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2003 MdLP Annual Convention

The 2003 MdLP convention was held Saturday, April 26th at the *Old Station 8 Firehouse* in Gaithersburg. After the morning Central Committee meeting, the convention proper began with speaker Sharon Harris (photo below), who called her talk “How to Get a Second Date, and Other Secrets of Successful Communication.” She has been the president of *The Advocates for Self-Government* (TheAdvocates.org) since 1995. A tireless activist for the Libertarian Party in Georgia, she was the campaign manager for several Public Service Commission candidates which gained the LP statewide ballot access in 1998; in 1994 she received over 300,000 votes in her race for Commissioner of Agriculture. The Advocates publish *The Libertarian Communicator* and *The Liberator Online*, the latter of which is read by over 50,000 people in 100 countries.

Ms. Harris began by saying that her purpose is to help libertarians become better communicators. She believes that most of us would like to *be* better communicators, and hopes that we will be able to take some nuggets from her talk for our own use; the ideas can be used at home and work, in addition to politics.

Be a good neighbor and friend. Karl Hess [*LP News* editor, 1986-1990; author; Goldwater speechwriter; 1992 West Virginia LP gubernatorial candidate] helped people build barns in Virginia. Develop relationships in your community: if you don't know local people, you won't get far in an election.

Listen. It is important to focus on *the other* person. Once you find libertarianism, you think that you have found the answer to everything – you don't need to listen to anyone, because you already **have** all the answers! Righteous indignation is an addiction. How many times have you changed your mind because someone told you that you were stupid first? Everyone is listening to



radio station WIFM in his own head: what's in it for me? Tom Peters wrote about this concept: every person is the center of *his* universe, the star of his own movie. People buy your ideas by turning them into their own.

We are salesmen. We are selling the ideas of liberty, and have to learn the lessons of selling. Sometimes we run into hostile people; perhaps on a radio show. Marshall Fritz [founder of *The Advocates* and president of the *Alliance for the Separation of School and State*] designed a way to handle this: the Ransberger

Pivot. It is a way to establish rapport with the audience, if it is hostile and questions your intentions. The pivot is not a way to answer the question, but rather to show that you have the same intentions as the attacker. If your intentions are the same, you can say something like “I want to live in a world where children are not being sold drugs on the streetcorner, and that's why...” Other listeners may be persuaded, if not the questioner. Don't say “but” at the end of it!

Word choices: *abolish* is bad; people equate “abolish the FDA” with “unsafe drugs”; there are better words, such as “replace” and “improve.” Be leery of “reform.” “Unregulated” is bad; “self-regulated” is better. Change “legalization of drugs” to “relegalization.” “Reprivatize education”; “return it to” is good. “Capitalism” can have negative connotations to some groups; the “marketplace” or “free market” is good. “Economic pacifism” is positive. The goal is not to compromise principles, but to say the same things in ways that people can *hear* them. One of Ms. Harris' favorite examples is to say that “Conservatives tend to be libertarian on economic issues, and liberals tend to be libertarian on social issues” instead of “Libertarians are conservative on economic issues, and liberal on social issues.”

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Chair's Report



The summer is here, and the outreach season is in full swing. Membership continues to climb, and the petition drive continues to get signatures. But more signatures are needed, more money is needed, and more volunteers are needed. How will you help?

Many Libertarian Party activities are in

progress or in development. Membership is growing, thanks to the work of Steve Sass and others who have helped. And while an increasing membership is an important step to achieving our goals, we must also focus on our central goal as a political party – changing the political landscape found in our national, state, and local governments. This involves running candidates, supporting them with adequate funds and volunteer efforts, testifying before county councils, contacting our legislators, petitioning for various reasons, and publicity. It also takes work behind the scenes, writing letters to newspapers, developing policy papers and outreach materials, making phone calls, stuffing envelopes, and other tasks. Please let me know what you can do to further the efforts of the Libertarian Party, and change our government for the better.

Roy Meyers III is coordinating the petition drive to reacquire official recognition for the Libertarian Party in Maryland. Petitioners are out collecting signatures, but more are needed. There are many county fairs and other events and locations at which we can collect signatures this year. We need both volunteers to collect the signatures and money to help pay for the effort as well. If you are interested in helping with the petition drive, please contact Roy and let him know what you can do.

The Party is also working to develop local organizations in all counties in Maryland, either with single county organizations or multiple county organizations. Southern Maryland will soon have a local organization for Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties. If you are in a county that does not have a local organization and would like to help start one, or you would like to get more involved in your existing local organization, please contact me and let me know.

Congratulations to Jim McLaughlin who is the new Chair of the Prince George's County Libertarian Party, and Nicholas Sarkark who is the new Chair of the Montgomery County Libertarian Party. Thank you to both for continuing to help the Libertarian Party, and especially for being willing to take on the challenge of the position of county chair. Thanks also to Nick for his work during the past year as the state chair.

Our annual convention brought together libertarians around the state with great speakers and great food. Special thanks to Katie Marshall for her stellar work in helping to make the convention a success.

I know that outreach, and promoting libertarian ideas, can be quite frustrating at times, especially in this state. However, the work we do is important, in part because nobody else is going to do it. Both the Democrats and Republicans continue to demonstrate that neither of the two major parties understands the value of limited government. We do. And that is why we will continue to work for liberty in our lifetimes.

In liberty,

— *Chip Spangler*

Volunteers needed to help with:

- Drug Policy Conference
- The Spring MdLP Convention

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Dundalk Independence Day Parade



The Maryland Libertarian Party was well represented at the 69th annual Dundalk Heritage Parade on July 4th. Bill Buzzell drove his car, preceded by the Culpepper Militia Flag (“Don’t Tread on the...”), “Old Glory,” and the Libertarian Party of Maryland banner. A total of 11, including two children, walked the approximately two mile route through Dundalk. As the procession passed by each of the two reviewing stands, they were introduced to the crowd as “The third largest political party in the nation.”

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Know your audience. You can sometimes do a little political cross-dressing. Learn more about Myers-Briggs personality types; find out that people think and make decisions in different ways. One of the two choices is Intuitive vs. Sensory in ways of gathering information. Sensory types gather information for their senses, and are non-abstract, concrete thinkers. About 70% of people are sensory types, and don't care too much about abstract concepts; but they will get specific concrete examples. Libertarianism appeals to all four temperament types, although most libertarians are abstract thinkers. Learn why people may be attracted to libertarianism. Know what the issues are, and what questions you're going to be asked. Learn and practice short answers: have a 30-second answer ready, and say you don't know if you don't. Take "yes" for an answer. Don't pounce on the one thing they disagree with you on. Also take "no" for an answer; some people are not going to be libertarians today, next week, or ever. Fish at least where there's *water*. Use pictures, like the Nolan chart. *The Advocates* are working on a pamphlet providing explanations of the libertarian answers to the Nolan chart questions.

