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## CONVENTION 2003 WRAPUP

The LPPA 2003 Convention in Wilkes-Barre has got to be ranked among the best for organization, a wonderful line up of informative speakers, and professionally managed from registration to closing. Kudos to Betsy Summers, Ray Masters and all of those who helped put that event together.

The freedom oriented Rock Band Pokerface, Speakers Dr Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad discussing serious erosions of constitutional freedoms perpetrated by the unPatriot Act., Marty Thomas-Brumme from Rose Center a group that profits (as well as their clients) from practicing principals of mediation for conflict resolution, Dr. James Pendleton talking about medical choice, Political Cartoonist Dennis

Draughon who is featured in this issue, Gary Nolan announced candidate for LP president – brings much to the table related to media contacts. Pennsylvania’s own Ken Krawchuck is mulling over the decision to run or not – brings

nitaries Town Mayor, city officials and members of the home rule charter committee came and showed support. Not that they agreed with Betsy on every thing but that they respected her opinions, effort and honesty. All of that was

Ronald W. Satz announces Libertarian Party candidacy for the office of Commissioner of Bucks County.

Left to right: Tim Crowley and Mark Crowley introducing the 2002 candidates: Henry Haller (Allegheny), Dave Jahn (Delaware), Ken Krawchuk (Montgomery), Jim Tinnick (Cambria), Doc Ondrusek (Lebanon), and Tom Martin (Centre).



much energy and fire to the table.

The biggest impression I have come from the energy and drive from Betsy herself. More important than words, She has proven in deeds that getting involved and active can and does make a difference. As part of the home rule charter committee She with other local officials are crafting what looks to be the new set of laws designed to govern her town. What better place to for a Libertarian to be but defining how the rules are to be written rather than hoping for a favorable interpretation. For the Friday night dinner local dig-

Bottom left: 2002 Lieutenant Governor candidate Henry Haller with convention co-organizer Betsy Summers.

Bottom right: Ray Masters, convention co-organizer



## FROM THE CHAIR

KEN KRAWCHUK LPP CHAIR

Libertarian conventions always recharge my activist batteries, and this year's Pennsylvania state convention was no exception. The gathering of over seventy Libertarians from all across the state was a great time: from the featured speakers, to the business sessions, to the almost-all-night Montgomery County hospitality suite, and more.

But now it's time to look ahead. It's a year for local elections, and hopefully a time for many local victories. We need not only candidates, but also campaign managers to help run their campaigns, media people to compose and send news releases, treasurers to deposit donations and pay the bills, petitioners to gather signatures, volunteers to distribute literature, and activists to fill a host of other roles and responsibilities.

And that's where you come in. If you can help out in any capacity, please get in touch with your local municipal leader, your county contact, or the state party office at [info@LPPa.org](mailto:info@LPPa.org) or 1-800-R-Rights. Because without you, there will be no Libertarian on your local ballot. Without you, there will be no one to present the Libertarian alternative. Without you, it'll be "business as usual" for the stats for the next two, four, or six years. To paraphrase the old cliché, now is the time for all good Libertarians to come to the aid of their party. To find out what municipal offices are up for grabs this year (excluding school boards and constable), visit [http://ctcoas01.state.pa.us/dced/MSS.DYN\\_LGO\\_yte.show](http://ctcoas01.state.pa.us/dced/MSS.DYN_LGO_yte.show)

Looking to the short term, the Pennsylvania Primary elections are coming up on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and there are many opportunities for us Libertarians to exert our influence.

Did you know that even if you're a registered Libertarian, you can still run as an old party candidate in the Primary? But you can ONLY run as a write-in candidate, and the number

of votes you receive must equal or exceed the number of petition signatures required for that office. You can call your local elections board to find out how many votes are required for victory.

On occasion, you may notice that no candidate is running in the Primary for a given office. Check your local ballot for these open offices – you may have the chance to coast to an easy write-in victory.

If you happen to be one of the many libertarians who is registered with one of the two old parties, please remember to vote in the upcoming Primary. At the very least you can vote for the more libertarian of the old-party candidates, or perhaps help a Libertarian win their write-in campaign.

