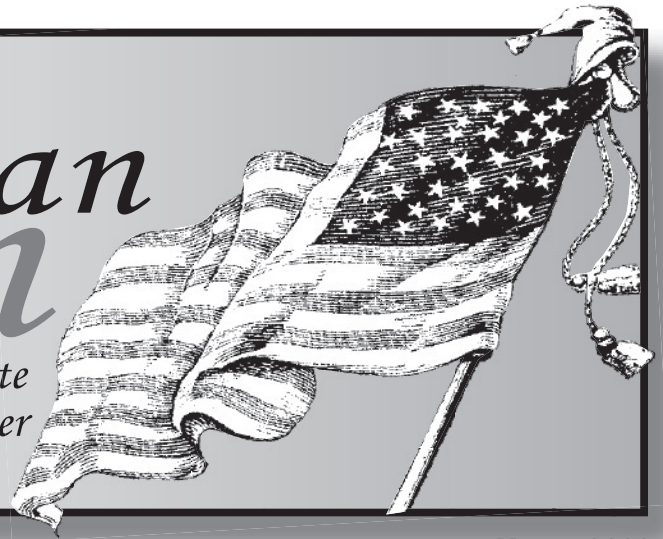


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STATE LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONVENTION APRIL 4 ~ 6, 2003, WILKES-BARRE, PA

Here are some highlights of guests attending this year's State LP Convention. Join us this year for some inspiration from fellow Libertarians.

Elizabeth Summers is a noted Libertarian civic activist from the City of Wilkes-Barre and our gracious host and organizer for the 2003 Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania Convention. She heads the Luzerne County Libertarian Party, a member of the state and national LP, and the Pocono Libertarians. She holds two posts as an elected Libertarian: a member of the Luzerne County Government Study Commission and Judge of Elections.

Marty Thomas-Brumme is the executive director of the The Rose Center, a Scranton-based organization dedicated to the field of conflict resolution, restorative justice and victim restitution. His dedication is evident by his keen listening skills and the respectful and professional manner in which he conducts himself as an impartial mediator.

Dr. James Pendleton is a retired psychiatrist from Bryn Athyn, PA. He is an advocate of a market-based approach to health care with greater use of MSA's (Medical Savings Accounts). His presentation will focus on how individuals and families can benefit from this approach to medicine, and how they can lead more healthy and productive lives while being "educated consumers".

Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad, Ph.D. Born at sea as his mother fleeing her homeland of Palestine, Dr. Ahmad was raised in Forty-Fort, Pennsylvania. He is author of *Signs in the Heavens: A Muslim Astronomer's Perspective on Religion and Science* and editor of *Islam and the Discovery of Freedom* and co-editor of *Islam and the West: A Dialog*. His essay "An Islamic Perspective on the Wealth of Nations" appears in the *International Library of Critical Writings on Economics*.

Ray Masters a radio talk show host serves as media representative for the Pocono Libertarians in Stroudsburg, PA. Since its founding in 1991, he is responsible for bringing over 175 guest speakers to Monroe County for the purpose of discussing issues of individual liberty in a public forum.

Dennis Draughon is one of five full-time political cartoonists in Pennsylvania. He spent the first 29 years of his life in Virginia and North Carolina before moving to Scranton. Dennis attended North Carolina State University he studied aerospace engineering, visual design and history while serving for eight years as the editorial cartoonist for the student newspaper, *The Technician*.

Libertarian Toastmasters is Club Number 9376 in District 38 of Toastmasters International. Their first meeting was April 10, 2000 with about fifteen charter members. The official

charter from the international organization is dated September 2000.

Poker Face is a freedom-loving band playing modern music with thick harmonies. In the ten years of their existence, they have made an important presence in the political scene. They believe that their music can help raise the conscientiousness of people; that all those who love freedom should not stand for government encroachments upon their liberty.

WYOMING VALLEY MASSACRE

Wilkes-Barre, city, seat of Luzerne Co., E Pa., on the east bank of the Susquehanna River; settled 1769, inc. as a city 1871. Once a major anthracite coal center, Wilkes-Barre has factories manufacturing pencils, radios, glass, shoes, and electronic equipment. The city was named for John Wilkes and Isaac Barré, defenders of the colonies before Parliament. The settlement was burned in 1778 by the British and Native Americans, just after the Wyoming Valley massacre; it was again burned in 1784. Wilkes-Barre is the seat of Wilkes College, King's College, College Misericordia, and a branch of Pennsylvania State University.

