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Upcoming events:

The Federalist Society - Definitions of "Liberty"

WHEN: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011, 11:45AM – 1:15PM
WHERE: [UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA](#)
[WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON SCHOOL OF LAW](#)
2525 DOLE STREET, HONOLULU, HI 96822
WHO: PANELISTS: CLARK NEILY, SAM SLOM,
ROGER W. FONSECA, CAROLE PETERSEN, AVIAM SOIFER.
WHAT: WHAT IS LIBERTY AND
WHAT IS THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN PROTECTING IT?
CONTACT: INFO@GRASSROOTINSTITUTE.ORG



The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii - Hawaii Public Policy Review Series

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011, 7:30AM – 9:30AM
WHERE: THE PACIFIC CLUB, CLEGHORN ROOM
HONOLULU, HI
WHO: NICOLE KUROKAWA NEILY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S FORUM,
CLARK NEILY, SENIOR ATTORNEY WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE
COST: \$25 WITH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
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The Foolish Things Salon

WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011, 6:00PM – 8:00PM
WHERE: [KEN & LI SCHOOLLAND'S HOUSE](#)
94-1072 ALELO STREET, WAIKELE, HI 96797
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The Libertarian Party of Hawaii - General Membership Meeting

WHEN: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011, 7:00PM – 9:30PM
WHERE: [UNITARIAN CHURCH - ART ROOM](#)
2500 PALI HIGHWAY, HONOLULU, HI 96734
WHAT: INTRODUCTION OF 2012 CANDIDATES,
VOTE ON PROPOSED BYLAWS
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The Federalist Society - Racial Rebellion

WHEN: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011, 11:30AM – 1:00PM
WHERE: [UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA](#)
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Passing Paradigm

by [Tom Mullen](#) | Posted August 14, 2011 at [LibertyUnbound.com](#)

The latest much-ado-about-nothing crisis passed, with a result that should seem familiar. In 2008, Americans were told that if the TARP bill (a \$787 billion taxpayer-funded welfare handout to large banking institutions) wasn't passed, the stock market would crash and massive unemployment would follow. After an unsuccessful first attempt to pass the bill amid angry opposition from constituents, the bill passed on a second vote. Subsequently, there was a stock market crash followed by massive unemployment.

This time, our political-media cabal told us that if Congress was unable to pass a bill to raise the debt ceiling, the government would not be able to meet its short term obligations, including rolling over short term bonds with new debt. US debt would be downgraded from its AAA status, and a default would be imminent. After the melodrama, Congress passed the bill raising the debt ceiling. Standard and Poor's subsequently downgraded US Treasury debt anyway, and deep down everyone knows that a default is coming as well, one way or another.

We are seeing the end of a paradigm. Thomas Kuhn argued in *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (1962) that anomalies eventually lead to revolutions in scientific paradigms. His argument holds equally true for political paradigms.

A paradigm is a framework within which a society bases its beliefs. For example, people at one time believed that the forces of nature were the work of a pantheon of gods. Sunlight came from one god, rain from another. The earth was a god, as was the moon. With nothing to disprove the premises of the paradigm, it persisted. People went on believing that sunlight and rain were the work of sunlight and rain gods because there was no compelling reason for them to believe otherwise.

However, within any paradigm there are anomalies. Anomalies are contradictions — phenomena that cannot be explained within the framework of the paradigm. People have a startling capacity to ignore or rationalize away these anomalies. While it may defy logic to continue to believe that rain comes from a rain god even after evaporation and condensation has been discovered and proven, people would rather ignore the anomalies and cling to the paradigm than face the fact that the paradigm is false.

There is at least one thing that will be quite obvious: centralized government is insane.

But once there are too many anomalies, the paradigm fails, and a new one must take its place. This new paradigm renders the old one absurd, even crazy. At some point in the future, people will look back on the political paradigm of the 20th and early 21st centuries. There is at least one thing that will be quite obvious to them: centralized government is insane.

