

MdLP Nominates Candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor



Susan Gaztañaga and Doug McNeil were nominated for the 2010 Libertarian ticket (page 5).

Chair's Report

I can't tell you how excited I am that Susan Gaztañaga and Doug McNeil are running as Maryland Libertarian Party candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, respectively!

Both Susan and Doug are longtime members of the party, and are consistently active. Both have extensive ties with other alternative parties and groups, and thus can pick up support from non-Libertarians opposed to the establishment parties.

What I really like about their prospective campaign is that it is aimed at the poor and working-class, and how Libertarian ideas will benefit them. Too often Libertarians are painted as being the friends of big business and the rich. The Democrats unfairly are considered the friends of the poor and working-class, and it is time for Libertarians to show how our policies help them.

They will represent the MdLP superbly!

I will again run a full slate of candidates for the US House of Representatives races in 2010. All of the U.S. House slots, except for the 1st and 2nd congressional districts, are open. Have you ever thought about running for office? Now is the time!

If you have been planning on running a serious campaign in the future, you can use this upcoming election as a way to learn the ropes and find out how political campaigns are conducted, without spending a lot of time or money.

Are you sick and tired of Democrats who are for the war and Patriot Act? Republicans who spend and spend? Here is your



chance to be the only anti-war/anti-spending candidate on the ballot.

What else can you do? Support our candidates! All of us are capable of donating \$100 to the gubernatorial campaign, and \$100 to one of the local campaigns within the next year.

You can serve as chairperson or treasurer for one of our candidates. You can work outreach booths, put out literature to your neighbors, write letters-to-the-editor, attend debates in which our candidates will be participating, etc.

We need to secure 10,000 petition signatures by the end of 2010. Even if Susan garners at least 1% of the vote in next year's gubernatorial election, that will only extend our party status for two years.

People are getting more and more frustrated at the one party duopoly that exists, and will be looking for an alternative. In 2008, the MdLP candidates were the only alternatives to the establishment party candidates in almost all of the races, as the Green Party only participated in one race (U.S. House-8), and the Populist and Constitution Parties ran zero candidates.

There is a very real possibility that MdLP 2010 candidates will be the only alternative candidates in the majority of races.

The 2010 elections are our chance to establish our party and policies as the alternative. Please get involved, and help out our candidates in whatever ways you can!

— Bob Johnston

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Baltimore LP Picnic - August 8, 2009



The Baltimore City/County Libertarian Party at an outing at *Belmont Park* in Parkville.

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Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met on the grounds of Dave Sten's home in North East, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 4:44 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Dave Sten; and Bill Buzzell. It validated that 11 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 26 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 7 March 2009 and 28 June 2009 Central Committee meetings were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: Michael Linder's computer hard drive has crashed, and an unofficial report was recreated and distributed.



The Board dropped the \$1880 liability insurance policy, a major expense; the National LP indicated that no other affiliates carry such policies, and event-only insurance is typically available instead.

Chair's Report: Bob Johnston thanked the Stens for hosting the picnic, and Jim Lark for making the long drive to attend; and welcomed Jim Rash and his group which attended from the Delaware LP. Our membership is at 69, with 11 monthly donors. Muir Boda was appointed to the Salisbury Recycling Board, a direct result from his candidacy. Tony Spezio stepped down from the Executive Board in July; Bob thanked him for his service;

Justin Kinsey was appointed to temporarily replace that position. The BoE had fined us for delinquent reports, but surprisingly waived all fines; we are in good stead with them at the moment. The Treasurer had been keeping track of funds targeted to dissolved county affiliates, but as significant time has passed those categories have been absorbed into the general fund. The Board has the discretion to supply startup funds to any new or renewed affiliates in the future. Bob is getting inquiries from prospective candidates, and the interest is expanding.

Muir Boda (Media Director): has been maintaining the www.mdlibertarian.com blog which has 100 hits per day; he solicits contributions. He encourages Letters to the Editor, members can forward them to him for submission if desired. Muir issued a press release after the 28 June nominating meeting.



Executive Board Vacancy: M. Justin Kinsey was nominated and unanimously voted onto the Board, replacing Tony Spezio.

