



VIRGINIA LIBERTY

Libertarian Party of Virginia

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Robert Dean: 43% in Race for Mayor's Office

By Daniel Cloud

VIRGINIA BEACH -- Libertarian Robert K. Dean earned 43 percent of the vote in a three-way mayoral race in his city on May 4, nearly defeating a 27-year Democrat incumbent for the non-partisan post.

The incumbent, Meyera Oberndorf, drew 50 percent of the vote.

"Robert Dean deserves tremendous thanks and praise for running such a credible campaign that obviously resonated with so many voters in his city," said Virginia LP chair Steve Damerell.

"In this race, he wasn't the spoiler; he was nearly the victim of a spoiler," Damerell noted.

Republican candidate Al Wallace took over 6 percent of the vote -- putting him in the position of spoiler in this election, said Brian Babb, chairman of the Tidewater Libertarian Party.

Although the mayoral race is non-partisan, Dean's position as a member of the Libertarian Party was common knowledge in the area, and was discussed in radio, television and newspaper accounts of the race from the time

he announced his campaign in early March.

With a population of about 436,000 (250,000 of them registered voters), Virginia Beach is the largest city in the state and 38th largest in the nation.



Robert Dean

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Photo by Jeff Bowles

Daleville, VA - Liz Bowles and Marjie Gann participate in the Botetourt County Libertarians' Tax Day Rally (April 15, 2004)

Tax Day Protests

By Marc Montoni

Opposition to confiscatory taxes may be nothing new, but trying to do something about it is something more recent -- and is mostly a Libertarian effort.

On April 15th, Libertarians around the Old Dominion held protests against the federal income tax.

Local affiliates set up rallies in Arlington, Botetourt/Roanoke, Henrico, Fairfax, Charlottesville, Tidewater, Lynchburg, and Blacksburg.

LP members interested in organizing a protest in their own community next year should begin planning now. After all, taxes aren't going to go away until more Americans demand it!

Ballot Drive: Closing In

The drive to get the Libertarian Party's candidate for President on the ballot has been underway since January 1st.

Jim Lark, petitioning coordinator, reports that we have approximately 7,250 signatures in-hand.

The top local party for *volunteer* signature gathering is the Jefferson Area Libertarians, with nearly 1,900 "in the bag".

Please help your party gather

the signatures needed. If you wish to be able to vote Libertarian this fall, circulate the petition. Without you, the drive will fail -- it's that simple!

Please see the ballot drive donation form and "petitioning resources available" box next to the Whelden for School Board article on Page 3.



SCC Meeting: June 5

You're invited! The next meeting of the LPVA State Committee ("SCC") shall take place on Saturday, June 5, at the DoubleTree Hotel Charlottesville.

The Doubletree is located at 990 Hilton Heights Road, just off Rt. 29 north of town.

All LPVA members are invited to attend.

For directions, please phone the hotel at (434) 973-2121.

Directions are also avail-

able on the DoubleTree website (www.DoubleTree.com).

We shall meet in the Monroe Room, which we have reserved until 5:00 p.m.

The room has been comped to us, with the understanding that many of our attendees will purchase lunch at the hotel restaurant -- so please, if you're attending the meeting, please also plan to buy

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Memo From The Chairman

Getting Real...

By Steve Damerell

There is an ongoing debate within the Libertarian Party most frequently referred to as “pragmatism vs. principle.” The fundamental question in this debate revolves around whether the LP can find electoral effectiveness while it adheres to a purely libertarian vision of America.

On one side of the fence rests a group of Libertarians who emphasize success first. In this group’s mode of thought, candidates should de-emphasize or even oppose those sections of the Libertarian platform that may not resonate with average voters. Taken to its extreme, this school of thought would be willing to see an LP

promote candidates with “libertarian-lite” positions in order to see them find success at the polls – perhaps advocating small cuts in spending or touching only on the most egregious civil liberties violations at the expense of others.

Step across the divide, and you’ll find people who are principally concerned with maintaining the LP’s ideological rigor even as we pursue success. At its furthest extreme lie those who would shell an otherwise excellent candidate for disagreeing with the LP regarding its position on Indian rights, over-the-counter heroin or abolishing all forms of taxation overnight.