Consider the premises upon which this present paradigm relies: all facets of society must be planned and managed by experts. The judgment of the experts trumps the rights or choices of any individual. The choices made by the experts will result in a more orderly society and greater happiness for the individuals who compose it. There will be better results from one small group of experts controlling everyone than multiple groups of experts controlling smaller subgroups of society.

Of course, libertarians reject every one of these assumptions on its face. A free society does not tolerate "planning" or "management" by anyone. All choices are left to the individual, as any attempt to plan or manage his affairs amounts to either violation of his liberty, looting of his property, or both. However, let's assume that the first three assumptions of the present paradigm are valid and merely examine the last. Even that does not hold up to scrutiny.

Suppose an entrepreneur starts a business. At first, his market is local. He opens retail outlets that are overseen by store managers. The entrepreneur is the CEO of the company and manages the store managers. Even at this point, the CEO must trust day-to-day decisions to his managers. He has no time to make everyday decisions as he tries to expand his business. The managers do this for him and he concentrates on strategic goals.

His business is successful and soon he begins opening outlets outside of the original market. He now has a need for regional managers to manage the store managers. He manages the regional managers and leaves the details of how they operate within their regions to them.

The business continues to expand. With retail outlets in every state, there are now too many regions for the CEO to manage directly. The CEO appoints executive directors to manage larger regions, each composed of several smaller ones. There is an executive director for the West Coast, another for the Midwest, and another for the East Coast. Of course, the CEO has the assistance of his corporate vice presidents who manage sales, operations, human resources, and other company-wide functions from the corporate office.

Now, suppose that one day the CEO decides to fire the executive directors, the regional managers, and the store managers. He will now have the salespeople, stock clerks, and cashiers for thousands of retail outlets report directly to him and his corporate vice presidents. Would anyone view this decision as anything but insane?

As silly as this proposition sounds, this is a perfect analogy for how we have chosen to organize society for the past century. The paradigm rests on the assumption that every social problem can be better solved if the CEO and his corporate staff manage the cashiers and the salespeople directly. As in all failed paradigms, anomalies are piling up that refute its basic assumptions.

This paradigm assumes that centralized government can provide a comfortable retirement with medical benefits for average Americans, yet Social Security and Medicare are bankrupt. It assumes that a central bank can ensure full employment and a stable currency, yet the value of the dollar is plummeting and unemployment approaches record highs (especially when the same measuring stick is used as when the old records were set). It assumes that the national government's military establishment can police the world, yet the most powerful military in history cannot even defeat guerrilla fighters in third-world nations. It assumes that the central government can win a war on drugs, yet drug use is higher than at any time in history. It assumes that experts in Washington can regulate commerce, medicine, and industry, yet we get Bernie Madoff, drug recalls, and massive oil spills.

Hundreds of years ago, the prevailing medical science paradigm assumed that illnesses were caused by "bad humors" in the blood. Operating with that assumption, doctors practiced the now-discredited procedure known as "bleeding." They would cut open a patient's vein in an attempt to bleed out the bad humors. As we now know, this treatment often killed the patient. Most rational people today view the practice of bleeding as nothing short of lunacy.

Ironically, this is a perfect analogy for the paradigm of centralized government. The very act of a small group of experts attempting to manage all of society drains its lifeblood. It is the uncoerced decisions of millions of individuals that create all the blessings of civilized society. It is the attempt by a small group of people to override those decisions that is killing society before our very eyes. Someday, people will look back on our foolishness and laugh as we do now at the misguided physicians who bled their patients to death. The present paradigm is dying. The revolution has begun.

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FREE MARKET ETHICS

By Ken Schoolland

Romania-Bulgaria Lecture Series - June 2011

Part 4

GOVERNMENT MONEY

Why haven't all the earlier raises in the minimum wage been sufficient to take care of the entry level worker? Why isn't it ever enough? It is because prices are always going up. And who causes the rise in prices?

