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CREAGER WINS PRIMARY

Creager Wins First-Ever Privately Financed Primary in Maryland



Burtonsville Libertarian Bob Creager won the Libertarian Party of Maryland's (LPMD) nomination for Congress in Maryland's 8th District primary today. According to LPMD Chairman Jesse Markowitz, Creager out-pollled his opponent, Terry Atwood of Bethesda 39 to 12 with one vote for NOTA. Because of quirky election laws, the state's only legal third party was not allowed to participate in the full primary. But current rules required them to hold a primary. So the Libertarians paid for their own primary at the Twinbrook Library in Rockville. Creager now hopes to face off for the seat held by Republican Constance Morella. But there's another catch. According to Markowitz, the state still plans to force the LPMD candidates to gather thousands of petition

signatures, even though that requirement does not apply to Democrats and Republicans who go through a primary. "It's pretty unfair when you think about it," said Markowitz, "The Democrats and Republicans get a monopoly on most of the registered voters, then they passed laws making everybody else jump through legal hoops before we are even allowed to compete." Creager plans to fight. He has received the endorsement of the American Civil Liberties Union to challenge the ballot access laws in court. Attorney Lawrence Greenwald of the Baltimore firm of Gordon Feinblatt Rothman Hoffberger and Hollander will represent him. Creager, 46, lives with his wife Jane and children in Burtonsville. With a BS degree from the University of Maryland and an MBA, he is a senior staff member for BDM, who says, "People can't trust the Democrats and Republicans in Congress anymore." The Libertarian Party became Maryland's official third party when they submitted petitions containing the signatures of more than 10,000 voters last June.

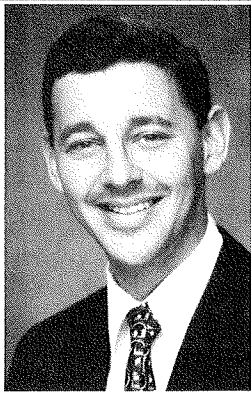
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BALLOT ACCESS DIES IN HOUSE

Senate Bill 330, which reduces the restrictions for ballot access of third parties and independents, failed in the Maryland House of Delegates last week. This bill would have reduced the number of signatures to 0 for recognized political parties, and from 3% to 1% with a cap of 20,000 for independents. Although this bill died in the House, this years lobbying efforts show a lot of promise for the 1997 legislative session. Up until last year, similar bills never made it out of committee. This year, during the Senate hearings, no one on the committee opposed any of the testimony. The chair asked people to limit the comments since as he put it "You don't have to sell us -- we voted for this bill last year." (Last year the committee vote was 9-2 in favor.) Testimony in support of SB330 was provided not only by a number of third parties, but by many civic associations, as well as the University of MD Student Government. The Libertarians testimony included a graph that visually displayed the disparity between Maryland and its' neighboring states for fair ballot access.

This years results marked a vast improvement over previous attempts and is a positive sign for next years passage. This session it passed out of the Senate committee 10-1, the full Senate 31-15, 1 abstention and passed out of the House committee 14-7, 1 abstention. The bill died on the floor of the House with the vote total of 62-74 with 5 abstentions. Encouraged with these results, Scott Becker is taking charge again for next years lobbying. If you want to do your part to help ensure its passage, please let Scott (301-589-2177) know that you would be willing to call or write your representative when the bill comes up next year. The more phone calls and letters the delegates receive, the more it will help persuade those who opposed it this year.



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

This issue, I'd like to start by saying thank you to all the volunteers, contributors and members of the Libertarian Party. Your support has been crucial in our achieving our recent successes. We have reached some impressive new milestones, and are poised for the next big breakthrough. Thank You!

The privately funded primary election we held was outstanding. In addition to showing our ability (and desire) to run the primary without government assistance, there were several articles in the Gazette and other local papers, as well as front page coverage in the Washington Times Metropolitan Times section. The story discussed in depth both major projects we are just now completing—our efforts to change the ballot access laws in Maryland, and our primary.

Maryland is the second worst state for independents and new political parties to get candidates on the ballot. Senate Bill 330 would reduce petitioning requirements from 3% of the registered voters to 1% with a cap of 20,000. While the bill did not pass this year, I am still very pleased with the consistently improving performance of our lobbying efforts.