Ms. Harris urges everyone to be bold; don't compromise on issues. Marshall Fritz used to say, "Be bold, and be nice; and if you can only be one, be nice." You can't get anywhere being disrespectful. Be light-hearted and passionate about libertarianism. And always use the "L" word: say this is the *Libertarian* answer on this issue. We must brand libertarianism. If you write a great article about the right to keep and bear arms, but don't cite libertarianism, who'll get the credit? *Brand it* and be proud of it.

Learn these skills and practice answering questions. Learn about communications. Sharon Harris concluded by telling us to "Get out there and bring some more libertarians into the movement!"

The next speaker was Ron Crickenberger. He became the national LP's first political director in 1997. Hailing from Ash Lawn, Virginia, and now living in Falls Church, as Political Director he has helped libertarian state parties achieve ballot access, and supported candidates across the country. Last year, he ran for Congress in northern Virginia.

Mr. Crickenberger began by pointing out that the average person spends about five minutes per week thinking about politics. He told a story about having lived in the former home of President

James Monroe for about six months as a kid: he routinely played the made-up game *Redcoats and Revolutionaries*. When a reporter asked him what he and his friends were doing, he answered that they were protecting the citizens from the redcoats. In the process, he beamed a "redcoat" – who turned out to be the mayor of Charlottesville. His father urged him to seek a peace treaty rather than pursuing an all-out war. He followed that plan, but the conflict-ending handshake included a joy buzzer! He claims to have continued harassing public officials ever since.

As Political Director, Mr. Crickenberger often gets asked what will ensure an election loss: Not raising money won't ensure a loss; not campaigning won't; not being involved in the community, no; bad press, no – some candidates who have been *arrested* during a campaign have been elected. There is only **one** thing you can do to ensure that a Libertarian does not win an election: and that is for there not to be a Libertarian candidate running. The single most effective method to promote libertarianism is to *run for office*. We need to run both upper and lower level candidates. The upper level campaigns provide coverage and outreach; the lower level ones furnish training and award victories. Should we run a lot, or a few candidates? He answers both, and suggests we select the best for the top levels. If you can't run because you work for the federal government, be a campaign manager.

In 2001 the LP went through an intensive process to develop strategies to advance the LP. It selected a drug war focus because there is little public faith in the current parties to accomplish anything in that area. If asked in the right way, 60% of Americans favor decriminalization of marijuana. The international trend is reform for all drugs. Drug prohibition is one problem which has a simple solution. There now are one million kids without a parent because of the drug war. We can use our spoiler effect against the worst drug warriors in Congress.

The same ideals as the revolutionary fighters had will live or die today based on what we do – with our time and money. He related stories about cases of 20-year prison terms, escapes



to Canada, and death due to the drug war. The LP is the best hope for all of these people. Mr. Crickenberger ended by giving us his best current one-liner on drugs: "In the year before September 11th, we arrested 735,000 people in this country for marijuana arrests, two international terrorists, and zero serial snipers." He says to add your own ending!



Next up was the *Free State Project* (www.FreeStateProject.org) media director, Jan Helfeld. He is an attorney and real estate developer in northern Virginia who has produced several television documentaries from a libertarian perspective. He began by stating that the goal of the Free State Project is to identify the easiest state to free, and then move 20,000 libertarians into it. They have 3000 signed-up members and expect to vote this year on which state to select.

Mr. Helfeld presented the most common question he receives: Can you get 20,000 people to move to a low population state? His answer is that it takes one out of every 190 libertarians to add those 20,000 libertarians; which doesn't seem that unfeasible to him. What would it mean to have 20,000 libertarians in one state? They would have more money, or at least as much money, as the demo-republicans. And more activists. They could get real power. That is why he is gung-ho for the project.

Some people are pessimistic that 20,000 would be enough; but it would still be much better than without the 20,000. He emphasizes not to underestimate people's desire for freedom: millions of people were willing to cross oceans in sailboats to be free; it is much easier to simply cross state lines.

What are the political benefits of one free state? Two senators can provide a lot of obstruction for freedom – like tax reduction now. In many cases, two libertarian senators could make a difference. Two senators can get on television all the time and keep freedom in the public view. How would one free state affect the national media's agenda? The difference between *one* free state and *none at all*? Libertarian candidates have said that there is a vicious cycle: they can't get elected because the media won't cover them – and they won't cover them because they're not elected. Once elected, the cycle can be broken.

Another method is to get libertarians into the media itself. If there were 100 libertarians in key media positions, we'd get covered. If we had a free state, we would have a model for prosperity and freedom. We could have a concrete example to show how to get the ball rolling. Mr. Helfeld thinks that the Free State Project gives us the leverage we need; it acts as a crowbar to get us out of the situation we're in now. He asks, "What is the better strategy? To concentrate in one state, or continue the nationwide strategy we have now? Are we spreading ourselves too thin, and not getting the results we want?"

He closed by pointing out that it takes 19 times more votes to elect California senators than Delaware senators; in effect, Delaware senators are on sale! That's enough to make *him* move.

Alex Koroknay-Palicz was the next speaker. He has served as president of the National Youth Rights Association (www.YouthRights.org) since 2000. He successfully challenged the policies of several stores which were engaged in age discrimi-

nation in his hometown of Holland, MI. Since moving to the DC area to attend American University, he has spoken at several conferences on youth rights and has appeared on CNN. Mr. Koroknay-Palicz pointed out that it is said that when we save children, we save ourselves; therefore, when we free children, we free ourselves. Conservatives and liberals alike tell us that they pursue their objectives for the children. Some relevant issues are: alcohol; zero tolerance policies in schools (penalties for a child pointing a finger and saying "bang"); and curfew laws. He points out that young people pay taxes just like every other American. *We* have the right to vote for candidates who'd lower our taxes, but young people cannot vote – or even donate money to parties now [Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, BCRA]. When children are raised never making decisions for themselves, they grow up into adults not used to making decisions for themselves. He commented about there being no age limit for pilots – yet a youngster cannot legally drive an automobile to his plane! In this country there is the expectation of no one having a drop of alcohol until age 21 – and then all of a sudden, to have plenty, without any time to learn *how* to drink.