The major cause of rising prices is the government's monopoly over money. If you or I printed money we would be charged as counterfeiters, thieves who robbed other people by taking goods and services from the economy while reducing the purchasing power of other people's wages, savings, and pensions. When the government prints money it has the same effect, but it's not called "counterfeiting." It is called monetary policy and inflation.

Through the creation of money—money that legal tender laws require people to use—the government secretly confiscates a portion of citizen wealth every year by reducing the purchasing power of that money. This not only benefits the politicians, but it serves as a great transfer of wealth every year from lower income people who live on wages, savings, and pensions to higher income people who own the properties that rise in value during times of inflation.

The biggest winner of all from inflation is the government itself: spending the new money; decreasing the value of its massive debt; and increasing the value of vast government holdings in land, gold, foreign currencies, and collectibles. And as people have to earn more to buy the same number of goods, governments take a higher percentage in taxes through a progressively higher "tax bracket creep."



There are rich people and poor people everywhere, but there is no such thing as a poor government anywhere.

If a thief took a percentage of the income of everyone in the country, the public would be outraged. But the very same behavior, when practiced by politicians nearly every year, is ignored by all.

Free marketeers might call for the repeal of legal tender laws. When people are allowed freedom of choice, they look for quality. This is true of all goods and services, including money. When users give up unstable currencies for stable currencies, competitors have a strong motive to stop inflating. This happens on the international market where choice in currency is allowed—and it should also be allowed in every domestic market.

MANIPULATED KNOWLEDGE

A more obvious form of robbery, but tolerated just the same, comes in the form of agricultural programs that raise the prices of food and clothing. Billions are spent every year to stop farmers from producing, to take land out of production, to store vast surpluses off the market, to destroy food, and to prohibit food imports. For more than half a century this has been routine in America, worse in Europe, and still worse in Japan.

Welfare for the poor, therefore, pales in comparison with corporate welfare to a very wealthy and powerful farm bloc that exists in all industrial nations. Paying farmers not to produce food is not practical, not humane, and certainly not ethical. But these subsidies are pervasive, except in New Zealand.

Farmers in New Zealand were once more heavily subsidized than farmers in any other OECD nation. When foreign credit ran out in 1984, the government ended farm subsidies virtually overnight. Farmers didn't think they could exist without the subsidies. But today there are more farmers on the land than ever, producing more income on less land than before, and producing more food for consumption than ever before. They are now farming smart instead of farming for the subsidies.

Elsewhere in the world, the farm lobby depends on getting fabulous returns from political contributions and influence peddling. The return in subsidies is so valuable that it is worth currying the favor of various political parties, just guaranteeing to be on the victorious side regardless of the election outcome. Indeed, there is no better investment in the world than a well-placed politician.

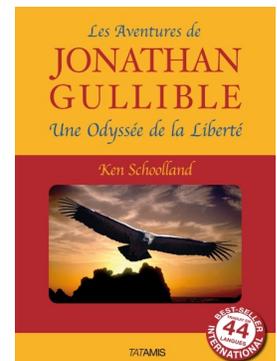
I ask my students to take a survey of any hundred people passing through the downtown, urban area. Ask how many people can describe welfare programs for the poor and how many can describe agricultural programs for the farmer?

The selectivity of this knowledge is no accident. Welfare is always always always part of the social science curriculum in government schools. However, government programs to make food and clothing scarce and expensive is never never never part of that same curriculum.



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Socialism, Scaling Up, and Social Insects

When socialism works -- and when it doesn't.

By [Jim Henshaw](#)

Chair of Libertarian Party of Hawaii

Scale matters.

Look at the computer screen you are reading this on. It appears solid, yes? But, if you were to examine it on the scale of atoms, it would be mostly empty space – a tiny nucleus, and immensely tinier electrons, but mostly empty space, much as our solar system has a sun at the center, much smaller planets circling it, but mostly vast expanses of near vacuum.

