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## 2004 Convention Hosts Great Speakers

The 2004 Libertarian Party of Connecticut Convention, held on April 24th, appeared to be enjoyed by all of the attendees. Speakers, food, and atmosphere were all excellent.

Held once again at The Colony Inn in New Haven, the Convention opened with a lively business meeting that included a contested candidacy for the United States Senate nomination. The new State Central Committee was selected and officers were installed.

The Keynote Speaker was Gary Nolan, candidate for the Libertarian Party Presidential nomination. Gary stressed his record in the last few months of creating an outreach to non-Libertarians while also working toward the nomination. He also emphasized the value of his media contacts, as well as his demonstrated commitment to work long, hard days in his candidacy.



Gary Nolan addressing the convention.



*Libertarian Party Convention attendees at the Colony Inn in New Haven.*

George Phillies made a presentation on behalf of another Libertarian Party Presidential hopeful, Aaron Russo. George presented the value of Aaron's record as a successful entertainment promoter and movie producer. He cited Aaron's strong vote when he ran for Governor in Nevada, and indicated that a number of entertainment personalities may endorse Aaron if he gets the Presidential nod.

Diane Kniep, President of the Connecticut Federation of Taxpayer Organizations, talked about her experiences as a former East Hartford mayor. Of particular interest was her comment that you can't blame the government when taxpayers and voters don't take responsibility to be informed.

Phil Greazzo presented the intriguing history of hemp, the production of which has been sharply curtailed by the Drug Wars. Not only was

the original Constitution written on hemp paper, but the government still uses hemp in its Federal Reserve notes. Phil is the Founder and President of New Hampshire chapter of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws).

Peter Christ (pronounced "krisst") is the retired Police Captain of a one-hundred man force. Representing LEAP (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition), he pointed out that prohibiting Adam from eating the apple didn't work, and prohibition still doesn't work. Although he believes in liquor-like regulation of drugs, he states that you can't regulate anything that is deemed to be illegal.

Mark Cenci discussed some of the past problems at the National Libertarian Party, and his recommendations for the future. At the end of the Convention a fundraiser targeting petitioning and campaign support raised \$595.00.

### CONTRIBUTORS – THANKS!

Thanks to all of you who donated to the fundraiser at the Convention. We are setting the wheels of ballot access in motion.

## State Central Committee Officers

Effective April 24, 2004:

Chairman . . . . . Lenny Rasch

Vice-Chair. . . . . Linda Rasch

Secretary . . . . . Ken Mosher

Treasurer. . . . . Andrew Rule

SCC size remains at ten;

Seven positions are filled.



*Dawn Lincoln, former Vice-Chair, will be leaving Connecticut before the end of May. She is moving to New Hampshire! Her efforts and input will be sorely missed here in Connecticut.*

*From all of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut, thanks, Dawn, for all your hard work for Liberty!*

## MEETINGS

### State Central Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 18, 2004

The monthly Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee meeting will be held at the Town Hall in Wethersfield on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to members and to the public.

#### Agenda:

*Minutes*

*Treasurer's Report*

*Chairman's Report*

*Political Director's Report*

*Membership Report*

*Communications Report*

*Convention Report*

*Petitioning Report*

*Old Business:*

*Mailing List Distribution to Candidates*

*College Recruiting*

*New Business:*

*Paid Petitioning*

*Recruitment of Candidates*

*Cable Access Distributions*

*New Business: (cont.)*

*Fair Arrangements*

*Issues/Questions for National*

#### Directions:

From North: I-91 South to Exit 28

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From South: I-91 North to Exit 28

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From East: I-84 West to Exit 57

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From West: I-84 East to I-91 South, to Exit 28

(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

Route 5 & 15 South: Take Exit 85 (Route 99/Silas Deane Hwy) South. At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto Church St. Turn into first driveway on left.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Libertarian Party of Connecticut will have a booth at the New Haven Gay Pride fair on Saturday, June 5, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. This is a good opportunity to let people know that we support an individual's right to choice. It is also an opportunity to collect petition signatures.

Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. It's fun, and typically there has been a lot of interest generated in the Libertarian Party at these events. Please contact Rich Connelly at [political@lpct.org](mailto:political@lpct.org) to let him know that you can help out.

As of this writing a series of appearances are planned for Lenny Rasch and Walter Gengareilly on Channel 13 (SKYE) in Waterbury. The show that is hosting them is "Making a Statement", which is on live every Friday at 7:00 p.m. and hosted by Libertarian Jason Carlacio.

Please note that a Petitioning Materials area will be created on [www.lpct.org](http://www.lpct.org). Here you be able to see what kind of help is needed and where. It is also our intention to track signature counts on this page, and to provide .pdf (Acrobat) formatted petitions that you can print for yourself. Be sure to check back frequently on this website to see the candidate information as it is added across the next few weeks.