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From The Chair Travis Nicks, State Chair

IT'S COMING!!! Soon the LP National Convention will be here in Denver and we are getting excited. As always, the DenverLPCon is looking for volunteers. Please contact Bette-Rose at 720-341-2193 or log on to the website (<http://www.DenverLPCon.com>) to find out more. Also, now is the time to get your room and ticket. There are many levels of tickets and all the events are shaping up to be amazing. You DO NOT need to be a delegate or even a Libertarian to attend. Please encourage friends and family to come as they will see the best the LP has to offer.

Watch out western slope! That Debbie is at it again keeping a watchful eye on corrupt politicians. Debbie has pinpointed some recent improprieties over in Delta County and has all the news outlets involved. Boy, am I glad she is on our side. Good job Debbie.

We have our first audio podcast up on our website. We hope it will be the first of many. Please **download it** and let us know what you think.

We have an ASTONISHING 7100 registered Libertarians in Colorado as of April. We are growing at an increasing pace and it is due to the efforts of everyone out there who is talking about Liberty. The message is getting out so keep opening up dialogue with your friends and family. The more registrations we get the more influence we can assert on legislation and elections.

We are working on several initiatives for this year and we need some help. Please log on to the web site and **join the 1776 Club**. That is our monthly pledge program and it is also our main source of funding. If you can spare a one-time donation of 500 or 1000 dollars those are also appreciated. These donations allow us to buy ads, hold further fundraisers, and keep the office running smoothly. Please **contribute to the LPCO today**. We will keep fighting for liberty as long as we can.

Enjoy this edition of the Colorado Liberty and thank you for supporting the LPCO.

Yours in Liberty,

Travis Nicks
Chairman



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- ◆ Presidential - \$469
- ◆ Vice Presidential - \$389
- ◆ Senatorial - \$299
- ◆ Speaker - \$219
- ◆ Congressional - \$179
- ◆ Congressional Aide - \$178
- ◆ Junior Congressman - \$99

A La Carte Items (Sold With Package Purchase Only):

- > Convention Book - \$35
- > Convention Bag - \$15
- > Opening Reception - \$25
- > Breakfast with Speaker - \$55
- > Luncheon with Speaker - \$55
- > Floor Speakers - \$35
- > Closing Banquet - \$125

F.R. Outreach Report By Jeff Orrok, Front Range Outreach Director

As the spring temperatures climb, so does our registration rate! We grew by 101 registrations from March to April, putting us past the 7,000 member milestone ahead of schedule, and on a growth curve that could translate into an 18% increase for the year. This makes me much more optimistic about our chances of boosting that to 40% or even 50% once we get the outreach activism engine running on a continuous basis.

You may or may not get this in time, but we are hustling to complete our preparations for [Cinco de Mayo](#), and we can definitely use more confirmed activists at our first-ever booth at this huge event! Our booth is located at the northern most tip of the Civic Park, where 15th Street forks off of Colfax (the pink square next to the green one marked 128 at the top of [this map](#)). We will, of course, be at the [Peoples Fair](#), which is [June 7th](#) and [June 8th](#) also at Civic Park, and [Van's Warped Tour](#), which is [June 29th](#) in the south parking lot of Invesco Field.

Remember, a 1% contribution of time works out to be about 7 1/2 hours a month, or as I like to think of it, two four-hour shifts at an outreach booth, or one 15-minute conversation with a libertarian-minded person about registering with the party per day (<http://www.lpcolorado.org/register.aspx>).

Legislative Report By [David K. Williams, Jr.](#), Legislative Director

My number one priority my first year as Legislative Director is establishing relationships. While the LPCo's 7000 registered members can and has accomplished a lot, we can be even more effective with the help of other organizations and people when they are smart enough to take the LP position. As I like to say, we have no permanent friends and no permanent enemies: Just permanent issues.

I have met with Representative Morgan Carroll, and she will be great to work with, thanks in large part to Rick Randall's previous work with her.

I attended a "Colorado Republican Business Coalition" lunch, and met several of their officers and some Republican candidates for office.

I also met Lin Zinser of "FIRM," Freedom and Individual Rights in Medicine. Her group appears to be very Libertarian in nature. [Her website](#) even quotes Leonard Piekoff right on the front page.

