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Henrico Tax Fight!

By Marc Montoni

HENRICO COUNTY -- Libertarians in this suburban county surrounding the northern half of the city of Richmond are fighting a lopsided battle.

With a couple of dozen active members, the group finds itself pitted against the resources of a County government bent on winning the authority to impose a new tax and add debt load.

The Referendum proposes \$220 million for schools, \$18.5 million for fire stations, \$56.4 million for libraries, \$22.4 million for recreation and parks and \$32 million for one road project. The proposed projects total \$349.3 million spanning a six year period.

To be voted on at the same time is a proposal by Henrico's government to pick taxpayers' pockets at restaurants -- a new 4% levy on prepared food and beverages.

The Henrico LP along with the Henrico Taxpayers Union, have mounted so far the

only organized opposition, and on a shoestring compared to the slick PR campaign the government is funding directly and indirectly.

In a media release distributed last September, Henrico Libertarians warned the Referendum was a subterfuge designed to trick taxpayers and warned them to "watch out for their wallets".

"One of the most effective ways to confuse and defeat one's opponent is with 'diabolical' tactics," said George Marchenko, chair of the Henrico Libertarian Party. "While you get your voters thinking they've won a battle, you're doing what you want anyway, behind the scenes. This is what the Henrico Board of Supervisors did a couple of months ago by passing the referendum on the 'Tax and Spend' project package that voters will consider on the 8th of March."

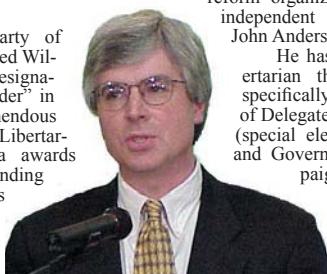
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2005 Libertarian Leadership Award Honors Redpath

By Jim Lark

The Libertarian Party of Virginia has awarded William Redpath the designation of "Libertarian Leader" in recognition of his tremendous contributions to the Libertarian Party. The LPVa awards this honor to an outstanding Libertarian activist as part of its celebration of Libertarian Leadership Day, which takes place on the third Monday of each February. Mr. Redpath is the second person to be so honored. The late Ron Crickenberger, former national political director for the Libertarian Party, was awarded the designation in advance of the inaugural Libertarian Leadership Day on February 23, 2004.

Mr. Redpath has been a member of the Libertarian Party since 1984, and has achieved a distinguished record of service and accomplishment. He moved to Virginia in 1985 and began participating with the LPVa in March 1986. He currently serves as an at-large member of the Libertarian National Committee, and as the Ballot Access project manager for the LNC; he also serves as chairman of the Ballot Access Committee of the LPVa. He has served as Treasurer for the Libertarian Party on two occasions (1991-1993 and 2003-2004). He serves as the treasurer of FairVote--The Center for Voting & Democracy, an electoral system



reform organization chaired by former independent presidential candidate John Anderson.

He has run for office as a Libertarian three times in Virginia; specifically, he has run for the House of Delegates (1993), the State Senate (special election in January, 1998), and Governor (2001). In his campaign for Governor, he and Lt. Governor candidate Gary Reams became the first Libertarian candidates for statewide office to be on the Virginia ballot.

He served as chairman of the LPVa during the 1989-1991 term; he has also served as vice chairman and treasurer for the LPVa.

Mr. Redpath is perhaps best known for his work on ballot access. He served as chairman of the Ballot Access Committee of the LP during 1990-1997. In 1992 and 1996, the Libertarian Party presidential ticket was on all U.S. ballots. This marked the first time in U.S. history that a "minor" political party placed its presidential ticket on the ballot in all states in successive presidential elections. He began petitioning as a volunteer for the LP in 1988; he gathered over 2,000 signatures for LP presidential candidate Ron Paul (including over 1,300 signatures in Vir-

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By Marc Montoni

Last issue, this author relayed news of LPVA's House of Delegates candidates. The only bad part was that I accidentally left off one of them -- Chuck Eby, who is running for the 67th Virginia House seat, against Gary Reese.

My apologies to Chuck and to our readers for the oversight.

Please support our candidates. If you would like to write one check that can either be split all ways among all candidates running, or directed to whichever candidate the LPVA selection committee deems to have the best chance of winning, you can use the donation form on Page 8.

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Memo From The Chairman

A Call To ACTION

former holds ideas to the fire and makes them stronger; the latter serves only a destructive purpose.

The LPVA will mature most as an organization when it learns to separate these two. That's why we've taken more active steps to recognize our most active contributors. On President's Day every year, the LPVA will honor one member on "Libertarian Leadership Day," which was inaugurated last year to recognize the lifetime achievements of Ron Crickenberger. This year, we're saluting Bill Redpath for his fantastic work on ballot access and his service on the Libertarian National Committee. If you see Bill, be sure to pass him your own thanks for all of his work.

The goal of these initiatives is to let the LPVA's hardest-working members know that there's more than criticism to be had from dedicating themselves to the cause of liberty. The list of people who deserve thanks in this volunteer organi-

zation is lengthy, but that doesn't mean we can't work to make all who are deserving feel recognized.

If there's an activist in your local party who needs to be recognized for his or her contributions to liberty, I want to know about it. The best way to attract and keep active members is to let them know that their contributions aren't in vain. So send me a note at Chair@LPVA.com and let me know about an activist who you've seen laboring for liberty, perhaps

without enough appreciation. Liberty can only benefit when we recognize its strongest benefactors.

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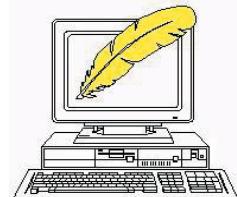
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ginia). He became the Ballot Access project manager for the LNC in 2003. By virtue of his efforts the LP presidential ticket was on the ballot in 48 states and the District of Columbia in 2004. He personally gathered over 3,000 signatures in five states in 2004.