His organization is primarily concerned with drinking and voting rights for high school and college aged youths.

Well known by MdLP members, Spear Lancaster is a nonstop LP activist in Maryland. He made history by becoming the first statewide Libertarian candidate in Maryland last year. He is on the Board of Directors of both the Anne Arundel Taxpayers Association and the Maryland Taxpayers Association. Also on the Government Affairs Committee of the Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce, he has worked with groups involved in promoting charter schools and other issues across the state.

Mr. Lancaster said that he has been going to Annapolis on Monday nights, with Tony Spezio, to observe and meet with state legislators. He reports that there is a sea change in progress. The oldtimers are unhappy because the days are gone when they could do anything they wanted. Some elected conservatives are unhappy with Governor Ehrlich for not pushing hard enough on tax issues. There is more transparency in government now: the theft from the state transportation fund is known [state funds transfer]. Liberals are now calling themselves Progressives, abandoning the *Liberal* label. An education bill will probably be passed, though not as good as the one wanted. A bill for requiring the prevailing wage for school construction didn't get passed (it would have increased cost by 15%). While the biggest excuse is "there's a federal law, so there's no use in passing a state law," he predicted that the governor will sign the medical marijuana bill. He also predicted that governor Ehrlich will veto the 10% corporate income tax increase. [Right on both predictions]

Spear Lancaster is also active in the Fairtax proposal, and he introduced and brought up to the podium Steven Sass, who spoke briefly on that (www.FairTax.org) legislation.





Steve Wilson has been an activist in the MdLP for five years, been involved with the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, has testified before the Montgomery County Council against a gun show ban, and is currently the Montgomery County LP chair. He began his presentation by asking: How can we effect positive political change in Maryland? What good things have happened in the past few years? His answer: We had a gubernatorial candidate and received

more press coverage than ever before. There are more party inquiries, more interest at various outreach events, and more people in general asking about us. What else can we do to increase the profile of the LP in the state of Maryland? We'll have to establish affiliates in all of the counties. He noted that it is easier to run campaigns in the smaller counties than in the large ones. We need to coordinate activities and train people to communicate with elected officials to effect change – without alienating officials and potential voters for the LP. We need more people to get involved in *local* politics. Within Montgomery county, there are 77 different boards and commissions, amounting to more than 400 people. Libertarians need to get onto these boards. 80% of votes cast are based on name recognition, so that must be established with the voters. Becoming a member of a board or commission is one way to do so that costs nothing. Most of these assignments meet one night per month.

At a hearing regarding the gun show ban in Montgomery county, he asked each of the delegates who voted for the bill why they did so. They replied that when they saw an obnoxious individual (not an LP'er) promoting the other side, they couldn't risk voting against it. Mr. Wilson's point is that we cannot alienate ourselves. We have to get involved with organizations on the issues in which we agree. We have to take the time, make the commitment, and apply our energy to help other groups – *then* we'll attract more people to the LP.

One million people did not bother to vote in the gubernatorial election: we need to get their votes. He ended his talk by noting that our Governor was first elected as a state delegate, then to Congress, and now to Governor – when nobody thought he could get elected. We can, too!



Subsequent speaker Ken Krawchuk (KenK.org) was glad to be here, after last visiting the MdLP in 2000 when he was running for Vice-President. Last year he ran for Pennsylvania Governor, achieving minor party status for the state party, of which he is Chair. Commenting that he liked the MdLP's choice of Montgomery

county, MD for our convention, as he is from Montgomery county, PA, he asked, "How has Pennsylvania managed to become one of the more successful state LP's in America?" He says that they have decentralized the state, spreading out the organizations. He advises county affiliates: know your enemies; friends; and yourselves. You've got to **be** there. Don't read something in the newspaper and say, "Look what they've done." Instead, go to county council meetings! If you go, he guarantees that you'll hear

something stupid. Make it an issue. No news coverage? Then *make* news! Issue press releases; distribute handouts; be mindful of the deadlines; and never lie. Fax is better than email. Announce something to the effect of "Libertarian to Blast Council Tonight."

The Associated Press selected his quote on the same sex debate: "What is good for the goose, is good for the gander; what is good for the goose and the goose is good for the gander and gander." Another favorite quote of his is "Handguns are a girl's best friend." People in the press are just doing their jobs – if you make it easy on them, they'll make it easy on you.

The energetic Mr. Krawchuk strongly advised joining Toastmasters, noting how much it helped him. He is contemplating running for President. He has applied to be on the Fox network's *American Candidate* show; should he be selected, he definitely will run. His message for libertarians is: *We can win*. He concluded his talk with a ten two-letter word quip: "If it is to be, it is up to me."

After the Feast

Banquet speaker Sharon Harris addressed the subject, "Is There Still Room for Optimism?" She observed that we are at war, and we have John Ashcroft for Attorney General. A 1996 poll asking "Do you distrust government?" returned a 75% figure, but in 2003 gave a 30% result. We have people out there virtually *worshipping* government. If you question the President, now you are not only considered unpatriotic, but you're un-American. There is division among libertarians regarding foreign policy. The time that we're in now is the greatest threat to liberty that we've had in Ms. Harris' lifetime. She asks, "Is there opportunity in this?" – and answers: "There better be!"

There has been progress: in 1985, when Marshall Fritz founded *The Advocates*, he couldn't find any libertarian celebrities. Today there are several hundred celebrities who publicly say they are libertarian. The problem used to be that there were libertarians out there who wouldn't claim it; now we have the opposite problem. *Which means that being a libertarian is a cool thing.* When interviewing candidates in 1988, the first question always was "What's a libertarian?" In 1994, they understood. Most of the media now know what *libertarian* means. We have come a long way since 1980 when Ed Clark was running for president. The libertarian clipping service used to have many days when there were no articles to clip; now there always are. CATO is now the second most quoted think tank in the country. We have Ron Paul in Congress, elected with 60% of the vote last time – his constituency *knows* he's libertarian. Two million have taken the world's smallest political quiz; 49% scored libertarian (though it is prescreened to accentuate them). The internet itself is virtually a self governing society. Talk radio is either conservative or libertarian. Rasmussen polls showed 16% came up libertarian in the smallest political quiz last presidential election (2% called themselves libertarian). You have to be optimistic when looking at what has been happening in the movement. We were the *only ones* talking about drug legalization 20 years ago. The concept of ending the drug war is so accepted now that we don't even get credit for it any longer.

