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Chair's Report



Like many of you, I was disappointed with the results of the elections this month. [Results from the November 2nd general election to the right.] I was hoping that our numbers would have improved from 2008, but they didn't.

Regardless of the results, there is value in running candidates, as it is the most cost-effective way to get the Libertarian message out, as well as attract new people to the cause. Even if we don't win elections, our issues may get advanced by candidates from other parties.

One of the good things to come from this election was that Susan Gaztañaga's issue on nominating a state police superintendent who would allow conceal-carry permits to law-abiding gun owners was adopted by both Republican gubernatorial candidates Brian Murphy and Bob Ehrlich.

Also, the MdLP has the third-highest party voter registration in the state, surpassing the Green Party over the summer. We now have 8,996.

Further, our candidates went up against a Green and/or a Constitution Party candidate in five different races, and our candidates' vote totals surpassed them in each race. MdLP candidates did not finish worse than third in any race.

I am grateful to all of you who ran for office this year, and for the sacrifices you, as well as your family and friends, made in your efforts. I wish to particularly thank the Gaztañagas, who were out campaigning most nights after work, and every weekend, and traveled all over the state.

I also want to thank those of you who supported our candidates, financially, as well as attending their appearances, knocking on doors, and putting out door hangers.

All eight U.S. House of Representatives seats are up for grabs in 2012, as well as U.S. Senate. Several of our candidates have expressed an interest in running again, and I hope they do run.

One way in which we can win elections now is in municipal elections. There are 157 self-governing municipalities in Maryland, all but four non-partisan: the exceptions being Annapolis, Baltimore, Frederick, and Hagerstown. Most of these municipalities will be electing officers for some or all of the available positions in 2011. You can view the list of state municipalities here:

www.msa.md.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/html/mun.html

To maintain our party status in Maryland, and be able to continue running candidates for office and place them on the ballot, we need at least 10,000 valid petition signatures by the end of the year.

Please take a petition sheet or two with you to your events this holiday season, and get as many signatures as you can. Instructions on obtaining petitions and filling them out are in this issue of the newsletter. Instructions can also be found on the MdLP website at:

www.MD.LP.org/ballotaccess

Are you a monthly donor to the MdLP and LP? Your much-needed funds go to running the websites, publishing and sending the newsletters, funding our candidates, and maintaining ballot access. You can become a monthly donor to both the state and national parties for only \$5 per week.

— Bob Johnston

Mark Grannis appointed to replace Dave Sten on the Executive Board, who stepped down due to time constraints. Many thanks to Dave for his years of hard work on the Board.



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Maryland Governor/Lt. Governor

O'Malley/Brown Democratic	Ehrlich/Kane Republican	Gaztanaga/McNeil Libertarian	Allwine/Eidel Green	Knowles/Hargadon Constitution
1,044,961 (56.24%)	776,319 (41.79%)	14,137 (0.76%)	11,825 (0.64%)	8,612 (0.46%)

District	Representative in Congress			
1	Andy Harris – Republican	Frank Kratovil, Jr. – Democratic	Richard Davis – Libertarian	
	155,118 (54.08%)	120,400 (41.98%)	10,876 (3.79%)	
2	Dutch Ruppersberger – D	Marcelo Cardarelli – Republican	Lorenzo Gaztanaga – Libertarian	
	134,133 (64.21%)	69,523 (33.28%)	5,090 (2.44%)	
3	John Sarbanes – Democratic	Jim Wilhelm – Republican	Jerry McKinley – Libertarian	
	147,448 (61.07%)	86,947 (36.01%)	5,212 (2.16%)	
5	Steny H. Hoyer – Democratic	Charles Lollar – Republican	H. Gavin Shickle – Libertarian	
	155,110 (64.26%)	83,575 (34.62%)	2,578 (1.07%)	
6	Roscoe Bartlett – Republican	Andrew Duck – Democratic	Dan Massey Libertarian	Michael Reed Constitution
	148,820 (61.45%)	80,455 (33.22%)	6,816 (2.81%)	5,907 (2.44%)
7	Elijah Cummings – D	Frank Mirabile, Jr. – Republican	Scott Spencer – Libertarian	
	152,669 (75.18%)	46,375 (22.84%)	3,814 (1.88%)	
8	Chris Van Hollen – D	Michael Lee Philips – Republican	Mark Grannis Libertarian	Fred Nordhorn Constitution
	153,613 (73.27%)	52,421 (25%)	2,713 (1.29%)	696 (0.33%)

