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From The Chair David K. Williams, Jr., Chair

I am honored to follow Travis Nicks as the State Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

With both the federal and state governments taking over more and more of our lives, the LP in Colorado has a tremendous opportunity for growth.

It is our job to take advantage of that opportunity.

Each of us is an ambassador for freedom. We need to emphasize the positive aspects of self-ownership, self-determination, and yes, even rational self-interest. We should never apologize for believing in the power of the individual over the power of the state.

The negative aspects of statism, government control and bureaucratically planned economics will all be self-evident. It just takes some longer than others to come to this realization. As more and more people realize that unlimited bipartisan corporatist government is not the answer, we need to be ready to provide them with the only alternative: Freedom.

The Libertarian Party is the only party that believes in freedom. We need to welcome those that believe in freedom and are looking to find a political home. We are that home.

The only one.

I ask that each of you have a discussion about freedom with a non-libertarian friend. (Keep it friendly, of course.) Let them know the Libertarian Party actually believes in freedom, unlike the other political parties that just give it lip-service. You probably will not convert anyone in one conversation, but you will plant the seed in their head. Planting the seed is the first step.

My goal is to have 20,000 registered Libertarians in Colorado in the next two years. We currently have close to 12,000. If each of us can convert just one person to the cause of freedom and the LPCO, we'll make that goal and more. Much more.

I look forward to serving as your Chair. Please contact me with any thoughts or questions. My email is StateChair@LPColorado.org. My cell phone number is 303-588-2731. Let me hear from you.

And let freedom ring.

Yours in Liberty,
David K. Williams, Jr.
Libertarian Party of Colorado State Chair



Resolution: LPCO State Convention - May 16th, 2009

Expressing The Sense Of Our Gratitude In Recognition Of Leadership

Whereas,

Travis Lee Nicks, having recognized the need for effective leadership in the Libertarian Party of Colorado, campaigned throughout the state to be elected in 2005 to the Office of State Chair and recruited others to run for election to other essential Offices of the Board;

Whereas,

Throughout the ensuing four years of his two terms in office, Mr. Nicks did faithfully and diligently execute the duties of State Chair, presiding effectively and fairly, representing the Party and libertarian principles honorably to the public, encouraging and exhorting the Officers and Members in their service and contribution, leading by excellent example, and leaving to his successor the Party united, strengthened, and continuing to improve; and

Whereas,

Mr. Nicks continues to serve on the Judicial Committee of the national Libertarian Party and plans to maintain a presence in the media and to run for public office; now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

That the Delegates to the 2009 State Convention of the Libertarian Party of Colorado hereby extend their deepest and sincerest gratitude to Travis Lee Nicks for his leadership and service in the Office of State Chair, and their best and warmest wishes for his success in his future personal and political endeavors.

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WANTED: AFFILIATE CHAMPION

The LPCO Board is seeking a highly motivated Libertarian to focus on building and supporting affiliates in the newly created office of Vice Chair.

While the state convention has made one recommendation, the Board invites others, who are willing to devote the time and energy needed to perform these vital tasks well, to present themselves to the Board at the [June 8th meeting at the LPCO HQ, 6989 S Jordan Rd STE 5U, Centennial CO 80112-4369](#)

A Summary Of The Duties of Vice Chair:

- The Vice Chair shall assist the State Chair in the performance of executive duties,
- act as Chair in the temporary absence of the State Chair,
- develop and support affiliate parties and district caucuses,
- ensure affiliate compliance with requirements in the Party Constitution and Bylaws,
- communicate with Affiliate Representatives on a monthly basis,
- and facilitate resource sharing and cooperation among the affiliates.

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Campaigns Report

By [Norm Olsen](#), Campaigns Director

Last election was not our best showing with regard to the number of Libertarians which were on the ballot. In my humble opinion there were two primary reasons for this.

First, due to the national convention being held on the Memorial Day weekend and the honor of hosting it here in Denver, our Annual Assembly was held in early March, a very early date for this activity. Most Libertarians, myself included, were not prepared to make the necessary commitments to a campaign at that time.

Second, this was the first election cycle in which our new rules concerning candidates for statewide and congressional offices were in effect.

Despite this, the Libertarian candidates that were on the ballot posted exceptionally good results by Libertarian standards; [Martin Buchanan](#) led our ticket with almost 5% in his first congressional district race.

