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Libertarian Party of Maryland 2021 Convention – Saturday April 17

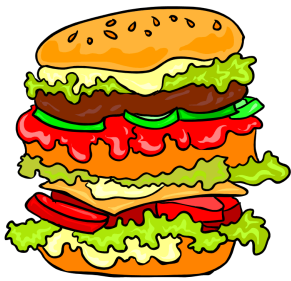


The MdLP 2021 convention convened with quite a turnout at the *Bavarian Brauhaus* in Hanover. Bob Johnston retired as Chair after 14 years: top middle photo is one year into his administration and below that is at its end; he seems happy both times, maybe for differing reasons. Thank-you's to outgoing Executive Board members Michael Linder and Stu Simms, and welcome to first-time member Kyle O'Donnell (top right) and returning member David Dull (bottom right).



Our speakers were Kerry McDonald (left), Senior Education Fellow at *Foundation for Economic Education*; she brought us up-to-date on how COVID-19 has affected home schooling numbers and regulations. Spike Cohen, 2020 LP VP candidate (above center) chatted with us via Zoom from Alaska. Renowned libertarian author James Bovard (above right) educated us to conclude this year's event. See you next year! MP3's on website.

See page 2 for picnic and Central Committee meeting announcement – Sunday, June 27



P I C N I C



What: Libertarian Party of Maryland Annual Picnic

Date: Sunday, June 27 (if heavy rain ☹ check website that morning!)

Location: 16 Partridge Lane, North East, MD 21901 (Dave Sten's home)

Schedule: 1:00 pm: Picnicking

The MdLP platform will be voted on at the picnic

3:30 pm: Central Committee meeting (no charge)

Cost: \$15.00 please mail check to Box 176, pay by credit card on website, or pay in person upon arrival. Children free. Questions? Contact Eric Blitz.

Food: provided (hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, soda, juice, H₂O)

Bring: folding chairs, beer

Camping: feel free to camp out on the grounds Saturday and/or Sunday night

Directions:

Take North I-95 to exit 100 (North East). Merge onto Route 272 South toward North East and U.S. 40. Continue south on 272 about 2.4 miles to the U.S. 40 intersection, and continue south on 272 (Main Street) through the town of North East. On the other side of town Main Street becomes 272 South and is a two-way road. Continue south for another 5.5 miles. Turn left onto Elk River Lane. (Note: You will notice that Elk River Lane is near when the shoulder of the road disappears and the speed limit changes from 50 mph to 40 mph.) Travel 0.6 miles and then turn right onto Elk River Lane. (Elk River Lane is a dirt lane. Dave will make sure that signs directing people to the picnic will be visible.) Follow Elk River Lane for 0.4 miles, and turn right onto Partridge Lane. (There is a row of about 20 mailboxes at the turn for Partridge Lane.) Travel a few hundred feet to Dave's house (small blue cottage on the left). Turn into his driveway, and continue through the grass along the line of trees – the location is at the bottom of the hill.



Activities:

- Beach Volleyball
- Tetherball
- Horseshoe Pits
- Canoe
- Swimming

Note: \$8.00 video/\$6.00 E-ZPass toll on I-95 and Route 40 northbound, but free southbound on both. No toll on Route 1.

Don't miss it -- Seven years without rain!!!

Chair's Report – “Be the Shepherd”



When we consider how we should communicate with non-libertarians, who represent the vast majority of people we need to eventually win to our cause, we should consider both the tone we employ and the purpose of our message. In many ways, those two are inextricably related.

In the combative arena of politics, especially on social media, it is easy to characterize the people we seek to win over as being sheepish, blindly following a herd. It is borne of the frustration of dealing with people who accept the status quo politics with apparently little thought and reflection on what constitutes their ‘true’ values. It brands them as cowards for holding a different view

and following along with the positions of one’s political opponents.

So, if the public is being sheepish, the pivotal difference in how Libertarians choose to react is one of perspective. Do you point to the sheep and yell in condemnation “Sheep!” or do you point to the wolves that surround the sheep, those who are seeking to prey upon the herd for their own purposes and send out the warning of wolves? Do you become yet another would-be wolf that the sheep are scared of and must run from, or do you become the shepherd? A shepherd leads those she seeks to protect to safety because they are valued. If you start any conversation with those you seek to convince with castigation, how receptive to your future messages on any subject are they likely to be?