Candidates: Darlene Nicholas was nominated and unanimously voted to be the MdLP candidate for Prince George's County Council in the 2010 election. Richard Davis reports that he has been to Annapolis and filed his Congressional campaign papers; he expects the race to be similar to that of 2008. Justin Kinsey states that there is a possibility that he will have no Democrat opponent, making it a two-way House

of Delegates race between himself and an aging Republican; he has been networking with grassroots organizations.

New Business:

Bill Buzzell has a house full of LP equipment and literature, which must be freed up. Motion: the state LP shall purchase an 8x6 storage shed and shingles to be placed in Bill's backyard for that purpose at an expense up to \$800; approved. Several members volunteered to assemble the unit.

Darlene Nicholas proposes the formation of a Public Relations Committee of 3-5 people; it was decided that the Board will create such an Ad Hoc committee, and consider making it a standing committee after a year or thereabouts.

Justin Kinsey gave the rights to a lion logo he had had created for branding purposes to the MdLP.

Announcements: Bill Buzzell reports that the Baltimore LP participated at Towsontowne, the Druid Hill Pride Festival, and the July 4th parade. Upcoming events are Essex Day on 20 Sept. and Fells Point on 3/4 Oct.; those fees have been paid but the treasury is depleted and can use contributions. 17 Sept. is Constitution Day and there is a rally in D.C. on 12 Sept. Jim Lark thanked us for the invite and the Delaware contingent for attending. Spear Lancaster spoke on his successes promoting charter schools in Maryland; he has a handout and offers assistance setting up additional schools.

Adjournment: the Central Committee meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

— Robert E. Glaser



Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at Robert Glaser's home in Owings Mills, Maryland. Treasurer's reports for periods ending 3/7/2009 and 8/21/2009 were distributed. The meeting was called to order at 2:39 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: 8 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting, plus 1 proxy was represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 34 members.

Treasurer's Reports: were accepted as submitted.

Nominations of Candidates for Statewide Office:

Susan Gaztañaga was nominated for Governor. She spoke: her main issues will revolve around the economy (basic libertarian policies, deficit, regulations inhibiting business creation, high taxes, cuts from budget for activities the state should not be involved in, stimulus money only to infrastructure). Doug McNeil was nominated for Lt. Governor. He said: he works well with Susan; is well-known and respected by Greens; is a leader in the antiwar movement; active in gun rights, TrueVoteMd. It was agreed to nominate the two offices as a slate. The ticket was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: the Central Committee meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.



Update on the Ballot Access Crisis

Quick summary for those not familiar with this issue: A very bad decision by the Maryland Court of Appeals now requires an impossibly high standard for petition signature verification, which has dropped validity rates to as low as 13 percent. Essentially, the right to petition no longer exists in Maryland.



Since my last report in our newsletter, there have been developments in the federal lawsuit, which was brought by the sponsors of a failed referendum petition drive in Howard County. The original judge dismissed the case, but the plaintiffs filed a petition for rehearing, which was granted. Now we have a new judge, and oral arguments were heard on Friday, November 20. We expect a decision within a month or two.

Before the court hearing, Richard Winger (the editor of *Ballot Access News*, and the world's leading authority on ballot access law) and I prepped the plaintiff's attorney on the legal arguments that we thought were the strongest, namely that this new standard clearly violates the federal Voting Rights Act, which makes it illegal to disqualify voters for minor technical problems that do not affect the ability to verify a voter's identity. (At least it's clear to us, and we hope it will be equally clear to the judge.) The plaintiffs are strongly committed to this case, and I expect that if they lose they will appeal to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, from which we've gotten favorable ballot access rulings in the past.

But we can't wait for the court's decision, whatever that may be – we could lose this case. So Michael Cornell of the Maryland Green Party and I are organizing a legislative effort to change the law, which will fix the problem. Del. Elizabeth Bobo (D-27A) attended a meeting that we held about this crisis, and she is expected to introduce legislation in January to solve the problem.

When that happens, we will need everyone in the Maryland LP to get behind it. We just have to fix this problem, or else we're finished as a political party.

