



# Libertarian Lines

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## What You Can Do For Liberty

by Rich Tomasso

*We can all talk about liberty and the Constitution with each other, but that won't create a libertarian society or bring others to our cause.*

*We must each do something to help promote liberty and introduce people to the LPNH. Here are just a few things you can do.*

### Collect Petition Signatures

This is very important. We need ballot access to run as Libertarians, and that requires good petitions, and the earlier we can complete the petitioning process, the better. If every LPNH member collected just 10 valid petitions, we could be done with petitioning in a week. Every member of this party personally knows 10 registered voters, and very likely knows 20 or even 50. So get the latest petition for your area and get out there and ask your friends and neighbors to get our candidates (hopefully yourself included) on the ballot, so we can give Granite Staters the option of voting for liberty.

### Contact Your Representative

Our elected representatives have a job to do, and it's up to us to remind them when they don't do it, and to compliment them when they do.

It seems every week we hear about unconstitutional legislation, pork barrel spending, anti-gun grandstanding, tax increases, and on and on. Sadly, some of it comes from our own representatives. They won't stop unless their constituents tell them to stop.

You can also suggest alterna-

tives, or ask them to support a pro-freedom bill, or advocate a libertarian solution. Your legislators know that someone who cares enough to send them a letter or make a phone call will care enough to vote, so they have an incentive to listen to you. Make your voice heard.

### Display or Distribute Literature

An easy way to expose others to the idea of liberty is to hand out or leave libertarian literature where others will see it. This can be anything from putting out LP flyers at a checkout station, leaving a WSPQ card with a tip, to leaving a copy of LPNews or the Constitution at the doctor's office (patients

will probably appreciate something new to read) or a service center. You can pass along a campaign or fundraising letter to someone, or hand out candidate flyers to friends and family.

### Help a Campaign

Politics is not a debating society or a social club. A real campaign requires real work. You can help by donating time, money or both.

Do you have some expertise that could help a campaign? Campaigns generate press releases, position papers, flyers and other writings, so there is ample opportunity for writers, editors, web page designers, photographers and so forth. Candidates need to get into the public eye, so public rela-

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## News from the Executive Board Meeting:

In December, the LPNH leased office space to house and coordinate our 2002 statewide petitioning effort. The office is located at 106 South State St in Concord. Both John Babiarz and Ken Blevens are looking for volunteers to staff the office.

Libertarian business owners - contact us for an upcoming project for the newsletter. Have you started a local libertarian group? Organizational help and speakers are available.

Anyone interested in attending the LP national convention in July should contact Tom Kershaw.

The new voter registration forms have just a blank for Party designation, so you can register as a Libertarian and the State has to accept it.

The 2002 LPNH convention will be in Nashua.

# Petitioning Plans

*We want to make 2002 a banner year for the LPNH. In order to do that we need to petition to place our candidates on the ballot in November. The Legislature should be done with redistricting by the time you read this or shortly thereafter, so all the district boundaries will be known.*

We need 3000 valid and legible signatures for Governor and US Senator (1500 from each congressional district), 1500 for US House, 750 for Executive Councilors and State Senators, and 150 for NH House seats. The signatures must come from within the district to be valid for that office.

We can have several candidates on each petition. So you can collect signatures in your neighborhood for your statehouse candidacy, plus our state senate, county sheriff, and executive council candidates, either Dan Belforti or Rosalie Babiarz for US Congress, Ken Blevens for US Senator and John Babiarz for Governor all on one petition (space permitting).

Sample petitions are available

now to show you how this all works. As more Libertarian candidates come forward, more petitions will be posted. Please check [www.lpnh.org](http://www.lpnh.org) for updates, instructions and a FAQ, or contact Howard Wilson for help.

According to the Secretary of State's Office, "You must put your full name and full address on primary petitions and the specific county and district must be on them. It is not necessary for a specific abbreviation to be used."

## Process is simple

The process is simple. Ask each prospective signer if he or she is a registered voter in NH. Then ask if they'll sign the petition to place the listed candidates on the 2002 General Elec-

tion Ballot. Their mailing address is optional if it's the same as their domicile.

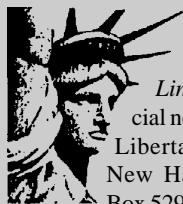
You can collect petition signatures just about anywhere (get permission before collecting them on private property). Good places include: outside city hall, grocery stores and post offices, the town landfill, at fairs, political events, gun shows, neighborhood meetings, OPH booths, and old-fashioned door-to-door (which is also great outreach if you're a candidate).

At the same time, you can also ask voters if they'd be interested in learning more about the Libertarian Party, giving us a pool of new prospects. For such interested voters, put a small check next to their name so they can be identified by Howard.