People are not born as fully-functioning, completely educated and consistent libertarians. A three-year old is quite confident in wanting to use their freedom to do as he or she pleases, but has no conception of the responsibility it takes to fully plan and prepare for their next meal. The motivation to teach life lessons to a child is borne of love and respect and the child will take that knowledge to heart if it is imparted in that spirit. While we can’t treat adults like

three-year old’s and still hope to convince them to accept libertarianism’s twin demands of liberty and personal responsibility, we can teach them the necessary lessons using a similar love and respect.

There are plenty of ‘love thy enemy’ quotes from inspirational leaders, and doing an internet search brings some interesting variations on that idea, but I do not necessarily love my political enemies. I view some of their ideas as vile and offensive to a just and sustainable society. While I will continue to respect their humanity, I can’t go so far as to say I will love them. But I am less focused on my political opponents than our mutual audience, because those are the people that can be moved towards libertarianism. In reaching out to that audience, it is critically important that I not consider them my enemy simply because they are allowing my political opponents to get votes or adopt policies I oppose. I can’t know their enduring political values and it is really easy to over-generalize the mandate of any particular election result. I also have to believe that our audience can change their minds if presented with different ideas. That is our party’s mission. To use the electoral process to expand the base of people attracted to candidates and policies that we represent, by explaining our ideas, our policy choices, our principles.

Libertarianism builds the necessary fences to protect us from the wolves in society. Choose to be the shepherd to lead people to that safety and be patient, because as they become more libertarian, they may show the precociousness of youth. They’ll experiment with jumping those fences, may want to argue where the fences should be, or may never agree with your personal interpretation of libertarianism. We don’t need universal consensus on those details to build a society far better than the one we’ve inherited. What we need is a majority to have a common understanding of the broad outlines of libertarianism and to join us in a commitment that it provides credible answers to political questions. We can and likely will still argue the details of the implementation, but if we have given them a paradigm of broad principles through which those future debates can occur, we’ll have led them as far as we can. The rest of the responsibility will be theirs.

— Eric Blitz

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Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 17 April 2021

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at the *Bavarian Brauhaus* in Hanover, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 3:29 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Stuart Simms; and Dean Ahmad. It validated that 45 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. 13 proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 70 members. (Five minutes of attendance identification deleted from audio recording.)

Chair's Report: Bob Johnston thanks Phil Dassing, Krystal Woodworth, and Stu Simms for putting on this convention. He welcomes Executive Director Tyler Harris, Dan Fishman, LNC Chair Joe Bishop-Henchman, LNC representative Susan Hogarth, and Dr. Lark. We have 166 members and 15,675 registered voters. We are a recognized party and need 1% registrations or 1% vote for governor to maintain status. All partisan state offices are up for election next year, interested candidates contact Bob. Eric reports no ballot access law bill made it out of committee; he is requesting the BoE to continue accepting electronic signatures, gives it a 50% chance. The MdLP decided not to go with the national LP's CRM, we will have our own along with a new website from Krystal Woodworth.

The agenda: was agreed upon unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of the 18 July and 17 October 2020 Central Committee meetings were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: was accepted as submitted by Eric Blitz after he distributed and described budget documents.

Bylaws change: Motion made by Dean Ahmad and Robert Glaser to amend the Bylaws as follows. In the "Transferable Ballot Method of Proportional Representation" bylaw, change this: "N offices; C candidates; B ballots: each ballot is a list of candidate names in order of preference with no minimum or maximum number. The voting algorithm is as follows:" to this: "N offices; C candidates; B ballots: each ballot is a list of candidate names in order of preference with no minimum or maximum number. 'None of the Above (NOTA)' is always included as a voting option, is treated as a candidate, and is never dropped. The voting algorithm is as follows:"; passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Officer Elections: Eric Blitz and Kyle O'Donnell were nominated for Chairman; Blitz 51, O'Donnell 10, NOTA 0; vote totals discrepancy noted, the body unanimously agreed to accept the results; Eric Blitz is elected. The following were nominated as officers: Kyle O'Donnell, Krystal Woodworth, Phil Dassing, Alexander Schlegel, David Dull, Robert Johnston III, Robert Glaser, and Stuart Simms. Ballots were distributed and tabulated: Krystal Woodworth, Kyle O'Donnell, Phil Dassing, Robert Glaser, David Dull, and Robert Johnston III are elected. (Voting from 5:03-5:11 deleted from audio recording.)