Up until last year, similar bills never made it out of committee. Last year, the lobbying effort, led by volunteer Scott Becker, not only got the bill out of the Senate committee - but it failed the full Senate by only one vote. This year Scott coordinated the volunteer effort that pushed us even further, it passed the Senate committee (10-1), the Senate (31-15, 1 abstention), and the House

committee (14-7, 1 abstention). It failed on the floor of the House (62-74, 5 abstentions).

Scott Becker is taking the lead in the lobbying effort for this bill for next year's session, and I am confident that it will pass next year.

The other event that the Times article mentioned was our recent

primary. When two of our candidates for Congress were denied the opportunity to run in the Maryland taxpayer funded primary, the Libertarian Party organized and funded our own primary. Robert Creager won our nomination on March 5.

This successful event could not have happened without the large amount of work from our many volunteers. Keith Halderman and Ron Kean, in particular, did a phenomenal job of planning, organizing, and running the primary. Finally, special thanks should also go to Gene Cisewski, who handled the news releases that got the phenomenal coverage.

We are continuing to build momentum. There are three key projects that will accelerate our progress. First, we need to aggressively campaign for our candidates that are running for this November's election. Anyone who is interested in either being a candidate, or working on a campaign should contact me at 301-990-7512. I'll put you in touch with the appropriate people, tell you about the training opportunities available, and answer any questions you might have.

Our second key project is to expand our outreach efforts this summer. In addition to improving our fair booth, we will attend many more events. Everything from college activity days to gun shows. We need volunteers to run these booths, we need help preparing the booths and materials, and we need contributions to help us cover our costs for these booths. If you'd like to help

with outreach, contact Keith Halderman at 301-926-1594.

The third project is our most important—although it is also the toughest. Last year, we were officially

recognized as a political party. It allowed people to register as Libertarians, and really boosted our momentum. Now, we are in danger of losing

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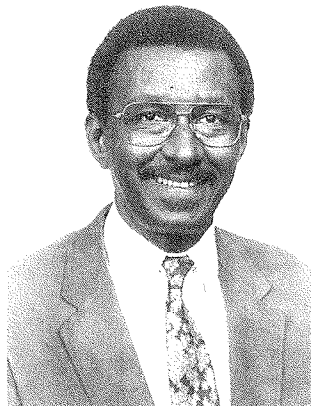
our status. We can't let this happen!

We need to turn in another 10,000 valid petition signatures to remain a recognized political party. To add some spice to this challenge, we are having a contest - complete with prizes. Your first petition form is included in this newsletter to get you started. If you need more forms, call Kevin Schaefer at 410-461-6713. He is in charge of distributing and collecting the forms from our volunteers.

Anyone who is registered to vote in Maryland can sign our petitions, so ask everyone - friends, neighbors, co-workers—anyone. Most people will sign because they are in favor of having more choices. They may not know where we stand on all issues, or may even disagree with us on some issues, but would still like us to run candidates to give voters more options. However many signatures you get, hundreds or several, they all help—just send them in. If nothing else - sign and witness your own form. Then mail it in!

Finally, we are sponsoring several events. First, we have Dick Boddie, who received over a quarter million votes as the Libertarian candidate for Senate in California, keynoting an outreach event in Baltimore on April 11. I really appreciate the work that Lorenzo and Susan Gaztanaga are putting in to coordinate that event. Also, there is a cocktail party in Washington D.C. on April 13 and a general membership meeting on May 11. Hope to see you at one or more of these events.

Jesse



*A
Minority
View*

By Walter E Williams

ELITE COSTS

depicting heterosexual and homosexual couples engaged in sex; teen-age birth control clinics were set up and condom distribution programs started.

Was there a crisis in the first place? Since 1950, teen-age fertility rates had been declining, as were venereal disease rates. By 1960, syphilis and gonorrhea infections were less than half of what they were in 1950. We all know the story after "sex education." Teen pregnancy rose from 68 per thousand in 1970 to 96 per thousand by 1980. The venereal disease rate skyrocketed 350 percent between 1965 and 1978.

It's the same story with poverty and dependency. When the "war on poverty" began in 1965, the number of people living in poverty had been rapidly declining since World War II. Sowell reports, "The proportion of people whose earnings put them below the poverty level, without counting government benefits, declined by about one-third from 1950 to 1965." In other words, dependence was declining when the "war on poverty" began. Today, what the Bureau of Census defines as poverty is higher than in 1965, and there's much more dependency.

It's amazing how we listen to people who've been dead wrong time after time.

In 1975, the Environmental Fund took out full-page ads warning, "The world as we know it will likely be ruined by the year 2000....World food production cannot keep pace with the galloping population. Family planning cannot and will not, in the foreseeable future, check this runaway growth."