If YOU want to be a candidate for office, notify Howard Wilson or Rich Tomasso immediately, so they can get a petition to you with your name on it. In June of 2002 each candidate will be required to sign and certify a Declaration of Intent (to be a candidate) with their Town/City Clerk, those seeking major office file in the Secretary of State's office.

Petitioning is vitally important. We need ballot access to run as Libertarians, and that requires good petitions. And the earlier we can complete the petitioning process, the better. If every libertarian in the state collected just 10 valid petitions, we could be done with petitioning in a week. Each of us likely knows 10 registered voters, probably 20 or even 50. So get out there and ask your friends and neighbors to help get our candidates (yourself included) on the ballot. Let's give the Granite State the option of voting for liberty!

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# SAFE Seeking to Expand Membership

by Elizabeth Vance

*An organization which seeks to save Social Security with a combination of privatization and reduced government waste is working to expand its national membership. Seniors Against Federal Extravagance (SAFE) has a strong base and wants to expand its presence to all 50 states.*

SAFE is dedicated to the future welfare of the next generation. Recognizing that younger workers will have serious problems trying to support retiring baby boomers, SAFE is trying to counter the effects of skyrocketing entitlements. As the SAFE membership brochure explains, "With only two workers per retiree, we can expect the baby boomer to receive less Social Security than present seniors receive and we can expect members of Generation X to pay much higher taxes than present seniors have paid."

The members of SAFE are in favor of decreased government spending, paying off the national debt before baby boomers retire, and partially privatizing Social Security investments. SAFE also spends time battling the lobbying efforts of the AARP in getting more entitlement programs for seniors. SAFE members are willing to take cuts in their own social security benefits in order to decrease the burden on younger workers who are paying taxes.

## Pressure is on us

The oldest of the baby boomers (born in 1946) have just turned 55 and will begin retiring in the next 7-9 years. So, the pressure is on us to do

something! SAFE members write letters to the editor and OpEd pieces to newspapers around the country in order to educate the public. They participate in public festivals and events in an effort to spread the

eral rule, has little appeal to senior citizens because of its stance on Social Security. While senior citizens are the most active group of voters and political activists in the nation, they make up the smallest group of Libertarians. Libertarians who join SAFE have the opportunity to not only raise awareness about the tax burden Social Security creates, but also to educate senior Americans about the benefits and goals of the Libertarian Party, and perhaps even recruit them to the Party!

## Reach common goals

Libertarians have proven in the past that they can successfully work together with groups such as the NAACP, Citizens for a Sound Economy, and GrassRoots North Carolina to reach common goals. It's time we branched out and worked with yet another group to

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word of their efforts. They have a sound organizational structure in place, a quarterly newsletter, and a very informative website.

What SAFE is looking for is MEMBERS — in every state, of any age, of any degree of participation. Much like Libertarians, the members of SAFE know they are fighting an uphill battle to bring tax relief to the workers and to cut back government entitlement programs. Like the Libertarian Party, SAFE is fighting against an entrenched establishment of special interests — people who have something to lose if we are successful!

The Libertarian Party, as a gen-

reach a common goal. Even though SAFE doesn't advocate as drastic a restructuring to Social Security as many Libertarians would like, at least they are taking a step in the right direction and are working diligently toward educating the public about a huge problem on the national horizon.

If you would like more information on SAFE, visit [www.s-a-f-e.org](http://www.s-a-f-e.org). An annual membership is only \$5.00 and includes a subscription to the newsletter. The mailing address is 214 N. Spring Valley Rd., Wilmington, DE 19807. Membership is open to persons of all ages and political affiliations.

# Help for Libertarian Candidates

## Resources for Liber- tarian candidates

**The Libertarian Victory Fund** (LVF) is open for business to help local Libertarian candidates. The LVF, based in Nevada, is a non-profit political organization that identifies and helps quality local campaigns which demonstrate a legitimate chance at winning election.

Seven of nine LVF targeted candidates won election to office on Nov 6th, and two won earlier this year. The LVF played a major role in these campaigns, and cranked out over \$18,000 in direct support to them.

For more information contact the LVF at <[www.LibertarianVictoryFund.com](http://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. The school can be contacted at [www.gorman2000.com](http://www.gorman2000.com) or Don Gorman Campaign School for Winners, P.O. Box 94, Deerfield, NH 03037.

## 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.

**An LPNH Candidates Mailing List** has started on Yahoo. Candidates can share schedules, ideas, articles and success stories. Several resources are also on the group pages such as campaign guides, forms, and useful links. You can get more details at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LPNH\\_candidates](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LPNH_candidates)

If you're running for office, you need to consider campaign litera-

ture, including business cards. You can get 250 free color business cards at [www.vistaprint.com](http://www.vistaprint.com) if you are a new customer. They even have a template with an American flag, a good symbol for political campaigns.