Tyler Harris, LP Executive Director: heartening to be in the room. Is very pleased to see that this growth is typical of what is being seen across the country. They are strengthening the pipeline of individuals who come to National. National wants to support the affiliates; has a team to assist in electing Libertarians. They are building out the infrastructure. Implores all to join National or become a monthly pledger.

Dan Fishman: proud to be an MdLP member; May 1 is national

libertarian day of service; *working towards joy*
[People4Liberty.org/nldos](https://people4liberty.org/nldos).

Eric Blitz: Bob Johnston has been working very hard for this party for 14 years, thanks him. Presents a card for Bob and beer from various members for him is outside.

Dr. Lark: Congratulates Eric and thanks Bob, a good captain who takes responsibility and shares credit.

Joe Bishop-Henchman, LNC Chair: due to the pandemic, who do we need to hire, and who do we need to sue; Jorgensen/Cohen were on the ballot in all 50 states. We're growing 5-8% per year, Democrats 2%, Republicans 0%. 1 in 90 Americans voted for Jo. We have overcome ballot access challenges and being more proactive on that issue. Working on getting elected to state legislatures: now we have two. National is rolling out a 16-course state campaign certification training program.

Chase Award: Dean Ahmad described the history of the Samuel Chase Award. Lorenzo Gaztañaga presented this year's award to Shawn Quinn for running for Governor so heartily twice; "he campaigned like it was the end of the world." Shawn pointed out that "You can't do it by yourself."

Constitutional Amendment:

In V6B, replace : "A written petition of twenty percent or more of the members of the State Central Committee may call a meeting of the State Central Committee for a specific stated purpose." with "A written petition of twenty percent or more of the members of the State Central Committee as of the close of the previous Central Committee meeting may call a meeting of the State Central Committee for a specific stated purpose." The Investigating Committee of Bob Johnston, Dean Ahmad, Eric Blitz, David Dull, and Brian Krahling recommend passage. The vote passes unanimously on a voice vote.

Recess from 5:23-5:46

Resolution: Phil Dassing offers: "*Whereas* the instituting of a database of citizens' personal healthcare decisions that tracks your health status is not a Constitutionally recognized function of government, and *Whereas* the collusion between government and private business in creating and implementing such a database creates an intrusive surveillance system and could result in a tyrannical medical caste system, and *Whereas* a resulting vaccine passport system infringes upon the peoples freedom of movement and to go about their normal lives, *Therefore*, the Libertarian Party of Maryland opposes, in the strongest possible terms, any and all attempts to institute a vaccine passport system in the state of Maryland." Passes on a voice vote.

Eric Blitz: because we do not have time to consider the Platform Committee's report as required by our Constitution, moves to suspend the Constitution's requirement to consider it at the convention and instead consider it at the next Central Committee meeting, which violates the 90-day Constitutional timeline; requires a 2/3 vote. Passes on a voice vote, the platform will be voted on at the picnic.

Outgoing Chair: Bob Johnston thanks donors, petition collectors, and most of all our candidates; candidates get the message out. The average person hears about the LP from candidates.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

