Hello fellow Libertarians. I am proud to report that the Barr/Root 2008 Campaign is off to a roaring start. They have been receiving a ton of national media attention, they are polling between 6 and 9 percent, and they have held a successful fundraiser at Wayne Root’s home in Las Vegas. We are also in the midst of planning a fundraiser here in Colorado for the campaign and we welcome anyone who wishes to attend. Keep an eye on the web page and the newsletter for more details.

In other news we had a huge success at our first booth at the PrideFest in Civic Center Park. This is supposedly the second largest PrideFest in the nation. We had an overall positive response and registered over 35 Libertarians. Thanks to all who helped at the booth and thanks to all the new members. Our third attendance at Vans Warped Tour was also a success (over 35 registrations also).

Our State candidates have been out campaigning and are doing well but can always use more money and more volunteers. Anything helps so please go to the web site and donate to the State Party then go to the candidate’s web site and donate to their campaign. The more we get involved the more success we will have.

As always, we appreciate everything our donors give and those donations make Liberty possible. We are in the heat of campaign season and at the state party level we need funds to continue not only regular operations but also to fund campaigns against poor legislation and for favorable issues as well as to aid our candidates in getting elected. Please join the fight for liberty today and become a donating member of the LP.

Please log on to the web site and join the 1776 Club. That is our monthly pledge program and it is also our main source of funding. If you can spare a one-time donation of 500 or 1000 dollars those are also appreciated. These donations allow us to buy ads, hold further fundraisers, and keep the office running smoothly. Please contribute to the LPCO today.

Enjoy this edition of the Colorado Liberty and thank you for supporting the LPCO.

Yours in Liberty,
Travis Nicks
Chairman

James Frye for State House District 42

James Frye is a long time resident of Colorado, Aurora, and Hoffman Heights, and has lived at his current address for the past 18 years. Having grown up in Iowa, he was fortunate to have been assigned to Buckley AFB when he entered the military. James is an Air Force Veteran who was stationed at Buckley for several years. During this time he discovered an appreciation of Colorado and the City of Aurora. James has taken advantage of the opportunities that our state environment provides, such as hiking, biking and skiing.

Currently retired, Frye spent over 15 years as a telecommunication IT project manager, and he brings his managerial and organizational abilities to the campaign, and ultimately to representing Aurora residents in House District 42.

Frye attended the Community College of Denver and Metropolitan State College where he majored in Meteorology. During his time in the military, he was always fascinated by Colorado weather and the effect it had on flight operations.

James is a long time political activist, who vigorously works to keep himself and his neighborhood informed. What he hopes to bring to this campaign is an ability to address the many issues that are of concern to voters in HD 42. James is a member of several advocacy organizations.

As a member of the Colorado Union of Taxpayers, James has signed the CUT pledge and will work to achieve a 100% rating from this organization. That includes:

From The Chair

Travis Nicks, State Chair

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James knows the difference between a right and a privilege. While considering any legislation that affects individuals in district 42, he will always keep this in mind. As a father and grandfather, and with his family living here in Colorado, he hopes to affect the direction in which our state legislature influences all our lives. James plans to make a difference in the coming years. If elected, Frye will focus on respecting you as a taxpayer.

Campaigns Report

By Ken Wyble, Campaigns Director

FaceBook Friends: 756
Colorado Libertarians Meetup: 138
Colorado Bob Barr Meetup: 16
LinkedIn: 186 Contacts

Networking through South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce has yielded a special invitation to join the Business Leaders for Responsible Government which is holding private forums with statewide candidates to address business and fiscal responsibility related issues. This is also helping me to identify business leaders who score in the Libertarian quadrant of the Worlds Smallest Political Quiz or certainly can already speak Libertarian.

FaceBook has exploded with activity and now outpaces MySpace as the worlds most active social networking site. The ability to quickly add friends through the database tool has helped in gathering Denver area Libertarians. Regionally and nationally it has been incredibly easy post-convention as friends in common make it easier for others to accept the addition. Locally, interns and former interns of the Independence Institute have been gathering with other issue/topic ground troops and politically motivated activists for a bi-weekly happy hour called ‘Liberty on the Rocks’. Our group of Libertarians has been attending and has shown a strong commitment to the likes of John Caldera and Mason Tvert who have been special guests. These same interns as well as other new faces that originate from the FaceBook community have been attending our weekly lunch in Arapahoe County. The weekly lunches frequently involve special guests like candidates for office and have been as large as 23 attendees with a weekly average of about 12 people.