Since 9/11, people are becoming more authoritarian-minded. Many will be looking for a movement to fight this: is there an opportunity here? Neither liberals or conservatives, Democrats or

Republicans are opposing it. Libertarians are the **only ones** for them to come to. Liberty is always important, but there are times when it is even more important than ever. Now is such a time. It could go in either direction, towards tyranny or liberty.

Liberal and conservative writers are saying how good it is that we will have an American empire. The time is coming when we will be the only ones with an answer. We need to ally ourselves with other libertarians who disagree with us on one or two things. We will need more courage. As it took lots of courage to talk out against the drug war years ago, now it takes courage to speak out against big government.

Ideas catch on in society gradually. When drilling for oil, until you hit it you don't know how close you are. The key is not to give up and have patience. We've not been doing this for that long; the statists have been at it a long time. We can't give up when the going's tough.

Many of us came to libertarianism by reading books; 10-15 years ago that was true for everyone. Nowadays many people say they've come to it from talkshows. How can these folks become libertarian? Ms. Harris asked everyone in the room to stand if they believe that $E=MC^2$; next, she asked everyone to sit down who cannot fully explain it. Only a few were left standing. The point of her exercise was to show that people can believe in things without fully understanding them. So, she continued, we should not be discouraged if people have different ways to arrive at ideas. She held up a piece of the Berlin Wall. The idea of freedom was more powerful than the Wall – and it collapsed. We can do that, too. She closed by saying that each one of us as an individual makes a difference.

Awards



On behalf of the *Spear Lancaster for Governor* campaign, Steve Boone presented awards to: George Reynolds; Ruth Andrasco; Steve Wilson; Chip Spangler; Susan Gaztañaga; Lorenzo Gaztañaga; Aaron Jones; Zach Jones; Bill Buzzell; Tony Spezio; Jack Mitcham; Kelly Real; Chris Panasuk; Dan O'Neill; Lauren Hill; and Roy J. Meyers III.

Nick Sarwark gave out *Defender of Liberty* awards to: Troy Zinderman; Chip Spangler; Steve Sass; Spear Lancaster; and Katie Marshall.

"If it is to be, it is up to me." – Ken Krawchuk



Libertarians at the convention who have run for public office

Central Committee Meeting – Saturday, 26 April 2003

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met at the *Old Station 8 Firehouse*, 13 E. Diamond Ave., in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by chairman Nick Sarwark. Prior to the meeting, the following were distributed: the minutes of the 29 September 2002 Central Committee meeting; and the Treasurer's report.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Steve Sass; and Steve Wilson. It validated that 32 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. Additionally, 4 proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 67 members.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as distributed and read.

Treasurer's report: Joe Miller explained that we now have a third bank account due to Federal Election Commission (FEC) and Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA) laws. We are still jumping through hoops for the FEC – which needs to be done to permit sending membership renewal payments to national – but we are working with national handling the renewals. The Party's liability insurance policy is now on an installment plan. The report was accepted.

Report of the Chairman: Nick Sarwark reported that MdLP membership is up to about 200, which we believe is a high point, due in no small part to Steve Sass – while national membership is decreasing. We have also been recruiting national-only members. He thanked the 2002 gubernatorial campaign for this first-time effort for us. We had decided not to collect party recognition petition signatures prior to the election because of the gubernatorial campaign, with the hope of receiving 1% of that vote – which would have made it unnecessary. Unfortunately, that did not occur. At this time we are in the middle of a petition drive, and the state no longer recognizes us as a political party. We are halfway there now, and expect to finish by the end of the summer. There is no better time to be a libertarian than now, in light of international events and the reduction of civil liberties domestically.

Election of Officers: the following were nominated and seconded for the Executive Board: C. David Eagle; Charles (Chip) Spangler; Roy J. Meyers III; Robert Glaser; Joe Miller; Nick Sarwark; and Steven Sass. It was agreed to vote by acclamation; all seven candidates were unanimously elected to the Board.

Resolution: Keith Halderman submitted the following, as modified:

Be it resolved that we instruct the planner of the next convention to make every effort to secure Judge James P. Gray as a featured speaker. He should not receive any payment from us should he be an announced libertarian presidential candidate at the time of the convention.

Keith noted that he possibly will run for president. The judge's book is "Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It." The resolution passed. It was also resolved to instruct the next convention planner to invite all announced libertarian presidential candidates.

Constitutional Amendments: Steve Sass proposed the following be added at the end of Article V, section 4D (Vacancies) [proposed amendment 1]:

Prior to the next Central Committee meeting, the Chairman

will appoint a new member to the Executive Board to fill any vacancy. The specific appointment is subject to a positive vote of all the Executive Board.

Steve Boone proposed a new Section 7 be added to Article VI (Local Central Committees) [proposed amendment 2]:

Each local Secretary shall maintain a current list of local committee members and forward such list to the Secretary of the state committee within 30 days in advance of each state Central Committee meeting.

Steve Boone proposed a new Section 8 be added to Article VI (Local Central Committees) [proposed amendment 3]:

The local committee Treasurer shall have the authority to collect dues for national and/or state dues on behalf of the state committee. The local Treasurer shall deduct the local dues amount from the collected payments and forward the monies to the state party in a reasonably prompt time period.

Libertarian Party of Maryland Program: Dave Margolis proposed the following change: replace the next-to-last sentence, "Permit the carrying of firearms with training and a background check" with "Recognize the right of law-abiding citizens to carry firearms." It was voted to consider this at the next meeting.

Announcements: Jay Baker acknowledged that Douglas McNeil from Baltimore City had his letter to the editor published in the *Washington Post* on April 22 regarding a road rage murder. Michael Linder gave a reminder about attending the 27th annual *J. Millard Tawes Crab & Clam Bake* in Crisfield on July 16. Steve Wilson requested help at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair on August 8-16; the Montgomery County LP has single-use passes for the workers available.

Adjournment: the Central Committee meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.

— Robert E. Glaser



New MdLP Communications Director David Eagle

Ernest Hancock's "Declare Your Independence"

Doris Gordon is the founder and coordinator of Libertarians for Life (www.L4L.org). She helped form the MdLP in 1973.

I first noticed Ernest Hancock and his Phoenix, AZ call-in radio show, "Declare Your Independence," when he telephoned to invite me to talk about *Libertarians for Life's* case against legal abortion on April 18, 2003. But this article isn't about abortion (we can do that another time <g>). It's about Hancock and what he's been doing to bring the message of liberty to the general public. I thought perhaps others in the MdLP might like to brainstorm with him (ErnestHancock*cox.net).

