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## Chairman's Notes

*Victoria Reynolds- LPCO Chairman*

Dear members and friends,

2020 has been a year that was marked in history as the year where people around the world gave up their rights willingly, for a little sense of security.

2020, also marks the year where the few, the brave, the libertarians, rose and decided to fight tyranny and become the beacon of light that showed the world that we will not stand silently on the sidelines while a few elected officials, and unelected bureaucrats decided to close businesses, churches, and schools and take away our inherent rights as individuals, rather than serve "we the people" who pay their salaries.



Libertarians believe that where governments exist their sole legitimate purpose is to protect said rights.

My father told me that there is a simple way to figure out who a leader is, and who isn't: A leader does not dictate what their subjects must do! A leader serves their community and shows the way to something better while shoveling through the manure on their way out. A leader walks through hell when no one else is willing. A leader has a vision and shares it with their community and with their people. A leader asks others to join and doesn't care who takes credit, because a true leader is someone inspirational, who people will want to follow. Libertarians have shown Colorado, and the world, that we are the kind of leader that people will follow. We were the ones who, against the odds, decided to step up and show others that liberty is not just a pipe dream, that if we work together, we can make a difference.

When Government told us we could not assemble, we showed the way and led the movement to ReOpen Colorado. It was libertarians that got the governor to stand down and not extend the stay at home order. It was libertarians that convinced county and city government officials to at least start to listen to "we the people".

The restrictions placed by government and COVID-19, caused petitioning, which was required for some of our candidates, to be harder than ever. I want to thank Ross Klopff and Eric Mulder for running for RTD, although they did not make it on to the ballot due to the SOS throwing out many signatures, I praise their efforts in trying to run in a year where petitioning was made almost impossible.

This election cycle we had hundreds of people volunteer to either to run for office or work in various campaigns. I want to thank them, those who ran for office, the ones who stuffed envelopes, dropped literature, traveled from town to town, those who wrote speeches and made phone calls, those who helped gather petitions and those who contributed time and/or money to spreading the message of liberty by supporting their local candidates. Thank you!

As 2020 comes to an end and we begin planning for the golden anniversary of the Libertarian Party we have great plans in store for our the 2021 convention and to see Liberty spread like wildfire igniting the minds and souls of those who will no longer stand for tyranny and will stand with us to bring liberty back to our state!



# Colorado's Great Un-Convention: A Reflection

BetteRose Ryan

This year has been full of starts and stops due to the government shutdown of so many events. Our state convention was pushed to an electronic version to elect our candidates in March to the limited and a socially distant Un-Convention in August; "Un-Convention" because there was not enough time, to announced it at least 45 days in advance, making it technically not a state convention. Still with the help of many people, the Un-Convention not only happened but the event was a huge success.



The day kicked off with a special continental breakfast to those kind participants who had left their original ticket money with the party after the cancellation of the March Convention. Thank you one and all!

Next up was a formal board meeting and the approval of the new board members. We have some great new additions to our state board – ones we can expect exciting things from in the coming year. The board reports were heard and it appears Colorado will be leading the way among all the other state parties with upcoming events and plans. The LPCO is doing well financially, though we still don't have enough in our coffers to reach all our registered Libertarians in the state.

A lovey box lunch was served (the CoVid-19 thing, you know) and it was the best I have ever had. Thank you again to our wonderful convention team for finding this caterer.

Lunch was followed by an afternoon full of speakers and seminars. One of our favorite Libertarians, Laura Ebke, drove all the way from Nebraska to participate as a speaker and to debate the Electoral College versus popular vote. Eric Mulder gave a presentation on creating campaign materials to catch the eye. David Aitken and John Hjersman held training classes. Loretta Perry informed attendees about the Convention of States. There were many more seminars with good information for all who attended.

Rousing speeches were given by our state Chairman and commissioner candidate for Douglas County, Victoria Reynolds; our U.S. senatorial candidate, Raymon A. Doane; Lake country commissioner candidate, Hanna Waugh; and our special guest, Jo Jorgensen, our U.S. Presidential Candidate. Joe Johnson, with his boater hat and all, was the emcee of the event, keeping us on time and entertained.