IT'S CONVENTION TIME AGAIN!

Time for Libertarians from all across Pennsylvania to come together to meet, to laugh, to party, to catch up on things, and (of course) to argue politics.

This year's gathering of Libertarians in Wilkes Barre should prove to be as good a time as ever. There will be an impressive lineup of speakers, election of party officers, and changes to the party rules, not to mention the legendary Montgomery County Hospitality Suite.

I hope you're planning to attend. Not only are these conventions a great deal of fun, they also are crucial in determining the future of Libertarianism here in Pennsylvania. Several proposed changes to the way we do business as a party are far-reaching in their scope, and regardless of whether they pass or fail, they will surely have a profound effect on how effective we are in the future.

The state convention is also a great place to hang out if you're thinking about becoming a candidate. You're sure to find dozens of Libertarians who have run for office before who can give you valuable advice. It's also a great place to find volunteers to help in your campaign.

These conventions are good for the soul, too. Sometimes it can seem like you're the only one who's fighting for Liberty. But I always come back from each convention recharged, because I see that there are a great many others who are also fighting for Liberty.

But the best reason I know to come to the convention is that for three days you're surrounded by people who think as you do, people who share your vision for a free Pennsylvania, and a free America, people who won't look at you funny when you state the obvious, that freedom works best.

Join us! You'll be glad you did.

Important! Membership Renewals

Has your state party membership expired or is it about to expire? Then please renew today using the enclosed

membership form. In case you don't know your membership expiration date, it's printed on the cover of this issue along with your name and address.

Usually, the state party sends out your renewal notice under a separate mailing. But to save the party the expense, please accept this as your reminder to sign up again.

Remember, membership is cheaper than ever. You can now join the state party for free, and join the national party at a steeply-discounted rate. And when you sign up through the state party, more of your dollars stay at work right here in Pennsylvania.

So line up and sign up today.

New E-mail Discussion Lists Established

The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania has set up many new e-mail lists to help foster communications among Pennsylvania Libertarians.

Announce@lppa.org – A broadcast list for LPP announcements, such as the Libertarian Penn, press releases, upcoming events, and other party announcements. Traffic should be limited to only a few a month.

Volunteer@lppa.org – This is a discussion and broadcast list for anyone who says, "I want to volunteer". Whenever envelopes need stuffing, or candidates need help, this is the place where the calls for help are raised.

Discussion@lppa.org -- A wide-ranging discussion list (similar to the old PaLibernet) generally concerned with Libertarian politics in Pennsylvania. If you have an opinion, this is the place to raise it.

Media@lppa.org -- A broadcast list for press releases being sent to media contacts.

You can sign up for any or all of these lists via the state party website, www.lppa.org.

Campaign report from Dave Tartaglia

In 2002 I ran for Pennsylvania State Representative in the 126th District,

central Berks County.

After getting on the ballot, I created my campaign web site, www.geocities.com/dtartaglia1.

Writing the web site forced me to think about everything necessary to run the campaign. I included a bio and contact info, campaign issues and events, endorsements, and section on why voters should choose me and the LP.

I publicized my site at PoliticsPA.com, and other local and national portals and search engines. I received over 1000 hits during the campaign.

I was endorsed by FOAC, Firearms Owners Against Crime (www.foac-pac.org) who designed literature for me and provided mailing lists.

They said: "David Tartaglia has received a very high score on our questionnaire and his personal comments show that he is willing to stand by his convictions."

The Pink Pistols (www.pinkpistols.com) also endorsed me as 100% pro-gun rights. The Pink Pistols are gay gun-rights activists who meet to help others learn about guns and gun-rights.

I spoke at Albright College and at a local high school. I appeared on TV with my opponents in a local LVW forum, repeated many times on the public access channel. WITF-TV Harrisburg gave me five minutes to deliver my views to central Pennsylvania. I ran two drive-time spots 45 times on ESPN/WIOV radio

Final Results:

Dem Dante Santoni - 12,026 - 73.42%

Rep Roberta Carlisle - 3906 - 23.85%

Lib David L Tartaglia - 444 - 2.71% (7.2% in my home precinct)

I had a blast running and I managed to lose 50 pounds during the campaign!