A good source for campaigns signs, bumper stickers, t-shirts and more is Campaign Graphics – [www.campaigngraphics.com](http://www.campaigngraphics.com)

## From the Editor

# What Did YOU Do for Liberty in 2001?

A good question, but do many of us have a good answer? If you do, let us know. We'll print your story in an upcoming issue of Libertarian Lines.

Some examples of what we want to hear about: Working for a Libertarian candidate. Writing letters to the editor. Working on a Spending Cap. Going to a Freedom Forum meeting. Handing out the WSPQ. Putting up flyers for conventions, RKBA talks, etc. Giving a speech. Recommending libertarian media sources. Running for office as a Libertarian. Getting someone else to join the party. Creating a libertarian website.

We want to know how you've been promoting Liberty! Your story might inspire others.

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PO Box 5293, Manchester NH 03108.*

## For Liberty

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tions and marketing are valuable skills.

If you have a position of influence, you can make an official endorsement of a candidate. Mention a candidate to friends and associates. Hand out campaign literature. Post a sign in your window or on your lawn.

You can provide a meeting place for candidates and their supporters, or host a "meet the candidate" dinner party.

In addition to supporting a campaign directly, you can also make donations to the LPNH, the LVF or a pro-liberty PAC to help get libertarians elected across the country.

## Contribute to the Newsletter

Libertarian Lines is our communication with the party membership. But we can only re-



port on what we know about and what we have time to produce. Therefore, we are asking *everyone* to consider making a contribution to the newsletter.

Do you have an idea for a pro-liberty article? Send it in. Do you have some advice on how to spread the message of liberty and responsibility? Let us know so we can pass it along.

Will there be a pro-freedom event in your area (gun-rights rally, a freedom picnic, a constitutional seminar, etc.)? Tell us about it so we can inform the membership. And better yet, follow up the announcement with a review of the event in your own words and send it in for publication, including any pictures you may have taken.

Are you doing something to help create a free society? Is there an organization LPNH members might be interested in joining? Let us know. Did you read a great pro-freedom article in the newspaper or a magazine? We'll pass along the link.

Is there some state or local news that highlights a libertarian solution, or shows the problems with the current political system or politicians we have now? Tell us about it.

## Join a Taxpayers Group

Taxpayer advocates are natural allies of Libertarians. Most taxpayer groups are out there working with their city and town government on a daily basis, checking budgets and ordinances to keep the local leadership in line.

In some cities these groups are well-represented, in others, they need all the help they can get. You'll likely find people who share your views on government, and some of them may not have heard of the Libertarian Party, so you can be an ambassador of sorts.

## Letters to the Editor

Getting a letter promoting the libertarian viewpoint is very powerful. Your words will be read by thousands of people. A persuasive argument will get some of them to rethink their position, and hopefully find out more about other libertarian solutions. Plus, by getting three letters published, you'll win a Lights of Liberty award from the Advocates for Self-Government.

## Staff an OPH Booth

One of the best outreach tools ever for libertarians, Operation Political Homeless booths are easy to run and give the party what it needs to grow: prospects. Contact Howard Wilson if you want to help.

## Start a Local Group

Starting a local group is easy. You can get a list of LPNH members in your town or the surrounding area from Danielle Donovan. Simply contact the Libertarians in your local area and arrange a gathering, start an email list, or generate a phone tree to keep in contact for local issues. That's all there is to it.

Local groups are a great way to stay involved and get help. A local group is an instant resource for candidates. You can all work together to write a letter to the editor, keep each other informed of local freedom-based events and staff local OPH booths. Plus you'll also get a chance to socialize with other liberty-loving people in your area.

## Testify at the Statehouse

The Legislature holds hearings for most bills and posts a schedule of upcoming hearings and forums. If you have knowledge of an issue and can present a clear case for a libertarian solution, or why a piece of legislation would be good or bad for NH, drive over to Concord and state your case.

**We must each do something to help promote liberty.**

# Saving Hemp

by Phil Greazzo, DEA Civil Action

*The DEA Education day of civil action went very well. We were able to collect much needed signatures for the DEA comment period on their proposed Hemp food ban.*

There were about 20 people in all who participated in front of the Concord NH DEA office. Some media picked up on the story, but still not the number of media outlets that should be covering real stories such as this.

The *Concord Monitor* ran a front page story of the civil action on the day it happened. While out on the picket line, NHPR stopped by and got interviews from Joe Carringer, President of the New England Hemp Foundation, and myself.