In state legislative races, [Jack Woehr](#) and [Ken Wyble](#) both garnered a very respectable 5% while [Jim Frye](#) exceeded all realistic projections by snatching up 7% of the total vote in a very heavily liberal district.

But the best indication of our progress as a party came from Boulder County, where three candidates for county commissioner, [Bo Shaffer](#), [Ralph Shnelvar](#), and [Randy Luallin](#) surpassed all expectations. [Bo Shaffer](#) reached double digits. This is where we need to take the battle, and these results indicate that we can indeed win.

There is a simple correction available for our disappointing showing with regard to the number of Libertarian candidates on the ballot. Start earlier. Indeed we have. There are seven serious Libertarian candidates for public office already preparing for 2010. Others are in the contemplation stage. As a party, we have set the goal at not less than four Libertarian candidates on every ballot in the state of Colorado. At this time, 18 months prior to the election, we are about half way there.

We are establishing a Colorado Libertarian Congressional Committee with the goal of having seven active congressional campaigns in the state. This effort is to provide one of the four Libertarian candidates on each ballot. More to the point, this committee is the crux of our plan to have 10,000 yard signs, nearly one for each Libertarian in the state, on display by September 2010; and Libertarian bumper stickers on 20,000 cars by September 2010.

These plans are not frivolous dreams. I am not dreaming of winning a statewide or congressional level election. However, my 10 years of activism in the Libertarian Party indicates that we will not be an effective force in the political process until we get strong local organizations in a large number of Colorado's 65 counties. The effort to get four Libertarians on every ballot in Colorado, to get 10,000 signs planted in Libertarian yards, and "Vote Libertarian" bumper stickers on 20,000 cars is my way of leveraging the election cycle to produce publicity and public awareness to facilitate the establishment of strong and active local affiliates in Colorado counties who can then get Libertarians elected to local office.

When that infrastructure is in place, we can then win local elections. Today's local election victories will produce the Libertarians who can run and win the state and higher levels. You can't start at the top; you can't build a political party from the top down. You must build from the bottom up. That's where we need boots on the ground.

Fundraising Report

By Deni Cates, Fundraising Director

I am excited to be the new Fundraising Director for the LPCO. We have a lot of work to do, and we need to get working right away. I will be working with some great people who are activists and advocates for the LP and liberty.

First off we're working on planning a barbecue somewhere this summer --date, time, and location to be determined.

Please contact me with any ideas or suggestions!

To quote a bumper sticker, "freedom isn't free."

Monthly Pledge Program

Monthly donations are the best way to help make a political difference. Although contributions are not tax-deductible, we have fixed expenses. Campaigns and events cost money. Choose an amount per month below, and PayPal will automatically send us your donation each month. Don't have a PayPal account? Click any button below and use your credit card or bank account instead. We've made it so easy, there really is no excuse for not contributing right now.

Join the "Nickel Club!"

Donate \$5.00 each month easily using PayPal.

Receive a Libertarian bumper sticker and outreach handouts for friends.



Join the "Copper Club!"

Donate \$10.00 each month easily using PayPal.

Receive a Libertarian bumper sticker, outreach handouts for friends, and a Libertarian cap.



Join the "1776 Club!"

Donate \$17.76 each month easily using PayPal.

Receive a Libertarian bumper sticker, outreach handouts for friends, a Libertarian cap, and the book, *"To Save America: How to Prevent Our Coming Federal Bankruptcy"* by Martin L. Buchanan.



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BECOME A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

OPPORTUNITY to help liberty: Volunteer Coordinator for the Libertarian Party of Colorado. This person will use their people skills to find, motivate, and guide the various volunteers that contact the LPCO, matching the volunteer interests to the needs of the organization. This is a volunteer position for a political party that showed 40% growth in the past year and has a Board of Directors that is committed, interesting, and active in the community. A one year commitment with an average of 4-6 hours per week is needed. Please contact membershipdirector@lpcolorado.org with interest and questions

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Legislative Report

By [Justin Longo](#), Legislative Director

You may have noticed a brand new name next to the [Legislative Director position for the LP of Colorado](#). That's right, it's me [Justin Longo](#). I am very honored to be filling this position after the previous Legislative Director, [Dave Williams](#), was elected to [State Chair](#).

