-recipient of the

Philadelphia Inquirer's "Citizen of the Year" award, along with fellow activists Tim Potts and Gene Stilp.

Other speakers will include Matthew Brouillette, president and CEO of the Commonwealth Foundation, Rep. Kerry Benningoft, PA House of Representatives (R) Dist. 171, Shauna Moser from Penn State Young Americans for Freedom, and Dr. Julian Heicklen who will speak on the separation of church and state.

On Friday night, attendees will be

treated to an advance screening of Aaron Russo's latest movie, "America... From Freedom To Fascism."

We encourage you to sign up today for the 2006 LPPa Convention scheduled March 3 - 5 at the Atherton Hotel in downtown State College. You can register online at www.lppa.org/convention and reserve a room by calling 800-832-0132.

Tom Martin is Convention Committee Chair and an elected Auditor in Huston Township, Centre County.



PACleanSweep Chair and former Libertarian candidate Russ Diamond will provide the keynote address at the 2006 LPPa convention. Diamond is pictured here at the Jan. 30th Capitol Rotunda press conference with 81 incumbent busting PACleanSweep candidates for state legislature. The event was well covered statewide by TV, radio and print media.

Primary Day Blitz Team Forming – Freedom and Liberty Need YOU!

Ron Goodman, rocket1g@earthlink.net

As you are probably well aware, due to an anomaly in the election code all third parties will be required to collect a minimum of 67,070 valid signatures to get their statewide candidates on the ballot. If we fail to get statewide candidates on the ballot this year, we will lose our hard fought minor party status.

Some see this as an insurmountable problem, but I see it as a huge opportunity for the LPPa to establish its credibility. By climbing the "Mt. Everest" of signature requirements we will set ourselves apart from the smaller third parties. This will make others see us as real players.

The key to tackling any large task is to have a plan and to spread the workload. This is the cornerstone of our Primary Day Blitz Strategy.

Our vision is to collect 67,070 valid signatures in one day, May 16th 2006!

In order to accomplish our goal we

need at least 350 people to collect 200 signatures each. Since we are talking about taking a major step forward for the LPPa we expect every member will want to help. If every one of us joined together and took the day off to collect signatures at the polls on May 16th, we would make history, we would make news and we would make a statement that we are here to stay. We want our freedoms and will do what is necessary to secure them in a civil manner.

There are major benefits to targeting our efforts at Primary Day.

All registered voters can count as valid signatures: By focusing on valid signatures we greatly reduce our need to exceed the 67,000 signature requirement with a buffer.

High voter turnout expected: In 2006 there will be a significant number of challengers running against the incumbent thanks to the pay raise issue. There is still quite a bit of pent

up frustration among the electorate over this flagrant abuse of power.

Great setting and atmosphere: Since people are focused on politics and supporting the democratic process by voting, it's a natural expectation to sign nomination papers offering even more choices on the November ballot.

People come to you: It's much more efficient to let the people come to you than vice versa. Even at a 25% voter turnout rate most large polling places will attract over 500 registered voters.

We can target the largest polling places or pick areas with hotly contested races.

Collecting 200 signatures in a full day at the polls is certainly attainable especially in today's environment. We have dozens of people already committed and signed on to the Primary Day Blitz Team including all the leadership of the LPPa Board.

We ask that you, as a member of the LPPa, commit to taking the day off from work and collecting a minimum of 200 signatures. If every member does that, we will exceed our target of 67,000 valid signatures in just one day. We can then focus our time on running our campaigns.

Contact Chuck Moulton at election@lppa.org to add your name to the growing Primary Day Blitz Team. Another option is to donate \$200 to our Ballot Access Fund (\$1 per signature required). A petition kit will be sent to you in April containing instructions and Nomination Papers to collect your 200 signatures. Please respond ASAP so we can plan accordingly.

Ron Goodman is Chair of the Membership Committee and Chair of the Cumberland County Libertarian Party.