I attended an event sponsored by "Sensible Colorado," a pro-marijuana advocacy group, and met their leadership. We will work with them in the future, I'm sure.

I also attended a function sponsored by "America's Future Foundation" and met its leadership. They had a forum sponsored by FaceTheState.com, and I made acquaintance with several libertarian leaning Republicans. This type of group is great for Libertarian involvement. I met many Republicans disaffected with the power of the religious right within their party, and I think we can recruit them at functions like this.

Jean Carbutt, of the Leadership Program of the Rockies, was there and would like to speak to the ArapCo weekly lunch group and to our Board of Directors. I think her help could be a big benefit to us.

In regard to speaking on Capitol Hill, I have testified at two committee hearings. I spoke against a bill that would allow municipalities to spend tax money on marketing private attractions. It passed out of committee anyway, with the only dissenting vote cast by Cowboy Wes McKinley.

I sent out a Liberty Alert and spoke at the committee hearings in favor of a bill that would allow municipalities to use "ranked voting" methods during elections. Jim Frye also spoke in favor of the

bill, as did two Green Party members. The bill was tabled because of concern over mandatory expenditures it required of the Secretary of State.

Rep. John Kefalas, sponsor of the bill, will attempt at revising the bill, but it may be dead for this session. I think there was substantial support on the committee behind the idea of ranked voting, just not some of the requirements in this bill.

I will continue to seek out potential allies on issues of importance to the LPCo, and lobby on behalf of those issues that warrant it.

Membership Report By Clint Jones, Membership Director

The Membership Director is working on getting [contributions](#) and support toward publicity of the Libertarian Party of Colorado and the National Libertarian Party.

Publications Report By Jaime Brown, Publications Director

There's always a lot happening with the eternal vigilance liberty requires. Most battles in our everyday lives get little attention but we all carry the torch of liberty in a world that increasingly trades liberty for security only to receive neither. I'm looking forward to the National Convention and the opportunity to convene with this country's most principled defenders of liberty; from advocating the gold standard to opposing the drug war; from the biggest libertarian institutions to this humble newsletter.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado does need a Campaigns Director. With the need for libertarian principles becoming obvious, candidates are coming out of the woodwork to join us. Until we have a Campaigns Director, our volunteers will continue to pick up the slack to assist with several interesting campaigns this year.

We also need Colorado Libertarians to buy a convention package and attend the National Convention. Aside from possibly being a once in a lifetime opportunity with the Convention in Denver this year, aside from the great experience to be had, it is also the best way for the LPCO to have a Fundraising Director in Michele Poague. Without funding, it is nearly impossible to have any effect on government sponsored social intolerance or irresponsible government spending.

Please remember to check out the meetup calendar at <http://libertarian.meetup.com/314/calendar/> and [join in the fun](#). Contact the organizers and post your favorite local event which will be more fun with more Libertarians in attendance.

If you write a letter to the editor or a letter to your representatives, please [send me a copy](#), post it on the meetup message board, and LPCO Forum. This newsletter will continue to evolve, hopefully for the better. The website will continue to evolve. The more you participate, the better it will be, and the greater our chances for liberty.

Records Report By Steven Gallant, Records Director

The LPCO is working on acquiring a new database system that would meet most, if not all, of our information needs.

Records assistant Jim Frye provided Publications Director Jaime Brown with mailing labels for donors, 1776 members and convention attendees in order to send them copies of the latest newsletter.

I have compiled and filed the minutes and reports for the Convention and the March Board meeting.

Media Report By Richard Randall, Media Director

As you may have noticed, over the past month our LPColorado web site has been undergoing a face-lift. Along with that effort, our media group is working to produce a regular series of PodCasts that will be available for download from the LPColorado.org web site. These PodCasts will cover pertinent topics relevant to Colorado Libertarian activists, such as legislative issues, ballot initiatives, campaigns and more. Our first PodCast was an interview with the Libertarian candidate for State House District 42, Jim Frye. Over the coming months, we hope to gradually increase the number and regularity of PodCasts from the LP Colorado.

