



Libertarian Lines

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LPNH Member Ken Blevens Threatened with Arrest!

Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate bossed around in Bow while collecting petitions.

Bow Town Moderator Attorney Peter Imse informed Libertarian U.S. Senate Candidate Ken Blevens that, "he had the authority to not only control the voting place, i.e. the community building and its access, but also the parking lot."

Blevens said, "A Bow Police officer told me at the voting place that if I did not obey the directive of Imse I would be arrested." Blevens entered the community building to try and explain that Imse's "jurisdiction was limited and that he was wrong to prohibit petitioning in the parking lot." Imse informed Blevens that "He had talked to the Assistant Secretary of State who had informed him he could limit petitioning on town property."

Blevens left and went to the Secretary of State's office and talked with officials. He then returned and informed Imse that he had confirmed his right and would continue petitioning in the parking lot. Which he did.

A short time later the moderator, accompanied by Police Chief Rodney Foray, came to Blevens in the parking lot and informed him that "he was half right" and for safety reasons Blevens would have to locate himself in a place that had been previously posted as off-limits to candidates and others by Imse.

After a short time Blevens went to Imse and protested the location, as it was difficult to address voters from that location. Blevens met

again with Chief Forey and Imse and an accommodation for a more suitable location was agreed to.

Blevens said he "would like to thank Karen Ladd from the Secretary of State's office, the new Bow Police Chief Rodney Forey and the other officers for their help. But more importantly he wanted to thank the 336 voters of the town who encouraged him and signed petitions to place his name on the ballot as a Libertarian in November."

Blevens said "An overwhelming number of voters made unsolicited remarks to me that it was



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Ken Blevens can be reached by e-mail at kblevens@totalnetnh.net. Mail to 106+ South State Street, Concord, NH 03301

News from the Executive Board Meeting:

- The LPNH has a new mailing address and phone number, see info box on page 2.
- Contact Don Gorman or Tom Kershaw if you're interested in attending the LP national convention in July.
- The new voter registration forms have just a blank for Party designation, so you can officially register as a Libertarian.
- The 2002 LPNH convention will be at the Holiday Inn in Nashua on September 28th. We are planning a shorter day than last year. Contact Rosalie Babiarz to help.
- Rich Tomasso was appointed as Media Director for the party. His services as a writer, proofreader, copy-editor and website developer are available for party members and candidates.

Moving Full Steam Ahead

By Rich Tomasso

Some new faces showed up, which was a welcome development.

In February, the LPNH had another strategy meeting at the Concord office. Some new faces showed up, which was a welcome development. We covered a number of issues including motivation, campaign themes, how to address the issues, fundraising and the convention.

One possible tactic discussed was for the LPNH to get a group going to educate people on an issue and have great knowledge of the topic internally so we can protect our rights and assert them properly. This would be in addition to the general election campaigns.

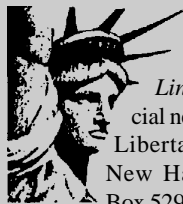
The LPNH will have its first major fundraising event starting in April. Every Saturday night at Club Spin in Portsmouth, there will be an after-hours party/dance with the proceeds going to the LPNH and the Dan Belforti for Congress campaign. We are distributing thousands of marketing flyers which worth \$5 off the cover charge, as well as flyers promoting our Libertarian candidates and the party. Information and candidates will be available at Club Spin to answer questions of the partygoers about the LPNH. Contact Joe Carringer at the main number if you'd like to help.

There was much discussion of building alliances with groups that share common goals with us. For example: taxpayer groups, home schoolers, gun owners, constitutional groups, judicial reformers, hemp and medical marijuana activists and so on. Since we are the only political party working for everyone's liberty, we need to step up and be the focus of support for these groups. If you know of a group that advocates a pro-free-

dom position on a major issue, ask them to contact us.

All the major campaigns and the party itself are still looking for volunteers and interns to staff the Concord office and help with petitioning and campaigning, contact Ken Blevens or John Babiarz if you're interested.

The office now has a phone: 228-1678. There are also petitions, libertarian literature (books, magazines, etc) and some office supplies there for meetings. We are working on getting cable and high-speed internet service.



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Libertarians Moving to NH

A Yahoo Club has formed for libertarians interested in moving to the Granite State. Feel free to share your insights or let out-of-state friends know about it. <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/NHLiveFreeOrDie>

NH Libertarians Mailing list

A general-interest mailing list for NH Libertarians and other fans of the Granite State has started. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nhlibertarians>

Advice for Candidates

Part 2

Running for office doesn't have to be difficult. Others have gone before and have shown how it's done. Here are more suggestions to get your campaign going.