At the end of the day our group headed up to the DEA office in the building we had been in front of. We had planned on dropping off our signed comment cards. Unfortunately the agents refused to take our comment cards, and we had to send them by mail to the DEA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

## Hemp Breakfast at WGIR

The Hemp breakfast was a lot more fun. The folks of WGIR's Morning Buzz accepted the New England Hemp Foundation's invitation to serve them Hemp breakfast. This was a great opportunity, and a fun way to expose the mainstream of NH to

the Hemp issue. We brought Hemp waffles, Hemp cereal, Hemp breakfast bars, Hemp candy bars, Hemp pretzels, Hemp coffee, and Hemp milk.

They tried nearly all the products that we had to offer. Then they evaluated the taste. They had mentioned on the air before we had arrived that they would tell the audience whether the food was good or not. After having them taste the food, I had to know if it passed the taste test. They liked all the food we brought.

One of the show members didn't want to try any of the food due to a special diet. His comment was that if it were steak he'd eat it. Hearing that, Joe Carringer mentioned that he could remedy the situation by having Hempfed beef delivered. Joe jumped into action and phoned one of his contacts in the Hemp industry. Minutes later he had confirmation of a shipment of Hempfed beef being delivered to the NEHF. We then notified the Buzz crew that the beef was on its way and for them to set up a return date for a Hemp lunch.

For more information on Hemp  
visit [www.savehemp.org](http://www.savehemp.org) and [www.votehemp.com](http://www.votehemp.com)

## Ken Blevens Files Amicus Brief

In an effort to put the Court on notice, Ken Blevens has filed an Amicus brief with the State Supreme Court pointing out that HB 1263 solves the Claremont problem and that the Court should deny any motion to invoke its jurisdiction in the case.

## Help Total Local Control

The legislature has a zero-adequacy bill pending, HB 1263-FN-A-LOCAL, sponsored by Steve Vaillancourt, which is *still* awaiting a Fiscal Impact statement, despite having been in the legislature for 8 months.

Contact your legislator(s) and ask them about HB 1263 and if legislative services could get an answer on how much money NH taxpayers would save. A phrase like "Can you speed up the process of fiscal assessment so I can know how it will affect my property taxes?" would work.

The recent hearing on HB 1263 seemed to go well, no one spoke against it. The frustration with the current system and with the Claremont decision is growing across NH. We now have a chance for a real solution for public education. Help make it a reality.

## Announcement:

Coming soon to  
New Hampshire:  
Carla Howell!  
Details on the way...

The  
*Concord  
Monitor*  
ran a front  
page story  
of the civil  
action.

**Libertarians Taking Action**

**Report from the Nashua Meeting**

**by Rich Tomasso**

The Nashua Libertarians had a meeting on December 4th at the Nashua Public Library. Those who attended discussed election issues (particularly the drug war), patriotism, other groups and efforts to get involved in ranging from taxpayer groups to the freedom forum to homeschooling.

There was much discussion of whether the Drug War was a workable issue for LP candidates and how the state and national parties planned to address it. We talked about how we could leverage concerns over the "War on Terrorism" when talking to people in and out of campaigns, and how best to simply reach people with our message.

Some of us kept talking after the meeting and talked about the "war on terrorism" and local news like the proposed anti-smoking ordinance in Nashua, which we plan on opposing.

There will be another meeting on January 31st. Hopefully those who missed the first meeting will be able to attend.

**Upcoming Events**

**January 23 - February 1**

Filing period for individuals who wish to attempt being elected to a Town or School District office.

**Thursday, January 31**

Nashua Libertarian meeting at 7pm in Paradox Club on Main Street, Nashua.

**Tuesday, February 5**

Last day to file a Warrant Article to be considered at Town or School District meeting.

**Friday, February 9**

NHORML meeting at Manchester Public Library, 4pm to 5pm.

**Tuesday, February 12**

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

**Tuesday, March 12**

Town Meeting day. (Good place to gather petition signatures.)

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**Seacoast Libertarians**

**New Group!**

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

**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 contact them at e-mail: ksclp@yahoo.com or visit their website: www.ksclp.org

**Nashua-Area Libertarians**

A discussion/meeting group has formed to bring Libertarians, Constitutionalists and other freedom-lovers in the greater-Nashua area together. You can join the mailing list by going to [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nashua\\_LP](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nashua_LP) and subscribing, or sending an email to [Nashua\\_LP-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Nashua_LP-subscribe@yahoo.com)

If you're not on-line yet, call Rich at 595-9808 between 9am and 7pm and leave a message with your contact info.

Their next meeting will be on January 31st at 7pm at Paradox on Main Street.

**Libertarians Moving to NH**

A new 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. The URL is <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/NHLiveFreeOrDie>

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



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