Paul Erlich, author of the "Population Bomb," in 1968 predicted that by 1999 the U.S. population would fall to 22.6 million.

According to Erlich, during the 1980s, 65 million Americans would perish from starvation.

In light of these gross "errors," doomsayers haven't changed their story.

In January 1994, Lester Brown of the Worldwatch Institute said,

"Seldom has the world faced an unfolding emergency whose dimensions are as clear as the growing imbalance between food and people."

Even the United Nations joined the chorus with its 1975 prediction there would be "500 million starvation deaths in Asia between 1980 and 2025." Asia, as it turns out, is experiencing unprecedented economic growth.

These grossly erroneous predictions can't simply be chalked up to ignorance. As Dr. Thomas Sowell points out in his new book, "The Vision of the Anointed," statist deliberately invent crises as a means to gain more control over our lives.

In the early '60s, Planned Parenthood and other groups convinced the nation there was a "crisis" in teen pregnancy and venereal disease. They got Congress to give them our money to sponsor sex education (read: indoctrination) classes, often showing film to junior high school students

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It's the same story with crime. The absolute number of murders committed in the United States in 1960 was less than in 1930, 1940 or 1950, even though the population was larger. After 1960, the courts succumbed to idiotic liberal ideology. Judge

Brazelton opined the problem wasn't with "the so-called criminal population" but with society whose "need to punish" was a "primitive urge" that was "highly irrational." U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said, "Rehabilitation of criminals has seldom been attempted. Killing them or locking them up is the tried-and-true ancient method. Why not turn our faces toward rehabilitation?" Court contempt for law-abiding citizens produced today's crime rampage.

The elite who've created or magnified our social problems see themselves as nobler and wiser than the ordinary person. They also see themselves as having been ordained to forcibly impose that "wisdom" on the "ignorant" masses. In the process, they've engineered one disaster after another. I want to know how long we, the benighted people, are going to sit on our butts and take it.

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LP MEMBER STARTS NEW GROUP TO FIGHT "BIG GOVERNMENT" AARP

WASHINGTON, DC—A long-time Libertarian activist in Delaware wants to make the future SAFE for senior citizens—and is prepared to battle one of the nation's most powerful special interest groups to accomplish that goal.

William Morris, 75, has helped form a new organization called Seniors Against Federal Extravagance (SAFE) to "counter the big government lobbyists" of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). "Most members do not realize the harmful nature of the political activities of the AARP. We believe the legislative agenda of the AARP is a disaster for this country," said Morris. "As senior citizens, we are very concerned about the growth of the federal government, and the huge debt being left for our children and grandchildren to pay. We believe this country is risking a

SAFE with three other disgruntled AARPmembers last year. Already, more than 200 people have signed a petition in support of SAFE's goal of shrinking government spending.

"I believe the time is ripe for SAFE to have a beneficial effect on this country," he said. "The problem is big government and the solution is to actually decrease the size of government. Slowing down the growth of the government is not enough." Morris said SAFE has already received publicity in the Conservative Caucus Newsletter and the Wilmington News-Journal. "We realize that to become [more] newsworthy we must show more strength, or do something dramatic or controversial," he said.

According to the taxpayer's group, the AARP "is advancing policies that would increase annual federal spending by at least \$1 trillion over the next decade—equal to an additional tax bill of almost \$10,000 per American family."

Among the proposals being considered is "some kind of action" at the AARP's convention in Denver, Colorado in May. However, Morris

doesn't underestimate the money and clout of his foe which has more than 33 million members and has been described as the most powerful lobbying force in America. "The AARP is a nonprofit organization, but it is profitable indeed for those in charge. The annual operating budget is more than \$300 million, and cash reserves are more than \$600 million," said Morris, who also points out that the AARP receives more than \$80 million annually in government grants.

Morris said his fledgling group is starting to branch out, and held organizing meetings in Kent/Sussex County and New Castle County, Delaware at the end of February. Now, Morris said, he is looking for support among Libertarians. "I encourage 60-year-old-plus Libertarians from all states who are willing to start a SAFE or similar organization in their state to call me at (302) 475-7060," he said. Morris is a retired DuPont chemical engineer and the founder of the Libertarian Party of Delaware.