Redpath was born and raised in Findlay, Ohio. He received his BA in Economics and Political Thought from Indiana University (1978) and his MBA from the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago (1980). He is a Vice President of Consulting for BIA Financial Network, a financial consulting and valuation firm that specializes in the appraisal of broadcasting, cable, and telecommunications properties. Prior to joining BIAfn in 1985, he was a Senior Financial Analyst with NBC in New York. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst. He and his wife Melinda Moore live in Leesburg.

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VL Hero Award

This is the fourth in a series of articles designed to recognize the efforts of volunteers who are relentless in their work for liberty.

Our intent is to literally change the culture many of our "best and brightest" face within the Party, to one which gives stellar volunteers the praise and appreciation they are due.

This issue, *Virginia Liberty*'s editorial staff hopes all Libertarians will join us in a loud round of applause for:

Jonathan McGlumphy

Jonathan is both president of the **Libertarians at Virginia Tech** (LP@VT -- one of Virginia's most active and successful campus organizations) and vice chair of the 9th CD Committee of the LPVA.

Jonathan helped reactivate the LP@VT group in January 2004, and since then has been a tireless advocate for liberty on campus, according to LP@VT faculty advisor Liz Bowles.

Jonathan focuses and motivates the group in addition to writing a bi-weekly column, typically with a strong Libertarian message, for the *Collegiate Times*. He seeks out opportunities to speak at forums, debates, and other venues. Jonathan has also organized and publicized numerous OPH booths on campus and is currently



planning an outreach effort at Radford University. Furthermore, the Libertarians at Virginia Tech exceeded expectations in gathering signatures for the petition drive and hosted Michael Badnarik twice. He has been instrumental in coordinating activities with other campus organizations as well, including the NORML organization and the 2nd Amendment Sisters.

Jonathan does not confine his activism to the VT campus, however. The group held a tax protest in April at the Blacksburg post

office, which received excellent publicity. Members of the LP@VT recently attended the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting to speak against the purchase of additional WinVote paperless ballot voting machines. Jonathan also serves as the vice chair of the 9th CD of the LPVA and frequently assists with the projects of the New River Valley Libertarians, the Roanoke Valley LP, and the LP of Botetourt County.

Members of the LPVA often suggest that the key to success is reaching our high school and university students. Jonathan is doing that important work with a key target population and is doing it well.

Jonathan is a graduate student in Mechanical Engineering and lives in Blacksburg with his wife and fellow Libertarian, Shannon, and their daughter, Angel.

From the 9th District Libertarians, the LPVA, and the staff of Virginia Liberty, congratulations, Jonathan!

Tax Day: April 15

Every year, hundreds of Libertarians reach out to taxpayers by sponsoring Tax Day protests at local Post Offices.

A protest lets your local politicians know you want lower taxes!

It's easy to sponsor your own April 15th protest! Just call Jim Lark, 434-973-5958 or email <TaxProtest@LPVA.com>, and he will get you supplied with literature, banners, or whatever else you need to get started.

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House of Delegates (all 100 seats) (2-year term)

Soil & Water Conservation District (3-year term)

CITY Elections (Primaries June 14)

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***Sheriff** (4-year term)

***Commissioner of Revenue** (4-year term)

* NOTE: If the positions are shared with a county, the next election for them will be in 2007.

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January-February Local LP Events

Eminent Domain: Lynchburg Libertarians Hear the Victims

By Liz Bowles

Lynchburg At their regular monthly meeting on February 7th, the Lynchburg Libertarians hosted two speakers who helped put a face on the effects of overly intrusive government.

Katherine Russell of Albemarle County spoke on how new agriculture regulations will harm small farmers and restrict consumer choices, while Mike Schrock of Bedford County addressed how the City of Bedford is threatening his property with eminent domain.

Russell, a small dairy farmer who works closely with The Virginia Independent Con-

sumers & Farmers Association (VICFA.net), explained that recent agriculture regulations will make it almost impossible for small dairy farmers to stay in business due to onerous licensing fees and equipment mandates. In fact, the rules make it illegal even for consumers to buy milk at the local grocery store and take it home to make cottage cheese for their own consumption.

"It took a long time for us to get them to admit that the regulations as written did restrict individuals to that extent. They finally did, but said they wouldn't enforce them

that way. That's not good enough for us." She added, "Even with the proposed exemptions, which will allow for sales on the farm for personal consumption, these regulations will kill the farmers' market sales for small producers."

Russell urged all Libertarians and others who value personal freedoms to clear their calendars each January and February in order to monitor what goes on in Richmond and to weigh in on these sorts of laws that take away individual liberties.

"The lobbyists in Richmond for individuals, corporations, and groups who benefit financially from these measures are very powerful, but lawmakers do listen to constituents. Your involvement can make a difference."

Schrock's ordeal began in 2002 when he was informed that portions of his farmland might have been contaminated by the City of

Bedford's old landfill, which was adjacent to his property. Testing revealed that groundwater contamination exceeded federal environmental safety standards. Schrock said the city offered to purchase the property for a price that was unacceptable to him. At that point, the city decided to take it from him through eminent domain.

"There is no reason they need to acquire my property in order to clean it up their mess," continued Schrock. "My property is surrounded by industrial and commercial development. Perhaps there is another motive at work."

He went on to warn the group: "If it can happen to me, it can happen to you. No one's property is safe if this is allowed to continue."

Rebekah Hoskins, chair of the Lynchburg Libertarians, has led the effort to inform Libertarians locally and statewide about these issues and has urged them to contact their legislators.

Jim Lark, chair of the Local Affiliate Parties Committee, suggested holding a rally on or about Feb. 22 to coincide with the U.S. Supreme Court case, Kelo v. City of New London. That case will deal with the legality of using eminent domain to transfer property to developers and other private entities.

"Such an event could draw attention to both the local and national cases," explained Lark. Patrick Hubble, secretary of the Lynchburg Libertarians, offered to coordinate the rally, and Byrd Hoskins offered to assist him.