If you're chair of your county or local Libertarian Party, give some thought to making endorsements in the Primary. Our party Bylaws permit us to make endorsements outside the LP, provided there is no Libertarian candidate in that particular race. Granted, many of the old party candidates aren't worth the trouble of vot-

ing for, let alone endorsing, but wherever there's more than one horse in the race, why not let your community know which one is the better one?

Sure, it may come down to a choice between the lesser of two evils, but at least weigh in against the most evil of the available horses. Many people have little clue who to vote for, especially on the local level, so your official opinion could be crucial. One of the lessons learned in the 2002 gubernatorial race is that the old parties do care about us Libertarians – we represent a block of votes that they can wield against each other. So don't be bashful about approaching them. A Libertarian endorsement (or anti-endorsement!) is a powerful tool. Don't let that weapon lie unused.

But regardless of the role you decide to play in the upcoming elections, just make sure you do something! Democracy is not a spectator sport. To quote Edmund Burke, all it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.

So do something! The future is, quite literally, in your own hands.

- Ken



# LPP CONVENTION PASSES RESOLUTION

The following six resolutions were adopted by the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania at the annual state convention in Wilkes Barre, April 4-6, 2003:

## RESOLVED

The 2003 convention instructs the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania Board of Directors to publish to the membership in a timely manner prior to the 2004 convention any proposed changes to the Constitution, Bylaws and Convention Rules.

## RESOLVED

We the members of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania join in solidarity with Steve Kubby, American exile now living in Canada seeking medical treatment for adrenal cancer. We urgently seek the lifting of all federal, state, and local laws that restrict the use of medic-

inal marijuana for the sick. We look forward to the time for him to rejoin his family and friends without government reprisal.

## RESOLVED

The 2003 convention directs the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania Board of Directors to establish a policy defining the official means of communications with the membership.

## RESOLVED

Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania initiates action to work with other organizations to remove ballot access restrictions in Pennsylvania.

## RESOLVED

Whereas the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania does not have the proper paperwork on file for all recognized counties and for county committee representatives, be it resolved that the delegates assembled desire that the Board of Directors provide all currently recognized counties, for which the proper

paperwork is not on file, with the County Documentation Kit, encouraging those counties to complete and return the appropriate forms.

## RESOLVED

We, the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania in convention, resolve that we are opposed to Governor Ed Rendell's proposed tax increases, including but not limited to:

- His proposed 34% state income tax increase,
- His proposed per-bed nursing home tax increase,
- His beer tax proposal, and
- His proposed cell phone tax.

We believe that these proposals will cause Pennsylvanians to leave our state for more taxpayer friendly states. Tax savings can be obtained through school privatization, and ending corporate welfare across the state.



## TIME TO GET CANDIDATES!!!

*FROM THE EDITOR:*

Well the political season is again upon us and it's time to put up or shut up. Become a candidate or let the evil empire's of the Repugnocrats go uncontested. If you believe in Bigger government, less freedom, less personal responsibility, further erosion of the Constitution, our currency as well as degradation of the economic environment even faster then the biological one then do nothing -

If you really can not (only you honestly know the difference between can't and wont) be a candidate, then next best thing is gather petitions to help others (50 signatures on primary election day can be done 2 hours in the morning and 3 hours in the evening). Another choice is to send in \$50 to help pay people who will gather signatures for petitions.

We should build upon the success of the past by getting more and more people running and elected for local offices -- and this is the year there are no federal, no state wide election distractions.

A paper candidate is better than none, an educational candidate is better than a paper one, an active candidate is better then an educational one and a winning candidate is better still - positive progress adds to the sum of our efforts.

Win lose or draw being a candidate is an excellent opportunity make a difference. An opportunity to get our ideas out to the people who care enough now and in the future to make a difference . I cant imagine a better or more important group of people that need infected with the Original American ideas of personal freedom and responsibility, of minimal constitutional government - it is a world of difference compared to being king of the list serve e-mail list.

# HIPAA REGULATIONS HURT PATIENTS AND DOCTORS!

PRESS RELEASE

**L**ibertarian Party of Pennsylvania says HIPAA Regulations hurt Patients and Doctors!

Harrisburg, PA - The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania today denounced the implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) as a "cure worse than the disease" and called for the passage of H.R.1699, the Patient Privacy Act.