2006 Candidate Recruitment

Chuck Moulton, election@lppa.org

We're looking for Libertarians to run for public office at all levels. By being one of our candidates, you would help spread the libertarian message, raise awareness of the Libertarian Party and boost our total of elected Libertarians. Even more importantly, it's loads of fun!

The pay raise fight sparked a dramatic backlash against incumbent politicians. Voters sent Harrisburg a message that the legislature's behavior would no longer be tolerated when they voted not to retain Supreme Court Justice Russell Nigro in the November election. Now the Libertarian Party and organizations like PA Clean Sweep want to follow through by ousting every single incumbent – particularly State Representatives and State Senators. The only way to get these pay grabbers out of office is to run candidates against them... that's where you come in!

State Representative, State Senate, and U.S. Congress

Federal and state races like these get a lot of free media. I ran for U.S. Congress in 2004 and was involved in four televised debates with my Republican and Democrat opponents. If you have a pet issue you want to promote, being a candidate is the best way to get your message out. Instead of begging newspapers to print your letter to the editor, reporters will call you to ask what you

think. And they print it!

We are seeking State Representative, State Senate, and U.S. Congress candidates right now. Our goal is to run a full slate of candidates in as many precincts as possible. Handing out Libertarian sample ballots will send a strong message to voters that the Libertarian Party is gaining momentum. By announcing your candidacy early you will have plenty of time to recruit volunteers for your campaign, develop talking points about your key issues, put together a website, and coordinate strategies with other Libertarian candidates. It's highly recommended that state legislature candidates take care of all their petitioning on Primary Day.

Governor and U.S. Senate

The highest profile races on the horizon are Governor and U.S. Senate. Libertarians are regularly included in televised debates with the Republican and Democrat candidates, which puts the Party and our issues squarely in front of the voters. You may have caught Betsy Summers debating Republican incumbent Arlen Specter in 2004 or Ken Krawchuk debating Democrat Ed Rendell in 2002. Statewide races get a lot of free media... failing to field a candidate would be squandering a huge opportunity.

As the poster child for intolerance, Rick Santorum represents easy pickings and a campaign with potentially national exposure. Ed Rendell's taxing and spending earned him an F from the Cato Institute's Fiscal Policy Report Card on America's Governors. If we don't run a Libertarian against Rendell, we'll be tacitly supporting his socialist policies. Statewide candidates will be selected at the LPPa convention in early March.

Are you tired of government running your life? It's time to stop being a backseat driver / Monday morning quarterback. Put your time where your mouth is. Think about how you first heard about your pet issue or the Libertarian Party. Now imagine all the people who could be better informed and aware of libertarianism if you run for office and get the message out. You owe it to them to run. Please check out our website at lppa.org. We have a list of candidates running so far and a form you can use to announce your own candidacy.

www.lppa.org/candidates

In addition, we are looking for placeholder candidates: Libertarians who are willing to have their names placed on petitions, but would prefer to withdraw and let another Libertarian take their place after the petitioning period is over. This will allow the LPPa to

run a full slate of candidates in every precinct in which we petition while giving us more time to recruit the final candidates.

Chuck Moulton is Chair of the Election Committee and Secretary of the LPPa.

The 1788 Society



Achieving Long Term Success for the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

- Growing Party Membership
- Recruiting More Qualified Libertarian Candidates
- Establishing More County Committees
- Reaching Out to 34,000 Registered Libertarians
- Building Party Infrastructure

Society members pledge to make regular contributions to the party of only \$10 or more per month. See page 7 to join today or sign up online.

www.lppa.org/1788

A Message from the Chair

David Jahn, chair@lppa.org

Many of you may have read news reports regarding a lawsuit that was filed in Federal Court by the Green and Constitution parties regarding the 67,000 signature requirement confronting Independent and Minor Party candidates this year. Ken Krawchuk, a potential Libertarian candidate for U. S. Senate, has also joined this lawsuit.