House of Delegates – Libertarian		Wicomico County Council, 2: Michael Calpino 2,275 (30.39%) Calvert County Commissioner: Rich Falcone 77 (0.06%) Cecil County Board of Educ., 5: David Sten (pri) 1245 (11.77%)	
5B: M. Justin Kinsey 863 (4.38%) 11: Brandon Brooks 2,341 (1.77%) 15: Arvin Vohra 1,910 (1.69%) 21: K. Bryan Walker 1,151 (1.53%)	29C: Shawn P. Quinn 474 (3.36%) 31: Joshua Crandall 2,015 (1.83%) 45: Ronald Owens-Bey 2,309 (3.71%)		

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Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at Robert Glaser’s home in Owings Mills, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 8:36 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: 9 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting; no proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 37 members.

Nominations of Candidates: The following candidates were nominated: Joshua Crandall for House of Delegates, 31; and Ron Owens-Bey for House of Delegates, 45. Each was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Adjournment: the Central Committee meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

— Robert E. Glaser

MdLP Picnic — Saturday, 21 August 2010



The Stens hosted our picnic at their home in North East. Above, Michael Linder talks; Reneé Sten grills; food gets consumed.

Reisterstown Festival – September 11/12



Brandon Brooks, Susan & Lorenzo Gaztañaga, Darlene Nicholas, Bill Buzzell (left); Bill administers The Quiz and marks results on graph

Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 21 August 2010

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 4:35 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Dave Sten; and Bill Buzzell. It validated that 14 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. No proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 34 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 13 March, 15 May, 19 June, and 21 July 2010 Central Committee meetings were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: Michael Linder advised of various county election board notices notifying us of pre-election run-throughs; previous reports to the BoE that had been rejected have been updated. The current Treasurer's report was accepted noting that the amount due the BLP requires an update.

Chair's Report: Bob Johnston thanked the Stens for hosting the picnic, and was pleased to see that Jim Lark and Denise Minter were present. He has been working to get lapsed members to renew: 10 of 19 from 2009, and 7 of 19 from 2008 have renewed; primary impediments are changed phone numbers and inability to pay dues. As of the end of June LP registration was at 8457; we are ahead of the GP by about 200; we added 800 in a year and we could achieve the 1% mark in about six years at the current rate of increase. John Kotmair's *Save-A-Patriot* group invited an MdLP rep to attend a "Freedom Lovers Unite" conference; there was a follow-up meeting; Tony Spezio attended both on our behalf, will continue. Ray Wodarski of Randolph Macon College in VA has interned this summer for the MdLP. He has gathered sigs, constructed a media list of state newspapers, and has composed a LTE supporting our candidates which he will send to each newspaper next week. Our 18 candidates are the most for a state 3rd party in the last 30+ years, in the existence of the MdLP, according to Richard Winger of *Ballot Access News*. CP has 10, and the GP has 5. State candidates using social media (Twitter, YouTube, Facebook) are now required to have an authority line in any political advertising. The Exec Board decided to transfer \$1000 from the MdLP treasury to Susan's campaign to run ads on WBAL 1090. Bob has written and sent out a fundraising letter for Susan and all of our candidates to raise money for more ads. Justin Kinsey stepped down from the Board; Bob appointed Arvin Vohra to fill in until today's meeting, where the position is to be filled for the remainder of the term.



LNC Rep Jim Lark: there are 5 congressional candidates in VA, several in DE, and some in WV. Several statewide candidates in PA withdrew after signatures were challenged (losing the case would have bankrupted the LPPA). The LNC finances are good, membership is fluctuating, we have candidates around the country. September 17 is Constitution Day and Jim urges candidates to use that to illustrate the differences between us and the R's, D's.