The American Freedom Foundation Denver Chapter has formed and at their various events, I have identified several small Republicans who are extremely active, even running for office locally.

Further steps to improve leadership and increase the number of party activists includes the re-forming of the Denver Affiliate which will start holding meetings soon. Activists in Parker will start working with Highlands Ranch for a Douglas County affiliate. I am also reaching out to the ElPaso county activists and campaign staffers, including members of the Colorado Springs Ron Paul meetup group. Colorado Springs is home to the 2nd largest Bob Barr meetup group in the country.

Media Report

By Richard Randall, Media Director

The Libertarian Party is getting a tremendous amount of mainstream national media from the Bob Barr Presidential campaign. Consequently, the LPCO is receiving an increasing amount of interest - and has a huge opportunity to spread our message of liberty. But, we need volunteers and help in multiple areas.

In the media arena, we need volunteers willing to manage an online presence with both FaceBook and MySpace. We also need volunteers to help produce PodCasts at KBDI studios. This includes production personnel as well as interview hosts.
Would you like to see the LPCO advertising on cable TV? As mentioned last month, we’ve been able to negotiate as low as $25 per spot during mornings and throughout the day (5:00am until 4:00pm) reaching over 735,000 Colorado cable subscribers. The commercial would air on channels such as CNN, Fox News, TNT, A&E, MSNBC, USA, TBS, and more! For a slightly less cost per commercial spot, we could run ads on the SciFi channel, AMC, VH-1, the Golf Channel, the Food Network, SPEED, E! Network, and more. Do you think that this is a project we should pursue?

In addition, we have been contacted by a professional video production studio that is willing to donate producing such a TV and/or Web-based commercial.

But in order to purchase the air time, we will need additional donations. We will also need additional volunteers to write a script and act in the commercial(s). This commercial should focus on communicating who libertarians are, and why people should change their voter registration to Libertarian. Please become a contributing member of the LPCO by downloading and completing the form at: http://www.lpcolorado.org/ContributionForm.pdf

If you want to earmark your donation for this project, just write “TV Ad” at the top of the form. If we don’t raise enough money to air the TV commercial, then these earmarked donations will be used for some other form of outreach.

In the next month we’re hoping to see some changes to the LPCO website with some new features.

I continue to be inspired by our local activists and volunteers. It has been a fun summer with several successful events.

On August 21, 2008, the movie “1.O.U.S.A.” premiers in 400 theaters nationally. Be among the first to support the film which promises to educate and inspire. Economics may not be sexy. Monitoring the tax and spend habits of our politicians may be intoxicatingly boring, but libertarians understand that social freedom and economic freedom go hand in hand and without one, having the other is an illusion. Hopefully politicians will heed the solutions offered in the movie before it’s too late.

Click Here for a list of the theaters where it will be shown.

Ron Paul continues his vigilant campaign for liberty which is something we can all find agreement with. Libertarians who chose to support him in the primaries are welcome to return home to the Libertarian Party after the Republican Party has made it abundantly clear that Ron Paul is not welcome in the Republican Party. Fortunately for the rest of the country, Ron Paul’s district constituents love him and have continually been able to overcome his Republican opposition. Now the rest of America knows his name and has been exposed to the message of liberty.

Time is running out to participate in “Creative Capitalism: A Conversation” a collection of essays to be edited and published in the fall of 2008. It is inspired by Bill Gates’ speech in January in which he said that many of the world’s problems are too big even for the Gates Foundation and concluded that the free-market capitalist system itself would have to solve them.

Face the State recently published an article regarding the Libertarian impact on State races. I agree with our Chairman, every vote must be earned. I cannot think of a single Republican or Democrat who has earned my vote and the Libertarian Party has given me a reason to show up at the polls.

I’ll see you online and on the streets.

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