Allow me this opportunity to tell you a little about myself and what I plan to accomplish these next couple of years. I have Bachelor of Science degrees in both business management and economics from George Mason University. That formal education, along with voracious reading and years of diligent self-education led me to Austrian economics. Suffice it to say, I am, and have been, a proud Austrian economist.

Upon graduating in May 2007, I moved to Denver, Colorado. So yes, I'm fairly new to this state, but fortunately, I have been in tune with Colorado politics since day one. After moving here I immediately started working for the Independence Institute, Colorado's free market think tank. (Yes, Jon Caldarra is really like that).

Working with Independence, I've been privy to a whole slew of political events, processes, and leaders that I would not have been a part of otherwise. I helped craft Senate Bill 87 with Senator Morgan Carroll, and testified on its behalf in committee. It is a bill that provides basic transparency and accountability to special districts that until just recently, did not exist at all.

I plan to continue my work promoting legislation that keeps government small, accountable, and transparent; while vocally opposing all legislation that grows government and/or infringes on personal liberty. Although I am only 26 years old, I have been a libertarian for many years and really appreciate this opportunity to promote liberty and freedom through the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions or comments, in addition to any legislative concerns during next legislative session.

Please forward this information to friends and family who are concerned about defending our freedoms!

Urge others to sign up to receive free liberty alerts at:

<http://lpcolorado.org/lpcolibertyalerts.aspx>

You can read past "LPCO Liberty Alerts" at:

<http://lpcolorado.org/lpcolibalertarchive.aspx>

Sign-up to receive free e-mails from the National Libertarian Party at:

<https://www.lp.org/signup>

Support the Libertarian Party of Colorado by joining the 1776 Club:

<http://www.lpcolorado.org/monthlypledges.aspx>

Media Report

By [Transitional Staff](#), Media Director

Libertarian Party Of Colorado Elects New Leadership:

At its 2009 State Convention last Saturday, the Libertarian Party of Colorado elected new leadership to the Board of Directors. Outgoing chair, Travis Nicks, was replaced by David K. Williams, Jr., who was serving as the legislative director.

Other new board members include Justin Longo as the Legislative Director, Debbie Schum as the Western Slope Outreach Director and Deni Cates as the Fundraising Director.

With the change in leadership also comes a new focus for the party. Under Williams' direction, the party will build on the momentum of the Tea Party movement and hopes to capture the attention of unaffiliated voters and those who are frustrated with the current two party system.

"Right now, the country is in the throws of a school-girl infatuation with Obama and in a torrid love affair with the government," said Williams. "Both will end, and when the promises of prosperity via government debt and taxation are broken, America will once again return to its only true and lasting love: freedom."

A complete list of board members can be found on the state party Web site (<http://lpcolorado.org/board.aspx>)

[State Convention Coverage By Face the State](#)

At its state convention Saturday, Colorado's Libertarian Party elected new leadership, including a new party director. The theme of the day: helping craft a party message that will help Libertarianism become a more viable alternative in the eyes of more Colorado voters.

[Click Here](#) for full text of this article.

[State Convention Coverage by The Colorado Statesman](#)

Colorado's Libertarian Party, long considered a political stepchild by the major political parties in the state, is trying to revamp its image — and it doesn't stop with the addition of four new leaders elected a week ago.

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From National LP;

Judge Andrew Napolitano hosts "Freedom Watch" every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., Eastern time, on FoxNews.com's "Strategy Room."

It's an online libertarian program with libertarian hosts and guests streamed live.

Your online support can help put Judge Napolitano's show on television on the Fox News Channel!

Just go to <http://www.foxnews.com/strategyroom> every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time to watch. Put it on your Facebook, Twitter, and Myspace and encourage others to do so as well. For those who are unable to do so, all the previous episodes are archived at www.freedomwatchonfox.com and the more views these videos get, the better.

Membership Report

By Clint Jones, Membership Director

Successes:

Since we last met at the State Convention in March, 2008 I and 44 other Libertarians raised over \$9000 for 2 sets of mobile billboards. The 6' x 10' billboards were driven around Denver downtown during the Libertarian National Convention. The 10' x 22' billboards were driven around Denver during the Democratic National Convention. The driver in August said he saw a lot of flashing lights and finally realized people were taken pictures of the billboards. They are available for your use for outreach, in reach, meetings, or wherever people need to see and think the word Libertarian. (This will help the Outreach Directors in getting more people to register Libertarian.)