— Doug McNeil

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Libertarian Obituary: Erwin Vogel



Longtime past and current MdLP member Erwin Vogel passed away at age 88 on October 21 of respiratory failure. He was the first recipient of the MdLP's predecessor to what is now known as the Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award in 1987. See Gerald Schneider's article for more on Mr. Vogel. Obituary notice at: www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/27/AR2009102703825.html

The Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award



The history of this award is an interesting one! It was originally called the *Libby Award*, and was given to recognize the party member who contributed the most in a particular year to the growth and development of the Maryland Libertarian Party. Erwin Vogel (see my note about him in the February 2008 newsletter) was the first winner (selected by a committee that included Delores Blum, Frances Eddy, and Don Monroe). He received the award at the October 31, 1987 Maryland Libertarian Convention.

The award included three one-ounce 1987 "American Eagle" silver coins purchased from the party's presidential candidate at that time, Ron Paul (his firm), along with a proclamation that read as follows:

WHEREAS, Erwin Vogel is among the leading pioneers establishing the Maryland Libertarian Party; WHEREAS, he was the first individual in Maryland to run for elective office as a Libertarian; WHEREAS, he received 16% of the vote in that two-way race for State Delegate; WHEREAS, he volunteers to serve and has a sustained record of service at the Libertarian Party booth at the Montgomery County Fair; WHEREAS, he contributes financially to support undertakings of the Maryland LP; WHEREAS, his continuous participation in party affairs spans almost the length of the party's history; THEREFORE, the members of the Maryland Libertarian Party recognize Erwin Vogel as the first recipient of the annual Maryland Libby award. He has our gratitude for his sustained contributions to the advancement of liberty. (Members of the Award Committee signed the proclamation on behalf of the Maryland Libertarian Party.)

Several of us wanted a more formal name for the award even if it would informally be called the *Libby Award*. I suggested calling it the *Luther Martin Award*. Luther Martin (c. 1748-July 10, 1826) was the first attorney general of Maryland. He served 30 years as such, was a member of the Continental Congress, and a member of the Federal Convention. Martin was an anti-federalist (the libertarians of his day) who opposed a strong central government, and walked out of the convention without signing the U.S. constitution. But another Marylander, Samuel P. Chase, an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, organizer of the Sons of Liberty, delegate from Maryland to the First Continental Congress, active in the American Revolutionary War, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and who joined Luther Martin in opposing the Constitution in 1788, was chosen as the name for the award. (He became a Federalist in the 1790's for unknown reasons, which is why I preferred Luther Martin.)

I was the second winner of the *Libby Award*, but was given a plaque (brass on wood) that took the formal name and read as follows: "Samuel Chase Freedom Award, presented to Gerald Schneider by the Maryland Libertarian Party for the year 1988." A proclamation was included presented at the October 8, 1988 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention, signed by the Award Committee (Curt Kastens, Chairman; Doris Gordon, and Bob

Jackson), that read as follows:

The Maryland Libertarian Party presents DR. SCHNEIDER with the 1988 Libby Award for his long service promoting the cause of liberty. As the only libertarian columnist in the state, DR. SCHNEIDER, writer of the Libertarian Outlook Column for the *Wheaton News*, has presented a libertarian viewpoint to thousands of Marylanders every week for at least five years. As a candidate for State Legislature in 1982, DR. SCHNEIDER was the first libertarian candidate in the nation to receive a National Rifle Association endorsement. He also received 20% of the vote in this election. As a longtime member of the Montgomery County Libertarian Party, DR. SCHNEIDER has been a key activist in organizing past tax protests and county fair booths. Perhaps DR. SCHNEIDER's greatest contributions to liberty are the work he has done monitoring the Montgomery County government and delivering speeches at public hearings and before various local civic groups.

I find no record of and do not remember anyone getting the Samuel P. Chase award in 1989. Whether this was oversight or no one was deemed qualified enough that year I cannot say.

