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REAMS TO WIN OFFICE AND BUCHANAN QUALIFIES

BUCHANAN QUALIFIES

by Irene Carpenter

By qualifying for the ballot for the 10th Congressional District, Robert Buchanan of Marshall in Fauquier County is off and running against the Republican incumbent Frank Wolf. Under the leadership of Shelley Tamres, the ballot petition drive utilized 27 Libertarians and independents to gather over 3000 signatures.

Robert ran for state delegate in 1997, winning 6% of the vote in a 3 way race. The congressional race includes a weak Democrat challenger and will require a media-intensive strategy targeting the Winchester and Shenandoah Valley areas.

The first Buchanan for Congress fund-raising letter was mailed. Expenditures for radio spots, brochures, and signs will require significant donations. For more information contact Irene Carpenter, Communications Director, at 703-893-3150 or e-mail: crpac@juno.com.

REAMS TO WIN OFFICE

by Gary Reams

In May, Jennifer Reams declared her candidacy for Direc-

tor of Soil & Water for Prince William County. From the beginning of the campaign she declared her intentions to win and to serve. She is the only candidate in the race virtually assuring her of a November victory.

Her co-campaign manager, Gary Reams, said that "although she hasn't uncorked the champagne yet, it's chilling in the refrigerator and yes come November there will be a celebration." Her other co-campaign manager and ballot access coordinator, Philip Hodson, reported on how this coup was accomplished. He and Gary led off the ballot access drive at the Nokesville Fair at mid morning and had completed the drive in time for lunch.

In the meantime, Jennifer is preparing to assume her position as Director and the opportunity to serve the community and the LPVA.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

by James W. Lark, III

The Liberty Coalition groups at the University of Virginia are preparing for the Fall 1998 semester. Activities planned for the semester include setting up

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EVENT CALENDAR



The State Central Committee, Call Gary Reams, LPVA chair. 703-791-4855

The LP of Fairfax County will hold a barbecue, **the George Mason Supper Club**, Saturday, September 19, 1998, from 3-7 p.m. in Vienna. **Barbecue and it's free!** RSVP and call for details and address 703 -329- 6857. All are welcome.

Patrick Henry Supper Club The schedule now will be the **first Tuesdays**, of every month except November which will be on the second Tuesday of that month.. At Morrisons Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian turnpike, Richmond. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and program begins at 7.

Campus activism. At the University of VA contact James W. Lark, III, Advisor, Students for Individual Liberty, University of Virginia, Box 514, Newcomb Hall Station, Charlottesville, VA 22904, w: 804-982-5016, e-mail: liberty@virginia.edu homepage at <http://darwin.clas.virginia.edu/~liberty> Or at home : 804-973-5958. At Washington and Lee, contact Wayne Dymacek at 703-463-6981.

Libertarian Party of Prince William Co. For more information, contact Phil Hodson 703-257-1712. The LPPWC Crab Feast will be on Sunday 4 October from 3-6 pm at Pat O'Donnel's restaurant in Manassas. Bill Yeniscavich (biyenisuz@aol) is the POC).

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Tidewater Supper Club, contact Sanford Pankin at 757-244-0516. Tidewater LP meets **2nd Saturday** of every month at the Oasis Restaurant on Kikkopan Rd at 7:00 pm.

Jefferson Area Libertarians For information, please contact James Lark.

The Future of Freedom Foundation, and **The Vienna Coffee Club**. For details contact The Future of Freedom Foundation, 703- 934- 6101 or visit their web site at www.fff.org./freedom/daily/.

The LP of the Blue Ridge meets the **third Sunday** of every month at Hoss' Steak and Sea House, Rte. 50 E., Winchester.

LIBERTY TODAY TV NEEDS HELP IMMEDIATELY!!!!!!!

Hosted by Matt Thexton on channel 10 (Fairfax County Cable). The shows airs on the 3rd and 4th weeks of a month, a new show each week. Mr. Thexton needs someone to host and produce the show or the program will expire within 3 months. On the job training provided. Call 703-536-5030.

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literature tables at the Activities Fair and on a regular basis thereafter, publishing three issues of the S.I.L. Bulletin, bringing several speakers to the University, and building protests against certain government policies. Hopefully, our outreach efforts at the Law School will take a major step forward this year.

We shall have organized effort through established groups at Washington and Lee, James Madison, George Mason, and Radford. Jason Ticknor-Schwob, a senior at Radford, has organized the New River Libertarian Alliance. At first, the Alliance will be a student group at Radford; however, the intention is to expand the Alliance into a network of groups in the New River Valley area. As both campus organizing chair and Ninth District representative, I have sent letters to L.P.Va. members and friends in the New River Valley area announcing the formation of the NRLA.

JEFFERSON AREA

by James W. Lark, III

Since May, the J.A.L. has sponsored several activities. Some of these include: 1) The J.A.L. has set up two "Operation Politically Homeless" information tables at "Fridays After Five" in Charlottesville. Names of people interested were gathered and sent to the LPVA. Six J.A.L. members served as beer vendors at the event, earning \$150.00 for the J.A.L.

2) In May, the J.A.L. cleaned a 2 mile section of Rt. 20 in Albemarle County as part of the J.A.L. participation in the Virginia Dept. of Transportation "Adopt-a-Highway" program.