The Libertarian caps have done well. With 432 orders two years ago, about 50 are left. The caps have been given as premium gifts to Contributors and Activists, given at outreach booths for donations and also at the LPCO office. The total cost of the caps was more than covered by going table to table at the Libertarian National Convention and providing caps (about 80) for a \$10 donation toward the mobile billboards. (This will help the Treasurer toward operating in the black.)

During 2008 I called registered Libertarian voters in Colorado using the National LP Membership Base reaching 120 with 22 saying yes toward contributing to the LPCO. Starting in March, 2009 and using Google Docs and the Secretary of State list as our database (thanks to Jim Frye, Jeff Orrok, and Steve Gallant), I have started calling registered Libertarians again. To give you sample results from Denver County:

- 396 names called (some several times so about 500 calls);
- 97 disconnected/wrong number;
- 178 left a message on the reason I'm calling and that I will call back;
- 121 talked with:
 - 73 (60%) said send a Contribution and/or Activist form
 - 68 (56%) were not getting our monthly newsletter and signed up for it.

I have answered 30 - 50 queries on people wanting to run for office as a Libertarian or wanting more information. I have had 3 short letters to the editor published by the Denver Post. I have written 10 times to Post editorial writers thanking them for a particular column that has Libertarianism as its basis. I have mailed Libertarian brochures to writers who in their letters to the editor voiced a Libertarian theme.

Failures:

I failed to garner enough volunteers to do the thrilling, scintillating, and necessary task of calling a portion of the 11,000 Colorado Libertarians to encourage more support through Contributions and Activism. This task is necessary in 2009 to prepare for the 2010 campaigns where each candidate will know whom to ask to join in support of his/her campaign. This will make fund raising and activities run more smoothly since candidates will have a boiled down list on the positive people to contact in their district. (This will help the Campaigns Director and candidates in the coming elections.)

I have failed so far to find a student intern and a volunteer coordinator. If one or more of you wanted to fund one of these positions that may go a long way toward filling the need. (This will help each Director of the Board in taking on some office responsibilities and coordinating volunteers for each Director.)

Overarching Goal:

This goal has always been getting the word "Libertarian" in front of people so they see it two times daily. We cannot explain who we are and what we stand for until people are comfortable with the word and that comfort occurs after they have seen the word enough times.

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MEMBERSHIP CONTACT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER

The Membership Contact Committee will be making phone calls to all members to inform them of the upcoming annual meeting and to ask for participation in our 2009 membership survey. We will also remind members that newsletters

are delivered via email and archived online. If you are interested in helping with phone calls to members, please contact: Clint Jones (membershipdirector@lpcolorado.org).

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Outreach Report

By **Jeff Orrok**, Outreach Director

Accomplishments:

Duties imposed by Bylaws Article II Section 3:

Member Recruitment

I continue to maintain the statewide Voter Registration Drive (VRD) with the Secretary of State.

Outreach Booths/Tables Major Events - Cinco de Mayo (this year being the 2nd time), Peoples Fair, Pridefest (this year being the 2nd time), Van's Warped Tour. We barely afford these and then only because of the generosity of a few individual donors and a few of the county affiliates. We're still on the waiting list for the National Western Stock Show. Even if they let us in, we don't really have the money to afford it or the State Fair for that matter.

Gene Freeland's excellent training for "personal outreach" has not been conducted as a state outreach function since early 2007. I would very much like to have them scheduled for a few times a year and/or produce a video version.

Since last year's state convention, registered libertarians grew from a total (active plus inactive) of 6991 on March 13, 2008 to 8494 active plus 2841 inactive for a total of 11,335 on April 1, 2009. This is an increase of just over 62% in twelve-and-a-half months which works out to an annual growth rate of just over 59%. As I've mentioned in an earlier monthly report, the typical post-election purge was not carried out by the Secretary of State. I was informed that they are letting the individual counties purge as they see fit for this cycle. So for the months of 2009, I have been looking at the growth rate of the active voters only, which at the current rate works out to an annual growth rate of just over 19%.

Membership Education Programs & Publications

Development of a new member kit still has not progressed any further beyond discussion and preliminary planning.