"We are grateful to Ms. Russell and Mr. Schrock for sharing their stories with us," said Ms. Hoskins. "So often Libertarian discussions are very theoretical and ideological. Hearing real people talk about threats to their liberties, which could happen to any of us, is very motivating. We want to do what we can to help."

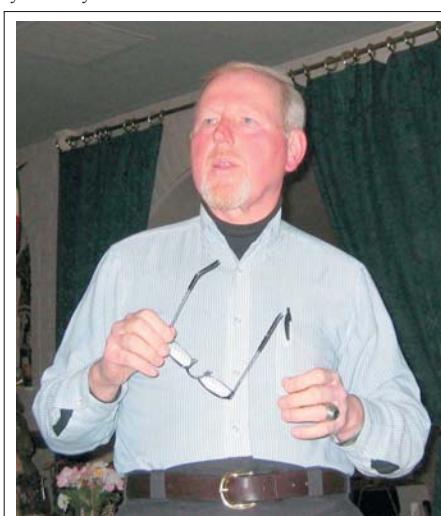


Katherine Russell explains how new agriculture regulations restrict consumer choices and threaten small producers. (Photo by Liz Bowles)

If it can happen to me, it can happen to you.



Patrick Hubble, Jim Lark, and Byrd Hoskins discuss plans for the Feb. 22 rally against eminent domain abuse. (Photo by Liz Bowles)



Mike Schrock of Bedford County warns that no one's private property is safe under current abuses of eminent domain. (Photo by Liz Bowles)

Henrico (cont'd)

The push began in earnest on July 8, 2004, when Henrico County Manager Virgil Hazelett stated the County was trying to "preserve the 94-cent [per \$100 of assessed value] tax rate. We should let the public know we're seriously considering a bond referendum, and a meals tax in lieu of a real estate tax increase. Should the public vote down the meals tax proposal an increase in the real estate tax rate would be necessary."

The Henrico Libertarians in their media release shot this line down, saying Hazelett's words only proved that the referendum is a subterfuge.

"In other words, they're really just after increased taxes, period," Marchenko said. "They intended to spend that money from the beginning. And even if the meals tax passes, they'll be back next year to increase the real estate rate anyway."

"Henrico County Libertarians oppose this underhanded approach to increasing government spending, and we think Hazelett's manipulation of public funds is reprehensible," Marchenko said.

"The Board and county manager should be ashamed of themselves for breach of public confidence. Exploding property values and huge increases in assessments have given the County way too much money already. The County Spends \$789 Million a year. Census estimates say 271000 people live in Henrico. That means the county spends \$2,900 per resident per year. When is enough too much?" asked Marchenko.

"Fiscally responsible Supervisors would have lowered the tax rate substantially to offset the ill-gotten windfall. Instead, they've spent every penny of it and want even more," said Marchenko. "Taxpayers deserve better than this."

In a related story, the Richmond Metro Libertarians on February 1 celebrated the 12th anniversary of the group's "Patrick Henry Supper Club". The evening featured a presentation and community forum on the upcoming Henrico "Tax and Spend Referendum".

Local LP member and organizer Leonard Harris was pleased with the turnout.

"We had an overflow crowd even after moving to the larger part of the restaurant," he said. "A big thanks to everyone who came and helped make this one of our most well-attended events, ever."

For the Forum, the group enlisted the aid of Dr. Robert Holsworth to moderate the forum, and the participants included Virgil Hazelett (County Manager), Tim Mitchell (chairman, Henrico Democratic Party), Matt Martin (President, Henrico Taxpayers Union), and George Marchenko (chairman, Henrico County Libertarian Party).

Hazelett brought friends -- several County bureaucrats gave a 45-minute presentation on the spending issue.

According to a Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) request the County responded to on February 1, 2005, each of these presentations costs taxpayers approximately \$460. One observer estimates that the County will have sent its presentation teams to about 50 groups by the Referendum day (March 8), and the cost just for wage expense will roll up to about \$23,000 (the same observer, after

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January-February Local LP Events

District Committees Meet

6th District Libertarians

The 6th District Libertarian Committee met in convention on Saturday, February 26th, in Staunton. At this meeting, Joe Rudmin (incumbent) and Jean Helms (new) were elected to the At-Large spots, and minor revisions and clarifications to the 6th CD by-laws were adopted.

The LP "Super 6th" is organized more like Dem/Rep congressional district committees here in Virginia, in that the convention doesn't directly elect the district chair. Rather, two At-Large representatives are elected to the District Steering Committee at each convention; those At-Large reps then become voting members of the Steering Committee along with the chairs of recognized local committees within the 6th.

The Steering Committee later selects the District's officers, including the chair.

Four local affiliates were represented (Lynchburg, Roanoke, Botetourt County, and Shenandoah County) and they all reported on recent and/or noteworthy activities in their affiliates. Goals and objectives were discussed for the coming year in terms of outreach events, membership, candidate recruitment and development, and social activities. Legislative issues were also discussed; taxes, eminent domain abuse, and consumer choice were the issues of most concern to those in attendance.

A resolution to recognize Marc Montoni for his outstanding contributions to the building of the LP throughout the 6th Congressio-



Jean Helms, newly-elected At-Large member of the 6th CD Steering Committee.
(Photo by Liz Bowles)

nal District was passed unanimously.

9th District Libertarians

On Saturday, February 19, 2005, the 9th District Libertarian Committee met in convention. The assembled members of the "Fighting 9th" discussed goals and objectives for the next year. The current officers are Jim Lark, Chair/Secretary; Jonathan McGlumphy, Vice Chair; and Anne Panella, Treasurer.

NOTE: The chairs of the Congressional District Committees are entitled to a voting seat at the Virginia LP's State Central Committee; they may also delegate the job to another LP member.