— Robert E. Glaser

Chair's Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

<u>Category</u>	<u>Last Year's Budget</u>	<u>Last Year Actual</u>	<u>21-22 Proposed Budget</u>
Income			
Budgeted Income			
Event Income			
Crab Feast Fundraiser	\$500.00	\$2,640.00	\$5,000.00
February Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Convention	\$1,500.00	\$5,060.00	\$7,500.00
Picnic	\$300.00	\$930.00	\$1,250.00
General Contributions	\$1,250.00	\$3,755.92	\$4,500.00
Membership Contributions	\$2,000.00	\$2,340.00	\$4,500.00
Miscellaneous Sale of Goods	\$300.00	\$465.00	\$300.00
Registration Drive Savings Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Total Budgeted Income	\$5,850.00	\$15,190.92	\$26,050.00
<u>Category</u>	<u>Last Year's Budget</u>	<u>Last Year Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Budgeted Expenses			
Event Expenses			
Crab Feast Fundraiser	\$150.00	\$1,154.10	\$2,500.00
February Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Convention	\$1,500.00	\$3,981.60	\$6,000.00
Picnic	\$300.00	\$537.01	\$650.00
Projects-			
Advertising-Marketing	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Legal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Local Group Support	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
Member Recruitment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Misc. Sale of Goods	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Outreach Events-Booths	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Literature Drops		\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Recurring General			
Administrative	\$200.00	\$390.94	\$500.00
Banking/Collection Fees	\$650.00	\$1,122.92	\$1,800.00
Newsletter	\$900.00	\$516.91	\$1,000.00
Phone	\$100.00	\$102.20	\$125.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$150.70	\$225.00
Printing-Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Website	\$250.00	\$184.99	\$250.00
Savings Funds			
Advertising-Campaign	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Ballot Access	\$7,500.00	\$1,929.33	\$0.00
Candidate Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
General Contingency	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Registration Drive	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$13,350.00	\$10,420.70	\$24,800.00
Net (Income less Expense)			\$1,250.00

In a description of humanism that wasn't actually written as a definition of humanism, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. composed this secular benediction in his novel *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater*: "Hello babies. Welcome to Earth. It's hot in the summer and cold in the winter. It's round and wet and crowded. On the outside, babies, you've got about a hundred years here. There's only one rule that I know of, babies – *God damn it, you've got to be kind*."

Most people *can't* think, most of the remainder *won't* think; the small fraction who *do* think mostly can't do it very well. The extremely tiny fraction who think regularly, accurately, creatively, and without self-delusion – in the long run, *these* are the only people who count.

— Robert A. Heinlein

Libertarian Wins Election to Rock Hall City Council



Over on the Eastern Shore in Kent County, James Cook (center) wins 1st place in a 6-way race for one of two seats up for election on the Rock Hall town council. We sign-waved all day, knocked on ~80%+ of the doors, and James did an outstanding public forum debate performance. A campaign is made up of several components: graphic design, physical materials, volunteers, time, and overall strategy.

Maryland Libertarians from across the state helped James design and print professional door hangers, yard signs, and banners that helped his candidacy stand out as a serious contender. You can't be a lone wolf and expect to win. Over two days, about 10 volunteers walked most of Rock Hall, greeting residents, distributing literature, and leaving door hangers if no one is home. Door knocking is the most effective way to win votes, come election day. We were also at the polls on election day with two other campaigns. Having a good ground game on election day is crucial, as those are the people that often win.

In this race, voters get to pick-two, but it doesn't matter which order those two are selected. While your campaign can win 1st pick votes, it's crucial to get as many 2nd pick votes as you can because they count the same weight. Many voters may have gone in to vote for one of the other candidates. Maybe they're a personal friend, family, or particularly like their candidacy. Those voters get to pick another candidate, and you need to be well

known enough and likable enough to be their 2nd pick.

James got all these votes because he ran a polite, personable, and solutions-oriented campaign that reflected the slogan of Rock Hall: "Nice people live here." Town conservatives voted for him because he wasn't going to increase taxes. Progressives voted for him because he wanted to fix the town's aging water and sewer infrastructure, and he didn't lambast them. Centrists liked him because he is an engineer and had the biggest campaign, communicating to the most voters.

James didn't attack any of the other candidates or insult any portion of the electorate. Taking someone that may have voted for you and pushing them away is like losing *two* voters; you lost one vote and a vote went to another candidate, which you now have to overcome. There's a lot of negative campaigning nationally. Be a breath of fresh air by running a friendly and nice campaign.

Elected positions can be partisan or non-partisan. Fortunately, this race was non-partisan, meaning there was no R's, D's, L's, or G's next to anyone's name. Local races like this are the easiest for Libertarians to win, as voters are less likely to "straight-ticket" vote for just their party's nominees.

Reach out to the state party if you're interested in running for elected office. We're here to help you win.

— *Kyle O'Donnell*, Talbot County

Maryland Ballot Access



Ballot access in Maryland for minor parties currently isn't bad, and is better than in most of the surrounding states. But for much of the history of the Libertarian Party, it was among the worst in the nation.