Sam Stretton, the attorney representing the parties in that lawsuit removed the Libertarian Party as a plaintiff when we reaffirmed our previous request to preview the complaint before it was filed. That initial complaint was poorly crafted and eventually amended, but even the amended complaint appears deficient.

Surely, the best outcome would be for this lawsuit to succeed in lowering or eliminating the onerous signature requirements that confront us this year, but we need to be prepared with our own course of action should this lawsuit fail. As the saying goes, we need to plan for the worst and hope for the best.

One possible course of action is to find a competent attorney that will work with us to file a valid lawsuit of our own that can be filed at a later date. Another possible course of action is to pressure our state legislators in Harrisburg into introducing and passing the Voters' Choice Act as written by the Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition (PBAC). That would eliminate the need for legal action. By now, all of us should have been in contact

with our legislators asking them to introduce or support this proposed Act which is available for your review at www.paballotaccess.org.

PBAC members met with the Government Committee in January. That committee indicated they will consider introducing some form of legislation, but what they introduce may not be as desirable as our initial proposal. If you haven't spoken with your legislator already, this would be a good time to call them. Let them know you would like to see the Voters' Choice Act introduced as drafted by the PBAC.

Looking ahead, we need to prepare for what promises to be a very challenging election year. Please plan on gathering signatures on Primary Election day. Theoretically, we could gather all 67,070 signatures we need in one day if all of our members got out there. That is the easiest day of the year when many registered voters leaving the polls will gladly sign our nominating papers. Let's all do it, especially this year.

Our upcoming state convention will be held in State College the first weekend in March, and I'm hoping to see many of you there. We will be nominating candidates, considering bylaws and platform changes and electing another Executive Committee. While I am not pursuing another term as State Chair, I want to assure all of you that I do hope to stay active with the Board of Directors and perhaps the National Committee as well.

I've found serving as the Chair of our party the past two years both challenging and rewarding. The job is very demanding. It requires a tremendous amount of time for a volunteer position, and it is hard to prevent party business from interfering with work and family demands which is where my focus needs to be this year. On the other hand, the status that comes with being the Chair of our party is rewarding, and I've enjoyed representing our interest in a variety of ways.

I wasn't able to accomplish everything I had hoped, but there is only so much time one can expend and there are limits to what we can expect or demand from volunteers. Still, with your help much has been accomplished and after two years of hard work I believe the party is in better shape than when I started.

Today, I find our party at a challenging stage. We are too small to financially support an executive director, yet we are too large to rely solely upon volunteers to meet all of our needs. I have reservations about hiring an executive director, but it is clear to me that we really need to consider that next logical step. The details of such a step concern me greatly, and I hope I can help our party address all of the issues associated with overcoming this hurdle. Many smaller states already have.

Meanwhile, the pledge program promises to help us financially prepare our party for the future and I would encourage all of you to become active members of

the 1788 Society pledge program (www.lppa.org/1788). Surely, all of us can afford ten bucks a month for the common causes we share. Maybe some of you would like to match the twenty a month I send to the party.

Lastly, I get concerned when I see a handful of people doing all of the work and making all of the decisions affecting our party. It would be best if a handful of people weren't always entrusted and burdened with making all of the decisions. The temptations are great and the decisions they make may not always be best for our party. The only way to assure our party is representing the interests of all of our members is to have all of our members actively involved and adequately represented. I would encourage all of you to get actively involved in our party at the county and/or the state levels. We can surely make one meeting a month, and I'm hoping all of you will make that commitment.

I could go on, but I've surely exceeded my allocation of space in this edition. I want to thank all of you for affording me the opportunity to serve you. It's been both an honor and a privilege that will stay with me for a lifetime. Thank you.

Support the LPPa by making a monthly pledge online:
www.lppa.org/pledge

Pittsburgh Libertarian Seeks City Council Seat in Special Election

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Mark Rauterkus, Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of Pittsburgh and Libertarian candidate for Pittsburgh district 3 Special Election, released a four point Campaign Finance Reform plan at the Pittsburgh Economic Club's Economic Forecast Luncheon.

