



Lone Star Liberty

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Weekend for Winners September 16-18 in Austin

The Libertarian Party is sponsoring a Weekend for Winners September 16 to 18th at the Radisson Town Lake in Austin. The event, held in place of our traditional conference, is geared at preparing for election victories in 2006.

The main track of the event will be a two-day Grassroots Campaign School presented by The Leadership Institute. This highly rated training covers all the basics of running a campaign including forming a message, fundraising, targeting voters, and much more. Participants also receive a CD-ROM source book. A package including this training with meals and speakers is \$190. The training only is only \$100.

A second track will include two days of party building workshops including an introduction to Libertarian philosophy, party organization, coalition building, local issue campaigns, and much more. The second track with meals is \$125. Those on a tight budget can attend both days of the second track for only \$40 without meals.

A third track is designed for children ages 4 to 12. Our children's program will provide an introduction to economics, liberty, and justice through stories, games, movies and crafts. Older children may be able to sign up for a planned tour of the State Capitol (minimum registration needed). The program, including children's lunch on Saturday and Sunday is \$40. One day participation is \$25.

Babysitting for younger children and in the evenings will also be available from independent providers

on a per hour basis. Those wishing this service must contact Laura Coker-Garcia at laura@libertyworks.org or 281-997-8141 in advance.

A variety of speakers will also be available during the meals. Dr. Mary Ruwart, author of *Healing Our World* and known for her Short Answers to Tough Questions; Michael Sullivan, Vice President of the Texas Public Policy Foundation; Peggy Venable, Texas Director of American's for Prosperity; Penny Langford-Freeman, District Political Director for Congressman Ron Paul; Michael Badnarik, 2004 LP presidential candi-

date and well-known constitutional scholar; and Patrick Dixon, recently-elected to the Lago Vista City Council; are all slated to speak.

Tickets to for individual meals and our Friday night reception will be available. We will also offer a meals only option.

The conference will also feature an exhibitors room with a variety of vendors and organizations participating.

More information will be in next month's issue. A registration form for Weekend for Winners is located on page three.

Radisson Town Lake Offers Rate

The Radisson Hotel and Suites on Town Lake, 111 East Cesar Chavez, is offering a discounted room rate for everyone attending the conference. A single occupant room rents for \$89 a night. A double room is \$99. Suites are also available.

The hotel has in-room coffee makers, cable television, a fitness center, an outdoor swimming pool, an onsite Starbucks, and a TGIF restaurant. The pool area and their restaurant's patio offer excellent viewing of the nightly bat flight from the Congress Avenue Bridge, which occurs at sunset. There is also access to 10 miles of walking /jogging trails along the Colorado River from the hotel grounds.

The Radisson is also just a short walk from the Convention and Visitor's Center which is a pick-up point for numerous sightseeing options including van tours, Austin Duck tours and a guided Segway City Tour! The

Austin Children's Museum is just two blocks away and the Austin Museum of Art and the State Capitol are also in walking distance.

Reservations for the hotel can be made at 512-478-9611 or by calling their national reservation line at 800-333-3333. You must tell them you are with the Libertarian Party State Conference to get the group rate. Room reservations may be made online at www.radisson.com/austintx in the promotional code box, enter our special code WINNER and the above rates should be reflected.

The cut-off date for room reservations is September 2. However, they will still honor the group rate after this, but it will be "subject to availability."

The rates are in effect for three days prior to the conference and three days following in case anyone wants to visit longer. Parking will be \$2 a day for guests, \$5 for visitors.



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Submissions of party news, meeting minutes, photographs, biographies of candidates, suggested websites, letters to the editor, etc. is encouraged. Please send to Laura@libertyworks.org to submit.

Around the State: Activist Update

Fort Bend County Chair Kevin Tunstall appeared on the July 16 edition of the Libertarian Hour/Forum with Tony Spezio, an internet radio program. Kevin spoke about eminent domain. You can hear the Libertarian Hour at <http://libertyfeed.com>.

