

Wisconsin Libertarian

Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin
"The Party of Principle"

February, 2013



Libertarian Party of Wisconsin Annual Convention April 13 Olympia Resort Oconomowoc

Friday night Informal get together
in the Lounge

Saturday morning
Registration
Business meeting,
elections of officers

Buffet lunch

Program speakers
"Liberty in our Lifetime?"

A Registration form is on the
back page. Preregistration will
help us plan for a successful
convention.

Thanks! See you there.





The Olympia Resort, Hotel & Spa is located in picturesque Oconomowoc, Wisconsin and is one of the Midwest's premier resort and conference centers. Located between Milwaukee and Madison just one mile and a half from Interstate 94, the resort is in a beautiful setting close to the magnificence of the Kettle Moraine park and Lake Oconomowoc.

They are holding rooms for us for Friday and/or Saturday at the group rate of \$79/night. To reserve a room, just call 800-558-9573. Identify 'LPWI' as the group. Good until March 22.

Chair's Comments

Terry Gray

People in America are becoming more and more dissatisfied with the Democratic and Republican parties. The government is growing, corrupt and running over our rights. It has become a situation where a handful of special interest groups are benefiting at the expense of the rest of us, our children and grandchildren. The voters need an alternative.

The Libertarian Party is that alternative. More people voted for the LP this last election cycle than ever before.

We must rise to meet this challenge. We need members, money, candidates and activists. Let us work together to make the LP a force to be reckoned with!

We can start with our state convention, where we bring together a bunch of like minded Libertarians who determine the direction for our party, discuss the issues, and listen to some great speakers.

Convention will be held at a great location, the Olympic Resort. Come for the day or make it a mini-vacation and make the most of the facilities.

See you there!

Terry Gray, LPWI Chair

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Madison's Constitution: Structure and Liberty

Rick Esenberg is the founder and current President and General Counsel of the Wisconsin Institute for Law



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Rick is a frequent columnist in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and commentator in both the local and national media. He writes the "Culture Con" column for WI Magazine and publishes a political blog "Shark and Shepherd" [<http://sharkand-shepherd.blogspot.com>] which is featured on the Journal Sentinel's "Purple Wisconsin" page. His scholarship has appeared in such publications as the Harvard Law Review, Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, Wake Forest Law Review and William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal.

Rick holds a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review, and a B.A., summa cum laude, in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

See his presentation at our Convention.

The Libertarian Party Response to Wisconsin Budget Address

Priority One: Growing our Economy

The Governor's budget also provides for \$75 million in additional economic development tax credits and repeals the lifetime cap on angel investment tax credits to provide catalytic vitality to business creation. It also includes \$25 million to create a capital investment program which can help start-up businesses get off the ground.□

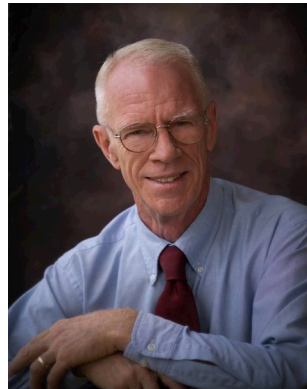
Our current state income tax does not serve business creation nor job expansion and we see nothing in the Governor's budget to affect this change. A single state sales tax applied evenly to all products sold in Wisconsin will create jobs faster and cheaper than economic development tax credits. The time, effort, and complexity of filing taxes shifts productive capital needed to grow business into shifting paper from here to there. This would also allow for reductions in staff and

budget from the Department of Revenue, which is slated to grow by over 40 positions through 2014. A number of new positions are in a new budget item for tax fraud enforcement expansion and let the governor tell you what each of these jobs will cost (hint "not cheap). Fewer points of tax collection require fewer points of policing.

Additionally, tax credits and other such government instruments simply call people to the trough of the state government and engenders the crony capitalism Wisconsinites abhor. A government knows less about which new business has a valid product or service than SpongeBob and risks taxpayer dollars being funneled into failed projects. No offense to SpongeBob but one would think the Republicans would have learned this lesson from Solyndra. Government should supply no advantage to any business in any way.

Strategic Plan for Liberty

George Meyers, LPWI Campaign Czar



George Meyers, affectionately known as the Libertarian "Campaign Czar of Wisconsin," helped recruit an impressive crop of Libertarian candidates for the 2012 elections. None of our candidates "won" but they received thousands of votes, many from voters who

voted Libertarian for the first time in their lives.

George will kick off the program portion of the convention by explaining the "strategic plan" for promoting liberty in Wisconsin.

George, a Vietnam veteran, works as a property manager in Racine.

In his "spare time," he serves as Chair of Libertarian Party SE Wisconsin, Treasurer and Programs Director of Racine Taxpayers Association, rediscovered and labeled the Drive train of the Constitution and how it works to help individuals protect their life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

George will speak on The Restoration of Personal Property Rights. Learn about the strategic plan that gets us there. He will be joined by others who will speak to the delegates on, "Liberty in our Lifetime!"

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Convention Pre-Registration helps our planning
(for lodging, contact the Olympia directly)

Name(s):

Address:

Convention Packages:

- Business Meeting, Lunch buffet, speakers: \$30
- Business Meeting & speakers only: \$15
(Student discount: 50%)

To renew membership, add \$25 regular, \$15 for students or seniors.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Clip form and send with check for advance registration to:

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