For all of the energy that the respective camps have spent shelling one another, it may surprise them both

to discover the number of strategic approaches both would like. Many of these are common-sense improvements that the LP has not yet made that offend neither the purists nor the pragmatists.

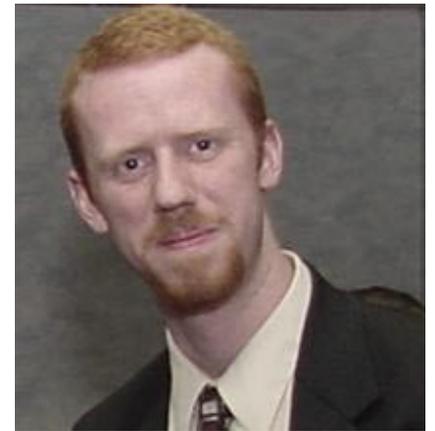
First and foremost, neither camp would take issue with the statement that the LP and its candidates must find ways to take politics more seriously. LP member Robert Dean recently received 43% of the vote in a three-way race for mayor of Virginia’s largest city. More on that in a moment, but there are some political fundamentals that explain Robert’s success without offending Libertarian principles in any way.

Robert was a well-known, active member of his community. Anyone who has met Robert knows that he was an extremely personable candidate, and anyone who has perused his resume can see that his involvement in Virginia Beach politics and community – including a stint on the City Council – are too extensive for an opponent to call into question.

These qualifications poised Robert to be taken seriously as a candidate before his positions on the issues were even raised. The connections forged by his extensive work also enabled him to establish a base of donations and in-kind contributions in an extremely short amount of time. Fundraising, community involvement, credibility – these are all political fundamentals that offend neither of the frequently opposing schools of thought within the Libertarian Party.

Only when it comes time for a campaign to establish its message does the aforementioned debate get lifted

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Steve Damerell

into the party’s line of sight. Robert’s campaign serves as a superb example of this as well (as did the campaign of Robert McBride before it).

Dean took a real, principled Libertarian agenda and translated it into terms that resonated with his electorate. I didn’t once hear Dean quibble over Libertarian nuances regarding drugs, anarcho-capitalism or his favorite Ayn Rand novel because he obeyed another political fundamental – he found his message and stayed on it. He told his voters that their taxes were too high, and that he was the candidate who would lower them.

We won’t always have candidates with as much to offer their electorate as Robert Dean did. But there’s no reason that we can’t get close.

Are you thinking about running for office?

Join several community organizations, get to know the issues your neighbors care about, and formulate a libertarian message to which they will be able to relate.

And if you’re offering your support to a campaign, before you let yourself get dragged into another circular discussion of whether a flat tax is preferable to a sales tax, or whether heroin should be available over-the-counter tomorrow or next week, think about whether you’ve conquered the political obstacles necessary to have voters listen to your words.

If you’re only talking to yourself, your message doesn’t matter.

Let’s get real about politics; otherwise, the “purity vs. pragmatism” debate is comprised of no more than wasted breath.

Yours in liberty,

Steve Damerell, LPVA Chairman
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2004 ELECTIONS

November 2nd, 2004 State & National Elections
(Presidential Primary February 10, all other primaries June 8)

President (4-year term)

U.S. Representative (11) (2-year term)

County Board (Arlington) (4-year term)

County School Board (Arlington) (4-year term)

City Council (4 cities) (terms vary - set by Charter)

City School Board (2 cities) (terms vary - set by Charter)

Town Council (7 towns) (terms vary - set by Charter)

Whelden: Arlington School Board Campaign

As many of you already know, I have decided to seek a seat on the Arlington County School Board this year in the November General election. Here are a few of the things that have been happening with my campaign:

- I have been endorsed by the Libertarian Party of Arlington County and the Independent Green Party.
- I have designed the front page of my campaign website, www.liberateschool.com, and will have it uploaded by the time this article is printed.
- I have opened my campaign account, and can now accept donations. Please see my website for details.
- I am planning my first fundraising letter. This letter will be sent to my friends and family members.
- I will be sharing a booth at the Arlington County Fair (August 19-22) with the Libertarian Party of Arlington County.