The Un-Convention was held in the Vehicle Vault in Parker Colorado. Part of our perks was a free tour of the museum. The cars there are beautiful. This was a good way to spend time while waiting for the Gala dinner to be set up.



Finally, the diamond of the day was the Gala Dinner with its Roaring Twenties theme. Michele Poague provided almost all of the décor and it made the night truly special. Our guest of honor was Jo Jorgensen. Dr. Jorgensen shined in her twenties styled dress that simmered with her every move. Joe Johnson and Eric Mulder provided the spirited fundraising that was fun for everyone. A particle hit for the auction items were the vehicles with Jorgensen signs and bumper stickers. Between them, they raised thousands of dollars to use for outreach and candidate support.

It was an inspiring and invigorating event and if you missed this year's event, we hope to see you next year!

## Un-Convention: A Special Thanks!

BetteRose Ryan

We all thank the people who made the Un-Convention a wonderful success!

To the convention team, Amy Lunde, Michele Poague Beatriz Sutton, Alexa Magrane, Victoria Reynolds, and Kevin Gulbranson. You all put on a fantastic, sold out, event. To our Presidential security staff, Josh Walen, John Sutton, and Kevin Gulbranson.

This was done so professionally that I thought they were security guards for the campaign.

To David Aitken and Amy Lunde for creating a gorgeous website in such a short time. To our set-up and break-down team, Norm Olsen, Bennett Rutledge, Kat Martin, Ethan Sutton and his girlfriend, Angel. You made quick work of a long and tough job. To our A/V team, Josh Lallement and Bobby.

To our finance team, David Aitken and John Hjersman for tracking sales. To our fundraising team of Eric Mulder and Joe Johnson. Your special talent helped us raise thousands of dollars for the state party. To Loretta Perry from Convention of States for helping with the registration desk.

And to everyone who made Loretta Perry feel so warmly received that she switched her voter registration to Libertarian.



# Impressive Rally for Jo Jorgensen!

BetteRose Ryan



Thanks to Kevin Gulbanson, our local liaison for the Jorgensen Presidential campaign, along with others, the Jo Jorgensen Rally in the Plaza of the Vehicle Vault was a great success. Due to government mandates, space was very limited. Still the people attending filled the plaza and beyond, a gathering of more than 150 people.

Joe Johnson was the emcee of the event, keeping things on track. Victoria Reynolds, our current state chairwoman, gave a rousing speech reverberated through the crowd. People stood still listening to every word. We heard from Hanna Waugh, the county commission candidate for Lake County, as well as Raymon A. Doane our U.S. senatorial candidate for Colorado. Each speaker clarified what their stances were on various subjects and inviting people to support them. Both received thundering applause.

Finally, Jo Jorgensen herself, protected by security staff, made her way to the podium. Cheers could have been heard blocks away. She outlined why she would make an excellent U.S. President and what she planned to do during her run. The crowd was behind her all the way waving signs and cheering. The electricity in the crowd was palpable. It was a perfect introduction to the Un-Convention's main event, the Gala dinner, where Dr. Jorgensen would speak again!

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is grateful to Jo Jorgensen for running in this tough election year for all Libertarians, and for giving everyone across the nation a Libertarian choice for president in all 50 states!



## Spotlight on Our Candidates!

We want to spotlight the following candidates for their outstanding showing in the 2020 elections!

Hanna Waugh	Lake County Commissioner	44.69%
Sean Short	Colorado State House	37.92%
Richie Frangiosa	Park County Commissioner	34.67%
Michele Poague	Colorado State Senate	31.35%

And we would like to thank EVERYONE who filed to run for public office during one of the most difficult years for traditional campaigning. In the face of overwhelming barriers our candidates still stepped up to offer the people of Colorado a better choice than politics as usual! Thank you for running in 2020, and we hope you and others are interested in running again in 2022!