9th District LP members discuss plans for the future. District officers McGlumphy, Lark, and Panella are the three individuals on the right. (Photo by Liz Bowles)

LP@VT



Virginia Tech Libertarians OPH Booth in late October. LEFT: The young lady is taking the World's Smallest Political Quiz while her friends look on. ABOVE: Her score is calculated on the Nolan Chart. RIGHT: This young lady turned out to be a Libertarian, and now she's signing up for the VT Libertarians' mailing list for more info!

Henrico (cont'd)

witnessing the quantity and rank of the bureaucrats doing the presentations, also mentioned he thinks the \$460 figure is actually about half what each presentation costs).

In response to another FOIA request, the County said that producing and mailing the Referendum brochure had a budget of \$50,000.

No figure was available on the cost of producing and publishing the Referendum web site at www.HenricoBonds.org.

As for indirect funding of the "Vote Yes" campaign the figures are almost impossible to pry loose from the government due to their well-hidden nature, but suffice it to say that inflated government salaries leave a lot of discretionary loot around the house to fund lobbying efforts to win even more taxpayer loot.

After all, it's not like the prospect of getting even higher salaries isn't an incentive for government employees to tithe a small portion of their pay "investing" in such campaigns.

There are a couple of "Vote Yes" organi-

zations sponsored in part by government bureaucrats. Well-funded and well-informed, they got the jump on the pro-taxpayer groups almost from the passage of the Referendum initiative by the Board of Supervisors.

These folks followed the County employees around with slick "Vote Yes" literature and presentations. At first, the County claimed it didn't release the complete schedule of Referendum presentations to us because they were in front of private groups and therefore it was up to the private groups to publicize and invite outsiders to if they wished. After a suggestion that FOIA rights would be invoked to get that schedule, the County relented and pried loose the dates, times, and locations of Referendum presentations to private groups.

Henrico Libertarians (along with the HTU) began attending the meetings and distributed "Vote No" flyers and information.

As of press time, the election is still a few days away. The County knew it would have a tough sell. We'll see if any of our efforts paid off.

Tired of Seeing No News About Your Own local LP?

The best way to fix that is to start your own local LP group if there isn't one. If there already is one, you can help it make the news by becoming active!

Just call Jim Lark, Local Affiliates Chairman, at 434-973-5958 or email <Affiliates@LPVA.com>, and he will help you find everything you need to get started.

LP@VT



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Libertarians Rally In Support of Bedford, Va. Landowner

By Liz Bowles

BEDFORD, VA -- The Lynchburg Libertarians held a rally in front of the municipal building in Bedford, VA to support the rights of property owners and to denounce eminent domain abuse.

The date of the protest, February 22, was chosen because the U. S. Supreme Court was hearing oral arguments in the Kelo v. New London (CT) case on the same day.

The Supreme Court case involves the legality of a locality invoking eminent domain simply to transfer property from one individual owner to another private entity for "economic development."

The location, Bedford, Virginia, was chosen because of a recent vote by the city council to use eminent domain to acquire farmland because it has been contaminated by the city's landfill. The threatened landowner, Mike Schrock, was on hand for the rally, along with other area property owners.

"This is a very nice tie-in of the local and national cases," said Jim Lark, Local Affiliate Parties Committee Chair and representative to the Libertarian National Committee. "It is wonderful to see such a good turnout of Libertarians and local property owners working together to draw attention to this issue."

Two local newspapers and Channel 10 (the local NBC affiliate) covered the event.

"We are glad to have the opportunity to support property rights locally and nationally," said Rebekah Hoskins, Chair of the Lynchburg Libertarians. "People don't realize what a widespread problem this really is."



Dogs Understand What Politicians Don't

And is anyone really surprised?

LEFT: New LP member Mark Catron brought his friend, "Kodi", who is displaying the same sentiment as the humans at the Bedford protest.

ABOVE LEFT: "Bear" models an eminent domain sticker on his bandana.

ABOVE RIGHT: Byrd Hoskins of the Lynchburg Libertarians, Mike Schrock, property owner threatened by the Bedford City Council, and Jim Lark make their point in front of the Bedford Municipal Building.

RON PAUL: It Can Happen Here

In 2002 I asked my House colleagues a rhetorical question with regard to the onslaught of government growth in the post-September 11th era: Is America becoming a police state?

The question is no longer rhetorical. We are not yet living in a total police state, but it is fast approaching. The seeds of future tyranny have been sown, and many of our basic protections against government have been undermined. The atmosphere since 2001 has permitted Congress to create whole new departments and agencies that purport to make us safer -- always at the expense of our liberty. But security and liberty go hand-in-hand. Members of Congress, like too many Americans, don't understand that a society with no constraints on its government cannot be secure. History proves that societies crumble when their governments become more powerful than the people and private institutions.

Unfortunately, the new intelligence bill passed by Congress late last year moves us closer to an encroaching police state by imposing the precursor to a full-fledged national ID card. Within two years, every American will need a "conforming" ID to deal with any federal agency -- including TSA at the airport.

Undoubtedly many Americans and

members of Congress don't believe America is becoming a police state, which is reasonable enough. They associate the phrase with highly visible symbols of authoritarianism like military patrols, martial law, and summary executions.

But we ought to be concerned that we have laid the foundation for tyranny by making the public more docile, more accustomed to government bullying, and more accepting of arbitrary authority -- all in the name of security.

Our love for liberty above all has been so diminished that we tolerate intrusions into our privacy that would have been abhorred just a few years ago. We tolerate inconveniences and infringements upon our liberties in a manner that reflects poorly on our great national character of rugged individualism. American history, at least in part, is a history of people who don't like being told what to do. Yet we are increasingly empowering the federal government and its agents to run our lives.