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MDLP ANNOUNCES CONTEST

To kick off their drive for petition signatures, the MDLP has offered prizes for those who collect the most signatures. These petition signatures are needed for the LP to remain as Maryland's third party. When signers fill out the form, please make sure they fill out every blank or it will be deemed invalid by the Board of Elections. After the forms are completed, send them to Kevin Schaefer, 9034 Furrow Ave, Ellicott City, MD 21042-1837.

Prizes

30 signatures: LP coffee mug

75 signatures: LP coffee mug and a LP baseball cap

150 signatures: LP coffee mug, LP baseball cap and a LP T-shirt

**In addition, for the person who collects the most signatures, they get:
LP coffee mug, LP baseball cap, a LP T-shirt and a LP windbreaker**

MD LIBERTARIAN PARTY GROWING

In the latest report from SABEL, December '95, the total registered libertarians in Maryland totaled 1,220. Montgomery County, our most active, had the most with 215 followed by Prince Georges with 177. Below is the list by county.

Allegany	24	Charles	31	P.G.	177
AA	144	Dorchester	12	Queen Anne	8
Balti City	20	Frederick	89	Somerset	5
Balti Co	110	Garrett	12	St Mary's	21
Calvert	21	Harford	52	Talbot	12
Caroline	10	Howard	66	Washington	59
Carroll	39	Kent	8	Wicomico	16
Cecil	41	Montgomery	215	Worcester	28

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to R. J. Scribe for an informative article. As noted, it would be difficult, indeed, to catalogue all of the Libertarian resources out there in the vastness of cyberspace, perhaps even more so to attempt to keep that information current! Here, though, are some additional sites and resources I've encountered while prowling the ether:

<http://www.c2.org/~tburns/xchn.html>

Middle of Nowhere: <http://web.gmu.edu/bcox/>

Intl Society for Individual Liberty: <http://www.portal.com:80/~chan/libertarian/isil/>

Mr. Jefferson's Challenge: <http://users.aol.com/mrjeffchlg/index.htm>

The Libertarian Web: <http://w3.ag.uiuc.edu/liberty/libweb.html>

Objectivism (and Ayn Rand) WWW Service: <http://www.vix.com/pub/objectivism/>

An Anarchy Home Page: <http://www.duke.edu/~eagle/anarchy/>

Losing Our Liberties: <http://www.netresponse.com/zldf/appeal.html>

Voters Telecommunications Watch: <http://www.vtw.org/>

Luther Jett, Montgomery County.

Ed note: Mr. Jett kindly reviewed most of these sites, however, due to space limitations we could not include that information. If you would like to receive his letter in full, please send request to MDLPNEWS@aol.com

ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The Libertarian Party of Maryland will be holding its Central Committee Meeting on May 11 in which they will elect the 19 delegates to send to the National Convention. This meeting is open to all but you must be a current state party member to vote. For members who are not sure, party status can be checked at the door along with applications that can be processed on site.

Following the meeting will be a dinner at Seibels Restaurant featuring the Presidential candidates Harry Browne and Rick Tompkins and vice-presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen. Cost for the dinner is \$15 per person. Please contact Amy Rule at 410-730-7117 for more information.

Meeting

Saturday, May 11

1-5pm

Laurel Public Library

Laurel, MD

Dinner

Saturday, May 11

6pm-

Seibel's Restaurant

Burtonsville, MD

Cost: \$15/person

FEATURED DINNER GUESTS INCLUDE

HARRY BROWNE

RICK TOMPKINS

JO JORGENSEN

Why Government Doesn't Work

by Harry Browne

(Harcourt Press, 245 pp. \$19.95)



by Glen Litsinger

This book is a masterpiece.

A masterpiece within its genre, of course, and a Pulitzer is unlikely here. No matter; if enough people read it, *Why Government Doesn't Work* just might help restore its inspiration -- the Constitution—as the Law of the Land.

Browne keeps his reader's attention, and sparks his curiosity. His style is crisp and entertaining, and full of surprises and ironic twists, making the reader eager for the next point. He seems to read your mind as he anticipates the counter-argument and easily dispatches it. All of this makes the book eminently readable.

Most importantly, *Why Government Doesn't Work* is a brilliant political statement. Browne lays out his argument in two parts; Part I hammers home the central theme that is incompletely expressed in the title: not only does government fail to fix any problem it attempts to solve, it inevitably makes the problems worse because (a) it gets away with blaming the private sector for the problem, and (b) it always tries to fix the new problems with "better" government programs. Browne shows how this is true with every program started since the Constitution was ignored in the New Deal era. He also explains how our freedoms were lost in four critical eras of our history: the Civil War, the Progressive Era (1900-1920), the New Deal, which he claims actually started with Hoover (1930-1945), and the Great Society (1960-1975).