HIPAA's scope extends beyond commerce-related issues of standardizing health care information for administrative purposes to also include reporting requirements that can force some doctors to turn over private medical records for review without patient consent. This includes even intermediate paper records about a patient's

diagnosis, treatment and assessment. Now federal and state agencies, law enforcement, and government contractors can see this information without a search warrant.

HIPAA regulations put physicians in a difficult situation. Ethical considerations require keeping patient information confidential, but regulatory considerations require disclosure. Tim Crowley, the Libertarian Party Chair of Allegheny County remarked, "Doctors and nurses are now so busy passing out confidentiality forms that they have little time for the practice of medicine. Your records may be more secure from the office staff, but they are now centralized and available to over a dozen federal and state agencies without a warrant. This is a case of the cure being worse than the disease."

Commenting on HIPAA's unintended consequences, Ken Krawchuk, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania added, "Imagine how much tougher a doctor's job will be if his or her patients no longer trust doctors and then don't tell all their symptoms. This doesn't help, it hurts."

Earlier this month Rep. Ron Paul (R, 14th TX), a physician and the 1988 Libertarian Party candidate for President, introduced H.R. 1699, the Patient Privacy Act addressing these questionable disclosures. The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania urges physicians and patients alike to support this legislation.

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## RONALD W. SATZ, PH.D., TO BE CANDIDATE FOR BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

**D**OYLESTOWN, PA, March 25, 2003 - The Bucks County Libertarian Committee, in convention, has chosen Ronald W. Satz, Ph.D., to be its candidate for Bucks County Commissioner. Dr. Satz first joined the national Libertarian Party in 1975 and was active in the national party and the party of his state residence--first Minnesota, then Pennsylvania--during the 70's and 80's; he formed the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania (LPPa) Research Committee in 1981 and wrote the first platform for the party.

Dr. Satz has three engineering degrees and two systems engineering certifications. He is president of a small commercial and custom software manufacturing and systems engineering company, Transpower Corporation. He wrote the accounting system and did the systems engineering for East Coventry Township in Chester County.

Ronald W. Satz announces Libertarian Party candidacy for the office of Commissioner of Bucks County 2-2-2

If elected, Dr. Satz promises to do the following:

1. Reduce government spending to that properly constitutional.
2. Vote on each issue by asking whether or not the proposal increases liberty, on net, or reduces it.
3. Minimize allocation of resources towards apprehending victimless "criminals."
4. Reduce taxes to the greatest extent possible. Substitute user fees wherever possible.
5. Perform legal due diligence and implement ordinances so that Bucks County can successfully block transfer of professional and business liability lawsuits to Philadelphia County.

The main focus of the campaign will be on tort reform. Dr. Satz says "The

rip-off of Bucks County residents by the Philadelphia Bar must and will end. We must stem the tide of physicians and insurance companies leaving Bucks County. We must put an end to frivolous lawsuits against our professionals and our businessmen and businesswomen. We must keep the men and women of ability in our county."

The initial focus of the campaign will be to gather sufficient signatures to get Dr. Satz on the ballot. 1298 are needed, a far greater number than what the major parties have to get, even though Article I Section 5 of the Pennsylvania Constitution says that "elections shall be free and equal."

**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT TO ADD TO THE LIBERTARIAN CALENDAR SEND IT TO THE LP PENN EDITOR TOM MARTIN AT MARTINTFRE@HOTMAIL.COM**



# WHAT HAPPENED AT VALLEY FORGE?

By DARREN WOLFE

The answer depends on whether you mean in the 18th century or the 21st. In the 18th century patriots struggled there to implement the brave words of the Declaration of Independence to separate from an empire and establish a republic. In the 21st century people gathered there to support the government that has destroyed that republic and created an empire of our own.

On March 16, 2003 there was a rally at Valley Forge. (To be precise the rally was at the so called Freedoms Foundation's property adjacent to the park.) The organizers of the rally called it a Support the Troops Rally, neither for nor against the invasion of Iraq. The rally was based on lies.