I asked Ernest to estimate the size of his audience or how his program compares with other radio programs in the Phoenix area. He didn't know, he said, but "its influence is wide." Aired Monday through Friday during morning drive time, 7am-9am (10am to 12 noon, EST), his show is also on live on the Internet (www.ErnestHancock.com).

Most of Ernest's interviews are available in his show's archives at www.ErnestHancock.com/archives. Listening can require patience, because it's a two-hour show, much of which is taken up by the news and advertisements. As libertarians, we understand, of course, that ads help keep radio stations in business. During my interview, the breaks were, for me, welcome chances to put down the telephone and stretch. Thoughtfully anticipating there are such needs, Ernest gives his guests in advance of the program a schedule of when each break begins and ends.

Once a member of the original Arizona Libertarian Party, Ernest was Maricopa County Chair for a few terms during the mid and late 90's. Still on fire about promoting and advancing human freedom, he has been interviewing a wide variety of people "who have demonstrated," Ernest advertises, "their effectiveness in presenting the intellectual case for freedom." His guests have been "a highly distinguished assortment of the best, brightest and most entertaining people in the freedom movement today!" His program "is a daily update on the current status of freedom in Arizona and around the world from several varied perspectives."

He doesn't "seek to present either an optimistic or pessimistic outlook." Instead, he's been striving "to present an honest and straightforward assessment of the current status of our freedom." To stimulate thinking, he also has guests who challenge libertarian perspectives.

"Declare Your Independence" first aired on February 10, 2003, and as of this writing (July 11), Ernest's contract with Radio 1310 KXAM ends July 24. But he's persistent. "So many new opportunities and variables keep coming up," he said. But being cautious, he has told his supporters to "please withhold all of your financial support until I am certain of the show's future. Until contracts are signed or the 24th comes and goes I'll be quiet."

But what he has already said is inspirational:

I love doing this stuff and I know most of you enjoy getting the message out to as many as possible. With about 240 hours of show to edit from we have enough material to do many things. Interviews with people that have rarely been exposed to libertarian philosophy have now had the experience of being interviewed by one. Individuals that have never heard the libertarian message from a libertarian before are now our most excited advocates. Media personalities are now aware of the power of the message. We now know that no-compromise libertarianism works. In fact most of the hard core activists here in Arizona knew that already but had to provide a proof of concept.

My greatest supporters will be the first to tell any one that asks how 'unspecial' I personally am. What makes me unique is my unwavering confidence in the message of "Freedom is the answer... Now what's the question." This is what many of us that have made this broadcast effort possible for the past 6 months has known from the beginning.... now you know it and many others. With your emails, phone messages, faxes and letters I have hundreds of pages of documented proof of support for the show that have come through the radio station. This is very powerful information and has been used to get the attention of many in the industry.

And if one way becomes blocked, he's willing to look for another way. He's thinking of going high-tech. Ernest continued:

In 1994 I remember we activists of the time being exposed to the use of the web and e-mail. Our imaginations raced. In the 70's, libertarian activist and Science Fiction novelist L. Neil Smith predicted the Internet and described it clearly in its present form. So we've been keeping track.... it's time.

What required the use of a million dollar radio station in addition to its million dollar government license to allow for the syndication of a radio show to any number of radio stations can now be done for \$4500 in equipment. What costs us hundreds of dollars a day to broadcast on one station now relays the signal to hundreds of stations. The demonstrations of support that so many of you supplied is what is being used in helping activists around the country lobby for the show to be selected for broadcast on their local stations. This technology is far more developed than I thought, and the talents of Betterthanyours.com and others have made it possible to not only allow for Internet broadcasting, but to interface with satellite transmissions at far less than what we are paying now and get a larger nationwide audience to build from.

I'm hoping to continue our relationships with other libertarian/freedom publications so that we can remain mutual supporters across the nation. There are other possible offers pending with other local stations, but none with the benefits of what we wish to do and at a lower cost. Production ability will not be limited to available time on any single radio station, and the quality is the same as in the studio. The equipment used for our live remotes uses regular phone lines to convert the mixed audio into a digital stream that is then opened at the other end with no loss in quality. The Internet allows for the archiving and the satellite syndication allows for many more listeners at less cost. Terms are still being negotiated and your letters have been very helpful in demonstrating our seriousness and effectiveness in bringing a unique and quality message to those not only in need of it, but in search of it.

Maryland Libertarians have been doing the Libertarian Night Out at restaurants around the state, but many people need to get to bed early, and others are simply early birds. Ernest has also been doing a Saturday morning thing with speakers, the Arizona Breakfast Club (www.ArizonaBreakfastClub.org). Breakfast out might serve as a nice family, friends, and outreach event. Currently at the *Beef Eaters* Restaurant in Phoenix, Ernest hopes to get the same thing going at other restaurants in the Phoenix valley. He is also trying to convince radio stations to carry these events.

As if this wasn't enough, he is a founder of Freedom Summit (www.FreedomSummit.com), an annual seminar "dedicated to promoting and advancing human freedom." It offers "speakers who have demonstrated their effectiveness in presenting the intellectual case for freedom." The next seminar will be October 18/19 in Phoenix. Among the speakers will be Congressman Ron Paul and Nathaniel Branden, whose 20-lecture course on Ayn Rand's philosophy of Objectivism, helped give rise to the Libertarian Party and such think tanks as Cato.

How does Ernest do all this? He gives much credit to his wife, Donna, who's been on his team all along.

— Doris Gordon

Petition Drive

Dear Libertarian,

We must collect signatures to re-certify the Libertarian Party in Maryland. Without this being done – we can't run candidates... and the whole point of a political party is to run candidates.

So...

- Please **SIGN A PETITION**: (go here: www.MD.LP.org/2003/6-201-1C.pdf OR make a copy of the one on the facing page). PLEASE fill out the circulator block and sign it at the bottom in addition to filling out one of the numbered lines. I know it may seem silly, but even if you are the only signature on the form we still must have you sign the bottom and fill out the circulator block.
- **GO PETITIONING**: Get signatures at work or your grocery store, post office, neighborhood, local fair or festival, wherever you can find people. For more information (tips about getting permission, good places to go, etc.) call or email.
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Please act now!