Imad A. Ahmad was the 1990 winner. I had the honor of selecting the award, a limited edition of a Statue of Liberty commemorative collector's radio (cast metal statue on a plastic base that contains the radio sold through Radio Shack where a portion of the purchase price went towards the statue reconditioning project; it measures 11¼ inches high by 3½ inches wide). I also gave the presentation of the award to Dean (the name you know him better as) at the October 20, 1990 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention that went as follows:

Perhaps no one has contributed more to the growth and development of the Libertarian Party of Maryland than Imad A. Ahmad, known to his friends as Dean Ahmad, winner of the 1990 Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award of the state party. Dean has held every elected post, as well as having been newsletter editor, of both the state party and the Montgomery County Central Committee party, including hosting the November 1980 organizing meeting of the Montgomery County group. Of course, he was also elected National Committee Member At Large and Secretary of the National Libertarian Party, and has chaired and been a member of several national party committees over the years. Dean was campaign manager for Tom Mather's special 5th Congressional District run in 1981, Gerald Schneider's 20th State Legislative District run in 1982, and Sam Grove's 8th Congressional District run in 1984. Dean, himself, was a write-in candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1988.

Highlighting his community activities was his appointment this year by Montgomery County elected officials to membership on the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Central Business District Association and last year became the elected president of the East Bethesda Citizens Association, a first for a state libertarian.

Even though not required to do so, Dean has voluntarily used his computer to maintain party membership, voter, and donor records, and has always been able and willing to back-up and update other persons with official

responsibilities for such record keeping. Since 1980, Dean has been a leader and/or organizer of every state and Montgomery County anti-draft and anti-tax demonstration. Dean is truly a Libertarian activist for all seasons, and worthy of the 1990 Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award.

James ("Jim") Spriggs was the 1991 winner of the Award, presented to him at the October 6, 1991 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention. State party chair at the time, Dean Ahmad, presented the award to Jim. I can find no mention of the text of the presentation except a note in the November-December 1991 FREE STATE LIBERTARIAN LETTER (its title at the time when Norman Rule was the editor) saying: "Jim has been active in the State Party for many years." There is also no record I could find of what the award was that year.

Bill Buzzell was the 1992 award winner recognized at the October 25, 1992 Maryland Libertarian Convention. I have no record of the presentation text or what the award was except this brief note in the November-December 1992 FREE STATE LIBERTARIAN LETTER: "Although Bill has never run for office, no one can deny the time and effort he has put into the Party over the years."

Amy Rule received the award for 1993 at a presentation given at the November 13, 1993 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention. Dean Ahmad presented the award. The only record I can find of the presentation was this brief note in the November-December 1993 FREE STATE LIBERTARIAN LETTER: "The Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award was presented by former recipient, Dean Ahmad. The award is given to someone who has exhibited outstanding service and support for the cause of freedom. Amy has served as county Chair in Montgomery and Howard counties, as well as serving for three years on the Maryland LP Executive Committee."

There is no record of a Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award being given in 1994. But outgoing State Chair, Lorenzo Gaztañaga, recognized "some of the outstanding activists of the year with the new *Defender of Liberty* awards: Dan Anderson for Grassroots Activism, Glenn Howard for Unsung Hero, Earle Pearce for Media Outreach, and Wayne Dougherty for Consistent Activism" at the October 15, 1994 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention as reported in the November-December 1994 FREE STATE LIBERTARIAN LETTER.

Jesse Markowitz won the Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award in 1995 at the October 21, 1995 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention. I can find no record of what the award was or the presentation. Jesse, himself, at the convention, presented *Defender of Liberty Awards* to Scott Becker "for grass roots organizing on ballot access," Dan Anderson "for stepping in and tackling the tough job of Treasurer," Chris Gardinier "for her behind the scenes work," and Ruth Mayer "for her work with the newsletter" as reported in the November-December 1995 FREE STATE LIBERTARIAN (title then used).

I can find no record of awards given for 1996 at the October 19, 1996 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention. Newsletter reports focus on Libertarian Presidential Candidate, Harry Browne, as keynote speaker.

Lorenzo and Susan Gaztañaga were 1997 winners of the

Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award given at the October 19, 1997 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention with a presentation by Dean Ahmad. This was the first joint award of its kind. The Winter 1997-98 FREE STATE LIBERTARIAN newsletter reports it as follows:

The high point of the evening was the presentation of the Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award to Lorenzo and Susan Gaztañaga. Master of Ceremonies Dean Ahmad presented the first ever joint award to honor the Gaztañagas' long and varied service to the LP. Over the past 5 years, both have served on the state EC. Lorenzo served 2 years as state Chair, and rejoined the EC this summer when nobody else was willing to take over the Treasurer position. Susan is currently the Baltimore County Chair. They served as editors for the *Free State Libertarian* this past year, and are always available whenever volunteers are needed to get something done. (I have no record of what the award was.)

