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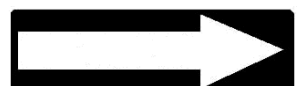
Newsletter of the LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MARYLAND



Scenes from the picnic: Dave Sten accepts the Samuel Chase award from Ron Kean; candidates Kevin Caldwell and Arvin Vohra (above, photo credit Joshua Berlow). Below: Jim Lark, candidate Michael Carney. Below right: Amy White, Shawn Quinn, Bob Johnston, and Michael White at the Oyster Festival in Leonardtown October 22.



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Chair's Report



Donald Trump and the Republican Party have made it clear they no longer believe in free trade or are pro-immigration – two issues Republicans have been generally good on over the last couple of decades.

The Democrats have made it clear that they don't care about our aggressive foreign policy or civil liberties, and are flat-out hostile to free speech.

Which means that it is a great time to be a Libertarian!

The Trump administration shot down the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership) and are working to undo NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement). While both treaties have their problems, in general they have been beneficial to all countries taking part.

Barack Obama deported more immigrants in the first five years of his presidency than George W. Bush did in his full eight-year term. And Obama deported more immigrants than Bush and Bill Clinton did in their 16 years in the presidency combined. Yet Trump is continuing to lobby building a wall on the Mexican border, and has been threatening to undo DACA.

On the campaign trail, Trump was speaking of getting out of NATO, and was critical of our actions in Iraq. Yet here he is pushing for action against the rogue North Koreans, and his inner circle is full of military people.

Obama pushed an anti-war message in his campaign for president in 2008, but turned out to be the first two-term president where the U.S. was at war each day of his tenure in office.

The Republican U.S. House has just proffered a budget that is over \$4 trillion – double the budget in 2000, Bill Clinton's last year in office. And after running against Obamacare since 2010,

now that they are in full control can offer nothing but weak alternative healthcare plans that leave most of Obamacare in place.

There is only one political party that is about seriously cutting spending and taxes, that is for free trade and immigration, for free-market healthcare, for undoing the entitlements that are bankrupting the country, and for peace – and that is the Libertarian Party.

Best of all, both legacy parties are imploding!

The establishment wing of the Republican Party has been at odds with Donald Trump and his supporters since the 2016 presidential primaries. And both sides seem incapable of getting any meaningful legislation passed.

The Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders wings of the Democratic Party have also been fighting with each other since the 2016 presidential primaries. They temporarily made peace during the general election campaign, but have been at each other's throats again since Election Day. And with former Democratic National Committee Chair Donna Brazille's new book *Hacks*, which implicates the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign as having rigged the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination, the battle has intensified.

There will come a point and time where a significant amount of voters decide they have had enough with the old establishment parties, and want something different. Something that gives them *more* personal liberty, not less. And something where the issues have already been tried and have succeeded. The Libertarian Party is poised to be the alternative those voters are looking for. The LP has excellent ballot access, a national office, affiliates in all 50 states and DC, and operates out of principle, not convenience. We don't change our issues on a whim like the other parties do. We stand for what we believe in, and believe to be right and just.

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So, what can you do to take advantage of this situation?

Run for office: running for office as a Libertarian is the most cost-effective method of getting the libertarian message out to the public. The month or two prior to a general election is when the majority of the voters are paying attention to the issues. Libertarians have been able to make headway on several civil liberties issues, such as marijuana decriminalization, rolling back asset forfeiture, and loosening the FDA restrictions on ill patients trying alternative methods of treatment not yet approved by the FDA – issues LP candidates have been running on long before the Democrats and Republicans decided to take them up and get them enacted into law.

If you can't or don't want to run, please help one of our candidates. You can serve as a treasurer, or help transport a candidate back-and-forth to debates and forums.

Outreach: another great way to get our message out and increase our numbers is to do outreach, such as booths at fairs and events, and to hold local get-togethers. Nothing beats a one-on-one approach to introducing others to the Libertarian Party.

Donate: money helps get our message out by running ads and purchasing supplies for the outreach booths.

Please help in whichever way you can.