Mark, who gained an impressive 7.2% of the vote in last spring's hotly contested District 42 State Senate Special Election, is a new member of the Club. Mark's current Special Election for Pittsburgh City Council is slated for March 14th.

The Rauterkus campaign stresses freedom, future, fitness and flow

to benefit the entire Three Rivers region. Rauterkus stated, "We need simple, free-market plans to make local campaign finance as streamlined and as transparent as possible. I look forward to presenting my four point plan to the city's financial community. These new solutions will cost Pittsburgh nothing, yet make significant improvements in the way campaigns are financed for city council and other local races."

Earlier, Mark Rauterkus unveiled another 4-point plan to the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce and Craig Patrick of the Penguins. This plan also stresses

"freedom, future, fitness and flow" to benefit our region.

Rauterkus said, "The plan is simple and everyone I talk to is in agreement with me. 1) Own what you build. 2) Return what you lease. 3) Grow, flourish and contribute to flow. 4) Fix what you broke."

Join the Pittsburgh Libertarians for a **Rally for Rauterkus** on Monday, March 13th, 7pm at the Rauterkus campaign headquarters at 108 S.12th St. There will be a short meeting and then a drive to approximately 20 polling places to tape up Rauterkus signs the day before the special election. Bring tape, etc.

For more information about the rally or the campaign call 412-298-3432 or email Mark@Rauterkus.com.



Libertarian Candidate, Mark Rauterkus

Rendell Budget Costs \$8,181 to Family of Four

News Release from the Commonwealth Foundation

State spending would increase more than double the rate of inflation during Rendell tenure.

HARRISBURG, PA - The Commonwealth Foundation expressed disappointment in Gov. Ed Rendell's 2006-07 state government budget proposal which would increase spending over last year's enacted budget of \$24.277 Billion to \$25.425 Billion - a 4.7 percent increase in spending.

Gov. Rendell's proposed budget would increase state government spending by nearly 22.85% since he took office in 2003, which is more than double the 10.29% rate of inflation.

"Pennsylvanians' paychecks haven't come close to increasing at that rate, yet working moms and dads - and eventually their kids - will be forced to pay for the governor's spending habits that have failed to revitalize Pennsylvania," said Matthew J. Brouillette, president of the Commonwealth Foundation.

During the Rendell Administration - from Dec. 2002 until Dec. 2005 - Pennsylvania lags behind the rest of the nation in Job Growth, Personal Income Growth, and Population

"This budget will only further harm Pennsylvania's ability to create jobs, grow our population, and increase workers' incomes."

Growth, according to the most recently available data. Pennsylvania ranks:

**38th in job growth. Had Pennsylvania's job growth kept pace with the rest of the nation (excluding Hurricane ravaged Louisiana and Mississippi), the state currently would have 55,000 more jobs.

**43rd in personal income growth.

Had Pennsylvania's personal income growth kept pace with the rest of the nation (excluding Hurricane ravaged Louisiana and Mississippi), workers currently would have \$8.4 billion in additional income.

**43rd in population growth. Had Pennsylvania's population kept pace with the national average, the state currently would have grown by 364,000 residents, instead of by 101,000.

"Today, state government costs a family of four more than \$7,884 to support it - more than \$1,153 higher than before Gov. Rendell took office," Brouillette noted. "And if Gov. Rendell's \$1.2 billion spending increase is enacted, the cost of state government will increase another \$297 on that same family."

The Commonwealth Foundation also put into perspective the governor's \$35.6 Million reduction in business taxes.

"The impact of \$35 Million in tax cuts

on a \$25 Billion budget is equivalent of someone earning \$25,000 per year and having to do with TEN CENTS less per day," said Brouillette. "This is neither belt tightening or encouraging for Pennsylvania's prospects of becoming more competitive economically in 2006 and 2007. His proposals will do little to ease one of the nation's heaviest tax burdens on job creators."