Timothy Justice of Lefors was appointed **Gray County LP Chair** on July 19. Timothy can be reached at 806-662-5366 or by email at gideon.macleish@gmail.com. Starting in September the Gray County LP will be meeting the first Friday of the month at 410 E. 9th Street, Lefors.

Bob Smither had a letter in the July 20 Friendswood Reporter News. His letter asked Friendswood City Council members and the Mayor to sign a pledge to oppose the use of eminent domain for private development.

LP Executive Director Wes Benedict was mentioned in a July 29 article in the Austin Chronicle. Wes was described as a past candidate and current ED for the LP who had "accused nearly the entirety of the council of violating fundraising ordinances by accepting out of town contributions in excess of several thousand dollars." The City Charter says candidates can't raise more than \$15,000 from outside the city. The incumbent in Wes' City Council race had raised \$32,835.

David DeLamar, Media Relations Director for the Lubbock County LP, had a letter in the July 30 Avalanche Journal. His letter was in opposition to City Council's plan to pay \$4 million to build a youth softball complex. David pointed out that in 2001 voters had turned down a proposal to fund softball fields with tax money.

A new taxpayer organization is forming in Brazos County. The non-profit group will seek to educate voters and be a local government watchdog. The group is looking for members for its Board of Directors, spokespeople and ideas for a good

name. Those interested should contact dhart@txcyber.com. The founder, D. Hart has a website at www.stopthemessinbcs.com.

A new email group is available for State and County Officers and Executive Committee members. The group is moderated by Wes Benedict and has limited access. If you are interested in participating contact Wes at Director@lptexas.org for information on how to join.

Interest in the forums at www.lptexas.org is increasing. We currently have 62 registered users, two moderators, and many interesting discussions going on. The forums now have three areas: announcements, discussion, and questions. The forums are a message board system where posts are viewable by the general public. Unlike email groups, mail is not sent to your inbox so they are a good choice for people who don't have the time to wade through emails.

David Fried, a Travis County LP Executive Committee member, is starring in a production of "beat, a play on words" by Kelly Groves at the Blue Theater in Austin. "The theme is very Libertarian," David says, "it's all about 1st Amendment, freedom of expression, etc." Shows are scheduled for 8 p.m. August 1, 2, and 3. Tickets are \$6 at the door.

The next meeting of the State Libertarian Executive Committee of Texas will be 9 a.m. Saturday, August 27 in Stafford. (See calander page for details.) There are vacancies on the committee in most State Senate Districts. Each district should have two representatives. A list of current members is on the website. Anyone interested in filling a vacancy is encouraged to attend the meeting to seek appointment. On the agenda for this meeting is goal setting for 2006, a proposal by Steve Ravet concerning the County Revenue Sharing Program, and reports from the Chair, Executive Director, Treasurer, etc.

Weekend for Winners!

September 16-18, 2005 —Austin, Texas

Order Form

Package Prices	Price	Quantity	Amount
Grassroots Campaign School with meals	\$190	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Grassroots Campaign School (no meals)	\$100	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Conference Track Two with meals	\$125	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Conference Track Two (no meals)	\$40	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Children's Program	\$40	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Meals Only	\$90	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

A La Cart Prices

Friday Reception	\$15	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Lunch	\$30	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Banquet	\$50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sunday Lunch	\$30	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Conference Track Two single day	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Children's Program single day	\$25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total Price			<input type="text"/>

Attendees: _____

Ages of any children participating: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Card #: _____

Name on Card: _____ Expiration: _____

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Mail this form and payment to:

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c/o Nancy Neale

12903 Grubstake Gulch

Austin, Texas 78738

Or fax credit card orders to (512) 263-1684

Events of Interest to Texas Libertarians

Aug. 2 (Tues.) 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Travis County LP meeting, Mekong River Restaurant, 215 E. 6th Street, Austin. For information contact Chair Rock Howard at rockmh@austin.rr.com.

Aug. 9 (Tues.) 7 p.m. Williamson County LP Meeting, Hunan Lion, at IH-35 and Sam Bass Road, Round Rock. Contact Chair Bryan Bracamonte at bracius@gmail.com for information.