The first Libertarian Party candidate to get on the ballot in Maryland was the 1980 presidential nominee, Ed Clark. Back then, as now, it required at least 10,000 valid signatures from registered Maryland voters. But to retain ballot access required the presidential or gubernatorial candidate to receive at least 3% of the vote, or have 3% of the registered voters (the LPMD has never had as much as 1% of the registered voters). Only once has an LP candidate for President achieved this nationwide (Gary Johnson in 2016), and no LP presidential candidate in the state has reached 3%, although Gary Johnson got 2.9% in 2016.

Thus, the LPMD had to collect 10,000 valid signatures every four-year cycle just to run a candidate for President.

In 1998, the General Assembly lowered the threshold for retaining ballot access from 3% for a candidate for President or Governor to 1%. Also having 1% of the registered voters on the last day of a calendar year retained party status.

In 2002, Spear Lancaster ran for Governor for the LPMD, the first time a minor party in the state was able to place a gubernatorial candidate on the ballot since 1970. To get onto the ballot, he needed around 34,000 valid signatures, and would end up submitting at least 40,000, at considerable time and expense to him. He wound up getting 0.7% of the vote against Republican Bob Erlich and Democrat Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, and thus the state party was again removed from the ballot.

In 2003, the Maryland Green Party sued the state of Maryland over the requirement to double-petition, and the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, ruled with the Green Party. Spear Lancaster testified during the trial as to the difficulties of getting on the ballot as a minor party candidate.

Since then, as long as we are a recognized party, our candidates no longer have to petition individually for the seat for which

they are running. And the filing fees are modest: \$290 for a statewide candidate, \$100 for U.S. House, \$50 for the state senate, and \$25 for state delegate and most county seats.

While the LPMD has been able to get at least 1% for our presidential candidates over the last three election cycles, only once has the state party, or any minor party in Maryland, been able to have its candidate for Governor get 1% of the vote, which was Shawn Quinn of the LPMD in 2014.

So, attaining and retaining party status isn't necessarily easy in Maryland, but compared to the surrounding states getting ballot access and placing candidates on the ballot is easier than most.

Virginia requires a statewide candidate to get 10% of the vote to become a recognized party, something that has only been done once, with Ross Perot of the Reform Party in 1996. Also, it takes 10,000 signatures to place a statewide candidate on the ballot, and 1,000 signatures for a U.S. House candidate.

Pennsylvania mandates a party have 15% of the registered voters, something that the LP has never come close to attaining, and in some states would cause the removal of the Democrat and Republican parties. A statewide candidate needs 5,000 signatures to get on the ballot, and U.S. House candidates need several thousand signatures, depending on the district in which they are running.

North Carolina and West Virginia have filing fees costing 1% of the annual salary of the office for which a candidate is running. For example, running for Congress in these states would cost you \$1,740.

To attain or retain ballot access in the District of Columbia, a partisan candidate must get 7,500 votes. This was very difficult for Libertarian candidates to obtain until recently, as the Republican Party has not been running a full slate of candidates. In fact, the LPDC now runs more candidates in each general election than the DC Republicans.

The surrounding state that has the best ballot access and is easy for candidates to get on the ballot is Delaware, which requires a party to have at least 1/10th of 1% of the registered voters to become recognized. If that standard applied here in Maryland, a party would only need around 4,500 registered voters to have party status.

— Bob Johnston

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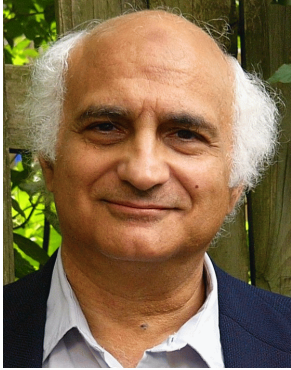
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Stop Anti-Semitism Now



You have heard reports of an upswing in anti-Semitic (i.e., anti-Jewish) incidents lately, and in any case anti-Semitism was already a serious problem with *over half of the religiously based hate crimes in the U.S. being directed against Jews*. A concern has been expressed that at a time of rising opposition to Israeli aggression, the condemnation of attacks on Jews because of their religion or ethnicity has been muted. We appeal

to all lovers of justice to rise to the occasion and oppose anti-Jewish bigotry in the strongest terms NOW. We invite you to join forces with us to condemn three groups of bigots who attack Jews out of confusion between or an attempt to sow confusion between protesting Zionism and hating Jews.