## Affiliates | Upcoming Events

- **Arapahoe County Affiliate**  
The Libertarian Party of Arapahoe County will be participating in the December Festivus in place of their December meeting. The next Arapahappy Hour will be in January in 2021! (Arapahappy Hour is normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month- location announced via Facebook).
- **Boulder County Affiliate**  
Lunch is held at Carelli's Restaurant in Boulder at 30th & Baseline almost every Thursday at 12:15pm featuring different speakers every week to talk issues and politics. Come join us for good food and conversation! Please contact Lance Cayko at [socialmedia@lrboulder.org](mailto:socialmedia@lrboulder.org) or Bill Gibson at [libertybillgibson@gmail.com](mailto:libertybillgibson@gmail.com).
- **Delta County Affiliate**  
Contact Steve Gallant, Affiliates Director, if you are interested in getting involved in this affiliate!
- **Denver County Affiliate**  
Monthly meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (01/21/2020) at Dive Inn, 1380 S. Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80210 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Come get to know your local libertarians. Socializing, food, & more!
- **Douglas County Affiliate**  
Monthly meeting is the first Thursday (01/02/2020) of every month at Fox and Hound at 6pm. We have a different speaker at each meeting. Bring your nonLibertarians friends. Topics will include items of general libertarian interest and organization for local. For additional information on this Meet-Up or the LP of Douglas County please email [board@lpdc.org](mailto:board@lpdc.org)
- **Elbert County Development Group**  
Contact Jesse Bonds [photonicparadise@gmail.com](mailto:photonicparadise@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping organize this affiliate!
- **El Paso County Affiliate**  
Monthly meeting is the third Thursday (01/16/2020) of the month from 6– 9pm at Fargo's Pizza Company. Check [lpepc.org](http://lpepc.org) or FB page for confirmation. Debate: Anarchy (Eric Muma and Lexi Buschmann) vs. Libertarianism (Lance Haverkamp) Future topics: "Libertarian Philosophy at Odds With Itself." Contact: Chris Houtchens [cbhoutchens@gmail.com](mailto:cbhoutchens@gmail.com) 719-229-4060
- **Jefferson County Affiliate**  
Monthly meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (01/16/2020) of the month, 7pm – 9pm Holiday Bowling and Billiards (meeting room, located between the Billiards and bowling alleys), 10350 W. Colfax Avenue in Lakewood. Contact: Mike Spalding · [mspalding@aol.com](mailto:mspalding@aol.com) 206-202-1150
- **Larimer County Development Group**  
Met January 4th, 2020 at The Bean Cycle in Fort Collins. Contact Adam Shuknecht at [adamshuknecht@gmail.com](mailto:adamshuknecht@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us to help lay the groundwork for a new affiliate!
- **Libertarian Party of Colorado State Board**  
The LPCO State Board of Directors meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:00pm at the Independence Institute located in Denver. Board Members and guests are invited to attend either in person or over Zoom.  
  
We will be meeting for our traditional Festivus Celebration, including the Airing of Grievances at Purgatory Wine Cellar located at 611 N, Wilcox St unit c, Castle Rock, CO 80104 on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check our website for more information as the date approaches!
- **Mesa and Grand Junction Counties Development Groups** Meet on the 4th Wednesday at 5:30pm at Old Chicago Pizza and Taproom, 120 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Information on local & state elective offices, Party literature, membership forms, and Colorado voter registration forms will be available. Questions? Contact Marc Montoni, 804-592-6066, or email [AMCAmbassador@gmail.com](mailto:AMCAmbassador@gmail.com)
- **Pueblo and Otero Counties Development Group**  
Hosted Libertarian US Senate nominee Raymon Doane at September Meeting.  
Meeting everything 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday- this month December 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Will be discussing various ballot issues.
- **Weld County Development Group**  
Held an organizing meeting on January 11, 2020 at John Galt Coffee in Greeley. For more information, contact Sean Short (organizer) 719-351-7287 or [shortforhd50@gmail.com](mailto:shortforhd50@gmail.com).

*Is there an affiliate or development group in your area?*

Check the listing at [lpcolorado.org/affiliates](http://lpcolorado.org/affiliates) and then volunteer to start a development group or to help grow an existing group or affiliate!



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