Terror, fear, and crises like 9-11 are used to achieve complacency and obedience, especially when citizens are deluded into believing they are still a free people. The loss

of liberty, we are assured, will be minimal, short-lived, and necessary. Many citizens believe that once the war on terror is over, restrictions on their liberties will be reversed. But this war is undeclared and open-ended, with no precise enemy and no expressly stated final goal. Terrorism will never be eradicated completely; does this mean future presidents will assert extraordinary war powers indefinitely?

"... a society with no constraints on its government cannot be secure."

Washington DC provides a vivid illustration of what our future might look like. Visitors to Capitol Hill encounter police barricades, metal detectors, paramilitary officers carrying fully automatic rifles, police dogs, ID checks, and vehicle stops. The people are totally disarmed; only the police and criminals have guns. Surveillance cameras are everywhere, monitoring street activity, subway travel, parks, and federal buildings. There's not much evidence of an open society in Washington, DC, yet most folks do not complain -- anything goes if it's for government-provided safety and security.

After all, proponents argue, the government is doing all this to catch the bad guys. If you don't have anything to hide, they ask,

what are you so afraid of? The answer is that I'm afraid of losing the last vestiges of privacy that a free society should hold dear. I'm afraid of creating a society where the burden is on citizens to prove their innocence, rather than on government to prove wrongdoing. Most of all, I'm afraid of living in a society where a subservient populace surrenders its liberties to an all-powerful government.

It may be true that average Americans do not feel intimidated by the encroachment of the police state. Americans remain tolerant of what they see as mere nuisances because they have been deluded into believing total government supervision is necessary and helpful, and because they still enjoy a high level of material comfort. That tolerance may wane, however, as our standard of living falls due to spiraling debt, endless deficit spending at home and abroad, declining fiat dollar, inflation, higher interest rates, and failing entitlement programs. At that point attitudes toward omnipotent government may change, but the trend toward authoritarianism will be difficult to reverse.

Those who believe a police state can't happen here are poor students of history. Every government, democratic or not, is capable of tyranny. We must understand this if we hope to remain a free people.

Jamestown: 400 Years of Wasted Taxes?

By Leonard Harris

JAMESTOWN - In 1996 - more than 10 years before the 400th anniversary of Jamestown - the Virginia General Assembly designated the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation as the official entity of the Commonwealth in planning and implementing the Jamestown quadricentennial celebration. Now just two years before the celebration is to begin, the foundation is spending \$7.6 million a year of taxpayer money.

An additional \$38 million in state support was approved in the 2004-2006 biennium for capital and maintenance reserve projects.

"The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation is a perfect example of waste in Virginia's budget," observes Steve Damerell, LPVA Chairman. "The entire program should be privatized."

According to the Foundation's own web site, it already has 1,793 corporate, foundation and individual donors. Donations, gift shop sales, and admissions revenue currently make up 48% of the its operating budget.

Damerell notes, "It took a whole 8 years for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation to become only halfway self-sufficient. If this had been a fully private endeavor, the Foundation would be self-sufficient and making a profit by now. Privatization is the only way to make sure the



Foundation does not continue to be a burden on the taxpayers."

The Foundation employs 174 full-time staff, and at times nearly 300 part-time staff. A total of 1,121 volunteers have provided 27,920 hours of service.

"Over a thousand people have volunteered to help the Foundation. How many more would volunteer their time if they did not have to work so much to pay for last year's tax hike," asks Damerell. "Increasing taxes especially the sales tax will not encourage

people to visit the state and will lead to fewer jobs in the tourism industry."

There is Big Money in tourism. There is no reason the state has to provide corporate welfare for those involved in the tourism industry. State bureaucracy will only make the industry more inefficient. Higher state taxes will be needed to pay for the bureaucracy

and will make Virginia a less attractive place to visit. The bloated bureaucracy will end up killing off the industry, so it is time to get the government out of tourism," concludes Damerell.

This article is a sample of LPVA's Media Release program. This release was distributed on February 18, 2005.

To see other media releases by the LPVA, check out the archive at:

www.LPVA.com/HTML/forTheMedia.htm

Don't see a release on a subject you think is important? Then write it up and submit one -- we'll proof it and send it. Send your proposed release in PLAIN-TEXT form to <Communications@LPVA.com>.

Membership Committee Volunteers Needed!

The Membership Committee is seeking individuals to contact former members IN-PERSON. Personal contact is the most effective method to build an organization.

We are seeking Membership Representatives in all major metropolitan areas of the state.

Spotless references required, as well as a demonstrated willingness to clothe oneself in proper business attire while conducting Party business. Contact: Committee Chairman Marc Montoni, 804-288-1311 (voice and fax) or email <Membership@LPVA.com>. Please prepare a letter of interest describing your qualifications, and include your professional resume.

How To Become An Officially-Endorsed LP Candidate

The state committee is still seeking more candidates for House of Delegates seats as well as everything else up for election this year (see the list printed on Page 3).

It would be wonderful to see even more members step up to the plate for the Virginia House, or for any of the local offices up for grabs this November (see the summary on page 3).

The procedure for securing the LP endorsement is simple:

1) Decide what office you will seek;

2) Contact the LPVA chair and arrangements will be made for a mass meeting of the LP membership within that election district to consider the campaign.

Normally, district meetings can be called within about one month.

This is grassroots politics at its best. The members in each district decide for themselves who they wish to support, or whether they wish to field a candidate at all.

On Page One of this issue, you will find a list of all of the known candidates so far.

We hope you will run also!

Can You Live Like a Libertarian in a Statist Society?

Not without some compromise, of course. But look around yourself and try to find ways to eliminate government from your life. You still have the option to refuse many government 'services'.

- Educate your kids at home or in private school.

- Try free-market money such as gold, silver, and barter.

- Don't wait for the government to help your family or friend through rough times -- help them yourself.

- Patronize private libraries (Blockbuster, etc) rather than the county library.

- Use a private contractor for refuse collection rather than the public utility's service.

- And above all, TELL THEM you neither want their services nor do you give them permission to take your money to pay for them.

Member Notes

Newlyweds!