"Pennsylvania's key economic performance indicators demonstrate Mr. Rendell's failure to tax, borrow, or spend our commonwealth to prosperity," said Brouillette. "This budget will only further harm Pennsylvania's ability to create jobs, grow our population, and increase workers' incomes."

The Commonwealth Foundation (www.CommonwealthFoundation.org) is an independent, non-profit public policy research and educational institute located at the foot of the Capitol in Harrisburg. Contact: Matthew J. Brouillette at 717-671-1901.

Montgomery County Libertarian Published in China

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Montgomery County Libertarian, Yukun Zhao's new book has been published by Social Sciences Academic Press in China. Authored under the pen name "Lao Yao" (which means Rocker in Chinese), *Grassroots: My Adventures in American Politics* is a chronicle of Zhao's American political pursuits of 2003 and 2004. According to Zhao, this is the first book published on American grassroots politics in China. Zhao reports on a wide range of activities from many diverse political organizations. The book includes details of his introduction to the Libertarian Party and the following two years of his work as an activist with the Montgomery County Libertarian Committee (MCLC), where he has played an active roll as MCLC Treasurer, signature gatherer, poll worker, protester and coordinator.

Zhao explained his motives for publishing his chronicle, "The experience of participating in the Libertarian activities was surely thrilling to someone born and raised in a socialist country. I was so excited by it, that I decided to document my adventures, so that my fellow Chinese could know this experience. As far as I know, all Chinese books about American politics focus on the leaders, policies, systems, etc. No book has been written in Chinese

about how the American people play politics at the grassroots level. I think it will help some Chinese people who are interested to know American politics in a broader dimension, and probably in this way, I could help China's inevitable democratization."

"I started participating in American politics in the summer of 2003, mainly because of being really disgusted by Bush. But I don't like the Democratic Party either, particularly since I am from China, where I've seen enough big government disasters brought to the people. I found the national LP homepage by googling. I did that quiz and boom, fell in the Libertarian zone. So I became a Libertarian within half hour after I first heard of this Party. A lot of people asked me: why did you become a Libertarian? I sometimes feel the question should be the contrary: why didn't you become a Libertarian after knowing what this Party is about? At least I do wonder why all Chinese immigrants are not Libertarian since individualism is so dim and so depressed by the collectivism in China. Although the Chinese culture is so different from the Western, Chinese people must love freedom as much as Western people do."

This is a unique situation. The people



Libertarian, Yukun Zhao: Author of *Grassroots: My Adventures in American Politics*.

in China now have access to detailed accounts of American Libertarian activities from an insider's perspective. Readers of Zhao's book will learn about some of the MCLC Liberty Forum speakers like Calvin Pratt from the Free State Project, first amendment activist Ed "NJ Weedman" Forchion, and Judge Martin Haines from Law Enforcement Against Prohibition.

Also included in the book are details and photos from MCLC's Ballot Access Fundraiser at the Nile Restaurant,

featuring presidential hopeful, Gary Nolan. Zhao also pays particular attention to events involving MCLC's opposition to a \$150,000,000 Montgomery County "Green Fields - Green Towns" bond referendum. The 2004 election cycle is well documented from petitioning to the general election. He includes a review of a candidate forum in Delaware County that included Libertarian candidates Michael Badnarik, Betsy Summers and David Jahn. Zhao's description of his work on election day includes photos of Libertarian congressional candidate Chuck Moulton in action.

According to Zhao, the book is not considered subversive in China because of its anti-U.S. government perspective. Having already sold over 10,000 copies, he expects the book to be successful. We can only wish that similar books were being published here. **Congratulations Yukun Zhao!**

Yukun Zhao can be reached at zhaoyukun@yahoo.com.

James Babb is the Chair of the Montgomery County Libertarian Committee and Libertarian Candidate for Representative in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, District 157. His website is www.JamesBabb.com.

There is a terrible threat to our Democracy, and it is happening right now. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA), passed by Congress in 2002, is dangling a pot of money in front of every county in the USA to "require" them to get a new voting system this year.

