



Libertarian Lines

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We Are Running to Win!

Declarations are closed. Petitioning is done. We had a rush of activity in July, thank you to those who helped at the fairs and who went out to collect in the final days to get us enough raw petitions in each district. The work paid off. We are on the ballot!.

Campaigns Doing Well

So far, we've already gotten more good press than all of the 1998 and 2000 election cycles. John Babiarz especially has been able to get into all the forums and debates and gotten several hours of interviews on radio and TV. John, Ken and Dan have flyers being distributed across the state. There are reports from 2nd district that Charlie Bass is in a lot of trouble and Rosalie may peel away a significant percentage of his conservative base. There are similar rumblings about Jeb Bradley in 1st district. And since all the other candidates are gung-ho about going to War with Iraq, we can capture the peace vote as well as those who simply think there's no evidence for a war at this time.

Our outreach events, at the fairs and in Portsmouth have been encouraging. More and more people are learning about the party and the candidates. More still needs to be done, and that means the party and the candidates need more help from you.

Our reception at the Freedom Fest was amazing (see related story). All of our candidates were in the BIA debates held at UNH. John will be on the

WMUR/Union Leader debate. We're still working to get everyone else included.

Brendan Kelly of Seabrook has also paid for a few hundred "Enough is Enough/Vote Libertarian" signs to be put up at the polls. We need everyone to take at least one sign and put them up at the polls on election day to remind voters that they have a choice. You can contact Brendan at 474-8283 or any of the party officers to pick up your signs.

We're looking for volunteers to help our candidates. Let's have a crowd of LPNH shirts and signs at rallies and forums. Host coffees for candidates. Work the crowd at press conferences. Ask tough questions of the other candidates.

Check with each campaign for upcoming events. If you hear about a forum or debate, let the campaigns know, and ask the organizers if the Libertarian was invited. Contact John Babiarz to get a yard sign or a box of flyers.

Certified Candidates

John Babiarz - Governor - www.babiarz.org
Ken Blevens - US Senate - www.blevens.org
Dan Belforti - US Congress, 1st - www.belforti.org
Rosalie Babiarz - US Congress, 2nd - www.rosalie2002.org

State Rep for district #...

Fred Strong - #1 (Colebrook)
Howard Wilson - #35 (Andover)
Paula Werme - #35 (Boscawen)
Rhonda Keiper - #47 (Amherst)
Lisa Wilber - #48 (Weare)
Phil Greazzo - #50 (Manchester)
Leonard Epstein - #77 (Derry)
Bill DiScipio - #79 (Sandown)
Dan Belforti - #86 (Portsmouth)
Joseph Carringer - #86 (Portsmouth)

We're looking for volunteers to help our candidates.

News from the Executive Board Meeting:

- Greetings from the new board. We've got some great challenges and opportunities for the coming year, we hope everyone in the party joins us in building upon our current successes.
- The new voter registration forms have just a blank for Party designation, so you can officially register as a Libertarian.
- Phil Greazzo has a videotape of Gary Johnson's speech at Dartmouth.
- Chris Benenati has been appointed Membership Coordinator. His first job will be recruiting prospects. Welcome aboard Chris!

Freedom Festival Highlights Cannabis, Candidates

A warm and sunny Saturday afternoon in Manchester was filled with the sound of music and information.

Make no mistake about it, everyone loved our message.

NHORML sponsored the 2002 Freedom Festival at Veterans Park, welcoming over a thousand people with the message of re-legalization and support for Libertarian candidates.

The peaceful crowd heard from John Babiarz, Rosalie Babiarz and Dan Belforti about the issues of this election ranging from freedom from the bankrupt Social Security system to medical marijuana. The applause of the crowd was followed up with support at the NHORML/LPNH booth. Nearly everyone came over to buy t-shirts and books, pick up flyers and bumper stickers and hear our message. John, Rosalie and Dan talked to hundreds of people throughout the day.

They were also interviewed by the media and made contacts with vendors and activists from across New England. John even played some hacky sack with young voters.