Earle Pearce was the 1998 Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award winner with this note provided by Susan Gaztañaga in the December 1998 FREE STATE LIBERTARIAN newsletter reporting on the October 24 and 25 (two-day) 1998 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention as the only record I could find:

Earle Pearce, one Maryland Libertarian who used the media to get the message out, received the prestigious Samuel P. Chase Award – appropriately, a privately minted silver coin. In the six years this writer has known Earle, this was the first time I have seen him speechless – he was that surprised and moved.

I find no record of the Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award for 1999. The January 2000 FREE? STATE LIBERTARIAN ("?" now in title) newsletter does note, however, that at the October 16, 1999 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention, State Chair Steve Boone "presented awards to hardworking MdLP members.

1999's *Defender of Liberty* award went jointly to Susan and Lorenzo Gaztañaga."

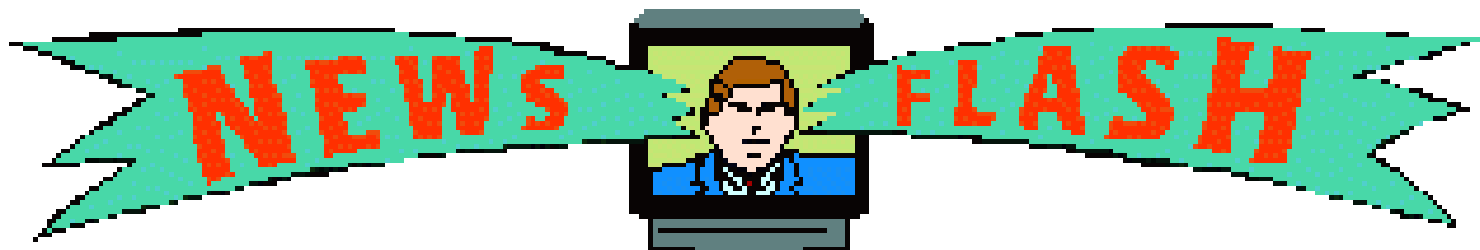
I find no record of the Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award being given in the year 2000. But the January 2001 FREE? STATE LIBERTARIAN newsletter's report on the November 11, 2000 Maryland Libertarian Party Convention notes: "After dinner, awards were given out. The *Defender of Freedom* award went to Spear Lancaster..."

I will end here as it appears Newsletter editor, Robert E. Glaser, has the information to bring the next nine years up-to-date. Those of you who received Samuel P. Chase Freedom awards in years not found by me, if any, and those with copies of presentations that went with their awards not mentioned by me, are invited to submit them to me or Robert. I think documenting party corporate history is very important!

— Gerald Schneider

Please advise of any missing recipients or years. The record is also posted on the www.MD.LP.org/history/chase.php web-page.

1987:	Erwin Vogel
1988:	Gerald Schneider
1990:	Dean Ahmad
1991:	James Spriggs
1992:	Bill Buzzell
1993:	Amy Rule
1995:	Jesse Markowitz
1997:	Lorenzo & Susan Gaztañaga
1998:	Earle Pearce
????:	Spear Lancaster
2001:	Wayne Dougherty
2003:	Tony Spezio
2004:	Doug McNeil
2009:	Robert Glaser, Ron Kean



In the News

Gerald Schneider's letter to the (Montgomery County) *Gazette* was published online on September 9. In "Appointed commissioners often 'safe' choices" he notes that "Appointees are not chosen necessarily for their knowledge or objectivity... These boards and commissions might as well be abolished because their recommendations are not likely to be unbiased."

The *Gazette* published **Gerald Schneider's** letter online on October 21: "Montgomery County's seniors are fortunate." He points out that transportation, recreation, libraries, and other county facilities are heavily subsidized for them.

On October 23, the (Easton) *Star-Democrat* published **Michael Andersen's** letter on health insurance (at right).

Gerald Schneider's letter to the *Gazette* was published on November 6. In "Publicly funded campaigns a bad idea" he refutes a previous editorial. Public funding forces voters to indirectly support candidates they may not like; special interest money will continue to go to liked candidates with less public monitoring; money rarely overcomes unpopular ideas; limitations on outside funding enhances incumbents. Are politicians really "public servants" who "look past self-serving votes?"