Executive Board Vacancy: Arvin Vohra was nominated and unanimously voted onto the Board, replacing Justin Kinsey.

Constitutional Amendment: on the table for yes/no from the 3/13/2010 meeting:

Append to Article VII Section 1: At the time of filing, all candidates of the Maryland Libertarian Party to public office must be registered Libertarian as defined in the qualification for Central Committee membership. Vote = NO unanimously by a voice vote (reason was to defer to newer version)

New proposed Constitutional Amendment:

Append to Article VII Section 1: At the time of filing, and continuously through the date of the corresponding General Election, all candidates of the Maryland Libertarian Party to public office must be registered Libertarian as defined in the qualification for Central Committee membership stated in Article IV, Section 2. Should any candidate fail to meet this qualification after nomination and if the state has already been notified of that nomination, the Chairman and Secretary are directed to notify the State Board of Elections that the Party's nomination is rescinded.

Append to Article VII Section 2: Should the Local Central Committee of the corresponding jurisdiction not exist, or not be recognized by the appropriate County or State Board of Election, or the jurisdiction crosses the boundary of more than one such Local Central Committee, or the duly authorized Chairman of an empowered recognized Local Central Committee so request, the State Central Committee may nominate such candidates in the same manner as described in Section 3 of this Article.

Vote = YES unanimously by a voice vote (to be voted up/down at next CC meeting)

Candidates: Susan Gaztañaga has been very busy attending campaign-related events, on the order of 3 per week; Scott Spencer had a meeting at the Howard Co. library with the "Founders Freedom Club," was at the Pride Festival; Richard Davis was at meetings in Kent Island, Salisbury Rotary Club, Perryville, and the Tawes Clambake; Arvin Vohra is using social media (has more followers than Bob Barr), made a cable public access video; Dave Sten has been at NAACP, North East Chamber of Commerce forums and is advertising in Voter's Guides; Lorenzo Gaztañaga has been at Campaign for Liberty, and Tea Party forums, the Black and White Gala, and Pride Festival.

Announcements: Bill Buzzell requests assistance for the Reisterstown Parade on 9/11; and booths at the Reisterstown Festival on 9/11, 9/12; Essex Day 9/19; and Fells Point 10/2, 10/3. Robert Glaser advises that candidates can get state registration lists from him; and pushes for sig collection on Primary Election Day.

Adjournment: the Central Committee meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

— Robert E. Glaser

Dundalk 4th of July Parade



I enjoyed participating in the parade. I have often served as a Security Marshal at antiwar demonstrations, and I like it, and this is basically the same mechanics.

The parade began at a shopping center parking lot, and we marched through mostly residential neighborhoods. The whole parade route was heavily lined with spectators – I don't know how Dundalk ended up with this, but it's one of the largest Fourth of July parades in the country, if not the largest. It was huge.

I was on point, carrying a 3' x 5' American flag on a 6' (fortunately, lightweight aluminum) pole, leading the several members of our contingent. There was a nice intermittent breeze that often kept the flag flying, and I would shift it, sometimes holding the flagpole at an angle in front of me (but never letting the flag touch the ground, as per protocol), and sometimes carrying it over one shoulder or the other (depending on which way the breeze was blowing), in order to display the flag to best effect.

Directly behind me were Jerry and Scott, at each end of a large 12' wide horizontal Libertarian Party banner on a pole. Lorenzo was in the middle between them, helping to carry it, and he kept saying "Have a nice Independence Day" to all of the spectators as we walked by – and he got a very nice response from a lot of them. It's fortunate that he was not holding up one end of the banner, because he kept having to run out when someone from the crowd would shout out, "Hey – Lorenzo!" and he would run over and shake their hand. A lot of people seemed to know him – I was very impressed.