Part II proposes solutions for every one of these problems, all of which have one thing in common: first get rid of the government program that caused it in the first place. Browne would seek to defang demonizing press attacks by convincing

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the public they'll be better off with private sector solutions, and will be far more prosperous in the bargain. Thus, Social Security is replaced by private annuities, bought with the existing trust fund money; most offensive military capability is eliminated, but the US would adopt a clear policy of thwarting the aggressive designs of rogue states by putting a price on their leaders' heads, and would (surprise) build a missile defense system; and so on down the line, until every sacred cow is slain, every government subsidy is eliminated, every entitlement program ended. In the meantime, the Federal deficit would be paid off by selling national assets, and taxes would be slashed by more than 90% (including all income taxes) to support a budget of about \$100 billion (compared to the current \$1.7 trillion).

There is more, far too much to cover here. Plenty of readers will find their ideological devils in the details of *Why Government Doesn't Work*, and yet I doubt they'll find any fundamental mistakes in its logic or falsehoods in its assertions. As Harry Browne says, it all comes down to a simple matter of choice - a gradual fall into Soviet-style slavery and ultimate collapse, or a return to the unique nation America once was—the land of Freedom and prosperity. I highly recommend this book to anyone struggling with that choice, or their choice for President.

DRUG WARS... DRUG MYTHS

Recently, there has been a great deal of political rhetoric on the importance of personal responsibility. This discourse comes not just from conservative Republicans but from Democrats and people like Louis Farrakhan as well. However, with only a few exceptions such as the February 12th issue of *National Review*, no talk about ending the war on drugs is coming from these same quarters. Yet, when someone takes the time to analyze government policy it becomes clear that the attack on people who use certain kinds of drugs is the ultimate denial of personal responsibility.

Drug prohibition depends upon the patently false notion that certain substances are so powerful that anyone who uses them, even once, will lose control of all aspects their lives. In addition, these drugs have such seductive qualities that, in the absence of state coercion, vast numbers of ordinarily sane and rational American citizens would be turned into dangerous psychotic addicts with no ability to take care of themselves or others. These ideas are central to the arguments which got drug prohibition laws enacted in the first place.

In a 1928 book, *Dope the Story of the Living Dead*, William Randolph Hearst employee, Winifred Black wrote that "the man under the influence of hashish catches up his knife and runs though the streets hacking and killing everyone he meets." On the next page she maintained that "You can grow enough marijuana in a window box to drive the whole population of the United States stark, staring, raving mad." The above is typical of the picture painted by early drug warriors but they offered no empirical evidence for their assertions. Instead, in order to justify unjust laws, the prohibitionists told unsubstantiated anecdotes about loss of control leading to destructive behavior. In effect, they created a most persistent myth, the violent drug crazed zombie.

As with all myths the reality of the situation is quite different. First, the seductive powers of the currently illegal drugs are highly overrated. Despite the billions of dollars wasted in the futile pursuit of the illusion of a drug free society, the prohibited substances are widely available to anyone who wants to make a minimal effort to obtain them. Yet, the overwhelming majority of Americans, taking responsibility for their own lives, choose not to use these drugs. A survey conducted by the

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Reclaiming Our Liberties From Out-of-Control Governments

The ISIL 1996 World Conference
at Whistler, British Columbia, Canada
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The ticket price for the convention is US \$390, which includes opening reception, concluding banquet, all lunches and a gondola ride to the top of Whistler Mountain. Hotel accommodations are available at US \$205 based on two people sharing a unit. Prices are subject to change, and attendance is limited, so register now to ensure your spot. We accept Visa and MasterCard.

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Drug Policy Foundation tells us that 88.9% of the respondents who had not previously used marijuana said they would not try the drug if it were legalized. The same number for cocaine was 95.1%. In countries, such as the Netherlands, where drug laws have been moderated there has been no corresponding appearance of multitudes of mindless deadly drug users.

The facts of relaxed prohibition also point to the second exaggerated aspect of the issue, the actual effects of the drugs in question. Leaving aside government imposed legal adversity, only a very tiny percentage of people who try or use the prohibited substances run into serious difficulties. Literally millions of Americans are now using illegal drugs and also leading happy productive lives. At the same time, legal alcohol, tobacco, and prescription drugs have caused individuals untold damage and even death. As Dr. Andrew Weil has said; "Any drug can be used successfully, no matter how bad its reputation, and any drug can be abused, no matter how accepted it is. There are no good or bad drugs; there are only good and bad relationships with drugs."