Use a Separate Email

If you plan on having even a moderate amount of electronic correspondence, using a different email address than you do for work or personal use will help keep election-related messages separate and thus easier to organize. Plus it helps your campaign look more professional. You can also create a catchy address like Vote4Me@mail.com or Bob4Congress@mail.net, which can be used again for your next campaign.

Contact Your Local Group

Here in the state we have some local LP groups which are looking for something to do. Stop by a meeting and ask for help or suggest an activity. Getting to know the local activists is a good idea no matter what, they can help organize events, generate publicity, petition for you and help with campaigning.

Review Past Campaigns

Take a look at what others have done before. Did a particular ad or flyer or letter really strike you? Were you moved by a candidate's story? Take a good look at the best presentations of past campaigns and use them as models for your own outreach and marketing. Don't plagiarize here, but there's no point in re-inventing wheels either.

Ask for Endorsements

One of the challenges of running as a Libertarian is recognition. Gaining the endorsement of a state or local (or even national) advocacy group can go a long way to getting you elected or at least making you look like a serious candidate. Plus, many groups may skip over your candidacy if you don't inform them of it and express your views to them. Organizations to consider contacting would be: first and second amendment groups, home schoolers, local print media, business groups and community organizations.

Be Seen

If you're making a real run for office, get out there into the public eye. There an old saying that NH voters won't vote for someone they haven't met in person a few times. Go to a parade, homecoming, civic awards dinner or downtown celebration. You can pass out business cards or campaign flyers and talk to voters. You might even get your picture in the paper.

The LPNH to host L-Night

The LPNH will be hosting a weekly After Hours fundraiser beginning on April 6, 2002. The event will showcase top New England DJ's spinning the very best in electronic dance music.

The fundraiser is geared towards an 18-35 year old demographic and will create an atmosphere that will allow LPNH candidates to interact with young voters in an unconventional campaign setting.

The event, titled L-Night, is an alcohol- and drug-free event and will run from 2:00 AM until 8:00 AM Saturday night / Sunday morning. The venue hosting the fundraiser is Club Spin in Portsmouth. For more information regarding this event please call 603-431-1618. All proceeds to benefit the LPNH and Dan Belforti for Congress 2002.

Please note: this event is an 18+ drug and alcohol free After Hours Fundraiser not to be confused with or called a rave.

Definition of rave: A one time all ages electronic music event held in a large arena or civic center. These events usually have thousands of people in attendance.

Definition of after hours: A re-occurring weekly electronic music event scheduled to occur after the closing night clubs. These events are typically 18+ and are drug and alcohol free.

The very best in electronic dance music.



Help for Libertarian Candidates

The **Libertarian Victory Fund** is helping local Libertarian candidates. Based in Nevada, the LVF is a nonprofit political organization that identifies and helps quality local campaigns which demonstrate a legitimate chance at winning election.

For more information contact the LVF at www.LibertarianVictoryFund.com or Libertarian Victory Fund, 1306 West Craig Rd #158, North Las Vegas, NV 89032.

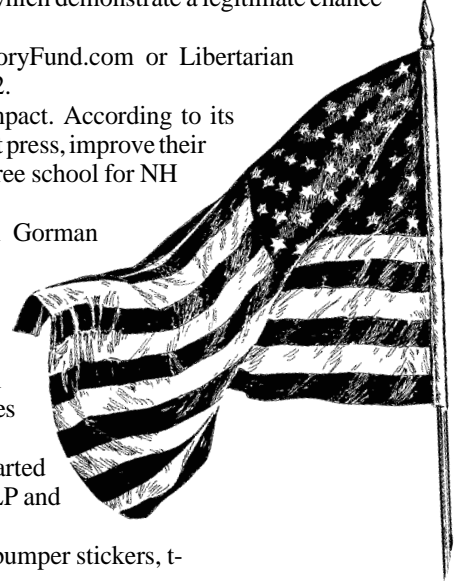
Don Gorman's Campaign School for Winners is making an impact. According to its mission statement students will learn the real nature of politics, how to get press, improve their public speaking and kick-start their campaigns. Don will be hosting a free school for NH candidates this year.

The school can be contacted at www.gorman2000.com or Don Gorman Campaign School for Winners, P.O. Box 94, Deerfield, NH 03037.

An **LPNH Candidates Mailing List** has started. Candidates and campaign staff can share schedules, ideas, articles and success stories. Several resources are on the group pages such as campaign guides, petition forms, vendors, the "Running to Win" document and useful links. Get more details at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LPNH_candidates or send an email to LPNH_candidates-subscribe@yahoo.com

Fill out the **Run For Office** form at national HQ. They'll get you started and you'll be assured of getting the latest updates and advice from the LP and LPNH. <http://www.lp.org/campaigns/run.html>

Campaign Services is a good in-state source for campaigns signs, bumper stickers, t-shirts and more. 889-7474 or www.campaign-services.com



Resources for Libertarian candidates



Patriots Wanted

QUALIFICATIONS:

Love liberty, willingness to defend Constitution, motivation to get involved.

