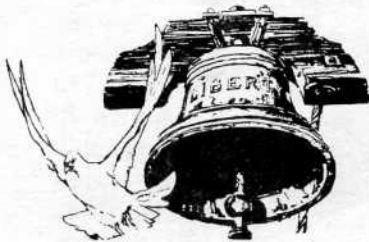


LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA



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Greetings

Well, here it is . . . the first issue of the Libertarian Party of Virginia Newsletter! It is also evidence, in black and white of the rejuvenation of the LPV. We want to make this newsletter the forum for observing and contributing to this rejuvenation. Any ideas you may have on improving this letter, or on any news or articles you feel could contribute to our movement are more than welcome. Send to:

Bruce Cooley
3520 Barkley Dr.
Fairfax, Va. 22031
(703) 280-1106

THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR. . . .

Much to say and little space to say it so, to the point. . .

There's been some confusion regarding pledges made at the Va '79 convention at Roger's. The pledge money is destined for use only for the normal functioning of the party machinery (not for specific campaigns) and is a monthly pledge (not a one-shot contribution). If you misunderstand on either of these points please feel free to revise your pledge on the bi-monthly reminder (which should be enclosed with this letter for those of you who made pledges). Anyone not attending the convention who would like to pledge should notify Jim Crowe, 1710 Wilmington Ave., Richmond, 23227.

Many tasks have been identified and committees formed:

RICHMOND AREA

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Jim Turney, 2080 Hull Street

Richmond, VA 23224,
804-231-7379

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Media Contact/Editorial

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Hill Ave., Richmond, VA 23225

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22532; 703-663-2279

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804-489-9476

State/Local
Candidates: Dick Gardiner, 4990 Columbia
Pk, 519, Arlington, VA 22204

State Fair: Jim Crowe, 1710 Wilmington
Ave, Richmond, 23227,
804-355-1923

If you are willing to help on any of the above please contact the chairpersons. We especially need people to form Media Contact/Editorial Reply Boards in the Hampton Roads and Western Virginia areas. Once set up, the boards should require less than 30 minutes per person per week and are on of the most effective ways of getting our message before the public. Contact me if interested.

If you have ideas of any kind for furthering our goals, speak up!!!! You'll become instant chairperson of the project with whatever funds the budget can spare. Nobody in the LPV should have any cause to complain of unemployment.

STEW ENGEL
OWENS, VA 22532
703-663-2279

GARDINER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Richard Gardiner, a former Libertarian candidate for the Arlington County Board, has announced that he is running for the Virginia Senate seat representing south and central Arlington. He will be opposed by a local Republican activist, as well as the incumbent, a two-term Democrat.

Gardiner intends to run as an Independent/Libertarian so that the voters of Arlington will again be exposed to Libertarian ideals and solutions and will again have a real choice when they go to the polls in November. In last year's County Board election, the first election in Virginia in which a Libertarian has run, Gardiner received about 3 % of the vote.

This year, Gardiner foresees several areas from which the campaign's issues will arise. Included are transportation (Washington's new Metro rail and bus system continues to lose money by the millions of dollars), education (the ever-rising costs and declining successes of the public school system continue to plague us), and taxation (an increasing burden in support of unnecessary and wasteful government programs). Other issues which may come up are: decriminalization of marijuana, zoning, gun control, and energy. His campaign slogan will be: "Freedom: An Ideal and a Solution."

Gardiner has appointed Warren Zeger of Springfield, Virginia, as his campaign manager and Cindy Ingham of Arlington as his campaign treasurer. Both are long-time supporters of the Libertarian movement. Marguerite Wagner will be responsible for the design and production of Gardiner's campaign literature.

Gardiner is presently employed by the Office of the General Counsel of the National Rifle Association where he has worked since his graduation from law school last fall.

SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT

Richard Gardiner is one of a handful of libertarian candidates running for a state legislature this year, and the only libertarian candidate running for a state legislature in the National Capital area. If he can make a strong showing this fall, the leaders of the federal government will know about it. The Gardiner for State Senate Committee, therefore, is looking to all libertarians nationwide to contribute to Gardiner's campaign so that this impact can be as great as possible.