As I said, it's a great time to be a Libertarian!

— Bob Johnston



Annual Holiday Party

We will be having our annual holiday party at the home of Robert Glaser on Saturday, December 2, from 6:30 to 9 pm. The event is pot luck, please bring a food item. Juice, soda, and water will be provided. BYOB.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

A Central Committee meeting will be held at 7 pm to nominate candidates for public office.

Directions from I-695 to 3213 Patmor Rd, Owings Mills, MD 21117

(Parking in the driveway semicircle will be challenging, so carpool if possible. Follow campaign signs to door in back.)

- 1: Take the MD-140/REISTERSTOWN RD exit, number 20, north
- 2: Keep right at the fork in the ramp if leaving westbound 695; or turn left at urban diamond if leaving eastbound 695.
- 3: Merge onto REISTERSTOWN RD for 1.3 miles
- 4: DO NOT turn right onto CRADDOCK LN (now no left turn at end)
Turn right at the 7th traffic light onto GREENSPRING VALLEY RD
- 5: at stop sign, turn left onto GARRISON FOREST RD for 1.1 miles
- 6: at stop sign, turn right onto CAVES RD for 0.1 miles
- 7: at SPRINKLE LN and mailboxes on right, veer slight right uphill onto PATMOR RD for 0.2 miles
- 8: 3213 on right, blue reflectors, and LED address sign

From the Reisterstown direction:

- 1: Go south on REISTERSTOWN RD
- 2: Continue straight at the traffic signal at PAINTERS MILL RD
- 3: Pass the divider lane wall at ST. THOMAS LN, in between re-opened Krispy Kreme and Popeye's: can no longer turn left here
- 4: Turn left at the next traffic signal into GARRISON VIEW RD, across from Wegman's
- 5: Turn left at WOODKEY LN
- 6: Turn right onto ST. THOMAS LN
- 7: Proceed to dead end and turn right onto GARRISON FOREST RD

- 8: Go down the hill to stop sign; turn left onto CAVES RD for 0.1 miles
- 9: Follow steps #7 & #8 above.

From the Owings Mills Metro stop:

- 1: turn left onto PAINTERS MILL RD
- 2: turn right at REISTERSTOWN RD and follow from step #3 immediately above.

or,

- 1: take OWINGS MILLS BLVD towards REISTERSTOWN RD
- 2: turn right onto REISTERSTOWN RD and follow "From the Reisterstown direction" instructions.

Check the website for
any last minute updates!

Essay on Helping

After the elections in 2008, I attended a Howard County GOP meeting. After hearing their dismay and their strategy leading to the next election cycle, they concluded their business and turned to the stranger in the room: me. “Is there anything you’d like to say?”

Yes. I’d seen the results of their actions up to this election and had heard their plans for the future. Why would a single black mother vote Republican?

Deer in the headlights. Propaganda about “trickle-down” economics. No solutions.

This, fellow Libertarians, is an opportunity that has been waiting for over 9 years. We just need to find a way to get votes. But why would they (I’m purposefully not defining “they” as the specifics do not matter to my methodology) change from the Democrat party that is known for its assistance for the under-served?

They won’t, if all we’re willing to do is spout more propaganda. Words get nothing done. Words don’t help people. We need actions to help people. And money, but we’ll get to that in a bit. Our focus has to be on the situation of individuals. Create a system that will help individuals rise above their current state. Also create a system that is easy to copy/paste, and those who have been helped will help the next. So that’s our strategy. Now, let’s discuss the problem...

I opine that in order to maintain a civil society, all citizens must respect property rights. We expect not to have our belongings taken when we blink. We expect to spend our days exchanging our goods and services for those goods and services offered by others of their own free will. And we expect to keep our goods. The premise is that we have already achieved accumulation of wealth, of goods, and of property. What do Democrat voters have?

I see renters. I see blue collar workers. I see old cars in the apartment parking lots. I see lots of entertainment expenses. I don’t see wealth accumulation. I don’t see respect for property rights. They don’t have property. For the urbanites stuck in a generational property-less world, how would the children born into the same situation ever learn respect for property? They don’t have the means (their perception) to earn it. But they see it on TV and the news. Envy is the emotion that rises up when they want, they see others in possession, but cannot obtain legally. Emotion takes over and they steal.