As an observation for those planning to seek office in the future, petitioning has been one of the most frustrating parts of this experience.

I was fortunate to have help in collecting my signatures. One lady started signing my petition, but then refused to finish signing it after I revealed my party affiliation when she asked about it. School Board races are technically non-partisan, and in retrospect, I should've just told her it was a non-partisan race and left it at that.

I'm planning to have fans and maybe some balloons printed up for the county fair. I've seen other candidates distribute both of those items with quite a bit of success in previous years.

Libertarians interested in donating either time or money to my campaign are invited to visit my website (see below).

Libertarians looking for more information on Whelden's campaign can call 703-534-1488 or send email to:

ShaunW@LiberateSchool.com

The official campaign website is:

<http://www.LiberateSchool.com>

Campaign donations may be sent to:

Shaun Whelden
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Libertarians and friends in the 9th CD celebrated spring with a pork roast in Giles County hosted by activist Anne Panella and her family.

Photo by Jeff and Liz Bowles

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Ballot Drive Donation Coupon

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* NOTE: Under Virginia and federal law, the Libertarian Party of Virginia is required to acquire this information and to report your response.

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LPVA Petition Drive
PO Box 274
Free Union VA 22940

Petitioning Resources Available!

- Instructions
- Petitioning Tips
- Downloadable official petition form in .pdf

... Are all available on the LPVA's Presidential Petition Information page on the web:

<http://www.LPVA.com/main/HTML/2004PetitionDrive.htm>

-- or --

Call Petitioning Coordinator Jim Lark, at 434-973-5958; or write:

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Free Union VA 22940

SCC Meeting

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lunch with the rest of us .

The group lunch will be from 12:00 until 1:30 p.m.

The meeting will begin promptly at 1:30.

For more information, please

see the notice posted on the LPVA web site at www.LPVA.com -- just click on the "event calendar" link on the left-side menu on the main page.

Alternatively, please contact Steve Damerell to arrange to have meeting information mailed or faxed to you.

Astounding Result in Virginia Beach

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"Robert ran near or beyond his two opponents in fundraising and activity, and came into the campaign with a resume that included prior service on the City Council," Damerell said. "He took on a long-standing incumbent with an aggressive two-month campaign. We have proof that a candidate can run on a principled Libertarian platform and be taken entirely seriously, if he or she knows how to work politics."

"Our goal in the coming years, then, must be to focus on growing the LPVA's political knowledge base -- because the more Robert Deans we have making runs for office, the sooner we will strike a major Libertarian victory right here in liberty's home state."

Dean said he ran "on three issues: Taxes, taxes and taxes."

Property tax bills that were sent out soon before the election contributed to Dean's popularity in the city.

Before the election, he noted that Oberndorf's major flaw "is that she supports every tax increase that the city manager proposes."

"Over a two-year period, personal property and real estate taxes have increased by 18 percent on average," he said. "Meanwhile, the elderly got a Social Security benefit increase of 2.1 percent, so they're pretty much going into the hole. These taxes are a real problem."

If elected, he wanted to reduce the property tax by at least 15%, as well as reducing the meals tax and other taxes in the city.

"The reason Wal-Mart is the number one retailer in the world is that they provide the best possible product at the lowest possible price," Dean said, adding that he thinks the same can be done in government.

"I want to give taxpayers, who pay the bills, the best return on their investment" by keeping both the investment and the government

as small as possible, he said.

This is a centerpiece of the Libertarian message, and it's a message that resonated well with the people in Virginia Beach.

"I have not been ashamed to declare that I'm a Libertarian; I had probably 14 or 15 people call me on my cell phone [on election day] to ask me what party I belong to, even though the race is non-partisan, and these people have been very interested."

"People see how conservative we are, in that we want government to have a very small role in their lives, and they are very much drawn to that."

"My hat is off to Robert, and I hope that the members of the Libertarian Party of Virginia will join me in thanking him for his tremendous efforts and sacrifice," Damerell said on election night.