A New Member Orientation has not been conducted in over a year. Although this was assigned to someone else as a SMART task, since it still technically falls under my official duties, I accept responsibility for the lapse.

Affiliate Development, Support & Communication

In January of this year, I emailed a number of Libertarians in El Paso County, created a Yahoo group, and organized and held a preliminary meeting. Since then, little activity has occurred.

Creation of the Affiliate Representative Committee (ARC) - At the Board meeting following the December strategy session, I was able to get a resolution passed that created a standing committee known as the Affiliate Representative Committee, which is supposed to meet at least once per quarter. Unfortunately, the first quarter's teleconference attendance did not satisfy the number required for a quorum. A teleconference has not yet been scheduled for the second quarter.

Staffing ("assistance Filling Positions")

At the state level, a request for applicants to the Platform and the Constitution and Bylaws committees was sent by email to the affiliates, posted on the El Paso Libertarians Yahoo group, and run for several months in the newsletter. In addition, certain individuals were contacted directly. At the affiliate level, no assistance was requested.

Duties imposed by Bylaws Article II Sections 11 & 12:

Operational Documentation

I have a draft of part of a VRD manual and some notes for a booth program manual. People with one or more of the following skills who are able to work on a team are needed:

- ★ Technical Writing
- ★ Word Processing Styles & Formatting;
- ★ Spatial Organization & Efficiency;
- ★ Training Program/Curriculum Development;

Budgeting

Since we typically get the money for outreach events put together at the last minute, I have not produced a budget, but it would make sense to associate some estimates with the Outreach Events Calendar (see below).

Affiliate Board Meetings

I attended meetings at Arapahoe, Jefferson, and Larimer.

SMART Tasks & Other Activities:

Outreach Events Calendar

Notes, spreadsheet, preliminary draft partially complete.

Functional Organizational Chart

Notes and spreadsheet.

Obtain Left Vs. Right Fliers

Layout 40% complete; money for printing not available.

Designate A Contact In Each Geographic Area

No progress.

"Affiliate Corner" Forum

No progress.

Speaking Engagements

In the autumn of 2008, I spoke at a politics class at Colorado Free University, an assembly of social studies classes at Smoky Hill High School, and a student organization at Denver University.

Current Events:

The new voter registration numbers were released early in the week after the convention.

As of May 1, we have 8614 active and 2758 inactive for a total of 11,372 registered Libertarians!

Again, the net increase is minuscule due to the ongoing piecemeal purge, but the rate of increase in active Libertarians is 1.41%, which gives us a cumulative growth of 5.97% and a projected growth of 19.15% for the year.

Outreach:

We are confirmed for People's Fair and PrideFest. We are continuing to work with national to have a Libertarian outreach presence at as many of Van's Warped Tour venues as possible.

Paul Langford, Outreach Director of Arapahoe, is assisting in the documentation of outreach booth equipment, supplies, and processes. **If you would like to help** with this and other documentation efforts, please email me at Outreach@LPColorado.org.

I am looking for program managers for:

Voter Registration Drive, Outreach Events, Speakers Bureau, High School Student Groups, and College Student Groups. If you would like to be a program manager, or assist one of the program managers, or be on one of the program activist teams, [please email me](#).

As always, our efforts depend on the number of activists and the amount of contributions. **Help us grow the party** so that we can field and support strong candidates and influence our local and state governments.

We are in urgent need of funds so that we can take advantage of the lowest rates for Voter Registration Drive Booths!

[RSVP for People's Fair & Denver PrideFest Voter Registration Drive Shifts!](#)

I will be organizing and taking inventory of the outreach materials and preparing for [People's Fair](#) celebration in downtown Denver. Please note, we paid \$350.00 to participate, which means that it is imperative that YOU help make the expenditure worthwhile; either with your generous monetary contribution, or with your time over the two day event.

To support the effort with your money, use PayPal and [click here](#).

To support the effort with your time, use [Meetup](#) and choose a shift below.