"I'll vote for him"

Make no mistake about it, everyone *loved* our message. Even after hearing only 30 seconds of John's platform people were saying "I'll vote for him" and asking for flyers to take to their friends. People were taking hundreds of flyers home with them to pass along to friends and neighbors. Several people bought a John Babiarz or LPNH T-shirt and wore it the rest of the day. The vendors offered to pass out John's flyers to their customers.

In all, people took over 8,000

of John's flyers. Many, many people are talking about John being the next governor of NH. An unofficial poll already has John at 15%. You can feel the excitement in the air. Younger voters especially want to hear our message and respond to it. People were asking to sign up to volunteer for the campaign, inviting John to speak to their campus or organization.

If you were thinking this would be another typical 3% libertarian campaign, think again. John is well past ballot status, past being the margin of victory, he's into record territory. He has major centers of support across the state. We own the youth vote. Even with the lack of media coverage our message is getting out under the radar. Join the team and be part of what could be the biggest upset in NH political history.

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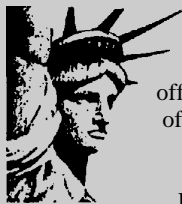
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Libertarians Moving to NH

A Yahoo Group has formed for libertarians interested in moving to the Granite State. Feel free to share your insights and let out-of-state friends know about it. <yahoogroups.com/group/NHLiveFreeOrDie>

NH Libertarians Mailing list

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

On The Campaign Trail

Ken Blevens asks for removal of Shaheen and Sununu for violating election law

Ken Blevens, Libertarian for U. S. Senate, delivered a formal request to NH Secretary of State William Gardner that he remove the Republican and Democratic candidates from the ballot for U. S. Senate. He based his request on Part 1, Article 11 of the NH Constitution, which states that citizens who have violated election laws may not vote or be elected to office unless the State Supreme Court has restored their privileges.

Blevens, a strong advocate of campaign reform, has said many times, "Campaign reform must start with government officials upholding the Constitution and the law."

This is *deja vu* for Blevens, as the Ballot Law Commission convicted both the Republican and Democratic candidates in 1996 of election law violations. The inconsistency between 1996 and now is that the candidates in 1996 were convicted and given a second chance. The NH Supreme Court then gave no regard to the Constitutional requirement for reinstatement of candidate privileges.

Now the Secretary of State's response is that the Republican and Democratic candidates in this election, who have violated the exact same election laws and paid a fine just as the 1996 candidates did, were not "convicted" of the violation and so therefore can remain on the ballot. Never mind that assessment of a fine requires a *de facto* con-

viction. Apparently, the rule of law does not apply to the "good old boys" of NH.

While discussing the issue with supporters, Blevens said, "It's important to have the voters make their own decision on whether a candidate has violated the election laws. The information is at my web site for the public to scrutinize." Blevens continued, "The next step in the process would be a court petition for a declaratory judgment and an injunction, but my campaign resources would be better used educating the voters on the evils of Big Nurse government."

Read more at www.blevens.org

John Babiarz asks, does Fernald's plan really add up?

At a first glance Mark Fernald's income tax may look like a fair way to find funding for education in NH. But when you look closer at some of the numbers that have been left out, it falls short of its promises to save the state.

The citizens of NH already lose up to 39% of their income to the federal income tax. Mr. Fernald's plan would take an additional 4%. Mr. Fernald will insist that your level of tax will adjust by the amount of tax relief you will receive from no longer having to

pay a statewide property tax to cover education. The reality is that you will still pay your local property tax, which makes up the bulk of education funding across the state. If you do not already have a home, or if you rent, your tax burden will actually *increase*.

This leaves a person to wonder how an income tax will really work. With a 4% state income tax we also need to look at how local, state and registered unions will respond. It could require an 8% increase in pay to all employees to cover the cost of an income tax. There is no adjustment or chart offered by Mr. Fernald to show us where the additional money for this increase will come from. On the local level it will most likely come from increases in local property taxes. On the state level it may not look so good anymore to sunset the statewide property tax. The business community would be left to suffer between choosing to increase their

employees' wages or leave them even more underpaid in many cases.