"We can celebrate something: We know that our ideas can win if we participate in politics like serious contenders."

Dean brought an extensive resume of public experience and community involvement to his campaign -- "one of the most remarkable public and civic service

biographies I've ever seen," Babb said.

Dean, a former US Marine (Honorable Discharge), served a stint on the Virginia Beach City Council, 1992-1996.

Dean's current community service includes: communications director, Tidewater Libertarian Party; communications director, Hampton Roads Taxpayers Coalition; co-founder and communications director of the Virginia Beach Taxpayer Alliance & Communications Director.

Past community service includes: co-founder, The Elizabeth River Project; board chairman, First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ; founder and chairman of Clean the Bay Day, 1989-2000, for which

he won numerous local, state and national awards; president, Virginia Beach Citizens Action Coalition, 1996-1999; chairman, Virginia Beach Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, 1996-1998; treasurer and executive board member, The Endependence Center, 1985 - 1989; and many other accomplishments.





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There is a move afoot on the LPVA State Central Committee to establish a "Legislative Agenda" for the 2005 General Assembly. The idea is to select our most pressing legislative goals (ballot access reform, tax cuts, etc), and seek out members of the General Assembly to get them introduced and passed.

Are you interested in being the point person who "gets it done"? Or would you like to help us choose the issues to pursue? Contact Steve Damerell -- you'll find his complete contact info on page two.

Got a response?

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Free Speech: Ed Myers Tests The “Free” Part

By Ed Myers

Several times last September I placed a burning flag decal on the school bus that transports my two elementary school children to and from a Loudoun County Elementary School. I was protesting the school’s indoctrination of my children into a civil religion.

The school responded angrily. The Sheriff’s office arrested me on 11 misdemeanor charges of trespassing and vehicle tampering. A district court judge convicted me of 6 charges and fined me \$817. I have appealed the case to Loudoun Circuit Court arguing that the burning flag decal is protected speech under the First Amendment. A trial is scheduled for this summer.

The burning flag decal was a dissenter’s loud scream of objection. For the past several years the school has been adding elements to the curriculum that moved beyond teaching patriotism and into promoting a civil religion. Many polite requests that my children be excused from participating in civil religion exercises have been ignored or denied.

The school transportation department placed an American flag decal on the bus in 2001 as a post-9/11 memorial. When I complained to the School Board explaining that I had religious objections to saluting a flag, I was angrily denounced as unpatriotic. The audience of mostly teachers and staff (including the principal and assistant principal of my children’s school) cheered loudly when the following speaker suggested that those who don’t pledge allegiance to the flag should just leave the country.

Many were appalled that I would desecrate the flag. However, the crassness of displaying a burning flag satisfied my need to



protest government action on several different levels. I’ll expound on four of these.

First, I was protesting the bus drivers’ conversion of school buses into a billboard to express their support for war. Although I remain agnostic about the war on terrorism, I resent government-run schools taking sides in controversial issues. The burning flag has been used since the Civil War as a symbol of dissent from militarism.

Since school attendance is compulsory, government should not force students to support the war on terrorism before giving them a ride on a school bus.

Secondly, I was protesting the school district’s blatant disregard for rule of law and due process while simultaneously enforcing zero tolerance standards on children and parents. State regulations are clear that bus exteriors are to be free of distracting posters and messages (See 8 VAC 20-70-10). Since the State Police, the Commonwealth Attorney, and School Board all refused to hold the bus drivers accountable to this rule, I mimicked the driver’s actions. I too added a flag decal to the bus without waiting for approval from the school administration,

although I informed them 10 days in advance of my intentions. Unlike the bus drivers, I waited until Virginia amended the law to allow small flag decals on school buses with superintendent approval. The decals were affixed after school hours and with a water-based adhesive to prevent the school from claiming that the decals created a safety issue or damaged the bus. Since the burning flag was a U.S. flag, the school couldn’t say that regulations prohibited it.