And behind them was our chase car, flags flying and plastered with campaign signs. Darlene was driving, and Susan (as the head of our ticket) was standing up through the open sunroof, waving to everyone as we passed by. Behind the Gaztanagamobile was Bill (who set this whole thing up – he is such a huge asset to the party), who was walking and carrying another campaign sign, to close off our procession.

In front of our entourage was a pickup truck with four people in the back, plus a chase car and a few walkers, from the Eastern Wrestling Association. They were all very muscular, and one shirtless guy stood on the roof of the pickup the whole time, constantly performing bodybuilder poses. And as the heat and the blazing sun became more intense, he would sometimes grab a water bottle and pour it over one of the walkers. It was all very humorous, so it put the spectators in a good mood for when we walked by behind them.

"Hey – Libertarians!" a number of people shouted to us along the way. We're a small party, but there are a lot of people who really like us and respect us – and they will vote for us in November.

And there were small flags and bunting everywhere, but there was one older guy who was sitting in a chair, who stood up and saluted when the real flag that I was carrying passed by. I was very moved by this, so I saluted him back smartly – I'm a veteran, as I'm sure that he must have been also.



I was driving the Gaztanagamobile – or as I had dubbed it to be said in a most Ahrnold accent – the Guvernatormobile!! I had a blast escorting Susan, who waved to everyone through the perspective of my sunroof and handed out her cards to those who expressed a particularly positive response. Not having prepared any Libertarian traveling music in advance, I searched through my very limited selection for something to enliven our entourage.

I had met Melanie – the then 19-year-old Melanie who sang at Woodstock – at our Anaheim convention several years back. Before that I loved her music, but never realized she was a card-carrying Libertarian (Large L). That explained why I resonated with her lyrics. While we were lining up, I started playing one of her CDs, which seemed like nice background music, but not particularly appropriate for the venue – until just as our section of the parade started to head out for the road when at the most appropriate time, what has now become a campaign theme song started to play. I just kept repeating it over and over – blaring out as loud as my speakers could go without distortion, "Freedom Knows My Name!" At some point I believe she also sings "Freedom Calls My Name" and at the very end, she concludes that "Freedom Calls Your Name." What a great upbeat theme song it turned out to be!

I was singing along at the top of my lungs while Susan tried to wish folks a Happy Independence Day and told them to "Vote Libertarian!" I started to target women in the crowd, would actually slow down, turn down the music, point up over my roof, and pose a question: "What do you think of a woman governor? Vote for Susan Gaztañaga as the first woman governor and we'll have a truly Free State of Maryland!" Well, I had struck a chord. Nearly invariably, I received a thumbs up, which I would return! Susan started to hand the cards to those women who reacted that way. They would proudly jump up and run to take a card from Susan as if they had won a prize. You could witness the light bulbs going off over their heads, I swear.

I didn't realize how powerful a chord I had struck, until we started to hit an area where Ehrlich signs were on every other house. I was hitting women in between the signs as if to say, "Hey, there is a third choice. You don't have to vote like your neighbor!" Then just to the right of a group of jeering men with all kinds of Ehrlich paraphernalia surrounding them, I spoke to the very bored-looking women accompanying them – and bam!! They suddenly realized there was a third choice and they did NOT have to go along with their husbands, boyfriends, or other male relatives – they could make their own statement – their own choice!! I was surprised and pleased to see them nodding their heads, clapping, and saying "Yeah!!! – Why not?" I'd love to have heard some of those conversations that night!

And last, but not least, were the veterans who proudly wore their Korea, WW II, Vietnam, Gulf War, etc. caps. I would stop and point to them, give them a thumbs up, and say, "Thank You. Thank you for serving." They would humbly acknowledge the thanks with a slight nod of the head and perhaps a little bow. It

As we passed each of the two reviewing stands, the speaker would read the name of each group of marchers as we passed by, and for us it was “the Libertarian Party, the third largest political party in America, with more elected officials than any other.” And then they read the names of each of our candidates who was marching, along with the offices that we were seeking.