The question of how one can support the troops without supporting the war seems obvious. From my point of view on the ground there it sure seemed like a war rally. All the attendees were very pro-war.

The issue of the lies about why we went to war are well documented and too many to list here.

In the 18th century they openly and honestly stated their goals. From the Declaration of Independence: "...a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes"...

In the 21st century Clearchannel (a chain of radio stations with issues before the FCC) sponsors war rallies to curry the governments favor. The rally at Valley Forge was one of them. When the government controls the media through it's regulatory apparatus this is not freedom.

The fears of the founding fathers, that we would lose our freedoms to our own government, have come to pass. To maintain our empire we will only see more killing, unconstitutional taxation, suppression of dissent, undeclared war, loss of the rule of law, and ultimately our own country again attacked.

This is not to mention what we do to the poor people we have conquered.

In the 18th century they sought to end an empire's control of our land.

..."Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies"..."Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States"...

In the 21st century a woman, exercising her right to free speech, held up a sign across the street from the war rally. The sign simply said "Give peace a chance". It was promptly ripped down. No one stood up for her rights. A sign held up in protest deserves the same respect and protection that a book gets, whether or not one likes what it says. Ripping down that sign was just as bad as the nazis burning books.

In the 18th century they sought to establish a government whose only purpose was to protect the rights of the people.

..."That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men,"...

What we saw at Valley Forge in March, 2003 was the denial of everything the United States stands for. In 1776 this country blazed a new trail of freedom, limited government (republicanism), and peace. This is the American way. Those that want to go down the old path of empire and oppression should consider the words of President John Quincy Adams: The United States goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is a well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own. If the United States took up all foreign affairs, it would become entangled in all the wars of interest and intrigue, which assume the colors and usurp the standard of freedom. She might become the dictatress of the world. She would be no longer the ruler of her own soul.

## PENNSYLVANIA LIBERTARIAN PARTY CALENDAR & MEETING SCHEDULE

May 17th ..... Noon  
**BOARD MEETING**

At the Valley Forge Brewing Company, Valley Forge.

May 20th ..... All Day  
**PRIMARY DAY**

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# SCATTERED COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

By TOM MARTIN

One clear measure of how close the republicans and democrats really are in word and deed. Had 3 hundred or so Floridans who voted for Bush voted for Gore instead then the Right would have been up in arms outraged at anything that even closely resembles the UnPatriot act. The thought of Janet Reno being able to disappear secretly undefined lists of enemy combatants, no charges, no defense, no constitutional protections ...But when the Right's own political aristocracy does the same - not a wimper when the Bill of rights gets Bush whacked. Gees will the right complain if A demondcrat wins next time and continues the same policies?

The disturbing fact that American voter apathy is at an all time high and continues to grow is not all bad. These are the times that a few dedicated people can make a significant and positive difference.

If only the government would follow the law: Next time you go to the Department of Motor Vehicles - commit this awful crime, Offer to pay the government with government cash. They will refuse. What do they know that they aren't telling us?

Forget about Enron, Adelphia, Wold-Com, and their ilk - the total take by those clown's is a pittance compared to the Social Security Liability scam. Where the were several dozen billion frittered away by major contributors to the Republocrats in charge at least most of those who bought stocks did so voluntarily and there is a smidgen of a chance of getting some satisfaction from various thieving CEO's as some legal punishment. The Social security pyramid every one is forced to pay into it and the courts have seen to it that absolutely no one is guaranteed any return( Nestrous vs Flemming?) and the swine that foist this fraudulent generational theft upon us enjoy

Sovran immunity and are primary beneficiaries of AARP funds. The cost of World Com (11 billion, Enron 7 billion, Adelphia 3 billion Health South ? billion) is insignificant to the 54 trillion of unfunded Social Security liabilities.

On second thought - the Republicans and Democrats should not forget Enron, but they should carefully tally up their personal losses and keep in mind that it was their beloved leadership that directly benefited by contributions. These contributions are still letting them get away with it then and now. What do you expect their beloved...are still letting them get away with it then and now as well as their beloved leadership abusing their positions in government to deny their own accountability a the ballot box restricting common citizens ability to have access to the ballot and subsidizing their own access.

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