Thirdly, this was an opportunity to educate the community on religious tolerance. I come from a Mennonite religious tradition that has a 350-year American history opposed to flag salutes. The school refuses to publish my articles in the school newspaper or to allow me to speak to the classes explaining that my children do not stand and salute the flag because of my religious beliefs. I wanted to counter student articles that labeled students who do not participate in the pledge ritual as anti-American. Since the school refuses to allow dialog about civil religion that would teach children tolerance, a dramatic illustration like a burning flag was needed to get press coverage and the school administrators’ attention. I knew if arrested, the courts would provide a public forum to allow me to express my opinions in ways that the schools had closed off. Since I planned to represent myself, I hoped that the savings in lawyer’s fees would al-

low me to continue that fight in appeal courts since the lowest courts are rarely progressive about civil rights.

Fourthly, criminal prosecution and conviction as a response to a burning flag protest provides dramatic proof that the school, the police, the magistrates, and the local courts (collectively the government) are promoting a sacred flag. To be certain that the prosecution was for attaching a burning flag decal, and not for attaching easily removed messages to the bus, I taped a blank piece of paper over a flag decal and another time taped a letter addressed to the driver to the bus. Tellingly, these actions were not prosecuted as criminal acts.

The bright line that separates teaching patriotism from indoctrinating a civil religion is whether national symbols are portrayed as sacred icons. For ages, satire has been the sure cure for idolatry. When schools are intolerant to lampooning national icons then those icons have been elevated from secular to sacred status and patriotic activities have become the rituals of a civil religion. Both the state and federal constitutions promise that the government will not establish a state religion.

I want my elementary-aged children to worship God and not a flag or the country it represents. I agree that public schools may teach my children ways to express love for one’s country, however, civil religion goes beyond patriotism to infuse a religious aura to the government. Schools may describe this civil religion, but I draw the line when government schools proscribe how my children must practice it. The essence of religious freedom is the ability for individuals, free of state coercion, to choose how to divide the sacred from the secular in their lives. I want my children’s moral character derived from their love for an infinite and perfect God and not love for a finite and fallible political system.

The public school’s morning

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2004 LPVA Convention - A Review

Summarized by Marc Montoni from the Draft provided by Charlotte Patrick (Secretary).

For Libertarians, a convention is often the only time all year one can be surrounded for an entire day by other people who share belief in the philosophy of limited government.

Over 100 Virginia LP members gathered at the Richmond Marriott on March 27th -- marking the best attendance at an LPVA convention in over 20 years.

Special Events

Convention guests were treated to inspiring talks by Robert McBride, Gary Nolan, James Bovard, Aaron Russo, and Michael Badnarik.

Business Session

The business session was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

The first item considered was a motion to suspend the rules to allow those who had shown proof of membership -- but who were technically disallowed from voting due to inability to verify whether they had met the 30 day membership requirement, or who had joined too recently to have met the 30 day requirement -- to participate with full voting power. The chair asked the individuals in question to stand and be recognized. There was no opposition to suspending

the rules, and the new members were seated.

The convention then proceeded to consider amendments to the LPVA Constitution.

A motion was introduced to add the sentence "Nothing in above paragraph shall preclude the State Central Committee from going into executive session where appropriate." to Article 4, Section 1(B); but it FAILED.

The next motion would have prohibited LPVA District Chairs from issuing a proxy to another LPVA member so that the District could be represented when the District Chair could not attend an SCC meeting. It was moved to divide the question into four parts; the motion to divide PASSED. The first part of the divided question FAILED; the sponsor subsequently withdrew the other sections.

A motion was introduced to revise Article 4, section 2A to invalidate any CD Bylaws in conflict with the LPVA Constitution. An amendment was offered (and accepted) that restricted the invalidation to only individual conflicting sections. The amended main motion PASSED.

A motion to amend Article 4, section 2A to require that District CD officers be current members of the LPVA PASSED.

It was then moved to remove the phrase "except that of Chairman" from Article 3 Section 8; but it FAILED.

At the end of Constitutional business, the meeting proceeded

to the election of officers. Voting "None of the Above" (or "NOTA") is an option in LP elections.

Steve Damerell was re-elected chair; Leonard Harris was re-elected Vice Chairman; Charlotte Patrick was re-elected Secretary, and Kevin McKenna was elected Treasurer.