Thanks,

Roy J. Meyers III
RMEYERS*RJCC.NET
410-879-5300

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State of Maryland - Petition to Form a New Political Party

We, the undersigned voters of _____ County or (check if Baltimore City), support the organization of a political party to be known as the _____ Libertarian _____ Party.

The State Chairman is: _____ Charles P. Spangler _____, Address: _____ 11902 Beltsville Dr. Apt. 16, Beltsville, MD, 20705 _____.

NOTICE TO SIGNERS: By signing this petition, you agree that the above-named party should be recognized as a political party in Maryland and that, to the best of your knowledge, you are registered to vote in the County or City and are eligible to have your signature counted for petition purposes.

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

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Circulator's Signature _____

Date _____

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 Number of Valid Signatures _____

Endorsed by: _____

Important Notice about Your National Membership from the State Party Treasurer



The McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Act took effect right after last November's election. When it did, the Maryland Libertarian Party could no longer simply pass your membership dues along to the National Office to renew your National membership. The new law required the creation of a new, separate bank account which would be deemed a "Federal" account. Payments from a state party to a national party could only be made from a "Federal" account. That account had to be registered with the

Federal Election Commission. Before that could be accomplish-

ed, application had to be made to the FEC for the assigning of a Federal ID Number to the Maryland Libertarian Party. That application was made in February. I got our number on July 14th. I never made a big deal about this because I thought it would be settled any minute.

Those of you who have become concerned that National continued to send you renewal notices despite your timely payment to the state party may now rest easy. The logjam has been broken and all of your membership payments to the National Office have now been made. Please let me know if you have reason to believe that your National membership has not been brought up to date.

— Joe Miller

Hatsiwear*aol.com, 410-370-0932 cell, 410-789-3899 home

Baltimore County LP Tours Winery

The rains stopped, the sun came out



Ya know, sometimes some things just happen to work out. After all the rains that weekend, even those Saturday morning, the group trip Sunday, May 25 to the *Basignani Winery* still happened. Driving out to the northern Baltimore County location, rain was still hitting the windshield. By the time we pulled into the winery's parking area, the rain had stopped and the

sun was out, drying the fields. Interestingly enough, after we left, the rains picked back up again. We were greeted by several cute and very friendly Border Collies who enjoyed an awful lot of petting and a few successful tries at keep-away and fetch.

The tasting room is a rustic area with wooden floors and beams, two counters for sales and tasting, many dusty bottles of various vintages and wineries lining the walls, and some storage. It sits on top of the wine cellar which is built into the hillside underneath. A family winery, the Basignanis are there to offer a glass and the various wines for tasting. Since they are a fairly small operation, their wines are produced more for quality than quantity. One could easily compare them to a micro-brewery in that regard.

90% of their business comes from liquor stores and restaurants in the Baltimore metro area, but they've just gotten a contract with Montgomery County's stores to place their wines there, as well. When the crowd thinned a little bit, Mr. Basignani even treated us to a tour of the fermentation areas and the wine cellar. The dry wines are held for two years, the sweet usually for one season.



There are 10 varietals they offer this season, and many of us took the opportunity to sample each one. Of their three dry whites, the Elena '01, the Seyval '01, and the Chardonnay '00, I was especially impressed with the Chardonnay. Their red wines offered a good variety as well. Their Cabernet Sauvignon '98 was not as bitter as many cabernets I've had before, and I actually liked it better than other brands I've tried. I ended up getting one of their bottles of Marisa '01, which was a "Vineyard blend... Very fruity and similar to a Beaujolais." Normally, I'm not big on sweet wines, but all three of their offerings would make fantastic dessert wines. I really liked the Riesling '02, with its "honeyed notes of fresh peach and apricots;" the Vidal '02, and, the Blush '02.

We were invited to wander the vineyards at our leisure, and that's where the keep away and fetch games happened. Maybe the collies weren't the smartest of animals, but they and we had fun watching. One of the pooches would hold this rubber tennis-ball consistency hollow tube and bark. Then, some humans would double-team the hapless critter, distracting him enough to grab the toy and start the fetch part of the game. All five collies would start to run for where they thought the toy was flying (it wasn't), and usually by the third try, they weren't fooled too much. Then, the toy would fly, and all five would haul butt to get it.

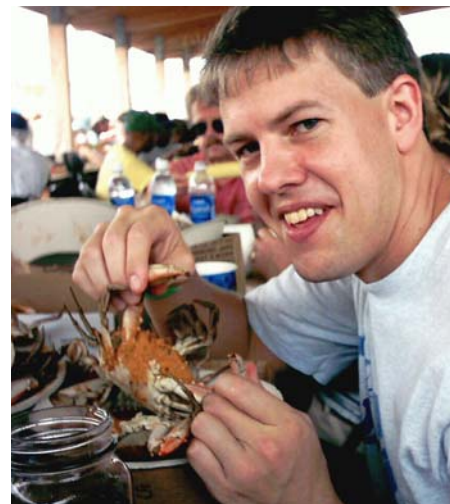
In addition to Baltimore County LP members, we were joined by friends and MdLP members from Cecil, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Anne Arundel counties, plus southern PA. It was a great time, especially since the weather cooperated so nicely. The Basignanis were wonderful hosts, and I will be looking for some of their wines when it comes time to make a purchase.

— Steve Boone

Crab & Clam Bake



A crew from the Maryland Libertarian Party again made the trek to southern Maryland to attend the 27th Annual *J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake* on July 16th. It looked like rain might dowse the event, but that never occurred, and the clouds instead kept the heat to a manageable level. Below left: the contingent (Robert Glaser, Michael Linder, Kurt Saberg, Rachel Ridout, Chuck Andrasco, Ruth Andrasco, Spear Lancaster, Chip Spangler); below right: entrance gate; bottom left: Rachel demonstrates how to pick crabmeat; bottom center: Kurt inspects a Maryland crab; bottom right: Spear introduces Chip to politics.



MdLP Summer Picnic



The MdLP held its summer picnic of 2003 on July 13th at Savage Park in Howard County. It was a beautiful Maryland day and there was opportunity to relax before, during, and after the Central Committee meeting. Special thanks to Katie Marshall for handling food preparation. Below left: Chip Spangler addresses the group; below right: Spear Lancaster (who also served as barbeque grill chef) offers a few words; bottom left: Baltimore City/County session; bottom right: Nick Sarwark attempting to receive a frisbee toss by Rich Goldman.