Most of these counties are buying electronic voting machines this winter and spring to comply with the new law. This HAVA law is spending about 4 BILLION dollars of YOUR hard-earned federal tax money to provide these electronic machines to the states and counties.

Electronic voting machines have been proven to have many problems. In addition to the cost, these machines may not even count your vote accurately. Electronic voting machines have already lost thousands of votes in numerous Pennsylvania counties.

According to VotePA and other voter advocacy groups, electronic voting machines are very poorly tested. In fact the "federal" testing is done in private labs, paid for by the manufacturers themselves, and the manufacturers own the test results which they never have to show to the public. These machines contain secret proprietary vote-counting software that only the big-money corporations

who sell the machines are allowed to see. Despite that fact that these big private companies say "trust us," their machines are wide-open to errors, fraud, and hacking.

Many electronic voting machines don't let you verify – on paper – that your vote is being recorded as you intended. Without a full-size, human readable, voter-verified paper ballot or record, there's no way to ever do a meaningful audit or recount.

If your vote gets lost in one of these machines, your vote is GONE forever. If the will of the people is not counted accurately in our elections, our Democracy is GONE forever!

There are actions you can take right now to help change this! Pennsylvania has two similar bills pending in our state legislature (HB 2000 and SB 977) that will provide Pennsylvania voters with the protection of voter-verified paper records on all voting systems used in our state. They will also require a random-sample, hand-counted audit of 5% of the precincts in each election to be sure that these machines are counting accurately. Special interests have these critically-needed bills tied up in the House and Senate State Government Committee.

We need this legislation to pass to protect our vote! Here are some easy things you can do to help:

1.) Go to www.VotePA.us and click on the action alert box at the top of the home page. This will send an e-mail to your State Representative and State Senator telling them to co-sponsor and support HB 2000 and SB 977!

2.) Contact your County Commissioners and Board of Elections (links available in the county database at the VotePA website or see the blue pages of your phone book) and find out if they have chosen a new voting system yet. Get involved in the selection process if you still can. At least go on record that you oppose paperless electronic voting. Exercise your right to see your vote on a voter-verified paper record when you cast it and the wise use of taxpayer funds when voting systems are purchased or leased.

3.) Become a poll worker or poll watcher and help keep an eye on these machines and the rest of the election process. Contact your county election office, political party, or VotePA for more information on how to do this.

4.) Learn as much as you can about these machines and about how we vote. Go to www.VotePA.us for

more ideas and information about voting in Pennsylvania. In addition to the VotePA site, the national groups at www.VoteTrustUSA.org, www.VotersUnite.org, and www.VerifiedVoting.org are good resources.

5.) And lastly, if you are willing to take further action in your own county to stop the wholesale hijacking of our election process, please send an email with your contact information and your county to: CountMyVotePA@comcast.net.

Josef Stalin once said, "It's not he who casts the votes, but he who counts the votes that matters."

Electronic voting machines, with no voter verified paper record or ballot, place the counting of our precious sacred votes into the hands of private, for-profit corporations. We must pay attention to how our votes are counted, and demand that the entire process be open, transparent, and audited.

The right to vote is the core of our democracy. Voting is the citizen's voice. Preserve your voice in our Democracy – help us make sure that EVERY vote is counted accurately.

Quince Eddens is an elected Inspector of Elections in Mechanicsburg,

Don't miss the 10th Annual Montgomery County Hospitality Suite at the LPPa Convention!

Join us Friday and Saturday night after the regular convention events for libations and conversation with your fellow Libertarians. All attendees of the 2006 Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania's Annual Convention are invited to attend.

Purchase your tickets at the convention registration table.

One night: \$17.76, Both nights: \$30.00
(Includes open bar and light snacks)

Last year's event raised enough money to print the thousands of petitions required for 2004 ballot access. All money raised will support Libertarian activities in Pennsylvania.



Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania 2006 Convention Registration Form

March 3-5, 2006 Atherton Hotel, State College, Pennsylvania

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 County: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

*Full convention package includes Friday Reception, All Meals, Speakers, Workshops, Gratuities and Evil Taxes

**For an additional donation of \$25 per person you receive honored guest seating with our keynote speaker.

Please indicate choices and send check payable to:
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 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Special Room Rate of \$69.00 available by February 3, 2006
 The Atherton Hotel
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LPPa 2006 Convention	#	Price	Total
Full Convention Package*		\$135	
Friday Reception		\$25	
Saturday Breakfast Buffet with Speaker		\$25	
Saturday Luncheon with Speaker		\$30	
Saturday Dinner Banquet with Speaker**		\$55	
• Chicken with Shrimp Scampi			
• Prime Rib of Beef			
• Vegetarian Meals Upon Request			
Saturday head table seating with Speaker*		\$25	
Sunday Toastmasters Luncheon		\$25	
Total Enclosed		Total	\$_____

A limited number of exhibit tables are available for Saturday and Sunday at \$50. Contact Tom Martin at martinfre@hotmail.com or 814-692-7304 to reserve a table. Checks payable to above. Exhibit area will be open Saturday 8:30 am – 10:00 pm with evening cocktail reception in the Exhibit area.

Local Meeting Information:

Disclaimer: Although this information is accurate at the time of printing, it never hurts to verify a meeting with the local contact.

For additional local meeting information, visit:
www.lppa.org/counties

LPPa Board Meeting: Mar. 11, April 8, May 13
 When: 2nd Saturday of each month, 12:00 PM
 Where: TBD
 Contact: secretary@lppa.org

Allegheny: Mar. 13*, April 19, May 17
 When: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM
 Where: Ritter's Diner, 5221 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15224
 * The March 13 meeting will be at the Rauterkus campaign headquarters (108 S. 12th St)
 Contact: davepowell@lppa.org, www.lppgh.org, 412-904-2976

Berks: Mar. 2, April 6, May 4
 When: 1st Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM
 Where: Dempsey's American Kitchen, Route 222 & 724, Shillington, PA 19607
 Contact: dave.tartaglia@lppa.org

Bucks: Mar. 8, April 12, May 10
 When: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8:00 PM
 Where: Applebees, 1745 S. Easton Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901
 Contact: maurice.reeves@lppa.org

Centre: Mar. 13, April 10, May 8
 When: 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 PM
 Where: Golden Wok, 332 W. College Ave., State College, PA 16801
 Contact: tom.martin@lppa.org

Chester: Feb. 22, Mar. 22, April 26
 When: 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM
 Where: Courtyard Inn, 929 S. High St., West Chester, PA 19382
 Contact: David.Owens@lppa.org

Clarion: Mar. 18, April 15, May 20
 When: 3rd Saturday of each month, 1:00 PM
 Where: BJ's Eatery Restaurant, High Point & Canoe Ripple Roads, one-quarter mile north of Exit 53 on Interstate 80.
 Contact: Michael.J.Robertson@penn.com, 814-358-2882

Cumberland: Mar. 13, April 10, May 8
 When: 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 PM
 Where: Market Cross Pub, 113 N. Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013
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Dauphin: Mar. 16, April 20, May 18
 When: 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM
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 Where: Casey's Restaurant, 812 Lansdowne Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026
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 Where: Libertarian Notary, 12746 Rt. 19 South, Waterford, PA 16441
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The Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition addressing the State Government Committee on Jan. 11, 2006. Pictured from left: Ken Krawchuk (Libertarian Party), Tom McLaughlin (Reform Party), Paul Teese (Green Party), Jay Russell (Independent, face occluded), Alan Kiser (Constitution Party), John Murphy (Ralph Nader campaign), Jeff Brindle (Socialist Party).

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- 3) Call your Representatives:**
Call your State Rep. and State Senator. Ask them if they will be co-sponsoring the Voters' Choice Act. Locate your representatives at www.legis.state.pa.us

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