As we approached the second reviewing stand, the speaker announced the wrestlers. And after they passed, we stopped. And he handed the clipboard to another speaker to announce us.

He handed the clipboard to Bill Barry, who is a very well known Green Party activist, who ran for Baltimore City Council in 2007 – and he got a higher percentage of the vote than any GP candidate ever had. And Susan, Lorenzo, and I had worked on his campaign. So, needless to say, he gave us a very warm introduction, and he added some friendly banter with us, calling us by name, to show that he knew and approves of us. And of course, he knows how to pronounce Susan and Lorenzo’s last name correctly.

Susan wants to put together a Green/Libertarian Unity Reform Slate to throw the bums out in next year’s Baltimore City Council elections. I heartily agree, and I’m positive that Bill will want to be a big part of that. Ecumenicalism definitely has its advantages.

So, if you couldn’t make it this year, they do this every year – and so do we. I hope that you can come next year – it’s a lot of fun, and it’s very good for the party.

— Doug McNeil

was dedicated people like that who won our hard-fought independence.

My hope is that people saw and heard the Libertarian message a little more clearly as they realized that Freedom was calling their name – that if they wanted to maintain that hard-won independence, perhaps they might be called to vote for the party that has unfailingly stood for freedom – for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as so eloquently addressed in the Declaration of Independence so many, many years ago.

— Darlene H. Nicholas



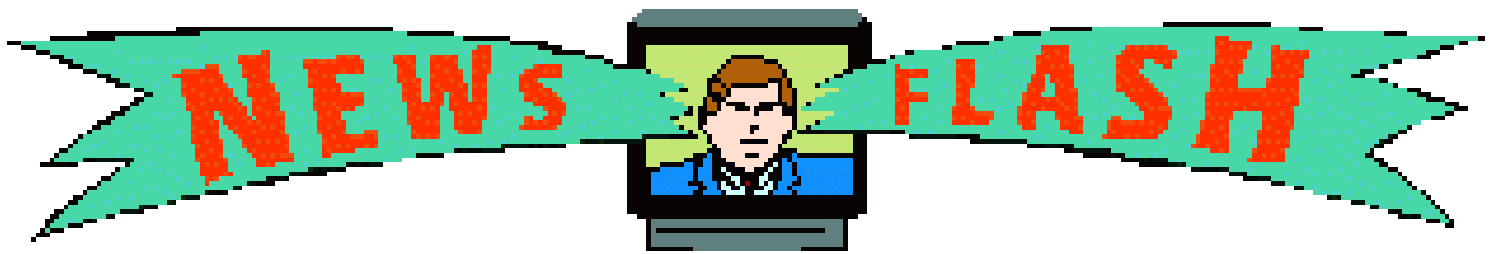
Post Election Wrap-up Meeting



On November 13, about 25 Maryland Libertarian Party members and guests met in Robert Glaser’s Owings Mills basement to relate their election experiences. Many of the attendees were our candidates and their campaign workers. Despite the fact that none of our nominees won elective office, the atmosphere was up-beat.

Where would you guys like to see the national convention at in 2012? Dallas, Las Vegas, or San Francisco?

— Doug Craig HankReardan@yahoo.com



In the News

Gerald Schneider's letter to the (Montgomery County) *Gazette* was published on July 23. In "Say 'no' to a state constitutional convention" he responds to columnist Allan Lichtman: his chief concerns are losing the requirement for a state balanced budget and unrelated amendments. He's also against Lichtman's suggestions of a fossil fuel-free zone, public financing of state elections, abortion rights and financing, involuntary collective bargaining, and gambling prohibitions.

The (eastern shore) *Daily Times* printed letters from candidates **Mike Calpino** and **Richard Davis** in its August 1 issue.

The *Washington Beacon* published **Gerald Schneider's** October letter in which he refutes an earlier editorial urging seniors to vote for government programs that assist the elderly. He decries "forced charity."

The *Gazette* published **Gerald Schneider's** letter on October 6: "Fillmore subsidies amount to crony capitalism." He says that using tax money to help pay for private business construction is a waste.