Herbert H. Wathan, Jr., a consistent supporter of the Richmond Libertarians and the Patrick Henry Supper Club, was married to the former Ms. Renel Baner, on February 19, 2005, at the Tsena Commocko Church in Providence Forge.



Since 1999, Mr. Wathan has been employed as an ASME Code Inspector for OneCIS, an insurance company.

His Libertarian affiliation began in 2000. His activities on behalf of the LP include assisting with OPH booths at the Virginia State Fair, at Richmond-area gun shows, and other venues; and he petitioned for LPVA candidates during the 2001 campaign season.

Ms. Wathan is currently a housewife; but earned a college degree in banking and finance, and put her studies to use as a stock-broker in the Philippines.

The pair met online in 2003.

The staff of *Virginia Liberty* extends its best wishes and warmest regards to the couple.

LPVA lobbyist

We learned a few things about lobbying in 2005. Let's put the lessons to good use! The LPVA State Central Committee is seeking volunteers for the "Legislative Committee" for the 2006 General Assembly.

The idea is to select our most pressing legislative goals (ballot access reform, tax cuts, etc), and seek General Assembly members to get them introduced and passed.

Be our "Point Person" -- the one who "gets it done"!

We also need volunteers to research and select the issues to be pursued.

Interested? Please contact Steve Damerell. His complete contact info is on page two.

There Oughta (NOT) Be a Law

By Bill Winter

Here's the best legal advice you'll get in 2005: Don't let your pet tiger drive a snowmobile across a not-quite-frozen lake and then buy three packages of Sudafed at a drugstore. If you do, you'll get into hot water. Which is defined as water that's at least 120 degrees. In Louisiana, anyway.

If that doesn't make any sense, you haven't been following news reports about all the state laws that went into effect on January 1.

That's right. Laws regulating pet tigers, snowmobiles, cold medicine, and hot water took effect on New Year's Day -- along with hundreds of other laws in 19 states. It's a tough call, but the most eye-rollingly foolish one may be Louisiana's "hot" water decree.

According to politicians, Louisiana faced an ominous threat: the hot water in some laundromats wasn't hot enough. (I'll pause while you gasp in horror.) Some folks complained that their clothes weren't getting clean.

The solution? It's obvious, isn't it? Let the free market work. If customers aren't happy with the hot water at a laundromat, they'll find a better facility. Eventually, good laundromats with satisfactorily hot water will get more business and bad ones will go bankrupt. Right?

You must not be from Louisiana. The correct answer is: pass a new law. So they did. Now, every Louisiana laundromat is required to produce 120-degree water for its washing machines. If they don't, the owner must post a sign saying, "Hot water not available." Presumably, thermometer-wielding police will enforce the law, instead of wasting their time solving murders.

New Hampshire faced a different crisis. Bored by the approximately 11 months of winter they must endure each year, some state residents were driving their snowmobiles at high speed across iced-over lakes

and then "skimming" across patches of open water. For those who didn't drown, this was allegedly fun.

State politicians weren't amused. So they passed a law making skimming illegal. "The new law against skimming will save lives," a Fish and Game Department employee solemnly told the Concord Monitor. Sure it will. Because lunatics who ride snowmobiles over open water in frigid weather are exactly the kind of thoughtful citizens most likely to obey such laws.

Then there's the tiger problem. In 2003, a knucklehead living in a tiny Harlem apartment was hospitalized after his pet -- a 400-pound Bengal tiger -- gnawed his arm and leg. New York politicians, eager to solve a problem that occurs, on average, once in a lifetime, passed a law making it a crime to keep wild animals as pets. To put, ahem, teeth into the law, they levied a \$500 fine for the first offense.

Consider the thinking: The possibility of having limbs chewed into human tartar by a tiger's razor-sharp teeth is not enough to prevent people from keeping savage jungle cats as pets. But a \$500 fine -- ah, that will do the trick.

Finally, there's cold medicine. In Illinois, it's now a crime to buy more than two packages of over-the-counter cold medication at a time. Such medicines (like Sudafed) contain pseudoephedrine, which, when combined with other chemicals and criminal intent, can produce methamphetamine. Since previous laws designed to stamp out "meth" hadn't succeeded, politicians figured that one more regulation would do the trick. And since those other laws, which targeted drug manufacturers and dealers, had failed, legislators cleverly turned their sights on people with colds, who now risk criminal charges if they try to stock up on medicine.

All this raises an obvious question. Why do politicians pass such foolish laws? That's easy. It's what politicians do. And American politicians do it more than almost anyone else.

Consider: on New Year's Day, 88 new laws went into effect in China, according to the Financial Express newspaper. That's China, which has 1.3 billion people. The totalitarian Communist nation, where its rulers have traditionally controlled every aspect of citizen's lives. Yet, only 88 new laws were required to keep China functioning smoothly for another year.

By contrast, politicians in North Carolina last year passed 216 new laws. In Pennsylvania, lawmakers cranked out "nearly 240 bills," according to the Associated Press. In Louisiana, the Legislature enacted a whopping 930 new laws at its regular session -- and then, realizing that the job wasn't quite done, passed 14 more at a special session. California politicians, not to be outdone, managed to pass "about 950 bills," according to the Sacramento Bee, before, presumably, collapsing from exhaustion. That's 2,350 new laws in just four states (leaving 46 other states where politicians were assuredly just as busy.)

What can be done? As a good American, my first thought was that we should pass a new law -- making it illegal for politicians to pass so many new laws. Then I reconsidered. Because if the laws regulating pet tigers, snowmobiles, cold medicine, and hot water are any indication, new laws are not the solution. New laws are the problem. Oops. Can I say that? Or is there a law against it? I better check.

Bill Winter is the communications director for the Advocates for Self-Government, a Georgia-based, nonprofit, nonpartisan libertarian organization.

Retreat!!