This scaling is not just a matter of perception – things that work well on a larger scale can fail to work well on a smaller scale, or vice-versa. Take your body. It is made up of an immense number of cells – estimates range from 10 trillion to 100 trillion. Now, each of those cells has a copy of your DNA in it, but remove one of those cells from your body – say, a skin cell -- and it will die. In essence, the multicellular creatures you can see with your naked eyes are all examples of a form of obligatory socialism, an assemblage of cells that must all work together, or they will die.

Now, some of you may be quibbling about my use of the word “socialism” here and looking up the Wikipedia definition, saying “Jim, unless you are talking about ‘An economic system in which the means of production are publicly or commonly owned and controlled co-operatively, almost invariably by sociopaths or megalomaniacs, or a political philosophy advocating such a coercive system’ then it isn’t REALLY socialism.” (You may have noticed I made a few * minor * tweaks to the Wikipedia definition for the sake of accuracy and humor). I would argue that that definition is a subset of all types of socialism, and that other species or assemblages of biological entities such as cells can also engage in socialist acts where the individual units work toward the collective good, because an economy does not have to involve money, contracts, or lawyers. A beehive is such an “economy”. But, if this is a sticking point for you, feel free to break out your bottle of Wite-Out TM, apply it to your computer monitor over every following instance of the “socialism” in the article, and hand-write “collectivism” instead.



The point is, your body, and every other plant or animal around you large enough to be seen with the naked eye, is an example of the “easiest” form of socialism, where all the cells can blithely specialize and cooperate for the common good, because from an evolutionary standpoint it doesn’t matter which of the tens of trillions of cells actually become sperm or eggs and reproduce, because virtually every cell has identical DNA. There is no conflict of interest – virtually all your cells share the exact same overall goal of creating an assemblage that will succeed at surviving and reproducing, and they don’t “care” which of them actually does the reproducing.

Ahhh, but there is that little weasel word “virtually” there, and sometimes that word matters, because every now and then the DNA in one of those trillions of cells mutates in a particularly nasty way and quits cooperating with the other cells and develops its own agenda. This was forcefully brought home to me a few years ago when I was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma, and my surgeon cut a lump of black death the size of my fist out of one of my armpits, where the buggger had been lurking and growing for some time without any symptoms that anything was amiss. Essentially, one of my cells had gone rogue on me and started growing uncontrollably. The way I look at it is that my DNA in one of my cells had mutated into a new species, a parasite that was growing inside me and reproducing by hijacking the resources in my body.

OK, now the pedants who were getting all huhu on me earlier (“huhu” is Hawaiian for “huffy and riled up”) about my use of “socialism” are also likely quibbling about my use of “species”. Again, Wikipedia: “A species is often defined as a group of organisms capable of interbreeding and producing fertile offspring.” Well, take that lump of rapidly growing cancer cells that lived in my body. That lump was a parasite feeding off of my “normal” cells, and its sole means of reproduction was to grow and metastasize and spread throughout my body. It was entirely incapable of going on a date and wining and dining and seducing a normal human being, and turning the lights down low and putting on some Barry White music and copulating. It had an entirely different and mutually incompatible reproductive strategy from normal human cells. That made it a new species.

Happy now? Good!

I will readily stipulate that this was a particularly stupid reproductive strategy, since if I died, this parasite would die too – it had no way of hopping to a different host and infecting a different human body, short of spectacular malpractice on the part of a physician, by taking a syringe and extracting some of those cancer cells and then injecting them into someone else. And, even that would almost certainly fail due to the immune response of the injectee going on high alert and killing off the invading species -- but that reproductive stupidity didn't stop this alien species from giving it the old college try anyway and attempting to convert my entire body into cancer cells.

Now, don't get me wrong about all this talk about functioning socialism – I'm an anarcho-libertarian, and have nothing but contempt for any degree whatsoever of coercive socialism by government. But, I'm also a former biology major, and thus when I look around me I see examples of working socialism – appropriate socialism – socialism on the right scale – everywhere. For example, families, especially those with kids.