Don't forget that under federal tax law for every two dollars you give to a candidate, you can take a credit of one dollar (up to \$50, or \$100 on a joint return) on your federal income tax return. That means that if you contribute \$100 to Gardiner's campaign, it only costs you \$50. And wouldn't you rather give \$50 to an experienced libertarian candidate than to Uncle Sam? (Corporate contributions are legal in Virginia)

EDITORIAL REPLY BOARD ORGANIZED

The Virginia Party has set up an Editorial Reply Board for the Washington, D.C./Northern area which Warren Zeger will chair. The primary function of the Board, will be to monitor newspaper, television and radio editorials and to prepare for timely submission to the media editorial replies on issues of major interest to libertarians. The Board will also familiarize itself with the public affairs programming policies of television and radio stations with a view towards making use of existing opportunities, and expanding future opportunities, for the presentation of libertarian positions over broadcast outlets.

In order to attract media attention and maximize the likelihood of recognition by the media, the Board will style itself as the "Political Policy Bureau of the Virginia Libertarian Party" or some such equally imposing name. Any suggestions on this should be forwarded to Warren Zeger.

The scope of the Board's work will depend largely on developing a corps of activists who are prepared to devote time and effort to the Board's activities. Those interested in participating should contact Warren Zeger at:

8523 Thames Street
Springfield, VA 22151
Home phone-(703) 978-1748
Business phone-(202) 554-6316

SAVE ATLAS SHRUGGED!

Think of the impact a televised "Atlas Shrugged" would make on millions of viewers just before the 1980 presidential election. A Libertarian fantasy? Unfortunately, unless you act now, it will turn out to be just that.

NBC has quietly shelved plans to make "Atlas Shrugged" into an eight-hour series for television. Sterling Silliphant's screenplay is partially completed and has Ayn Rand's approval. The series was scheduled to be shown in the fall of 1980.

NBC's excuse for dropping it is that the thousand-plus pages of "Atlas Shrugged" do not provide enough material for eight hours of television! As anyone who has read the book knows, the more plausible problem would be condensing the storyline, not expanding it, to fill eight hours.

The only way to make NBC reconsider is to demonstrate the book's widespread popularity with a massive letter-writing campaign. We should get as many people as we can to write directly to:

FRED SILVERMAN
National Broadcasting Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10020

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The Greatest Libertarian Event of the Decade!

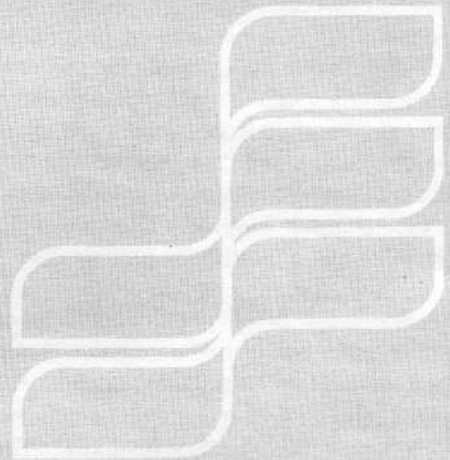
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For information write:

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1516 P. St. NW
Washington, DC 20005

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Further information may be obtained by writing or calling the Committee to Save Atlas Shrugged, Richard Saum, Chairman, 87 Mallard Avenue, Goleta, CA 93017; (805) 967-9446.

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Do you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter, or someone who should read it? Please send names and addresses to the editor, and we'll promptly add them to our mailing list.
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The powers that be wish to clarify that the adopted \$2 state dues are separate from both national dues and any pledge that you might make.
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Are you in the Central Virginia Area? If so, contact the Central Virginia Coalition Against Registration and the Draft (CARD). For information contact Jim Crowe at:

1710 Wilmington Avenue
Richmond, VA 23227

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Wherever you live you will want to contact your Senators and Congressman urging opposition to the pending draft registration bills. Letters count and you might consider sending a Public Opinion Telegram (for \$2 from Western Union).
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