Congratulations to our public advocates. Please send in reports of your successes, too!

Editor's Corner



Thanks to this issue's contributors. The next issue will probably be for March. As an election year, 2010 will have much activity – remember to send in reports and photos as they occur.

Gerald Schneider points out in his article in this issue that it is important to maintain historical records. In this day and age, we are lucky in that the web offers a fantastic means to maintain public records. In that light, you will find the MdLP calendar of events going back to the website's inception in 1998; older information is not deleted so that we will indeed have a means to look back. The photo album goes back to 1998 as well, and audio files date to 2002.

You will find current and back issues of the *Free? State Libertarian* on the website. Those go back to the Summer/Fall 1997 issue. I had earlier editions, but had donated them to the JHU College Libertarians. Unfortunately, when that group dissolved mostly upon graduation, the organization faltered and I failed to recoup the documents. So if you have earlier issues of the newsletter, please loan them to me: I'll scan them and add to

Star-Democrat

It is a common mistake to say that the United States is a democracy when we are actually a republic. The founding fathers deliberately set up a republican form of government in which the states held the vast majority of power, with the national government only being permitted to perform enumerated functions as defined in the Constitution, even if a majority wanted the federal government to do more.

The Constitution sets out the 21 specific federal powers and the 10th Amendment – which is the last of the Bill of Rights that was adopted almost immediately after the Constitution itself – states quite clearly that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

In the context of the current debate on a massive federal intrusion into health insurance it seems clear that this is entirely unconstitutional because it would violate the 10th Amendment.

Proponents of the federal involvement, however, point the preamble's "general welfare" clause as justification for the health care take over.

My open question to our senators and congressman is if the general welfare clause can justify this health insurance takeover then it can be used to justify any federal action; what therefore limits the federal government?

Furthermore, why would the founding fathers have bothered to even have a 10th Amendment if they intended clauses like the general welfare one to be used to legitimize anything and everything?

Our republican system has been designed to empower states over the federal government: If residents of Maryland want a government health care take over, we can certainly have it here. But the 10th Amendment makes it very clear that the federal government has no such power.

I am interested in how our senators and congressman feel about these very important questions, especially since all three swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution. I hope they will respond specifically on these pages so we all know their philosophy.

— Michael Andersen

the website. You'll get your copies back, I promise!

Have a great New Year, and let's see if we can move Maryland in a more libertarian direction in 2010.

— Robert E. Glaser

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U.S. Individual Health & Tax Return 2010 (99) IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

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For the year Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2010, or other tax year beginning . . . , ending . . . , 2010

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If a joint return, spouse's first name and initial . . . **Last name** . . .

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see page 14. . . . **Apt. no.** . . .

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, see page 14. . . .

OMB No. 1545-0074

Your social security number . . .

Spouse's social security number . . .

You must enter your SSN(s) above.

Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund.

Presidential Election Campaign ▶ Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund (see page 14) ▶ ☐ You ☐ Spouse

Filing Status

Check only one box.

1 ☐ Single

2 ☐ Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)

3 ☐ Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here. ▶

4 ☒ Head of household (with qualifying person). (See page 15.) If the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent, enter this child's name here. ▶

5 ☐ Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child (see page 16)

Exemptions

6a ☐ Yourself. If someone can claim you as a dependent, do not check box 6a

6b ☐ Spouse

6c **Dependents:**

(1) First name	Last name	(2) Dependent's social security number	(3) Dependent's relationship to you	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If qualifying child for child tax credit (see page 17)
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If more than four dependents, see page 17 and check here ▶ ☐

6d Total number of exemptions claimed

Income

7 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2 7

8a Taxable interest. Attach Schedule B if required 8a

8b Tax-exempt interest. Do not include on line 8a 8b

9a Ordinary dividends. Attach Schedule B if required 9a

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10 Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes (see page 23) 10

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12 Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C or C-EZ 12

13 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here ▶ ☐ 13

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16a Pensions and annuities 16a b Taxable amount (see page 25) 16b

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18 Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F 18