The first group is those who claim to support the Palestinians but don't seem to understand that the problem bedeviling the Palestinians is rooted in the same sort of crude collectivism they themselves exhibit when they misdirect anger over Zionist violence against people who identify as Jewish for religious or ethnic reasons. A man is not a villain for wearing a yarmulke. Even if he does support the Israeli policies of settler colonialism and apartheid, it is for those things he must be criticized, not his yarmulke. If he engaged in a peaceful demonstration in support of Israel, you have no right to violently interfere with his right to peacefully demonstrate his bigotry in public. I do not know who you are, whether you are just sorely misguided or a cynical opportunist, but unless you can strip your support for Palestinian rights of gratuitous violence against Jews, your support is neither helpful nor desired.

The second group whose anti-Semitism we must condemn are those neo-Nazis who declare "Hitler was right." Hitler was NOT right. His policies were the same collectivist nationalism we denounce in Zionism, taken to an even more vicious extreme. When you say "Hitler was right" you are saying Zionist nationalism doesn't go far enough. Your views are the opposite of those of us who call for the defense of the rights of all human beings and oppose the dehumanization of any human beings. All people have basic human rights. Any friend of Hitler's is an enemy of ours.

The third group whose anti-Semitism must be condemned are the Zionists themselves. Their attempts to conflate anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism fuel the passions of the anti-Semites in the other two groups. They also slur the many Jews who stand shoulder to shoulder with us in the demand for the end of apartheid and settler-colonialism. Zionists often conflate Judaism with Zionism, but progressive Jews like *Jewish Voice for Peace* know that Judaism stands for justice not oppression, and religious Jews like the *Neturei Karta* know that Zionism poses a threat not just to Palestinian rights but to the religion of Judaism itself. Like my dear late friend Murray Rothbard and so many others, all these good people are my allies. I understand that not all Zionists are intolerant of Jews who do not share of their support for the Israeli state, but of those who are I demand that you immediately cease your treacherous attacks on Jews who remain true to Micah's appeal, "He has told thee, man, what is good and what the L-rd requires of thee. Only to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy G-d!"

I hope I have condemned anti-Semitism strongly enough. If so, please join me in condemning anti-Semitism in all its forms: the thinly disguised, the overt, and the treacherous. If I have not been clear enough, just say the word and I'll condemn it in terms harsher yet.

Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad, Ph.D. / Minaret of Freedom Institute / <https://blog.minaret.org/?p=84342>

Community Activities

David Griggs continues his prolific success in getting published. On May 4, the *Baltimore Sun* printed his letter below:

Being rich doesn't mean you abused the poor

The recent commentary by Robert Reich ("Musk, Bezos have celestial plans but should do more for workers here on Earth," April 29) set a new low in rationality. Mr. Reich unsuccessfully tries to make a point, often expressed by those on the far left of political thought, that people become rich at the expense of the poor. Anyone who knows anything about economics knows this is not true.

One example will be enough to show Mr. Reich is completely wrong. Jeff Bezos made his wealth primarily through the founding and building of Amazon, and a vast majority of his \$197.8 billion (the former labor secretary's number) is in the form of Amazon stock value. Did he acquire this wealth by reducing the wealth of others? Or did he create almost 800,000 jobs that probably would not have existed if Amazon didn't exist? Did he force people to take jobs at Amazon, or were voluntary decisions made by the employees?

This situation proves that Mr. Reich is either uninformed or an extremely poor thinker.

David Griggs, Columbia

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Maryland voters registered Libertarian:

15,885 (0.39%)



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COMING EVENTS

Stay up-to-date on MdLP activities with our online calendar-of-events: visit LPmaryland.org/events/ (often!). Check page 9 for contact numbers not listed here.

June 27 (Sunday) 1-6pm: Annual MdLP picnic/CC meeting. p. 2

July 5 (Monday) 9:30-12:30: Severna Park 4th of July Parade!,
St. Martins-In-The-Field Episcopal Church, 341 Benfield Rd, Severna Park 21146

September 11 (Saturday) 12-6: Crabs & Chicken Feast Fund-raiser. Kyle O'Donnell

September 18 (Saturday) 8am-6pm: Essex Day Festival. Doug Stanley



Lorenzo Gatañaga presents Shawn Quinn the 2021 Chase award for running for Governor twice

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