Saturday June 6th, 2009 People's Fair Libertarian Voter Registration Drive Shifts:

1. [9:00am - 1:00pm](#)
2. [1:00pm - 5:00pm](#)
3. [5:00pm - 9:00pm](#)

Sunday June 7th, 2009 People's Fair Libertarian Voter Registration Drive Shifts:

1. [9:00am - 1:00pm](#)
2. [1:00pm - 5:00pm](#)
3. [5:00pm - 9:00pm](#)

Saturday June 27th, 2009 Pride Fest Libertarian Voter Registration Drive Shifts:

1. [9:00am - 11:00am](#)
2. [11:00am - 1:00pm](#)
3. [1:00pm - 3:00pm](#)
4. [3:00pm - 5:00pm](#)
5. [5:00pm - 8:00pm](#)

Sunday June 28th, 2009 Pride Fest Libertarian Voter Registration Drive Shifts:

1. [9:30am - 11:00am](#)
2. [11:00am - 1:00pm](#)
3. [1:00pm - 3:00pm](#)
4. [3:00pm - 6:00pm](#)

Two Voter Registration Drives This Month! [Sign Up Now!](#) Or Click A Shift Above!
YOUR Assistance would be most gratefully welcomed.

Outreach Booth At The Boulder Creek Festival - A Review By Eva Kosinski:

First, and most importantly, thanks to the following folks who showed up to help in the booth (if I've forgotten anyone, please let me know. I wasn't there every minute, though sometimes it seemed that way):

Ralph Shnelvar, Greg Woods, Mykl Kryka, Paul Langford, Jeff Orrok (these last three did Voter Registrations and trained several others to do so as well), Randy Luallin, Jim Remmert, (who stayed a full day on Monday), Mike Spalding, Earl Allen, Quinten McKenna, Kristen Hoyer, and Derik Lane.

There were also Libertarians working at the NORML booth (I never got over there, but I know I talked to Bo Shaffer and he was there). All in all, we made a good showing.

This year's Nolan Chart (unsure if it was because there were many out-of-towners, and even out-of-staters here for the race, or because the Commissioners have been getting people very annoyed, probably some of both) was different in one major way. We had a number of folks, some of whom had no idea they were libertarians, scored 100/100 on the quiz. I'll be getting the final number of registrations back from Jeff Orrok, but we had at least 20, I believe and possibly quite a few more. We also collected \$120.60 in donations (all, fortunately, under \$20 so we didn't have to collect personal information). Some non-libs even found bumper stickers that suited them, and made donations to get them.

The weather was (as it often is for the Creek Festival) wet, wetter, and wettest. There's a reason it's the weekend for the Rubber Duck race. Every afternoon had rain, if not thunder and lightning, and those who helped with takedown know just how much fun it is to keep everything dry and get it into the truck.

We were at the far West end of the Creek Fest, but it turned out to be fortuitous, because we were right next to the loading area, and did not have to schlepp huge boxes long distances at takedown. Also, we were right at the point where folks realized they'd reached the end, and they'd turn around to go back, but linger a bit when they saw folks talking. At one point all of our test clipboards were in use at once. When it rained heavily, of course, folks disappeared for awhile (I heard one couple saying they were all going to meet at the bar until the rain stopped), but came back as soon as the rain stopped, or at least let up.

We got some new materials from State (Discover Liberty), a new newspaper format piece from National. If you're going to be somewhere doing outreach, let me know and I'll dig them out for you (we probably have about 75 or so). We nearly ran out of quizzes and we found a lot of folks interested in coming to the lunches. Before our next outreach event we need to get a lot more quizzes (the ones that don't need reading glasses) printed, and more Boulder LPBC trifolds. We've got plenty of dots. Our large Nolan Chart seems to have disappeared (the folks that volunteered from State brought the new one - maybe we need a new one as well - it's rollable and can be put on a lightweight aluminum frame).

Also, for those of you who've been in the area awhile, Bob Glass has returned from his self-imposed exile in Idaho, and is ready to start some serious activism in Colorado. He will be hosting a radio show on 1060 AM from 9-11 pm to discuss Libertarian topics, called "Radio Free America," beginning on June 1. It's every weekday, so he's looking for folks to interview on Libertarian topics, folks to call in to the show, and most importantly, folks to be sponsors for the show so that he can convince the network to keep it running as long as possible. I'll be putting something up on the website, but if you're interested, send him email at: partisanview@yahoo.com. The network is out of Longmont, and covers Boulder, Denver, Aspen and, I believe Vail, so this is really good exposure. He says the network knows what the topic of conversation is so he's not expecting any problems related to content. However, sponsorship in the end is what will make it happen or let it languish. Your choice.