Aug. 13 (Sat.) Noon, Brazos County LP Meeting, C+J BBQ, 1010 S. Texas Ave., Bryan. Call 822-6033 for directions or contact Chair Chris Jagge at c_jagge@msn.com.

Aug. 16 (Tues.) 7 p.m. Bexar County LP Meeting, Unlimited Thought Bookstore, 5525 Blanco, Suite 107. Contact David Alter at davydoodle_@hotmail.com.

Aug. 20 (Sat.) 4 p.m. Harris County LP Meeting, Pappa's Bar-BQ, 7007 Hwy. 59 South at Bellaire, Houston. Discussion on local issues resolution and open floor for those seeking scholarship to Leadership Institute training. Contact Chair Jeff Daiell at jeffdaiell@yahoo.com for information.

Aug. 20 (Sat.) 7 p.m. Parker County LP Meeting, Weatherford. Contact Chair Daniel Barker at votedan2003@yahoo.com for exact location.

Aug. 24 (Wed.) 7 p.m. Neil Boortz promotes The Fairtax Book, Austin. Book People, 603 N. Lamar. National syndicated talk show host Neil Boortz will discuss and sign his new book calling for abolishing the IRS.

Aug. 25 (Thurs.) 7:30 p.m. Neil Boortz in Houston. Borders, 3025 Kirby. Call 713-524-0200 for directions.

Aug. 27 (Sat.) 9 a.m. SLECT Meeting at American Buffet, 12815 SW Frwy. Northbound Frontage Road, Stafford, 77477. Buffet breakfast is available from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information contact Chair Patrick Dixon at chair@lptexas.org.

Aug. 27 (Sat.) 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ron Paul's Annual Birthday Bash. Knights of Columbus Hall, Hwy 6 at FM 146, Alvin. \$10 donation per adult, \$5 for children

6-12 or \$30 for a family. For information and to RSVP (please) call 1-800-Ron-Paul. Checks should be made out to Committee to Re-Elect Ron Paul, 837 W. Plantation Dr., Clute, TX 77531.

Sept. 3 (Sat.) 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. LP booth at the Texas Liberty Jamboree, San Antonio. At Raymond Russell Park, Pavillion #2. Various speakers including a variety of talk show hosts and at 2 p.m Ron Paul. For more information visit www.txLJ.com. To volunteer for our outreach contact SLECT District 25 Rep. Mike Burris at burris_m@sbcglobal.net.

Sept. 3 (Sat.) Noon, Brazos County LP Meeting, C+J BBQ, 1010 S. Texas Ave., Bryan. Speaker will be Bryan resident Jeff Frazee who was a summer intern for Ron Paul.

Sept. 15 (Thur.) Ethics Compliance Institute, The Crossings at Lake Travis, Austin. The Professional Advocacy Association of Texas presents invited experts and officials from the Texas Ethics Commission, the Travis County Attorney and DA's offices, campaign law attorneys and the State Capitol press corps, among others who will present ethics updates from the 79th legislative session, ethics information for PACS including court decisions, formation, expenditures and IRS reporting. Break-out sessions on ethics enforcement, lobby law, conflicts, contingencies and reporting issues, and media perceptions. More information and registration materials are coming soon at their website at www.texasadvocacy.com.

Sept. 16-18 (Fri.-Sat.) Weekend for Winners! in Austin. Radisson Town Lake, 111 E. Cesar Chavez St. Conference events will include a main track of campaign and candidate workshops provided by the Leadership Institute, www.leadershipinstitute.org. Other events include speakers Dr. Mary Ruwart, Michael Sullivan, Peggy Venable, Michael Badnarik, and Penny Langford-Freeman; a second track of workshops; social opportunities; and a complete two-day children's program. See the website at www.lptexas.org for information and registration materials.

Sept. 24 (Sat.) 4 p.m. Harris County LP Meeting, Pappa's Bar-BQ, 7007 Hwy. 59 South at Bellaire, Houston.