But what if they were taught how to accumulate property? What if they had mentors? What would they have to be taught? Who would teach them? Where would they be taught? How would they be convinced to go there to learn?

The previous paragraph is massive. These are the problems we need to solve. But if we try to solve this on a massive scale, we will fail just like the GOP has been doing. We must think small in our methods but large in our strategy.

Our strategy is to create a system of assistance (not welfare, just keep reading) that is easily copied. Our methodology is to help one individual find a path to accumulation of property. If we succeed at helping one individual, we move on to the next individual. We hope that the one individual also helps one individual, and so on. Perpetual assistance. That’s the goal, but we still need

to focus on the single objective of helping one individual. Still a lot of questions to answer. Let’s dig in.

Who do we help? Anyone. They’re all over. Columbia, Baltimore, Detroit, Ocean City. It doesn’t matter. All we need to do is have the courage to speak with people. Don’t try to teach them LP principles. Just ask them how you can help. “Excuse me Sir/Ma’am, I like solving problems like a life coach. I’ve even solved a few of my own problems. I’m wondering if you have any problems I may be able to help you solve.” Simple, but courage is needed.

What do we teach them? Nothing. We listen. We ask them if they desire help. If they refuse, move on. When you find one willing to talk – listen. With both ears. Turn off the one mouth, it’s done enough. Use both ears. Any responses must be to repeat what they have said to confirm your understanding of their dialogue. If you have questions about their situation, then ask. But do not solve the problem yet. Offer no advice until they ask for it. You’re there like a therapist to listen. But why would we not try to solve their problem?

Two reasons. One – let’s get known for being the party of ears. We listen. We seek to understand the problems of the people. Do you think Democrats have that reputation? The GOP? That space is there for the taking. We just need to act in the manner that promotes listening. But if we tell them before they ask, they aren’t listening and we won’t be heard. Two – we’re building rapport. We’re gaining trust by listening. Too many people in our lives are trying to persuade our emotions into an opinion we did not reason ourselves into. Let’s not do it to others. Our methods and strategy, if successful, will create values aligned with our own. It doesn’t really matter how they vote if they hold our values. Besides, they’ll vote with us eventually. We just need to give them time. But they won’t vote like us if they don’t have our values.

Solve one problem for an individual, and they’ll come back with another problem. But what if the problem is too big for you to solve? Then you have to reach beyond yourself. You have to find the right person to solve the problem and introduce them. That is what great mentors do. That’s the benefit of an Ivy League education. It’s not what they teach, it’s the connections they have with the alumni. Become the Libertarian alumni to which people with problems will turn. How great of a reputation would that be?

How does this lead to property? We help them. Teach them (when they ask about financial problems, not when you think they’re ready to hear – only when they ask) that saving money is important. Have them start small. A couple dollars a week. Let them enjoy small successes. Teach them to create a budget. What do they take in? On what do they spend? Teach them that they control that week-to-week plan. Empower them.

Step 2 of budget assistance is to help them improve each of their line items. But why would they offer up this many details on their personal finances? They wouldn’t, unless you’re willing to spend time with them. Listen like a family member would. Take a phone call when they’re in trouble. Just don’t give them money. That’s your property and they must respect that. These are our values that need to be taught. But giving them an ear and your time is what families do. Give the unfortunate a family, and you’ll get a civil society.

Back to the budget, but I'll keep it brief. You need to focus on teaching them how to improve each line item in their budget. If you don't know how yourself, admit it and look for help from others and future essays from me. How to better control expenses. How to increase income. How to better spend time while maintaining some entertainment expenses to avoid depression. You have to tie the earning aspect of their income to the reward aspect of their entertainment. Tie the two together in their mind. Entertainment is not just what you do with income. It's a reward. Savings and investment also play a part. That is the means to greater income, greater forms of entertainment, and the accumulation of property.