Interesting Statistic:

According to <http://www.icasualties.org>, there have been 88 hostile fire deaths caused by firearms since the beginning of hostilities in Iraq.

The remainder of coalition deaths have been due to explosives or accidents.

What does this mean?

If you consider that there have been an average of 160,000 troops in theater during the last 22 months, that gives a firearm death rate of 60 per 100,000. The rate in DC is 80.6 per 100,000. That means that you are more likely to be shot and killed in our Nation's Capitol, which has some of the strictest gun control laws in the nation, than you are in Iraq.

The conclusion?

We should immediately pull out of WASHINGTON, DC!

HOW TO GET A LEG UP ON THE COMPETITION: START EARLY!

Let's make the time count -- invest now. Help our 2005 candidates be as successful as possible by giving them the resources they need.

Donations are not limited in Virginia (although committees are required to be "transparent" to public financial inspection).

Please -- consider making a major investment in liberty this year.
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February 26-27 National Committee

By Marc Montoni

L PVA members may not be aware that there are several levels of the Libertarian Party at which various decisions are made.

Virginia is part of the national LP's "Region 5E". This region consists of Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

At the 2004 national convention, Jim Lark of Charlottesville was selected to represent the region by the assembled delegates.

Dr. Lark submits reports to the Region's state committees, but the editor has noted some interest from other corners of the LPVA about what happens at the LNC meetings. What follows is a summary of actions taken at the most recent LNC meeting, which took place on February 26 & 27.

Enjoy!

National Convention Advisory Committee-- the LNC created a new Advisory committee to oversee the plans for the 2006 National Convention. [Editor's Note: our rep, Jim Lark, was named to this committee.]

Overhaul of National Web Site-- George Getz & Shane Cory gave a presentation on their plans for re-organizing and updating the National LP web site.

Strategic Plan-- A review of the Party's

progress with regard to the Strategic Plan as passed a couple of years ago was conducted.

Strategic Plan-- A motion to direct staff to prepare a proposed budget for the 2006 convention (to be held in Portland OR) was approved.

Performance Bonus for Executive Director

-- A motion awarding a fourth-quarter bonus of \$1500 to Executive Director Joe Seehusen was approved.

Dues Increase-- A motion to increase LP second-year membership dues to \$50 was approved 11-6 by secret ballot. First-year dues will stay at \$25. The new dues structure will become effective on January 1 2006.

Campaign Committee Created

-- Federal Election Commission (FEC) rules allow national political committees to establish three different types of political committee -- "Federal, non-Federal, and congressional campaign. Separate contribution limits and other rules apply to each, but all three can be run from the National Office. The LNC has for years had the Federal/non-Federal committees established. The creation of the Congressional Campaign Committee will allow the LP to take advantage of various additional campaign finance methods.

Party Headquarters-- The LP's lease at the Watergate will expire at the end of 2005. Pursuant to a directive from the LNC passed

at the August meeting, staff investigated alternative National Office sites. A suggestion has been floated to move to another area of the Watergate, upstairs from the current basement location, at a slightly higher rent but with slightly less square footage. The layout was said to be more conducive to the Party's operations.

Audit Committee-- Richard Morley of Oregon was appointed to the national LP's Audit Committee, replacing Deryl Martin.

Appreciation-- A motion recognizing the contributions of Geoff and Nancy Neale was approved.

Appreciation-- A motion recognizing the contributions of the late Lyn Tinsley was approved.

Next LNC Meetings-- A motion to set the next LNC meetings for August 6-7 in Kansas City, and November 12-13 in Denver, was approved.

Have a concern about actions taken by the LNC? To the right is contact information for the entire LNC. Get involved! This is your Party!

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January 15 State Committee

Edited by Marc Montoni

The State Central Committee is the policy making body of the LPVA.

The most recent regular meeting of the State Committee was held on Saturday, January 15, 2005, beginning at 1:00 PM at the Henrico Public Library, North Park branch, in northern Henrico County.

Voting members of the SCC in attendance included: Steve Damerell (Chairman), Leonard Harris (Vice Chair), Charlotte Patrick (Secretary), Kathy Mullin (1st CD Chair), Tom Cantrell (2nd CD), Tom Blanton (3rd), Jeff Bowles, (4th CD chair Steve Merrill's substitute delegate, James Curtis (5th), Marc Montoni (6th), George Marchenko (7th), James W Lark III (9th), Chuck Eby (10th), and Pat Snider (11th CD chair K. Morrison's designee).

Other LPVA members in attendance included Donny Ferguson, Liz Bowles, Greg Ewing, Shaun Whelden, Nancy Young, and Wilbur N. Wood III

Not in attendance were the Treasurer and 8th CD chair.

The following is a list of actions taken at the meeting.

Approved the Minutes from the previous meeting (September 11, 2004). [Editor's Note: *Official Minutes are available by download from the LPVA web site or by requesting a printout from the Secretary.*]

Reviewed Dr. Lark's investigation of D&O liability insurance. Dr. Lark suggested the body not make any decision at this time, and that prior to such a decision, the SCC should revisit the issue of whether or not the LPVA should be incorporated. Dr. Lark agreed to make further inquiries as appropriate, including inquiries regarding legal counsel.

Discussed the status of the Secretary's report of assets.

Reviewed reports (see the official Minutes packet). Heard oral addenda to previously submitted reports.

Discussed current database difficulties due to the "Raizer's Edge" changeover at LPHQ. The changeover has broken all of LPVA's automated scripts for database distribution to local affiliates; and on top of that the scriptwriter, Scott Mikell, has resigned.

Discussed the need for a review of all data regarding LPVA's monthly pledger program.

Discussed the unannounced change in venue for the day's SCC meeting. Marc Montoni, Steve Damerell, and Charlotte Patrick apologized to the Committee for the late notice.

Approved a motion to officially recognize Bill Redpath as the 2005 Libertarian Leadership Day awardee by virtue of his many accomplishments for the LP and LPVA.