Now, a childless couple (straight, gay, short-term, long-term – whatever) doesn't have to function as a socialistic unit. They might find it useful to keep their finances more or less separate and have separate jobs and function as independent individuals who like to spend a lot of time together. That was my life up until about 17 years ago, but then things changed in a hurry, starting in a hospital delivery room when this little ... being ... came out of my wife, looking remarkably like a hairless albino baby monkey slathered in Crisco. (Note to men everywhere – do NOT ever describe any newborn baby in those terms, however much you may be thinking that at the time. The mother will have suffered greatly at that point and can be relied upon to be entirely devoid of a sense of humor on this particular topic, along with every other woman in earshot. Expect feminine solidarity on this point. Stick with “That is the most beautiful baby, ever!” delivered with all the sincerity you can feign, and comfort yourself that usually babies get better looking with time. Usually.)

And, suddenly, rugged individualism and self-sufficiency for every unit of this new family structure was no longer a viable option, regardless of the huge amounts of denial I was going through that I would be able to continue to indulge in some luxuries I had formerly taken for granted, luxuries like watching movies, reading, or sleeping. That baby was completely helpless other than the ability to wail at an incredibly loud volume, and someone had to change diapers and feed it and comfort it, and someone had to earn money to pay expenses, and someone got to be the recipient of all this largesse without contributing anything back other than some gurgling and cooing that, frankly, when you're sleep-deprived and your ears are ringing from recent copious applications of noise pollution, is a vastly overrated service. Let's face it, from a financial standpoint, babies are an incredibly cost-ineffective investment. They just don't pencil out fiscally. They are a chronic source of red ink. Speaking of red, suddenly the Marxist slogan I had held in complete contempt up to this point, “from each according to his abilities, to each according to their needs”, had acquired an important caveat, a niche in society where it actually made sense.

But, this is where most statist engage in a logical fallacy. They see this form of functioning socialism at a family level, among closely genetically related individuals working toward common goals, and somehow think that this socialism can be scaled up and work in a nation of millions of genetically unrelated individuals who each have different goals. And that scaling up doesn't work worth a damn, as such hellholes as North Korea or Zimbabwe or Cuba ought to illustrate. But, advocates of coercive governmental socialism persist, though in economic terms their “revealed preference” is to not move to North Korea and enjoy that socialist paradise and its benefits, such as the highly effective weight loss program lavished on those happy proles by their Dear Leader.

Now, this doesn't mean that socialism can't be scaled up under certain circumstances. Getting back to natural examples, one of the most successful branches on the tree of life consists of the social insects – those colony-dwelling socialists we call ants, bees, wasps, and termites. These insects are, collectively, arguably far more successful in evolutionary terms than human beings. For example, google “percent of total biomass of social insects”, and near the top of the search results you get assertions claiming that of the total animal biomass on earth, 10% is humans, 10% is ants, and 10% is termites (bees and wasps occupy a much smaller ecological niche). And, people are a single species that has been around for only a geologic eye blink, a few tens of thousands of years or so, while social insects have been around for about a thousand times as long, perhaps 80 million years, and consist of tens of thousands of species. Bottom line: Homo sapiens may go extinct, but social insects are here to stay.

How does this form of socialism work? The basic structure of an ant or termite colony is a fertile egg-laying queen, a large number of sterile female workers and soldiers who are all daughters of the queen, and occasionally a handful of male drones whose only job is to fertilize the queen. Essentially, chemicals are used to make all these sisters sterile, subservient to the queen, and amenable to doing the queen's bidding. So, even though all these sisters have different DNA than the queen and thus have an evolutionary interest in rebelling and becoming queens themselves, in becoming independent and having their own offspring, they are instead co-opted chemically and forced to work for the queen instead of pursuing their individual interests. In effect, the colony acts as if it were a single large beast that can break itself into a bunch of smaller pieces so these pieces can explore and exploit teeny biological niches. That is, a bunch of individual cells use socialism to cluster into individual ants or termites, and then use a sort of meta-socialism to cluster those individual ants or termites into a colony, and then de-cluster temporarily into individual ants or termites which go out, gather food or whatnot, then recluster back into a de facto unity when they reenter the nest.