With larger income and better control of expenses, it's time for a financial plan. They should be recognizing that they have extraordinary power over their own lives by now. It should be time to introduce our strategy. Ask them if they think you've helped them. Ask them if they think they could help someone else. This is how a civil society acts. It's pretty simple.

Unless you're sitting around waiting for someone else to do it for you. Then, you'll be waiting for many years before an LP candidate wins a big battle. Like today. Since LBJ took charge of the poor, who has really helped them? How exactly do we expect them to crawl out of their hole? We're the answer, but it takes our time. Our energy. And they will reject us. Over and over. Don't get down. They're just not ready for these questions *yet*. They'll come around, especially if we solve their friends' problems. Then the problem we have will be that too many people are asking for our time. New problems are better than old problems. Just don't forget that solving the first individual problem is the key.

Write down your successes and failures. Write down those with whom you speak. Shoot for one conversation before the next issue. Make the editor have to dedicate another page just for this effort. The greatest success will get the photo on top and the headline. Will it be you?

— *Craig Reynolds*
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Three candidates were nominated for the 2018 election at the state party picnic on August 26:

U.S. Congress, District 6:
Kevin Caldwell
ElectKevinCaldwell.com

U.S. Congress, District 2:
Michael Carney

U.S. Senate:
Arvin Vohra
VoteVohra.com

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— *Margaret Mead*

Minutes of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland — Saturday, 26 August 2017

Opening: The Libertarian State Central Committee of Maryland met on the grounds of Dave Sten's home in North East, Maryland. The Treasurer's report was distributed. The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm by chairman Bob Johnston.

Attendance: the Credentials Committee consisted of: Robert Glaser; Stuart Simms; and Tony Spezio. It validated that 18 Central Committee members were in attendance for the meeting. Four proxies were represented. The Central Committee rolls consist of 50 members.

Minutes: The minutes of the 29 April 2017 Central Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: was approved as submitted by Michael Linder.

Chair's Report: Bob Johnston thanked Dave and René for hosting the picnic; he reports that we have 124 members and 20,446 registered voters as of 7/31/2017 – just over 0.5%. Need 1% in the gubernatorial election to maintain ballot access. We have five nominated candidates presently. We have until July 2, 2018 to get candidates on the ballot. Goal is to run a full slate of

candidates for federal office and also some local races. The 2018 General Assembly starts in January, contact Eric Blitz about legislation. Baltimore City is in play for the 2020 LP National Convention.

James Lark, LNC regional rep: Had LNC meeting last week. Took questions: still assisting international libertarian groups; fund-raising is okay.

Nominations for Public Office: Kevin Caldwell for U.S. Congress, District 6: nominated unanimously on a voice vote; Michael Carney for U.S. Congress, District 2: nominated on a voice vote. Arvin Vohra for U.S. Senate: nominated 15 *For*, 4 *Against*.

Samuel Chase Freedom Award: was presented to Dave Sten by Ron Kean and Bob Johnston after an historical description by Dean Ahmad.

Announcements: Robert Glaser has license plate applications and extra newsletters on hand, and MdLP caps for sale.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

— *Robert Glaser*

Women And Politics

My visit to a class at UMD/Shady Grove

On September 20, 2017, I was invited to speak to a class of 20 students at the University of Maryland's Shady Grove campus. The professor, Dr. Candace Groudine, had seen Lorenzo's name and phone number as spokesperson for the LPMD, and contacted him about providing a speaker for her course on Women and Politics. She was lining up speakers from all the parties to come on different days, and I had the honor of representing the Libertarian party.

Dr. Groudine had told me over the phone that she made it a point not to impose her views on her students, and encouraged them to express diverse opinions. When I finally met her face-to-face, one of the first things she said to me was that this climate of academic freedom was still the norm, and the well-publicized cases in which free speech was suppressed on campuses around the country were the exceptions.