On October 22, the Montgomery County Executive awarded a certificate to **Gerald Schneider** in recognition and appreciation of his contribution as a volunteer at the Holiday Park Multiservice Senior Center.

Gerald Schneider's letter to the *Gazette* was published on November 3. In "A rail system for people with one-track minds" he supports buses as an alternative to rail lines for the Purple Line because they can be rerouted or discontinued.

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

August 10, 2010 *Baltimore Sun*:

Palin endorsement in Maryland no surprise

Unlike many observers, I was not at all surprised by former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's endorsement of Brian Murphy for governor ("Palin steps into Maryland politics, backing Murphy," Aug. 5). It was the logical thing for her to do.

During his four years as governor, Bob Ehrlich increased state spending by 33 percent. This is the opposite of what tea partiers want – they want smaller government.

Mr. Ehrlich is also pro-choice on abortion, while Ms. Palin is pro-life. And he is not very good on gun rights, which is a top tea party issue. For Ms. Palin, Mr. Murphy is better on every one of these issues.

So why would she endorse Mr. Ehrlich?

If Mr. Ehrlich wins the primary as expected, then tea partiers will face the difficult choice of either voting for him in November, or voting for the Libertarian or Constitution Party nominees, who are much more in line with their views.

And as I like to say, if we don't start voting for what we want, then we're never going to get it.

— *Doug McNeil*

The writer is the Libertarian Party's nominee for Lt. Governor of Maryland.

October 29, 2010 *Daily Times*:

Your View: Libertarian agenda is to give you back control

Can we afford it? I suspect you're way ahead of me here. I won't try to discuss the national debt, beyond that it's rising faster than I can write about it, much less get this into print. We are running this country as if we hold it on an interest-only mortgage, and we've been seeing how well those generally work out.

On any given issue, even if we can do it and we should do it, that doesn't mean we can afford it right now. The idea that we can simply borrow or print more money won't carry us forever. Better we end those practices while we still have hope of being in control of the situation rather than waiting for disaster to dictate to us.

This will be my last letter before the election, so let me urge you all to vote. If you want government to take care of you (and run your life, which ultimately must follow), either the Republicans or the Democrats are happy to accommodate – it just depends on whose format you prefer.

If you want to run your own life – and correspondingly, take care of yourself and your loved ones – then right now, the Libertarian Party is the only one seeking to give you the greatest possible opportunity. I won't claim it will be quick or easy, but if you can imagine a future where the federal government doesn't even try to control everything – vote Libertarian.

— *Dr. Richard J. Davis*

Hurlock

Davis is a Libertarian candidate for Maryland's 1st Congressional District.

“Libertarian Forum” to be revived



As many of you will recall, I was the host of an internet radio program called “The Libertarian Forum” carried by Libertyfeed.com from late 2003 until about 2005. This program discussed current events from a libertarian perspective and featured guests from various backgrounds. Due to everyone’s being overcome by events, I was forced to discontinue this program after 2005.

I’ve been approached by the powers-that-be at Liberty Works Radio Network to do a show with them – which seems imminent, logistics pending. I’m planning a target date for the first show to be the first week in December. In addition to discussing politics from a libertarian perspective, I plan to discuss other topics that include but are not limited to health issues (particularly from a holistic perspective), faith and religion (generally, but not exclusively from a more liberal theological perspective), lifestyle matters, ‘people in the spotlight’ making news of one sort or another, and so forth.

The general format of the program will remain the same as it was with the previous show, consisting of interviews with subjects on matters dealing with the topic(s) at hand. The program will be known by a different name which has yet to be determined; although two names I’m kicking around include simply “Perspective” and “Spotlight.” Other suggestions will be considered.

As I’ve stated some logistics must be in place. First, as with my previous program, the focus of the program will be interviews with guests. Some of you did this and you’re definitely welcome back! Getting the word out will help a great deal. Second, to keep the broadcasts going, sponsorship is essential. This is not limited to donations and can include advertising. Air time costs \$20 per hour. Travel is about 40 miles one way. Therefore, I must be able to secure the funds necessary to keep the program going. The length of the program will be one hour in the beginning with time being expanded should interest grow.