Approved a motion to redefine the "Policy Documents" as separate and distinct from the "Bylaws", and stating that "policies" only require a majority vote to amend rather than the 2/3 vote that Bylaws changes require.

Approved a motion to abolish the Party-sponsored "Forum" email list.

Officially thanked Chuck Eby for his handling the Forum as a volunteer.

Approved a budget for the Local Affiliate Parties Committee.

Approved a budget for the Communications Committee.

Approved a Resolution officially thanking Mr. Scott Mikell for his two years of volunteer service handling the processing of incoming mailing lists from LPHQ and

getting them sent on to local affiliates, officers, and candidates.

Approved the next SCC meeting date & place for Saturday, April 23rd, and delegating the responsibility for setting the exact location details to Liz and Jeff Bowles.

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m., which at least one observer noted made this meeting the shortest on record for several years.

LPVA FINANCIAL CONDITION

The Treasurer reported that as of August 31, 2004, the LPVA's Checking Account showed a balance of \$29,048.13. This amount included balances in several funds, as follows:

BAC	3,189.96
Business Services	2,644.92
Chair Discretionary	500.00
Communications	919.24
Copier Fund	288.12
Financial Dev.	1,630.15
General Fund	5,806.00
Local Affiliates	5,435.21
Memb. Development	4,750.87
Political Development	500.00
Special Operations	1,506.30
Convention	0
Targeted Contr - Holding	261.00
Virginia Liberty	1,616.36

For the complete Treasurer's Report filed with the SCC, see the LPVA web site or request the Official Minutes from the Secretary.

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Liberty in our Lifetime Free State Project

Free State Project What is the Project About?

The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to the state of New Hampshire and work within its political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

The Project will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation; reform state and local laws; opt out of federal mandates; and press for the restoration of constitutional federalism.

The Free State Project will show the world what liberty can accomplish!

Free State Project Liberty in Our Lifetime

We don't want to wait decades for most citizens in the US to realize that the nanny state is an insult to their dignity. For those of us who already understand the debilitating effects of a government bent on reducing liberty rather than increasing it, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state.

What do we mean by liberty? We believe that being free and independent is a great way to live, and that government's maximum role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

Free State Project Where & Why?

The state where we will move was decided by a vote of the FSP membership after we reached 5,000 commitments. Population was the critical factor. Our research so far indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about a 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle. New Hampshire met the population criterion, and its distaste for big government and a generally welcoming attitude toward the Free State Project were pluses.

Free State Project Get Involved!



Join the Free State Project and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing liberty in our lifetime. To learn more, you're invited to visit our website at www.freestateproject.org. Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and visit our articles sections which contain more detailed information about the project. Whether you wish to become a full-fledged member or are sympathetic but unable to relocate, the Free State Project wants *you!*

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GET LOCAL!

Libertarian groups around the state

By Marc Montoni

Richmond & Vicinity

METRO RICHMOND: "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, <RichmondMetro@LPVA.com>.

METRO RICHMOND: Weekly Social Hour, every Friday at the Commercial Taphouse, 111 N. Robinson St, Richmond. 6:00 - 7:00. Sponsored by the Richmond Metro Libertarians. Leonard Harris, <RichmondMetro@LPVA.com>.

HENRICO COUNTY: BiWeekly meeting at Fuddrucker's, 8205 W Broad St in western Henrico, at intersection of Broad and Parham. Dinner at 6:00, then the group travels to the Henrico Government Center to attend the County Board of Supervisors meetings. Meeting info, LP-Henrico and BOS agendas, and maps to the restaurant are all found on RichmondLiberty.org; or call George Marchenko, Chairman, Henrico LP, 804-421-9136, Henrico@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. Picadilly Cafeteria in Norfolk by the Military Circle Mall. Call Tom Cantrell at 757-460-4017, or write: <Tidewater@LPVA.com>. Additional information at the TLP website TidewaterLP.com.

SUFFOLK: City Of Suffolk Libertarians. Contact Ken Taylor, 757-923-1285 or <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. Call Tom Cantrell at 757-460-4017, or write: <Tidewater@LPVA.com>. Ad-

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Please contact Jim Lark (jwlark@dellmail.com, (434) 973-5958), Local Affiliate Parties chairman, who will be happy to assist you.

ditional information at the TLP website: TidewaterLP.com.

COLLEGE: W&M Libertarians. Now forming.
<WilliamAndMary@LPVA.com>

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. Reorganizing. 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. Nancy Young, 540-477-2520 or <ShenandoahCounty@LPVA.com>.

WINCHESTER: Libertarian Party of the Blue Ridge. For residents of Winchester, Clark/Warren/Frederick Counties. Monthly meetings. For precise location of each month's meeting, or for other information, call or write 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: "NOVA 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. Tony Torres, 571-214-8356, or <FairfaxLP@LPVA.com>.

LOUDOUN COUNTY: LP of Loudoun County. Contact Kate Eisenlohr at <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 Chuck Eby, 703-378-1188 for information, or write: <CollegeLibertarians@LPVA.com>

Peninsula

ESSEX COUNTY: Northern Neck Libertarians. <NorthernNeck@LPVA.com>.

FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Area Libertarians. David Adams, 540-273-7385, or <Fredericksburg@LPVA.com>.

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>.

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COLLEGE: ASL. Libertarian Society at Appalachian School of Law. Michael Wilson <ASL@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. Reorganizing. Please contact Jonathan McGlumphy, 540-231-3708, <[NewRiver@LPVA.com](mailto>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, Roanoke County Public Library, Hollins branch, 6624 Peters Creek Rd. Directions: 540-561-8024. Charles and Angell Pasley, 540-767-1776 or <Roanoke@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: VWCC: Libertarians of Virginia Western Community College: <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>.

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MARTINSVILLE: Martinsville Libertarian Committee. Call Robert Haley, 276-629-1804, or write <Martinsville@LPVA.com>.

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