Those statisticians who would continue the war deny the above truth and make, for them, a most convenient assumption. Today's drug warriors insist that individual Americans are too stupid and weak to decide for themselves which drugs to use and therefore are not responsible for their own actions. They are wrong.

This article was submitted by Keith Halderman, Vice Chair on the MDLP Executive Committee. He has done extensive research on the "Drug Wars" and would like to share this with other interested LP members. For further information, Keith can be reached on 301-926-1594.

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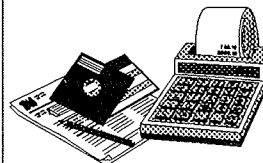
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State Leadership Conference

July 2 - 3, 1996 - Hyatt Regency Hotel
Washington, D.C.

The Council of State Chairs will host a State Leadership Conference just before the 1996 Libertarian Party Convention in Washington. Leaders from state party organizations, their affiliates, and campaign organizations will find valuable information here for your grassroots organizing. The organizers of the convention have made arrangements with the Hyatt so that those attending these events may check into the hotel early for the seminars and get the group rate.

The Program

Tuesday, July 2

8:30 a.m. - Noon

Effective Communications

A study in how to be more effective with internal (newsletters, events, leadership development) communications and external (news releases, advertising) communications. The program will look at setting goals for your organization and then integrating an effective communications strategy to meet those goals.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Federal Elections Commission

How do you operate within the law? This seminar will focus on FEC regulations, when state and local affiliates of a national party have to report to the FEC, what must be reported, under what circumstances is it legal to accept corporate contributions, what contributions are exempt from limitations, and other compliance issues. The FEC has been invited to provide staff experts to answer your questions.

Wednesday, July 3

8:30 a.m. - Noon

The Internal Revenue Service

A brief introduction to the IRS as it relates to political organizations, when state and local affiliates as well as candidates of a national party have to file and report to the IRS, what must be reported, what income is taxable, what is exempt, and other compliance issues to help your political organization avoid penalties and public relations problems. The IRS has been invited to provide staff experts to answer your questions.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fund Raising at the Grassroots Level

Everybody knows the importance of keeping track of money in the election/appointment of treasurers. But raising the money is a vital task where a finance chair will help. This seminar looks at raising money through direct mail, events, memberships, telephone marketing and other avenues.

Leaders, and those aspiring to leadership within local and state LP organizations will find value in all four programs. Party treasurers and those seeking that post will find the most value in the FEC and IRS presentations. Finance chairs and all leadership can benefit from the Fund Raising program.

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- ♦ Subscription to the *Free State Libertarian*
- ♦ Full access to the Inmad-ad-Dean BBS, where you can access Libernet, LPUS, and Maryland LP Sections.
- ♦ Contact Dean Ahmad at 301-931-0339 for more information.
- ♦ Maryland DMV-issued organizational license plates for your car. They are available to members for \$16 plus your regular registration fee. Contact Dan Anderson at 410-676-5687 for an application.
- ♦ Eligibility to sign up for the Uni-Net Long Distance Service in their affinity program. Six percent of your phone bill will be donated to the MDLP in your name each month. Contact Jesse Markowitz at 301-990-7512.
- ♦ Discount rate on joint State/National LP membership, which includes subscription to the *LP News*.



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Bethesda, MD 20814

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Maryland LP Info
National LP HQ
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Libertarian BBS (after 6:00pm & on weekends)
Ballot Access Information
Human Values Network

1-800-MLP-1776
202-333-0008
1-800-682-1776
301-656-4714
301-589-2177
410-944-0868

Calendar of events

1st & 3rd Sunday Washington Area Libertarian Alliance, Tom Fishbeck
3rd Sunday Baltimore City/County Meeting
4th Sunday Human Values Network, Mike O'Mara
2nd Monday Executive Committee Meeting
3rd Monday Montgomery County Meeting
4th Monday Harford County Meeting, Bel Air Public Library
3rd Wednesday Frederick County Meeting, 8:00pm

2nd Monday Tune in to "Let's Talk" on WSER, 1550AM from 12:30-2pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 11 Central Committee Mtg/Election of Delegates
1-5PM Laurel Public Library
May 11 Meet the Candidates Dinner
Seibels Restaurant 6pm-
Jul 3-7 National Convention

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