EXPERIENCE:

Some public speaking a plus but not required.

BENEFITS:

Aid the cause of Liberty. Meet new people, make new friends, open eyes to Liberty with positive Libertarian solutions.

POSITION:

Candidate for NH State Representative or State Senator in 2002.

From the Editor

- You may have noticed that at long last, we are accepting advertizing! If you'd like to help sponsor the newsletter and market your business, service or cause to fellow Libertarians, ask for details. Please support our sponsors.
- We've been getting a lot of newsletters returned. If you move, please send your new address to Danielle Donovan (and to national) to ensure uninterrupted service.
- Back issues of the newsletter from 2000 and 2001 are available. New members can see what has gone before. Current members can pass them out to friends. They make great outreach materials for petitioners and candidates and at OPH booths.
- What did you do for liberty in 2001? We're still looking for stories and news of members working to promote freedom or the Libertarian Party. Remember, your story may inspire others.

Send your emails to

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P.O. Box 6581, Portsmouth, NH 03802

2002 Elections

Don Gorman Elected to Deerfield School Board

Following his own "Campaign School for Winners" advice to run for local elections and win, on March 12 Don Gorman was elected to the Deerfield School Board. In a 5-way race for 2 positions, Gorman garnered 24% of the vote, only 47 votes less than the other winner, an incumbent who received 27% of the total.

"I have always felt that 'school board' is the toughest position a Libertarian can run for. You are running against a formidable array of barriers, starting with the public school mentality, fueled by taxes, grants and federal money, backed by PTOs, soccer moms and teachers' unions. Then we have to include federal laws, state laws, judges' orders, lawsuits, injunctions and local ordinances."

Probably the most interesting fact of this election is that on Election Day, Gorman was not at the polls or even in New Hampshire. Instead, he was vacationing in Barcelona, Spain, leaving the mechanics of the election to a dedicated team of loyal individuals that Gorman had trained and worked with for several years. Four members of this team had achieved

elected office in past years, in part due to Gorman's help. Four other members of this team were elected to the local Municipal Budget Committee this year.

This victory was not some kind of hocus-pocus, "luck-of-the-draw" win. It illustrates the effectiveness of the factors that are emphasized in Don's "Campaign School for Winners" sessions. Politics is a learned skill! Gorman believes that the Libertarian Party is creating the granite foundation from which emerging leaders will move up into the State legislatures, county commissions, and governor's offices.

"Right now, we have many Libertarians serving as soil and water commissioners, village and town selectmen, city councilmen, school boards and budget committees. And they are being re-elected, as citizens recognize the difference they make."

Gorman was also re-elected, unopposed, as Trustee of the Trust Funds, and his vote total was the 4th highest of all elected offices in the town.

In other election news, Rhonda Keiper received 762 votes, or 38%, for Supervisor of the Checklist in Amherst.

This victory was not some kind of hocus-pocus.

For the 2002 general election, the following people are petitioning for office:

- John Babiarz - Governor
- Ken Blevens - US Senate
- Dan Belforti - US Congress, 1st
- Rosalie Babiarz - US Congress, 2nd
- Richard Kahn - Executive Council, 4th
- Carmen Smith - State Senate #2 (Sanbornton)

Petitioning for State Rep are:

- Fred Strong - Coos #1 (Colebrook)
- Rhonda Keiper - Hillsborough #15 (Amherst)
- Phil Greazzo - Hillsborough #46 (Manchester)
- Robert Kelley - Merrimack #28 (Concord)
- Howard Wilson - Merrimack #1 (Andover)
- Greg Sears - Rockingham #22 (Salem)
- Leonard Epstein - Rockingham #18 (Derry)

If we missed your candidacy, contact Howard Wilson immediately.

And You Thought Only The Rich Pay No Taxes

Q: What shocking financial secret do mega-billionaires Warren Buffet and Bill Gates both share? A: Neither pays a dime in taxes.

Q: What amazing asset protection strategy do a homeless person and a Rockefeller have in common? A: Neither owns anything.

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Not Your Parents' Political Party

By Rich Tomasso

In December, the LPNH leased office space to coordinate our 2002 statewide petitioning effort. The office is located at 106 South State St in Concord (about 10 blocks south of the Statehouse). We are looking for volunteers and interns to staff the office, contact Ken Blevens or John Babiarz if you're interested.