The program can be heard on the internet at: www.LibertyWorksRadioNetwork.com and is heard on the air on 104.3 FM in the Tampa/Ocala Florida area.

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**Contact:
Robert Glaser**



I’ll be setting up an email address for correspondence specifically devoted to the show. Anyone wishing to be a guest can contact me through that medium. As it was before, I’ll likely be arranging pre-show conferences usually via telephone with guests to get a rough idea as to what to expect.

— *Tony Spezio* TheSpeez@yahoo.com

Americans for Safe Access to Submit Medical Marijuana Bill

The Americans for Safe Access will submit a bill to make medical marijuana available for patients in Maryland. It will be submitted to the Maryland state legislature in January 2011.

Voters from California to Maine have consistently voted 70 to 80 percent in favor of medical marijuana. Libertarians running for office may be able to pick up more percentage points by adopting medical marijuana as a campaign issue.

A similar medical marijuana bill passed the Maryland Senate with a great majority in 2010. It stalled in the House on a technicality. The ASA expects to overcome the hurdles next year.

Please support medical marijuana and contact Kristen Ford at MdPatientAdvocate@gmail.com. For more information visit the web page at MdSafeAccess.org.

— *Luke Bryan*



56 years of driving and today was the first time anyone ever mentioned a bumper sticker on my car or truck. But I’ve only had a Libertarian bumper sticker for a couple of weeks. I stopped at my printer’s shop this morning. As I was reviewing a couple of documents before going in, there was a rap on my window.

“Nice truck,” the man said, “but your bumper sticker is even nicer.” It got us talking about the Libertarian Party and I got a chance to show him my membership card and to tell him how to become a (capital letter) Libertarian rather than just someone with a libertarian perspective. He took notes.

— *Walt Seager* wseager*pennyhill.com

State of Maryland - Petition to Form a New Political Party

For _____ County or ☐ (check if Baltimore City)
We, the undersigned voters of Maryland, support the organization of a political party to be known as the _____ Party.
The State Chairman is: Robert S. Johnston III Address: 1311-D Sheridan Place Bel Air, MD 21015

NOTICE TO SIGNERS: Sign and print your name (1) as it appears on the voter registration list. OR (2) your surname of registration and at least one full given name AND the initial of any other names. 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 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 this petition.

Please Note: The information you provide on this petition may be used to change your voter registration address.					SIGNATURE, SAME AS PRINTED	
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Residence Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number

CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

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.

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!!!

Copy or Clip Form ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

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: _____

Anyone may become a member of the MdLP. To become a voting member of the Central Committee, your voter registration must be Libertarian (or request it if the state does not permit Libertarian registration, and not be registered with any other party): verbally certify your registration status and your agreement with the non-aggression principle with your affiliate officers or the state Secretary. For more information, contact Bob Johnston at NewMember*md.lp.org.

Payment Information

Maryland/county-only dues \$ 20.00

Additional donation: _____

Total Payment: \$ _____

Monthly Credit Card Donation: \$ _____

☐ Check ☐ Mastercard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover

Card# _____ **Exp:** _____

Signature _____

I'd like to volunteer for:

- ☐ Envelope stuffing
- ☐ Outreach programs
- ☐ Computer work
- ☐ County organization
- ☐ Campaign help
- ☐ Public Relations
- ☐ Other: _____

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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 14 (Tuesday): 7:00 pm. MdLP Executive Board meeting via teleconference. Robert Glaser

December 31: Deadline for petition signatures (submit before!)

Gallery Gang: Mondays while the Maryland General Assembly is in session January 24 through April 11, 2011 to lobby legislators before the session, attend, drinks afterward. Meet on the State House steps at *Lawyer's Mall* in Annapolis at 7:45 pm. Tony Spezio TheSpeez@yahoo.com

March 2011: MdLP annual convention (check website for date)

1-800-MLP-1776

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