3) The J.A.L. has mounted a campaign against the proposed "Mountain Protection Ordinance" (MPO) in Albemarle County. The or-

dinance, if adopted, would violate to a the rights of property owners. J.A.L. chairman Gary Westmoreland and secretary Jim Lark set up information tables at hearings on the ordinance by the County Planning Committee and the County Board of Supervisors. Lark and Westmoreland spoke against the MPO at both meetings; Brad Barnhill spoke against the MPO at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

This effort generated publicity for the J.A.L. Westmoreland was interviewed by WVIR TV following his comments to the Planning Committee; the interview was aired 3 times. Mr. Lark was interviewed on the matter by Brian Root of The Daily Progress. Our effort at the Board of Supervisors meeting was reported in The Observer. On Aug. 5, the J.A.L. achieved a victory when the Board of Supervisors agreed to table the MPO indefinitely. The J.A.L. can claim significant credit for this action by the Board.

Jim Lark was interviewed by Bob Gibson, political reporter for The Daily Progress, on the subject of Mr. Lark's election to the L.P. National Committee, and featured in Mr. Gibson's Sunday column on July 19.

BAC NEWS

by Shelley Tamres

Virginia was one of 4 states to receive an award from our LP National for significant improvements in ballot access laws. I accepted a beautiful plaque on behalf of the LPVA at the National Convention Awards Banquet, July 4, in Washington, D.C. This is wonderful recognition of your lobbying efforts last year.

We still have 2 election law bills before the General Assembly. HB 47 introduces the concept of a party petition, one petition for multiple candidates. HB 48 reduces the retention amount for party recognition from 10% to 5% of a statewide vote.

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FREDERICKSBURG LP OUTREACH

by Stew Engel

June 20th marked a day of intensifying LP outreach and organization in the Fredericksburg area. Members Don Chewning, Dale Flack, and John Mitton spent several hours staffing a Discovery Table at the Fredericksburg Giant. They received many inquiries and the store management was so pleased that they were invited to return anytime. Concurrently, Stew Engel was hosting an inaugural LP Social at his home. The event brought a nice response and drew many local Libertarians together for the first time. Area residents who would like to join in future activities should phone Stew at 540-374-9884.

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I need your help to contact these representatives and ask them to support these bills: Armstrong-H11, Behm-H91, Cox-H66, Croshaw-H81, Davies-H30, Devolites-H35, Dickinson-H56, Dillard-H41, Hargrove-H55, Ingram-H62, Jones-H76, Marshall-H13, McEachin-H74, Melvin-H80, Puller-H44, Putney-H19, Rhodes-H68, Rollison-H52, Sherwood-H29, Stump-H03, Tate-H05, Thomas-H17, Van Landingham-H45, Wilkins-H24.

Write to The Honorable Lacey E. Putney, P.O. Box 127, Bedford, VA 24523. Delegate Putney is the Co-Chair of the House P&E Committee, and also happens to be the only Independent currently serving in the Virginia General Assembly. Urge him to sponsor HB 48 and HB 49. Contact me ASAP if you will help. I will provide you with detailed information about the bills and with names and addresses of your representatives. Contact: Shelley Tamres, 108 Willow Place, Sterling, VA 20164; 703-450-0218; e-mail: Shelley-Tam@aol.com

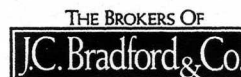
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FROM THE CHAIR- GARY REAMS

During the past month, the LPVA has taken another step forward in building a party poised to assume political leadership. As State Chair I have asked for the formation of three caucuses to deal with issues that require special attention. The purpose of the caucus is to be a two way conduit between the LPVA and a larger field.

It is hoped that these caucuses will help inform the LPVA membership on needed lobbying efforts, educate members and candidates, provide speakers regarding specific subjects, and eventually produce members who will accept political appointments from elected libertarians. At the same time the caucus members can network into a larger field in order to gain new members or raise LP credibility.

I have appointed three Interim Chairs who will form their caucuses. Although they will not report to me,

they will have my full support. I want to thank the following members for accepting this leadership role. They are Dr. Susan Atkins -Healthcare, Tanya Kangas-Ending Prohibition, and Jennifer Reams - Environment. Please give them your support.

It is with sadness, that I must report that **Bob Snapp**, Chair of the LP of Blue Ridge, passed away on August 12 after a valiant struggle against cancer. He will be missed by many. Bob staked out a role for himself in leading the LP of BR and publishing The Banner. In illness he continued his activism regardless of it's great personal cost to himself. By setting an example that we all should hope to aspire to, Bob demonstrated that he was truly a hero in the fight for liberty and human rights. He is survived by his life companion, Mary Watkins. May our prayers be with both.

IN MEMORIAM

With the passing of Bob Snapp, the LPVA has lost a great leader and tireless worker. We ask that you make a contribution in Bob's name to either of the following: Shelter for Abused Women, P. O. Box 14 Winchester, VA 22604 or Lord Fairfax Area Food Bank P.O. Box 3142 , Winchester, VA 22604. From a poem written by Bob:

*Another breeze lowered from high,
I turned my head and faced the wind.
As softly as before it sighed,
And touched Nature's hand to my skin.*

*For turning my head into the breeze,
Breathing deep, filling my lungs,
And meeting something no one sees,
I know another freedom.*

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