19 Unemployment compensation in excess of \$2,400 per recipient (see page 27) 19

20a Social security benefits 20a b Taxable amount (see page 27) 20b

21 Other income. List type and amount (see page 29) 21

22 Add the amounts in the far right column for lines 7 through 21. This is your **total income** ▶ 22

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35 Standard Sexual Activity ____ or attach Schedule XXX 35

36 Add lines 23 through 31a and 32 through 35 36

37 Subtract line 36 from line 22. This is your **adjusted gross life** ▶ 37

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We, the undersigned voters of Maryland, support the organization of a political party to be known as the _____ Libertarian Party.
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NOTICE TO SIGNERS: Please print or type all information other than your signature. Post Office Box addresses are not generally accepted as valid. By signing this petition, you agree that the above-named party should be recognized as a political party in Maryland and that, to the best of your knowledge, you are registered to vote in Maryland and are eligible to have your signature counted for petition purposes.

Please Note: The information you provide on this petition may be used to change your voter registration address.

	DATE (mm/dd/yy)	PRINT FULL NAME	PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	DATE OF BIRTH	SIGNATURE, SAME AS PRINTED
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Under penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that: (a) I was at least 18 years old when each signature was obtained; (b) the information given to the left identifying me is true and correct; (c) I personally observed each signer as he or she signed this page; and (d) to the best of my knowledge and belief: (i) all signatures on this page are genuine; and (ii) all signers are registered voters of Maryland.

Individual circulator's printed or typed name

Residence Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number

Circulator's Signature

(Sign and date when signature collection is completed)

Date (mm/dd/yy)

Total Number of Signatures
 Number of Invalid Signatures
 Number of Valid Signatures

Endorsed by:

Petition Instructions

The page at the left may be torn out and used, you can copy it and use the copies, or you can download it from our website. Only one side per page can be used, however.

Only registered voters' signatures count. Each page must be used *only* for a single county or Baltimore City. The relevant address is the one the Board of Elections shows as the person's residence. PO boxes are generally rejected unless for the rare circumstance where the registration address itself is a PO box. Business addresses are also not valid. Remember, the local county Board of Elections actually matches the submitted petition address with their list of registered voter addresses: no match means the signature does not count.

The information should be written as clearly as possible; block lettering (printing) is desired, except for the signature, of course. Try to get the full name as registered with the Board of Elections, i.e. *John T. Doe* or *J. Thomas Doe*.

The printed name should match the signature as provided.

The date of birth is recommended but not actually required. If the voter balks, ask for the month and day only; or the month and year only. Tell them it is the Board of Elections asking so that they can verify the signature.

Anyone, including the circulator, may write the voter's information on the form; but the signature must be that of the voter.

Voters can sign similar petitions for other political parties, but naturally can only sign once per party. It creates no obligation to support the party or its candidates. You might explain that while the form says "New Political Party" in our case it really means "Renew" our existing political party. Most people do not know that we are required to collect signatures *just to exist* and to be able to place candidates on the ballot.

You can assure signers that the MdLP will not use this information for any other purpose and that they will not be put on any mailing list. Tell them that the form is a Maryland Board of Elections form and that it is the state requesting the information – not us. If they want information on the LP, pass that request along as a separate matter.

The circulator must be 18 years old at the time the voter fills out the form, but does not have to be a registered voter nor a resident of the relevant county (or even the state of Maryland).

Fill out the circulator's block *after* the page has been completed. Address stickers are okay (but add the telephone number). Be certain to fill out the circulator's signature and date. The circulator's date *must* be after the most recent voter's signature date.

Mail the original sheet(s) in to the PO Box 176 address. Please send them in as you collect them.

Thank You!!!

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Libertarian Party of Maryland www.MD.LP.org/join-form.pdf **Membership Form**

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

County:

Email:

Phone (day):

Phone (evening):

Phone (other):

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, and occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Political contributions are not tax deductible.

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

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COMING EVENTS


Stay up-to-date on MdLP activities with our online calendar-of-events: visit www.MD.LP.org/events/ (often!). Check page 3 for contact numbers not listed here.

December 23 (Wednesday): 7:00 pm. MdLP Executive Board meeting via teleconference. Robert Glaser

March 2010: MdLP Annual Convention, Dundalk. Bob Johnston
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