“...Anyone employing an illegal alien without verifying his or her work authorization status is guilty of a misdemeanor... if employers pay wages to illegal aliens, they must withhold income tax, social security, and Medicare taxes...”

— Summer 2003 *SSA/IRS Reporter*

Central Committee Meeting – Sunday, 13 July 2003

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met in *Savage Park*, in Howard County, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 2:18 pm by chairman Chip Spangler. Prior to the meeting, the following were distributed: the minutes of the 26 April 2003 Central Committee meeting; the Treasurer's report; an agenda; the Libertarian Party of Maryland Program; Constitutional Amendment Proposals 1-9; and Bylaw Proposal 1.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Nick Sarwark; and Glenn Howard. It validated that 22 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. Additionally, one proxy and one proxy vote were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 67 members.

Minutes: The reading of the minutes was waived; the minutes as corrected were accepted.

Treasurer's report: There was a question as to what the breakdown was between honorarium and expenses for the Advocates for Self Government line item expense of \$300; Joe Miller was not present to explain, but Chip Spangler indicated that the honorarium was \$200 and the travel expenses were \$100. A request was made to have a separate convention report prepared for future reference; Nick Sarwark stated that the convention made a small amount of money; and Chip Spangler stated that a convention accounting report will be prepared. A request was made for an explanation of what the \$33 "adjustment from previous report" meant; since the treasurer was not present, this will be included in the minutes [the previous balance was just wrong]. Lorenzo Gaztañaga requested that the minutes include the following statement: "Joe Miller is one of the best darn Treasurers in the country." The report was accepted.

Report of the Chairman: Chip Spangler thanked Katie Marshall for her work on the April convention and the picnic. There are various upcoming fairs, and he requested volunteers sign up to help at the booths. Chip thanked Jim McLaughlin and Nick Sarwark for taking the Chair positions of the Prince George's and Montgomery county affiliates, respectively; and he thanked Nick Sarwark for his state Chair duties. He said that we are looking for candidates for the 2004 elections.

Report of the Vice-Chairman: Roy J. Meyers III reported that so far we have collected 5332 petition signatures to recertify the party. We need 10,000 validated.

Constitutional Amendments: Proposed amendment #1 passed by a voice vote; Lorenzo Gaztañaga abstained; there was some question as to whether a simple majority vote or unanimous consent is required by the Executive Board; in the Chair's opinion, the current language requires unanimous consent.

It was agreed to vote on proposed amendments #2 and #3 together; in the Chair's opinion, the provisions of both can be done by the Executive Board without Constitutional amendments. Both amendment proposals #2 and #3 failed on a voice vote. Chip Spangler noted that the Board is working on a Standard Operating Procedures document.

Libertarian Party of Maryland Program: tabled from the last central committee meeting, Dave Margolis had proposed the following change: replace the next-to-last sentence, "Permit the carrying of firearms with training and a background check" with "Recognize the right of law-abiding citizens to carry firearms."

The vote was: 10 for; 9 against; and the Chair voted against, resulting in 10 for and 10 against; the motion failed. A motion to reconsider failed by voice vote.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Proposal #1 provides clarification of the term *Central Committee* relating to the *State* and *Local* committees. Proposal #2 updates the term *State Administrative board of Election Laws* to *State Board of Elections* according to changes made by the state. Proposal #3 is a minor language update. Proposal #4 explicitly permits voting by slate for Executive Board. Proposal #5 updates the parliamentary procedure authority. Proposal #6 clarifies Article X and provides a date update. Proposal #7 details *General*, *Youth*, and *Pledge* membership classes and restricts Central Committee membership to registered Libertarians. Proposal #8 revises Standing and Ad Hoc Committee descriptions. Proposal #9 changes the way the State Party Program is updated. Proposal #10 changes mailing address sources. All proposed amendments passed, after some modification, on voice votes. These will be referred to a review committee and shall be voted up or down at the next Central Committee meeting.

Bylaw Proposal #1: updates references to the *Central Committee* in the Bylaws with *State Central Committee*; it passed as submitted on a voice vote.

Announcements: Chip Spangler noted that due to the late hour, the planned *Outreach 101* program will be postponed to another time. He requested volunteers to sign up for the various county fairs.

Adjournment: the Central Committee meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

—Robert E. Glaser

This is a condensed version of the official minutes, which have not yet been approved by the Central Committee. Approved minutes can be found at www.MD.LP.org/docs/cc/

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the sweeping assault that Congress hurriedly passed last July, will force public companies to wade through 60 pages of new laws and hundreds of pages of regulatory interpretations. Many will have to underwrite more expensive audits and revamp financial controls, even if they believe the costs far outweigh any benefit. Their foreign operations must comply with the same standards, even if doing so conflicts with local laws. Another provision requires companies to give even the lowliest janitor on the other side of the globe a way to blow the whistle on financial wrongdoing, anytime day or night.

"It's the criminalization of risk-taking, which is the same as criminalizing capitalism," says Robert Elliott, former partner of KPMG and head of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. "Executives now face millions of dollars in fines and 25 years in prison for things as common as estimation errors and writedowns."

– From "Criminalizing Capitalism," May 12 *Forbes*

Editor's Corner



The next issue is slated for December or January, so please send in articles, recaps of the remaining summer outreach events, and announcements for the beginning of 2004. Thanks to this issue's contributors.

We had a great convention in the spring followed up with an enjoyable picnic, this year actually in the summertime! Welcome to new Board members Roy J. Meyers III, who has assumed the position of Vice-Chair,

and C. David Eagle, who has accepted Communications Director responsibilities; and welcome *back* to Chip Spangler, our new state Chair.

TECHNOLOGY vs. Liberty

One technological innovation most of us are peripherally aware of is merchandise identification tags. These tags are actually passive (they do not require batteries) radio frequency devices, referred to as RFID tags. While these might not present much of a danger to our privacy, I take encouragement from a mild public uproar which occurred regarding a major clothing manufacturer. As reported in the April 28th *EETimes* issue, Italian clothier Benetton Group has backed-pedaled from a plan to embed RFID labels in millions of its garments. After the plan was made public, a backlash ensued that led to the formation of Boycott Benetton, a group that opposed the clothier's and others' planned use of RFID tags to track products through the manufacturing and supply chains. Benetton now says it is reevaluating the plan's potential implications relating to individual privacy.