So, if some socialist posting on The Intartubes claims, "See? Socialism works great for ants. It can work for people too!", you can fire right back, "Sure, if you're OK with a ruler cloning an army of chemically castrated human slaves and using drugs to mind-control those slaves and remove their free will and force them to do their bidding. Me, I think there's a wee bit of downside to that definition of 'success'."

And, if that socialist persists in claiming that, despite those few * minor * flaws, socialism is still wildly successful and pervasive, while pure anarchism doesn't work at all, that in fact every single government on the planet is socialistic to some extent, from the all-pervasive, Orwellian nightmare that is North Korea, to the socialism-lite of public schools and public housing and public transportation supported by some measure of market anarchy, try this rebuttal:

"You just conveyed that thought on the purest form of anarchism ever, the internet, among a self-organizing aggregate of viewers under no central control whatsoever, using a powerful computer that is the fruit of market anarchism and competition that triumphed despite, not because of, socialist interventions screwing up that marketplace. Without copious doses of anarchism, it would have been impossible for you to argue that we ought to allow ourselves to be mind-controlled enslaved zombie clones. So pppbth."

Letters

Government Job Jars

Our governor's 70% disapproval rating recently is "par for the course." At Blaisdell Center trade shows, local Libertarians & the Grassroot Inst. of Hawaii ask folks "Does government do a good job?" asking folks to toss a penny in one of several jars marked: "Almost Always," "Usually," "Not Often," "Rarely." The last two jars are the most popular, & there's always a few folks who ask for a jar marked "Never." Success & effectiveness at government functions is pretty much doomed to failure due to mind-numbing laws & regulations, the anti-progress conduct of big government unions, "feel good" laws & disregard for cost effectiveness & accountability, sheer nuttiness (cash payment for unused sick leave, our tax code, etc.), & the lack of competition that drives the private sector results in almost a disdain for productivity & cost effectiveness in the government sector.

The solution to better government sector performance is to have fewer laws & regulations combined with all of us being more responsible for our actions & more caring for our ohana & friends vs. letting government be our nannies. Our Founding Fathers & Lao Tzu had it right: "Government that governs least, governs best."

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Letters (continued)

It's not the drones fault

Daniel de Gracia's article on the history of military drone aircraft use (October News) was extremely detailed and informative. I share his trepidation with regard to this deadly evolution and the incipient threat it poses to both foreign and domestic populations.

However, it sounds as though Mr. de Gracia wishes to curtail the use of the technology, all together. If so, I vehemently disagree. This technology has boundless peaceful potential and should not be shied away from nor prohibited.

I dreamed of this sort of mind-over-matter, by way of science, as a child in the 1950s. We were promised that some day we would be able to have 2-way "wrist radios" and TVs on our persons and be able to communicate with one another from anywhere at any time. Disneyland, a technological wonder unto itself, displayed a 360o video showing how we would soon travel in automobiles that piloted themselves. This first dream has already come to fruition. We are now closing in on the second.

The 1960s' historic reach into outer space bolstered our fantasies of possibilities blocked only by our ability to set our minds to them. We even realized the dream of landing humans on another celestial orb. Unfortunately this unprecedented achievement was eclipsed by the perennial nightmare of war.

For more than a half a century we have been able to boost robots beyond the air and keep them up there for years. But what if you want to take a closer look at the surface of the earth? You need an airplane and a person to pilot it. At some point that person is going to want to go home. If an aircraft does not have to carry a human being and the entirety of that human being's life support equipment, the craft can be much lighter and use much less precious fuel. Aviation entrepreneurs have demonstrated that light weight solar powered aircraft can remain aloft for as long as 2 weeks.

