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Convention Announcement Issue

Join us at the Libertarian Party of Maryland 2011 Convention!

When: Saturday, March 12th, 2011

Where: *Squire's Italian Restaurant*
6723 Holabird Avenue
Dundalk, MD 21222
www.SquiresCafe.com

Schedule:

- 12:30 - 1:15 pm Registration
- 1:20 pm Opening Remarks
- 1:30 pm Ken Krawchuk
- 2:30 pm Jim Lark
- 3:30 pm Len Lazarick
- 5:00 pm State Central Committee Meeting – including regular business plus the following:
 - Nominations and Elections for the Executive Board
 - All positions are open for election
 - Voting on motions to amend the State Party Program, if any (only motions presented and discussed in the Program Committee meeting on February 28th will be considered for an up/down vote)
 - Voting (up/down) on the proposed Constitutional Amendment from 8/21/2010 (page 5 in the December 2010 *FSL*)
 - Check your mailing label to verify that you are paid up and eligible to vote
 - Minutes of the previous Central Committee meeting (8/21/2010) are in the last newsletter and on the website
 - Central Committee members may delegate a proxy (Sign and date a statement designating another member of the Central Committee as agent, granting that agent the power to vote in the Central Committee. Either mail the proxy statement to the Secretary (Robert E. Glaser, PO Box 321, Owings Mills, MD 21117), or the agent should present the proxy to the Credentials Committee upon arrival.
- 6:30 pm Dinner Banquet: Lasagna, Baked chicken, Green beans, Parsley potatoes, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, tea, soft drinks
- 7:30 pm Featured speaker: James Bovard
- 9:00 pm Adjournment

Directions:

- From the north: take 95 south or 83 south to 695 south to Essex/Key Bridge; exit at Merritt Blvd., go 2 miles, make right on Holabird Ave.; restaurant is 2 miles on the left
- From the south: take 95 north to Baltimore; take 895 Harbor Tunnel Thruway; go through the tunnel; take first exit past tunnel (Holabird Ave.); follow for 2 miles; go through intersection at Dundalk Ave.; restaurant is 1/4 mile on the right

Questions or more information: Bob Johnston, Chair*md.lp.org

Alcohol: Cash bar (Budweiser & Miller Lite bottles; Coors Lite on tap; wine; name-brand liquors; top-shelf liquors and other bottled beer)

Lunch menu: full cold buffet, including roast beef, turkey, salami, and cheeses, as well as vegetables and dip, bread/rolls, and sheetcake

Cost: \$50 by March 7 (click the credit cards at left side of webpage or mail check to Box 176 address); \$55 at the door for full day attendance. Half-day price is \$30, in advance or at the door (before 6:30 pm or after 6:30 pm only). Please notify Bob if you expect to come so that he can provide the restaurant a head count, plus you will receive a pre-printed namebadge. The Central Committee *only* meeting has no charge.

Check the website for convention updates.

Program Committee Meeting

There will be a Program Committee meeting on Monday, February 28 at 8:00 pm (or whenever the Board meeting finishes up).

Via Teleconference. Contact Robert Glaser for access numbers to attend (410-363-6626, n3ic*ICengineering.com).

Chair's Report



Just because the November elections have passed doesn't mean there isn't any electoral activity until 2012. As is usual in odd-numbered years, municipalities in Maryland will be holding elections for some or all of their offices. There are 157 self-governing

municipalities in the state. You can see the list here:

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

You can view the calendar of state municipal elections here:

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

You can also get to the Maryland Municipalities webpage by going to the state website, Maryland.gov, click on the link to the Maryland Manual Online on the right side of the page, then click on the link to the Maryland Municipalities page near the bottom of the screen.

These are races that are winnable *now*. The Libertarian Party currently has 156 people in elected office in the U.S., and many of these are at the municipal level.

MdLP vice-chair Muir Boda is running for the Salisbury City Council, for the second time. After his first run, Muir was appointed to the recycling committee, and has been a regular attendee of the city council meetings. He frequently has letters-to-the-editor published in the *Salisbury Daily Times*, and has positioned himself to have a solid chance at getting elected.

The primaries for the Salisbury City Council are on March 1. The top six vote-getters advance to the general election, which will be held on April 5 – the top three will serve on the council. You can view Muir's campaign site here: Boda4Salisbury.com

If you are interested in running for office, please contact me. We will be happy to furnish you with the information you need to run for office, campaign resources, and help with setting up a website. I can also put you in touch with a Libertarian who has been elected to municipal office, and is currently serving.