New technologies permit inexpensive RFID tag systems that manufacturers can embed in clothing which might be undetectable to purchasers. Opponents of RFID tagging say the tags make it theoretically possible to "profile" a consumer remotely, by linking the data on a garment, for example, with the purchaser's credit card information via the retailer's database and then cross-referencing that to the credit card company's database to obtain a broader picture of buying habits. Furthermore, current generation devices are never deactivated, leading to the possibility that one could be identified by unique serial numbers embedded in the clothing tags *after purchase*.

In response to the public outcry, several chip makers are building a "kill" command into their upcoming RFID chips. Ostensibly, they would be deactivated permanently at the check-out counter, alleviating any fear of subsequent undesired tracking.

— *Robert E. Glaser*

"You don't want people thinking this is a free state — you can drive around trafficking your wares."

— *Col. Edward T. Norris*

The Baltimore Sun, May 23 Maryland State Police



In the News

The *Baltimore Sun* published **Keith Murphy's** letter to the editor on March 2nd. He corrected a mischaracterization of the libertarian movement with "...We occupy the great center of American politics, with a consistent message that people should be allowed to keep what they earn and do whatever they wish as long as they do not harm their neighbors."

Michael Dobak wrote a reply letter in the *Baltimore Sun* on March 22nd pointing out that corporate taxes are in fact passed on to the consumer. He proposed that all corporate taxes be eliminated, ending with "All we need to do to make this happen is to elect fiscal conservatives and not the tax-and-spend Democrats and Republicans whom we have repeatedly sent back to Washington and Annapolis."

Douglas McNeil had his letter to the editor published in the *Washington Post* on April 22nd regarding a road rage murder.

Nick Sarwark continues to make monthly appearances on the *Metrotalk with Jerry Phillips* radio show on 100.3 FM and 980 AM (first Sunday of the month, 8:10 - 9:00 am). Go to www.MD.LP.org/audio/ to listen to archived show recordings.

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

"...As responsible citizens, we must always be willing to ask: In the desire to mitigate the new and omnipresent risk of terrorism, have we gone too far? Are we acting not from principles, but from fear?"

— *William R. Brody*
Johns Hopkins President

from May 22 Commencement ceremonies

(www.JHU.edu/news/commence03/speeches/brody.html)

Grants Available

The grants program administered by the *Marijuana Policy Project* has increased its maximum grant (per organization per year) from \$50,000 to \$60,000, effective immediately. The MPP grants program provides funding for projects that will measurably advance marijuana policy reform in the United States.

Our third and final application deadline this year is September 1. Please see www.mpp.org/grants for more information.

As part of the expansion of the MPP grants program, we are especially interested in proposals from activists seeking to pass marijuana ballot initiatives or legislation on the local level. Please visit www.mpp.org/grants/local to see our "Request for Proposals" for local marijuana campaigns.

— *Chad Thevenot*

Grants Manager
Marijuana Policy Project
Washington, D.C.

Advertisement



The MdLP booth at the Towson Towne Festival, the first fair of the season, on May 3/4

The students participating in the 28th annual *Business Today* International Conference were surveyed about their feelings on corporate responsibility, government regulation of business, and corporate ethics. The question was, "To whom does a company have a responsibility?"

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— Steven Sass

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COMING EVENTS

Note: consult www.MD.LP.org/events/ for up-to-date info. Contact numbers for persons listed on page 3 are omitted here. Regularly scheduled events are listed separately on the back page. *Please mark your calendars now!*

August 2-9 (Saturday-Saturday): Howard County Fair.
www.HowardCountyFair.com Kevin Wolf

August 8-16 (Friday-Saturday): Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Nick Sarwark.

August 16 (Sat.): 2:00 pm. Baltimore City/County LP meeting.
 Steve Boone

August 18 (Monday): 7:30 pm. MdLP Executive Board meeting in Prince George's county. Chip Spangler

September 6/7 (Sat./Sun.): ReistersTowne Festival. Steve Boone

September 13 (Saturday): 10:00 am. Libertarian Club of Baltimore *Adopt-A-Highway* Charles Street cleanup. Ruxton School.
 Bill Buzzell, 1-866-576-9651, wabuzzle11*juno.com

September 21 (Sunday): Essex Day. Contact: Bill Buzzell (above)

October 4 (Saturday): Darlington Apple Festival, Harford county.
 Roy J. Meyers III

October 4/5 (Saturday/Sunday): Fells Point Festival. Steve Boone

Regularly Scheduled Libertarian Gatherings, *cont'd from back:*

Southern Maryland LNO: 3rd week of the month, 7:00 pm. Location rotates between: (August) *Applebee's*, 555 N. Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; (September) *Ruby Tuesday*, 45138 First Colony Way, California, MD 20619; and (October) *Chili's*, 2960 Festival Way, Waldorf, MD 20601; Chip Spangler

Liberty Lobbers Bowling League: starting Sept. 7 at 7:00 pm and continuing alternate Sundays at *AMF Ritchie Lanes*, 6608 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie. Steve Boone

Metro Talk: 1st Sunday, 8:10 - 9:00 am. Nick Sarwark on the radio, stations WBIG 100.3 FM and WTEM 980 AM.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____ Email: _____

Phone: day _____ evening _____

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Regularly Scheduled Libertarian Gatherings

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.

Libertarian Night Out (Rockville): 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm at *Bennigan's*, Rockville Pike in Federal Plaza near Twinbrook Pkwy. (behind Texaco gas station). Nick Sarwark

LNO (Silver Spring): 1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm at *Ruby Tuesday*, 8662 Colesville Road in the City Place Mall. Nick Sarwark

LNO (Germantown): 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm at *Ruby Tuesday*, 19800 Century Blvd. (near Safeway). Nick Sarwark

Libertarian Drinking and Debating Society (Timonium): 3rd Friday, 7:00 pm in *AMF Bowling Alley lounge*, opposite Fairgrounds. Jack Mitcham, jaymitch@comcast.net

LNO (College Park): 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm at the *94th Aero Squadron*, 5240 Paint Branch Parkway. Jim McLaughlin

LNO (Harford Co.): 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm. Location rotates. Roy J. Meyers III

LNO (Riva): 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm at *Mike's Crab House* on 3030 Old Riva Road, Riva. Chris Panasuk

LNO (Glen Burnie): last Thursday, 7:00 pm at *Romanos Restaurant*, 6905 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie. Chris Panasuk

Cecil County Libertarians: 4th Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the *Rising Sun Public Library*. Dave Sten

Harford County Lib's: 4th Monday, 7:30 pm at *Harford Community College*, Chspk Ctr, Dining rm west Roy J. Meyers III

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