Unmanned aircraft have myriad beneficial applications. They can survey land and track herds of domesticated animals. They can be used to monitor and alleviate traffic jams. They can be used to aid human survival and mitigate global human impact by assaying concentrations and distributions of resources and species. They can protect people by helping to warn of and assessing damage from weather and natural disasters.

There is no problem with the tool; it is the way the tool is used. Even fingernails can be deadly.

The problem does not reside with the existence of drones. It is with individuals within government who make life and death decisions without regard to the safeguards and protocols intended in the U.S. Constitution. Libertarians know all too well that the true threat to life and liberty resides within the coercive nature of government.

Drone technology is the infancy of what will someday guide all of our physical machines, delivering ourselves and our commodities to our destinations in the safest possible way.

Advances in technology should never be curbed. Their destructive use should be.

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Offer for Candidate Contributions

I am Don Johnston. I have been a member of the Libertarian Party of Hawaii for over 35 years. I have set a GOLE for 2012. That stands for Get Our Libertarians Elected. We have had and currently have a number of members that have been elected to serve on various boards in the community boards and associations, Oahu Neighborhood Boards, professional and charity boards as well as advisory commissions. But yet none have been elected to any political posts in Hawaii. We have the knowledge, principles and message. The general public and media see LPH candidates as little more than “perennial” candidates and noise makers that just want to make speeches and have no intention of being elected or serving in any political office. That needs to change now.

My offer:

To the first ten LPH members to file an Organizational Report with the Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission (or Federal equivalent) for the 2012 elections by December 15th, 2011, I will contribute \$1000 to each campaign. In addition, prior (?) to the 1st campaign reporting period of June 30, 2012, I will contribute to each candidate matching funds up to \$1000. This is the Contribution Limit that I can provide.

The rules:

- 1) This offer is open only the first ten LPH candidates of any Hawaii 2012 elective office: State, Federal or County.
- 2) The candidate must be a paid up LPH member in good standing at the time of filing with the State Campaign Spending Commission (or Federal equivalent)
- 3) The candidate must file as a Libertarian where political party selection is necessary.
- 4) The deadline for the initial funds is December 15, 2011. Candidates must file an Organizational Report with the State Campaign Spending Commissions or Federal equivalent. A confirmed copy sent to me is all that is needed to receive the funds.
- 5) Candidates must be accepted and approved by the Libertarian Party of Hawaii Board or Campaign Committee (whichever is in charge of overseeing LPH candidates).
- 6) The candidate must agree not to accept Public Funding.
- 7) This is a personal offer by Don Johnston and not the LPH. It has not been endorsed or sponsored by the LPH at this time.
- 8) The candidate must be an active candidate, not a paper, phantom or closet candidate who just wants to write position papers. The candidate must be willing to speak at events whenever invited, to media and be visible and accessible to the voters. If you do not have the commitment, passion and stamina to be a candidate that wants to be elected, do not apply.
- 9) The candidate must work with LPH Board or Campaign committee by keeping them informed of their campaign. The candidate will be in charge of their own campaign and may use the LPH for advisory considerations. However, the LPH Board does have governing rules regarding candidates that represent the LPH in public.
- 10) Should a candidate fail to file for elective office by the June 5, 2012 deadline, withdraw, or be sanctioned by the LPH Board By-Laws before the election, all funds are to be returned.

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The 2012 Libertarian Party National Convention

Want to party in Las Vegas and help the Party too?

The 2012 Libertarian Party National Convention will be held from, Wednesday, May 2nd through, Sunday, May 6th 2012 at the [Red Rock Hotel](#) in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Libertarian Party of Hawaii is seeking members in good standing to attend the convention as delegates to vote on national party platform planks and nominate our Presidential candidate. The Hawaii party must submit its list of delegates to the Credentials Committee no later than April 4th 2012.

Even if you only think you *might* want to go, please submit your name early and we can hold a seat for you.



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Send your name to: **Pat Brock, Secretary**
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