The session then turned to adopting rules for electing our National Convention delegates.

A motion was made to predicate delegate status based on current LPVA party membership. The motion PASSED.

A procedure for completing the Delegate ballots and voting on delegates to the National Convention was proposed, to wit:

That the members accept nominations from the floor, to be added to the list of individuals who had previously expressed a wish to be delegates (whose names were included on the distributed ballots), after which the members would choose 49 from the available names. The names of individuals who specifically wished to be considered as alternates were to be added separately.

A motion was made to accept these procedures; the motion PASSED.

A vote was taken by ballot. The ballots were given to the parliamentarian and were counted in his presence by several tellers.

A motion was made to suspend the rules to allow the members to skip to the consideration of reso-

lutions prior to receiving the final count of votes for delegates. The motion PASSED.

A resolution in support of HR-25 (the "FairTax") was introduced, and PASSED.

It was then moved to urge LPVA's delegates to the National Convention to support a directional platform rather than a destinational one; which PASSED.

A motion was introduced to recognize the service and dedication of Scott Elston, who served as LPVA Treasurer for six years, often under trying circumstances, and LPVA's collective wish to express its gratitude for his service. The resolution PASSED.

The suspension of rules ended, and the members returned to the business of the vote for delegates.

The chairman announced the results of the voting (the delegate list is available upon request directed to the Secretary).

A motion was submitted to grant alternate standing to those running for delegate who did not win, then to (in ranked order) those who ran specifically as alternate, then to any available party member -- to be determined by vote among the delegates to the National Convention. The motion PASSED.

It was moved to adopt a procedure for breaking any tie votes by the flip of a coin, which PASSED.

A member moved to adjourn. The motion PASSED.

The 2004 State Convention of ficially adjourned at 4:20 PM.

State 'Religion'

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ritual of a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance sanctifies the flag, transforming it from a simple secular symbol of the country into a sacred nationalistic idol. Virginia public schools enhance the civil religion by displaying the national motto ("In God We Trust") emblazoned over an image of the flag to proclaim that the god Americans trust is the U.S. flag. The state curriculum standards require students learn that "Old Glory" deserves special respect and treatment over other

national symbols. Excessive flag displays throughout the school, in the cafeteria and even on the bus remind students of the universality of faith in god and country civil religion.

Many of my neighbors think America is a Christian nation that must acknowledge God in the public square—particularly public schools—to continue its destiny with divine favor. Since sectarian prayer is unconstitutional, god and country civil religionists elevate secular symbols like the flag into religious icons to fulfill their desire to connect expressions of love for

country and God together. That is why my neighbors believe that "God" must remain in the pledge and on the money.

Although I disagree, I will not desecrate my neighbor's sacred icons as long as my neighbors do not force my children to worship them as idols. This is the social and political compact that has served this country well in preventing civil strife among religiously diverse communities for the past 350 years. The public school's refusal to allow children to opt-out of civil religion exercises is a breach of this agreement and threatens religious liberties for all.

Few may share my religious convictions but all libertarians

should be greatly disturbed by public schools indoctrinating children to worship the government. When children's are taught that good citizenship is belief in the moral authority of government rather than rule of law, expressing disagreement becomes blasphemous. Any efforts to limit the scope of government will be characterized as evil forces thwarting the efforts of a benevolent government to protect and provide for all. A generation or two of children subjected to school-indoctrinated civil religion and libertarianism will be outlawed if it isn't already dead.



Richmond & Vicinity

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY: Libertarian Party of Chesterfield County. Meeting time & location varies. Greg Dorazio: <ChesterfieldCounty@LPVA.com>.

HENRICO COUNTY: "Patrick Henry Supper Club", 1st Tuesdays, 6:00 pm for group dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting. Sponsored by the Richmond Metro Libertarians. China Buffet 7586 W. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23294 (in Merchants Walk Shopping Center). Leonard Harris, 804-266-6572, or: <RichmondMetro@LPVA.com>.