I hope you will be able to join us for the annual MdLP spring convention, being held on Saturday, 12 March, at *Squire's Italian Restaurant* in Dundalk. As always, we will have excellent speakers joining us, including:

- Ken Krawchuk is a former chair of the Pennsylvania LP, two-time former LP candidate for Governor there, and will be discussing his new book *Atlas Snubbed*, which details shortcomings of the Objectivist philosophy and how they have hurt the Libertarian message, and why we should promote a new strategy: the separation of society and state.
- Jim Lark, former Libertarian National Committee chair, current region 5 representative, and professor at the University of Virginia. He will be discussing "Knee-Jerk Libertarianism: A Cure for a Common Disease."
- Len Lazarick is the editor and publisher of MarylandReporter.com, the premier website on politics in Maryland. He will tell us how we can get more media attention.
- James Bovard is a Libertarian author, and a frequent guest on talk shows across the country, including the Ron Smith Show on WBAL-AM. James Bovard is the author of nine books, and has written for many publications.

We submitted 13,787 signatures to the BoE on January 10. They postponed the turn-in date until March 7, so continue collecting signatures until we post that we have been approved.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments you may have.

— *Bob Johnston* (443-310-5373, Chair*md.lp.org)

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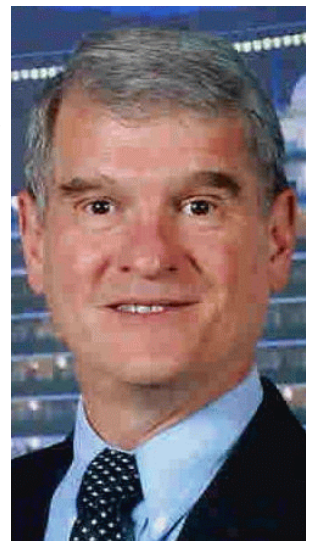
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James Bovard is the author of nine books, including *Attention Deficit Democracy*, *The Bush Betrayal*, and *Lost Rights: The Destruction of American Liberty*. He has written for the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Playboy*, *Washington Post*, *New Republic*, *Reader's Digest*, and many other publications. He is a contributing editor for *American Conservative* magazine and *The Freeman* and a regular contributor to *Freedom Daily* magazine. The *Wall Street Journal* called Bovard "the roving inspector general of the modern state," the *New York Times* tagged him "an anti-czar Czar," and George Will called him a "one-man truth squad." *Lost Rights* received the Free Press Association's Mencken Award as Book of the

Year. His writings have been publicly denounced by the chief of the FBI, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of HUD, the Postmaster General, and the chiefs of the U.S. International Trade Commission, the DEA, and FEMA, as well as by many congressmen and other malcontents.

Ken Krawchuk has been a registered Libertarian for almost twenty years. He's run for public office eight times, including two record-breaking campaigns for Governor of Pennsylvania, and has served two terms as Chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. He's also an award-winning Distinguished Toastmaster, a professional public speaker, and a freelance writer. His first full-length novel, *Atlas Snubbed*, is a parody sequel to Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*, and is due for release later this year. The novel focuses on certain shortcomings of Rand's Objectivist philosophy and how those failings have adversely impacted the Libertarian message, then presents a brand new political solution to them – the separation of society and state – which is also the topic of his talk.



Len Lazarick is the editor and publisher of MarylandReporter.com, a news site on state government and politics which has won regional and national journalism awards. Len was formerly the State House bureau chief of the daily *Baltimore Examiner* from its start in April 2006 to its untimely demise in February 2009. In the 1980's, Len was State House chief and political editor of *Patuxent Publishing*, then a chain of 13 weeklies, and in 1997 was senior associate producer at Maryland Public Television for coverage of State House hearings. He has been an editor at numerous publications large and small, including *The Washington Post*, *Patuxent Publishing*, *The Business Monthly*, and the *Trustee Quarterly*. Len has been a regular commentator on Baltimore talk radio as well as the Baltimore cable TV news show *ReportersRoundtable.com*

Longtime MdLP friend Jim Lark presents "Knee-Jerk Libertarianism: A Cure for a Common Disease." He will give examples of how Libertarians engage in knee-jerk behavior that scares away people who should be allies, and suggest ways to cure the disease.



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

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County:

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Phone (day):

Phone (evening):

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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.

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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!).

Saturdays 5pm: Tony Spezio's *Perspective* webcast

February 14 (Monday): Frederick Douglass and Terry Atwood memorial day

February 28 (Monday): 7:00 pm. MdLP Executive Board and Program Committee meetings teleconference. Robert Glaser


Gallery Gang: Mondays while the Assembly is in session 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 12 (Saturday): 1:00-9:00 pm. MdLP annual convention.

April 18 (Monday): Tax Day protests

April 30/May 1: Towsontown Spring Festival. Bill Buzzell

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