I walked into a class of young women and men who appeared to be in their early twenties, of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds. The environment of free inquiry and free expression that Dr. Groudine was working so hard to maintain within the walls of her classroom was apparently at odds with the messages they were receiving from the world outside. To someone who came of age during the tumultuous youth and student uprisings of 1968, they seemed remarkably timid and hesitant to own their convictions in public. I started by giving the World's Smallest Political Quiz to the 18 who arrived on time. I was glad that Lorenzo had advised me not to have them call out their scores one at a time for me to place their stars on a Nolan chart. I think that a few would have had a hard time with that. Instead, I asked them to raise their hands to indicate which quadrant they were in. Only two were in the Libertarian quadrant. A predictable majority, including the

The Principle

No person (or group of persons) has the right to seek to attain values by initiating the use of force or fraud against any other person (or group of persons).

Other expressions

All rights of all people all the time

Don't hurt people and don't take their stuff.

Fiscally conservative and socially inclusive (Gary Johnson, LP candidate for U.S. President, 2012 & 2016)

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. (Declaration of Independence)

professor, was in the Left/Liberal quadrant, with one or two on the Conservative side and three or four Authoritarians.

I began by explaining the non-aggression principle behind our label "Party of Principle," using a handout that showed various expressions of the principle, from the one in the MDLP constitution to the resounding prose of the Declaration of Independence. I had brought a copy of Mary Ruwart's *Healing Our World*, explaining that the best-known Libertarian philosopher still alive is a woman. I put her Pyramid of Power diagram on the screen and read aloud her descriptions of each level of aggression. The professor had prepared a few questions to help start the discussion, and most students quickly overcame their initial timidity and the question and answer period was quite lively. Topics ranged from health care reform to abortion, to the roles of federal, state and local governments, to whether or not working with an alternative party was futile. At least two students prefaced their perfectly inoffensive questions with "Please don't take this the wrong way." One young man, who is an intern at NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League), asked what libertarians thought of the imposition of onerous regulations and requirements to limit the availability of abortion services. I pointed to the diagram and said it was an example of first layer aggression – using licensing and regulation to reduce competition or discourage an activity that some people disapprove of.

I came away from this experience with a greater appreciation of the advantage that sheer number of years lived had given me. Lorenzo and I joined the LP 25 years ago – before any of those students had even been born. I found that for each point raised I had a real life experience to support my argument. I left them with the thought that people their age can be excused for giving in to the politics of fear that says, "Vote for Candidate X because if you don't, Candidate Y will win and the world as we know it will come to an end." Having seen as many elections as I have, you should realize the fallacy of the lesser of two evils argument.

— Susan Gaztanaga

Figure 1.1: Pyramid of Power



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Maryland voters registered Libertarian:
20,834 (0.53%)



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Libertarian Party of Maryland

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I'd like to volunteer for:

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

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COMING EVENTS

Stay up-to-date on MdLP activities with our online calendar-of-events: visit LPmaryland.org/events/ (often!). Check page 7 for contact numbers not listed here.

December 2 (Saturday): 6:30 pm. Holiday Party and Central Committee meeting. Page 3

March 10, 2018 (Saturday), *Tentative*. Annual MdLP Convention. Stuart Simms

June 30 - July 3, 2018 (Saturday-Tuesday): LNC convention, New Orleans. *"I'm That Libertarian!"*

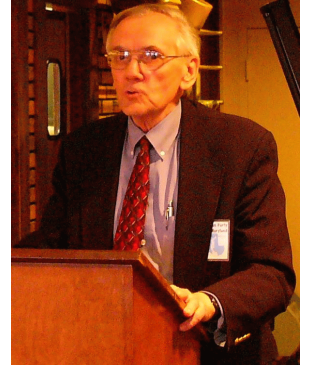
Obituary

Britten "Leo" Martin, the Maryland Libertarian Party's only recent elected official, passed away on June 25.

Martin was the Mayor of Mountain Lake Park, located in Garrett County. He had served as Mayor of Mountain Lake Park since 2001.

Martin ran for the Garrett County Council as a Libertarian in 2014, finishing second with 32% of the vote. He also appeared on the Maryland Public Television show *State Circle*, discussing fracking in Western Maryland.

— *Bob Johnston*



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