HENRICO COUNTY: Libertarian Party of Henrico County. Monthly meeting at the end of the first PHSC meeting of each quarter. John Mullin, 804-673-9206, or <Henrico@LPVA.com>.

RICHMOND: Weekly Social "Hour", every Friday, Sven Shine Inn, 1319 W. Main St, Richmond, VA 23220 (under the Lost Sock Laundry), 6:00-6:30 informal business session 6:30-7:00 social hour. Sponsored by the Richmond Metro Libertarians. Leonard Harris, 804-266-6572, or: <RichmondMetro@LPVA.com>.

RICHMOND: City of Richmond LP. Meeting time & location varies. Greg Kontos, 804-355-1637, or <RichmondLP@LPVA.com>.

Tidewater Area

ACCOMACK COUNTY: Accomack County Libertarians. Bob Hutchinson <Accomack@LPVA.com>.

GLOUCESTER & MATHEWS COUNTIES: Local LP Now forming. Kevin Arden, <Gloucester@LPVA.com>.

NEWPORT NEWS: Peninsula Libertarian Club. James Hicks, 757-591-9322, or <Peninsula@LPVA.com>.

NORFOLK: Tidewater Libertarian Party. 2nd Monthly meeting, every third Saturday, 8:30am for breakfast, 9am for the meeting. House of Eggs, 3320 N Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23518 (for directions, phone 757-857-1510). Brian Babb, 757-480-5534, or <Tidewater@LPVA.com>.

SUFFOLK: City Of Suffolk Libertarians. Martin Robertson, <Suffolk@LPVA.com>.

VIRGINIA BEACH: Tidewater Libertarian Party. 1st Monthly meeting -- every first Saturday, 8:30am for breakfast, 9am for the meeting. Old Country Buffet, 1952 Laskin Rd, Virginia Beach, VA. Contact 2nd CD chair, Brian Babb, 757-480-5534, or <Tidewater@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: W&M Libertarians. Now forming. Justin J. Andrews, <jjandr@wm.edu>.

Charlottesville Area

CHARLOTTESVILLE: Jefferson Area Libertarians. For residents OF Charlottesville & Albemarle County. Regular meetings, time and location by announcement. Please call James Curtis, 434-295-4414, 434-973-5958, or write <JAL@LPVA.com>.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY: LP of Cumberland County. Contact: Dwight Baker, <Cumberland@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: UVA University Libertarians. ALSO: UVA Students for Individual Liberty. Call Liberty Coalition voicemail at 434-982-5016, or write <JAL@LPVA.com>.

Shenandoah Valley

HARRISONBURG: Harrisonburg/Rockingham LP. Re-organizing. Joseph Rudmin, <HRLP@LPVA.com>.

PAGE COUNTY: Page County Libertarians. Dave Switzer <Page@LPVA.com>.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY: Shenandoah County LP. Meeting time & location varies; call or write for information. Marc Montoni, 540-984-4608 or <ShenandoahCounty@LPVA.com>.

WINCHESTER: Libertarian Party of the Blue Ridge. For residents of Winchester, Clark/Warren/Frederick Counties. Monthly meetings at Coalie Harry's, Old Town Winchester. Call or write for information. Bill Wood, 540-955-0733, or <BlueRidge@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: JMU Libertarians. Now forming. Write <JMU@LPVA.com>.

Northern Virginia

ARLINGTON COUNTY: Arlington Libertarian Committee. Meeting time & location varies; call for information. Shaun Whelden, 703-534-1488, or <Arlington@LPVA.com>.

ARLINGTON COUNTY: "Farlandria Libertarian Social Hour", every Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Hamburger Hamlet, Crystal Square shopping center. Dana Johansen, 703-960-9120, or <Farlandria@LPVA.com>.

FAIRFAX COUNTY: LP of Fairfax County. Monthly meeting, 3rd Mondays, 6:45 pm, Harvest Moon Restaurant, Falls Church. Also sponsors monthly Potluck parties, always on the Saturday before the regular meeting. Dana Johansen, 703-960-9120, or <FairfaxLP@LPVA.com>.