We also got some other leads which I'm following up on, for places looking for writers, and a plea to help us find some Libertarian candidates in Lafayette.

I think this was a really successful Creek Festival, but because it involved covering two nine-hour days and one 8-hour day, we still were stretched pretty thin, and some folks stayed a lot longer than they should have had to. If we do this again next year, hopefully we'll have enough folks who don't mind getting wet for the cause, to make it possible to come in for the day, see all the stuff at the Creek Fest, get food and drink, and work a few enjoyable hours in the booth talking to other Libs, without feeling stressed out. We did fine, but it was more work than it had to be. We still had some folks who had to wait in line (what a concept!) to talk to us.

Something is changing here. We had only two folks trying to talk us out of our beliefs (for those of you who worked years ago, you know what an uphill battle that's been). We even had folks who said they only were with us on some topics, but wanted to learn more, because they no longer trusted their party, and the phrase "bipolar politics" was a big hit (I think I'll have a bumper sticker made). If they're turning in our direction, we need to be willing and ready to respond.

There is interest in a "Liberty on the Rocks" in Boulder. Anyone with suggestions for places in Boulder (we have one in Louisville, but I'm not sure folks will come over the hill) with a room that can be set aside, let me know, and I'll have Paul Langford check it out. He's gotten a few other LotRs set up (and they have been wildly popular - some have had to be relocated because too many people came to fit in the room).

I think we lost a lot not being able to attend the Creek Festival last year. There's a certain energy that comes from knowing we're not the pariahs we used to be in Boulder County. People do trust us not to snow them, and that respect seems to be growing. Overdue, perhaps, but I'll take it.

Publications Report

By [Jaime Brown](#), Publications Director

The LPCO Publications Director is responsible for communicating to the membership. The publications consist of the Colorado Liberty, [the state website](#), and [event announcements](#).

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Records Report

By [Steven Gallant](#), Records Director

I want to thank Database Manager Jim Frye for handling requests for database information and for maintaining and updating the database. During the last year, I've continued to collect and maintain the party's records, including meeting minutes, recordings and Director reports. From 2005 to the present, we have a very thorough and detailed record of the party's activities. Compiling and filing the reports and meeting minutes may not be the most exciting activity to discuss, but having a complete record does help us to keep track of what we've done, what we need to do and the decisions we've made in the past.


























We have a new database - or at least a centralized shared document. However it's described, GoogleDocs is free and it does meet at least some of our most critical needs. More than 11,000 LP voter records, from the Secretary of State's database, have been loaded into a spreadsheet with 11 tabs, for use in Clint Jones' membership contact program. With GoogleDocs, each of Jones' callers will have their own account with access to centrally located documents and the ability to update the spreadsheet as they make calls. Jones can then manage the call activity and follow-up responses. This data-sharing system provides us with the means to raise funds, increase activism, and maintain contact with the membership, especially new members. There may be a more sophisticated database in our future, but for now, we are able to meet some critical requirements that have gone unmet since we had BallotBase.

Treasurer Report

By [Leah Kelley](#), Treasurer

Thank you to our 1776 Club members.

These are the people that keep the doors open and the lights on at the State party. Please consider joining them!

 Bette Rose Ryan	 Grace Reed	 Martin Buchanan
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 David K. Williams, Jr.	 Jeff Orrok	 Paul Langford
 Debbie Schum	 Jennifer Amerkanov	 Rand Fanshier
 Doug Anderson	 Joseph P. Thompson	 Richard Randall
 Eva Kosinski	 Kathryn Chappell	 Stu McFarland
 Frank Atwood	 Leah Kelley	 Travis Nicks

We have increased our Membership to nearly 12,000 members. Still, there are only Twenty-seven [1776 Club Members](#).

Please join these 27 dedicated individuals who help us keep Liberty in politics.
On average, 75% of our expenses go exclusively to our Rent & Utilities.

\$5 or \$5/mo. Please donate.