LPP Chair Ken Krawchuk

BILL OF RIGHTS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

By DAVID JAHN

Make your town a civil liberties safety zone. Many provisions of the PATRIOT ACT have raised concern regarding preservation of civil rights. The Bill of Rights Defense Committee based out of Florence, Massachusetts has led the charge nationwide in bringing attention to this matter. At the time of this writing, fifty towns including several major cities across this country have already passed resolutions defining where they intend to draw the line with federal authorities, with many calling for repeal of the PATRIOT ACT itself. By

passing these resolutions, local governments are sending a strong message to Washington that this type of legislation won't be tolerated.

Now, our representatives in Washington are preparing PATRIOT ACT PART II. We need to send a clear message to them that we wish to preserve our civil rights. One government official informed me that he has heard from many citizens, but nothing from Libertarians. He was surprised that Libertarians weren't leading the charge on this important matter. In view of that,

the Delaware County Libertarian Committee has set up a yahoo group for communicating and exchanging information and ideas regarding the passage of resolutions declaring Civil Liberties Safety Zones in communities throughout Pennsylvania. Send an email to David Jahn at dclc@comcast.net for information regarding subscribing to this yahoo group. You can learn more about the Bill of Rights Defense Committee at their web site <http://www.bordc.org> or by calling them at (413) 582-0110.



OPPORTUNITIES TO BE POLITICALLY ACTIVE WITH THE DELAWARE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COMMITTEE.

This is a great time to become active with the Delaware County Libertarian Committee. Contrary to popular belief, politics is not just about voting once or twice a year! Libertarians in Delaware County work year round. As a result, there are currently many volunteer opportunities available.

We are always looking for people that would like to get active in their local party and in many other capacities, for example we need:

- **People to attend local government meetings**
- **Candidates to run for local offices**
- **People to serve on and organize local libertarian committees**
- **Volunteers for local campaign teams**
- **Poll watchers and workers (twice a year on Election Day)**
- **People to conduct local voter outreach and registration**
- **Press release writers and distributors**
- **Web site building and maintenance**
- **Fundraising**
- **People interested in organizing college groups**
- **People to donate money**

Last year we presented speakers throughout the summer. If we can raise sufficient funds, we can offer the same program again this year.

The Delaware County Libertarian Committee meets the third Monday of the Month at Denny's Restaurant in Essington. We will be holding our annual reorganization meeting March 17, 2003. There are openings in the committee that we would like to fill, so please consider joining us and contributing to the continued success of the Libertarian Party in Delaware County.

You can contact the Delaware County Libertarian Committee by calling 610-461-7755 or emailing us at dclc@comcast.net.



Join the *Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania!*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Send this form along with payment to:

US Mail: Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania
3863 Union Deposit Road, Suite 223
Harrisburg, Pa. 17109

E-Mail: Secretary@lppa.org
Web: www.lppa.org
Phone: 1-800-R-RIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS: (All members receive the *Libertarian Penn* newsletter free via e-mail)

\$ _____ Full state member: **\$12/year** (includes voting privileges and discounts)

\$ 0.00 Associate state member: **FREE!** with your valid e-mail address

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SERVICES:

\$ _____ National LP membership (includes *LP News* national newsletter via US Mail)
- Full state members only: **\$10/year** (a 60% discount vs. national's price!)
- Associate state members: **\$15/year** (a 40% discount!)

\$ _____ The state party newsletter, *The Libertarian Penn*, via US Mail: **\$12/year**

\$ _____ <YourName>@lppa.org e-mail address (forwarding only, no POP service)

- Full state members only: **\$90/year**
- Associate state members: **\$100/year**

Desired e-mail address: _____@lppa.org

ADDITIONAL DONATION, to help spread the word of Liberty here in Pennsylvania:

\$ _____ \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other: _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL** (Please make checks payable to the *Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania*)

CREDIT CARD OPTION:

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Check one: Visa Master Card

PRIVACY OPTION:

Please don't give my name to non-Libertarians!

NEW MEMBERS MUST SIGN: I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals.

X _____ Date: _____

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BECOME A CANDIDATE



Is your local politico running unopposed? Do they deserve a free ride? Is your freedom important enough to do something about it?

How to find out who is running in your area:

PA Dept. of State Commissions, Elections & Legislation.

In a game of pure numbers where each toss of the dice rarely wins, yet when the winning hit does occur it is worth many attempts.

Politics is not just a numbers game, It is can also be a playing field of ideas. In the game of competing ideas it is even more important to keep trying even when the chances seem slim because there is a necessary learning ground work that gets laid that makes winning more likely the more often the ideas are heard and digested by people. Additionally it is even possible that those in office will co-op the freedom based ideas and start to implement them.

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