LOUDOUN COUNTY: LP of Loudoun County. Now re-organizing. Bill Redpath, 703-779-4694, or <Loudoun@LPVA.com>.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY: LP of Prince William County. Monthly meeting, 2nd Mondays; Pizza Gourmet, 12425 Hedges Run Dr., Woodbridge (Directions -- 703-491-9343). Social hour 7:00 p.m, business meeting 7:30. Kathy Mullin, 703-221-9875, or: <PrinceWilliam@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: GMU College Libertarians: Meeting time & location varies; call for information. Greg Carpenter, 703-975-4133 or <CollegeLibertarians@LPVA.com>; or Chuck Eby, 703-378-1188, <Webmaster@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: GMU Students for Individual Liberty: Meeting time & location varies; call for information. Zachary Gochenour, 703-993-5287, or <GMU@LPVA.com>; or Chuck Eby 703-378-1188, <Webmaster@LPVA.com>.

Roanoke and Vicinity

BOTETOURT COUNTY: Botetourt County Libertarians. Monthly meetings, 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Fincastle Library (Back Door), 11 Academy St., Fincastle. Liz Bowles, <Botetourt@LPVA.com>.

FRANKLIN COUNTY: Franklin County Libertarians. Charles Pasley, 540-721-2012 or: <FranklinCounty@LPVA.com>.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY: New River Libertarians. For residents of Montgomery, Giles, Pulaski, and Floyd counties. Re-organizing. Please contact Jonathan McGlumphy, 540-231-3708, <NewRiver@LPVA.com>.

ROANOKE COUNTY: Roanoke Valley Libertarian Party. For members residing in Roanoke, Salem, and Roanoke County. Monthly meeting, 1st Mondays, 6:30 pm 8:00 pm, Roanoke County Public Library (central branch), 3131 Electric Rd (for directions, phone 54-772-7507). Charles and Angell Pasley, 540-767-1776 or <Roanoke@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: VWCC: Libertarians of Virginia Western Community College. Brad Bowles: <VirginiaWestern@LPVA.com>

COLLEGE: VT: Virginia Tech Libertarians. Jonathan McGlumphy, 540-231-3708 or <VT@LPVA.com>.

Lynchburg & Vicinity

BEDFORD COUNTY: LP of Bedford County. Rebekah Hoskins, <BedfordCounty@LPVA.com>

BRUNSWICK COUNTY: LP of Brunswick County. Mike Eck, <Brunswick@LPVA.com>

CHARLOTTE COUNTY: LP of Charlotte County. John Spadavecchia, 434-248-6610, or: <CharlotteCounty@LPVA.com>.

HALIFAX COUNTY: LP of Halifax County. Kelly Shaw, <Halifax@LPVA.com>.

LUNENBURG COUNTY: LP of Lunenburg County. Steve Kirkpatrick, 434-696-1714 or <Lunenburg@LPVA.com>.

LYNCHBURG: Lynchburg Libertarian League. For residents of Lynchburg and surrounding counties. Monthly meetings, 2nd Mondays, 6:30 pm, Monte Carlo Restaurant across from Applebee's on Old Forest Road, in Lynchburg. Dave Overstreet, 540-587-7597 or <Lynchburg@LPVA.com>

MARTINSVILLE: Martinsville Libertarian Committee. Garrett Rose, 276-629-3968 at home, 434-296-8159 at school, or write <Martinsville@LPVA.com>.

Peninsula

ESSEX COUNTY: Northern Neck Libertarians. Michael O'Quinn, 804-443-1965, <NorthernNeck@LPVA.com>.

FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Area Libertarians. Stew Engel or Robert Buchanan, 540-582-8781 (Robert).

ORANGE COUNTY: Orange County Libertarians. Don Ober, 540-672-2793 or <OrangeCounty@LPVA.com>.

Southwest Virginia

BUCHANAN COUNTY: Buchanan County LP. Michael Wilson: <BuchananCounty@LPVA.com>.

LEE COUNTY: Lee County LP. Mike Porter <LeeCounty@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: ASL. Libertarian Society at Appalachian School of Law. Michael Wilson <ASL@LPVA.com>.

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