If you have an idea for a PodCast - or would like to volunteer to help us produce them, please contact Richard Randall: MediaDirector@LPColorado.org

The Media Director has also been busy scheduling media appearances. On April 8 the LPCO State Chair, Travis Nicks, and Media Director, Richard Randall, appeared on Zinna.com, "News and Politics for people who hate news and politics". Download the PodCast now from: <http://www.zinna.com/>

Treasurer's Report By Leah Kelley, Treasurer

I have been working on making the Treasurer's position less time consuming, by setting up online bill-pay and having the bank transactions automatically download to QuickBooks. The next project will be making the credit card transactions easier.

There (was) an FCPA filing due by April 25. Wes helped me get started on that. In his spare time, he's going to get that process more automated.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO FISCAL YEAR INCOME APRIL 2007 - MARCH 2008

INCOME	CHANGE
CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER	26%
DONATIONS	5%
MEMBERSHIPS	63%
PHONE BLASTER	2%
SUMMER FUNDRAISER	4%
TOTAL % OF INCOME	100%

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO FISCAL YEAR EXPENSES APRIL 2007 - MARCH 2008

EXPENSES	CHANGE
BANK/CREDIT CARD FEES	4%
CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	1%
CONVENTION	6%
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	19%
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES	0%
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	11%
MISC. OFFICE EXPENSES	2%
OUTREACH	3%
POSTAGE & DELIVERY	11%
PUBLICATIONS	6%
RENT	19%
GAS & ELECTRIC	1%
TELEPHONE	13%
AUDIO CONFERENCING	4%
VOTER DATABASE	3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	100%

Wolf Linked To Delta County Corruption

Delta County Affiliate News

Wayne Wolf, Republican candidate for the 3rd Congressional District, has been serving on the Delta County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for the past 7 years. What few people realize is the history and level of corruption within the Delta County BoCC. Most recently County Commissioners, County Planners, and Area Planning Committees have been revising the counties subdivision regulations. However, Engineers, Realtors, Surveyors, mining companies, developers, and ordinary citizens have been forbidden to see the document, let alone have a copy of the drastically changing rules that will deeply affect their personal and professional lives. New regulations regarding working from home have also been included in this document... hidden in the "definitions" section! The chair of the Libertarian Party of Delta County, Debbie Schum, was able to obtain a copy of the document that all but government officials are forbidden to see, and the Libertarian Party of Colorado (LPCO) has posted this document on our web site at: <http://www.LPColorado.org>.

Working in collusion with the District Attorneys office, the BoCC has routinely shown a blatant disregard for Colorado law. When the BoCC of Delta County was caught "red-handed" illegally transferring funds in direct violation of state law, the District Attorneys office refused to prosecute the case. A similar legal action was sought by citizens when the BoCC used taxpayer monies to purchase and improve "select" subdivision lots - at taxpayer expense. This case also was brushed off by the District Attorney. Delta County is a statutory county, and therefore must abide by, and not supersede, Colorado state law. However, many of the counties ordinances (e.g., junk ordinances, sewage/septic requirements) supersede state law by far, and citizens are routinely penalized for non-compliance with illegal and/or non-existent ordinances. Citizen confrontations of the BoCC with legal actions have had no effect.

The LPCO State Chair, Travis Nicks, commented that "Hopefully posting this document to our web site will bring greater transparency to local government in Delta County - and help expose the corruption that has for so long existed there".

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Delegate Information [Click Here For All The Delegate Information](#)

In 2008, it will be delegates who determine who is included in the Saturday, May 24th presidential debate. C-SPAN typically broadcasts the debate nationally. Presidential candidates who collect 'signature tokens' from 10 percent of the credentialed delegates attending the May 24th morning session will be invited by [Denver LPCon](#) (the organization that is running the Convention) to the debate. Credentialed delegates will want to familiarize themselves with [Libertarian Party Presidential Candidates](#) before attending the National Convention on May 24th, 2008.

Libertarian Party Presidential Candidates *(in alphabetical order)*



Jim Burns
(Candidate's site)



John Finan
(Candidate's site)



Mike Gravel
(Candidate's site)



Barry Hess
(No Website)



Dave Hollist
(Candidate's site)



Daniel Imperato
(Candidate's site)



Michael Jingoian
(Candidate's site)



Steve Kubby
(Candidate's site)



Alden Link
(Candidate's site)



Robert Milnes
(Candidate's site)



George Phillies
(Candidate's site)



Wayne Allyn Root
(Candidate's site)



Mary Ruwart
(Candidate's site)



Christine Smith
(Candidate's site)