Potential candidates can meet at the office and regular meetings will be held there. Materials available include: petitions, back-issues of the newsletter, copies of the election laws and Constitutions, and a media contact list. There are also pens, paper and an easel-sized post-its for brainstorming. The office will soon have a phone, fax, high-speed internet and cable TV.

In January, we had a campaign strategy meeting at the office. We discussed petitioning, fund raising, federal, state and local issues, candidate recruitment, coordinated campaigns, communications, outreach, building party membership, marketing, party branding, media purchases and exposure, interviews, press releases and much more.

The issues we discussed included, in no particular order: Homeland "security", the environment (including hemp), education (funding, home schooling, local control), civil liberties (asset forfeiture, FIJA, privacy), health care (Medicaid/care, medical marijuana, medical tests, government-imposed costs), taxes/taxation, current use, property rights, firearms, court reform and judicial activism, DCF, gambling, accountability and responsibility, the drug war (asset forfeiture, medical use vs crime "control"), openness in government, campaign finance reform, running with the Libertarian label, and to run on principle over pragmatism.

Joe Carringer showed us some samples for full-color flyers and postcards from D3 which we could use for advertizing and mailings.

One of the items to stand out was a party slogan which could be used for LPNH outreach and for candidates who identify themselves as Libertarian. That slogan is: "Not Your Parents' Political Party". It's a strong message for younger voters and helps set us apart from the two big-government parties.

Legislation to Support

As an FYI, libertarians in the state can call their legislators to support these bills which will improve the LPNH's chances and enhance liberty in the Granite State.

* HB 1158

would reduce the necessary vote total for ballot access from 4% to 3%

* HB 1181

concerns making two levels of party status in NH. That would be Convention Parties and Primary Parties. If your candidate for Governor or US Senator got between 2% and 5% you would have ballot status and nominate your candidates for any NH office via Convention. If your candidate got 5% or higher then you would have a primary which is what the Dems and Repubs do now. It enables parties like the Libertarians who have gotten 4.5% for 3 different election cycles to have party status in NH where they don't now.

* HB 1188

is another important bill which would prohibit discrimination because of political belief or affiliation.

* Don't forget to ask for support of HB 1263, the zero-adequacy bill.

We are looking for volunteers and interns to staff the office.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 21

Vermont LP Convention. Capital Plaza Hotel, Montpelier. www.vtlp.org

Sunday, April 28

Petitioning help needed at NHMRO swap meet, Hopkinton State Fairgrounds. Contact Howard Wilson. www.nhmro.org

Saturday, May 4

Million Marijuana March at Statehouse in Concord, Noon to 6pm. Contact Phil Greazzo for details. www.cures-not-wars.org

Sunday, May 5

L-Night, LPNH after-hours fundraiser at Club Spin in Portsmouth, 2am to 8am.

Saturday, May 11

NHORML Meeting at Manchester Library, 4pm to 5pm.

Tuesday, May 14

LPNH Executive Board meeting. Manchester Public Library, Hunt Room 6:30pm - 8:30pm.
All members are welcome

Saturday, May 18

Freedom Picnic in Nashua's Greeley Park. Join us for free food, music and games.
Noon to 4pm.
Rain date is Sunday.

Tuesday, June 11

LPNH Executive Board meeting. Manchester Public Library, Hunt Room 6:30pm - 8:30pm.
All members are welcome.

Saturday, July 6

Coalition of NH Taxpayers annual cookout.

Libertarians Taking Action

Local Groups

Join a group in your area today. Don't see one near you? Start one! Organizational help and speakers are available.

Dartmouth Libertarians

Our second college group so far has started at Dartmouth. Early reports say they're really enthusiastic and fired up. Contact Robert.D.Sutton@dartmouth.edu to get involved.

Greater Nashua Libertarians

A discussion/meeting group has formed to bring Libertarians, Constitutionalsists and other freedom-lovers in the greater-Nashua area together. You can join the mailing list at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nashua_LP and subscribing, or sending an email to Nashua_LP-subscribe@yahoo.com, or call Rich at 595-9808 between 9am and 7pm and leave a message with your contact info.

They will be hosting a Freedom Picnic in Greeley Park on May 18th.

Keene State Libertarians

Keene State College students Jim Maynard and Michelle Otterson have worked feverishly to promote Libertarianism in a predominantly liberal school and community.

They invite Libertarians in Keene and surrounding towns to work with them. You can e-mail them at: ksclp@yahoo.com or visit their website: www.ksclp.org

Seacoast Libertarians

Brendan Kelly of Seabrook is starting a group for libertarians in the Seacoast area. Contact him at 474-8283 to join in.

**Get involved ...
make a
difference!**





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