Libertarian Party of Colorado April 2008 - March 2009 Income	
Income	%
Donations	100%
Total % of Income	100%

Libertarian Party of Colorado April 2008 - March 2009 Expenses	
Expenses	%
Bank Charges	0.37%
Credit Card Fees	5.59%
Membership Expenses	5.32%
Office	0.21%
Publications	12.38%
Rent	30.95%
Utilities (Total)	45.18%
Total Expenses	100%

W.S. Outreach Report

By **Debbie Schum**, W.S. Outreach Director

Having just been elected (again) to western slope outreach director last week, after a 2 year hiatus, I have contacted a 3rd party elected county commissioner from San Miguel County who is a board member of Club 20. Club 20 is a powerful lobbying group from the western slope of Colorado. They effect legislation state wide.

Some of you may have attended the Club 20 debates 2 years ago, in Grand Junction. Our gubernatorial candidate, Dawn Winkler, and our 3rd congressional district candidate, Bert Sargent, debated their Republican and Democrat opponents there.

My current priority is to secure permanent debate status for our state wide candidates in Club 20 debates.

I am also seeking to establish better organization of Libertarians on the western slope, where there are many, many small "L" libertarians, and our message is more easily received.

Letters To The Editor:

Where's The Money - By Debbie Schum:

Recently, I saw a short letter to the editor in a newspaper that said something to the effect of "what's the point of having politicians speak at the tea party protests?" I couldn't agree more. We have all listened to these "bi-partisan" politicians talk, and talk, and talk, and talk some more. We have listened unendingly to them prattle on and on about what they want to do with our money, and how they want us to think, speak, act, and live our lives. Frankly, I'm sick of listening to them, and am FAR more interested in hearing what my fellow citizens have to say.

At the Delta County courthouse tea party, former district 58 state representative Republican Ray Rose, at the end of his speech, got the crowd chanting "no new taxes". Yeah, the same Ray Rose who supported Ref C. Another Ref C supporter, former Delta County Commissioner Republican Wayne Wolf, also attended, but thankfully did not speak. Remember Ref C? It was going to solve all the education and road and bridge problems in the state. It was supposed to be 3 billion dollars, and anybody who questioned that number was a right wing extremist crackpot. Well, it turned out to more than double that amount, and all got used up the first year. Some of the money apparently is not accounted for--to the walking wallets who funded it anyway. And guess what? Tuition has been going up again anyway. And politicians want to put yet another Ref C type measure on the ballot again. Because even double the projected amount is never enough.

Another big proponent of Ref C was Democrat State Senator Gail Schwartz. And a big supporter of Gail Schwartz was Republican Delta County Commissioner Bruce Hovde. Many of you will remember that Delta County Republican chairman Don Suppes publicly supported Bruce Hovde....in spite of his statements at the tea party about reining in spending right here in our own courthouse. In 2005, I was involved in a recall attempt of Delta County Commissioner Republican Jan McCracken--another Ref C supporter. During that recall petitioning phase, then Democrat chairman Eric Jessen put out a press release supporting Commissioner McCracken--speaking for Democrats! The tangled web of the "bi-partisan" redemopublicaticans is increasingly difficult to un-weave. They may trash talk each other, but let one of us walking wallets try to stick our hand in there, and we find out just how "bi-partisan" they really are. It's like a big poker game that we fund but are clearly not invited to. Now throw Arlen Specter into that poker game. He's a Republican. No, wait...he's a Democrat. And Ben Nighthorse Campbell. He's a Democrat. No, wait...he's a Republican. They are interchangeable, and seem to have the same goal...to spend our money as fast as they can on their own irrational ideas (think roundabouts). We of course, are way too stupid to decide what to spend our own money on. And so are our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Where's the money? It's caught up in a redemopublicatican tornado, disappearing faster than we can earn it.

How long will this continue? As long as we shirk our responsibility of citizen government and oversight. As long as we refuse to acknowledge that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. As long as we believe that the US Constitution applies to us, rather than our government. As long as we think our rights are "given" to us by the

government. As long as we believe political parties will save us. As long as we listen to politicians talk and talk and talk without saying anything of substance, and then turn a blind eye to their actual actions so we can remain loyal to a political party. As long as we think all we have to do is vote—for the “lesser of 2 evils”. As long as we do nothing but vote these people into office.

The tea parties should be only the beginning, not just a “party”. It’s time to take our money, our lives, and our government back. Just voting is not enough.

Ready to make a stand, fellow citizens? Then let’s hear from you and not the politicians.

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