An income tax does one thing to the citizens of NH: it takes away their hard earned wages to pay for the over-budgeted cost of government. It is time that we look at the education funding crisis for what it truly is, a state government over-budgeting crisis. To preserve New Hampshire's advantage, heritage and way of life, we need a governor that will vow to stop our existing over-taxation, cut state spending and protect local control of education. John Babiarz is that man.

Read more at www.babiarz.org

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"Quote/Unquote"

"Oh, we didn't even think about you guys."

-Answer to question of how redistricting would affect petitioning candidates.

Help for Libertarian Candidates

The **Libertarian Victory Fund** is helping local Libertarian candidates. The LVF, based in Nevada, 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.

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 <yahoogroups.com/group/LPNH_candidates> or send an email to LPNH_candidates_subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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



Resources for Libertarian candidates

Liberty T-Shirts & Caps Still Available!

In the spirit of putting their money where their mouth is, the LPNH has designed Hemp T-shirts and caps to celebrate the message of liberty. They impressed the delegates at the national convention.

The LPNH chose Hemp because it is durable, comfortable, environmentally friendly, and the party fully supports re-legalization of Industrial Hemp.

The printed shirts have the party's logo on the front, with Lady Liberty and a definition of "Libertarian" on the back. The embroidered shirts have Lady Liberty and LPNH on the front. The cap has the same on the front face.

Shirts are available in S, M, L and XL in the following colors: Navy w/Ivory text, Black w/Ivory text, Natural w/Blue text, Black w/Blue text.

The shirts are 55% Hemp and 45% Cotton and are available for only \$15 (printed) or \$18 (embroidered) + shipping/handling. The 100% Hemp embroidered caps (Black or Natural w/Navy brim) are \$20.00

To place an order or get more information contact:

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When ordering, please make checks payable to LPNH and include: Shipping address, phone number, size and color. Thank you.



From the Editor

- Would you prefer an electronic version of the newsletter to a print copy? Either a PDF or HTML file or simply an email notice that a new issue is ready at lphn.org?
- You may have noticed that we're accepting advertizing. If you'd like to help sponsor the newsletter and market your business or services to fellow Libertarians, ask for details. Please support our sponsors.
- Back issues of LibLines are available. New members can see what has gone before. Current members can pass them out to friends. They make great outreach materials for candidates and OPH booths.
- Want to create some libertarian media? Contact me and find out how.

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LPNH Convention Recap

Due to the huge backlog of news and updates, a full writeup the convention will have to wait until next issue. The convention was a success, we had lots of new faces there, several out of state guests, great speakers, and more media coverage than ever.

NHPR announced the convention all day during newsbreaks. Channel 9 had a camera crew there to film the speeches and do interviews. We made the 11:30 Saturday night and 9:30 Sunday morning broadcasts. We got coverage in the Union Leader and elsewhere.

John Babiarz gave a great speech at lunch "Libertarians winning the issues", which showed both how far he's come as a candidate and all the successes we're having on the campaign trail such as invitations to debates, good press, handing out over 100,000 flyers and picking up volunteers from the Humphrey and Keough camps.

Elizabeth McKinstry did a wonderful job highlighting the Free State Project, and heard from many attendees about why NH would be such a great choice. By the end of the night even Vin had signed on!

At the Business Meeting we elected a new board (see page 2 box). John Barnes will be looking at some fundraising ideas and social functions we could host. The Party is low on funds. We had more revenues coming in this year, but we also spent more on events, outreach, elections and the newsletter.

We covered the many areas where the membership can help us out, from volunteering some time at the office in Concord (Tue & Wed esp), putting up road signs and a special effort, led by Brendan Kelly, to get "Vote Lib-

ertarian" signs at all the polls on election day. Members should also look into being election supervisors in their town, to make sure all our votes get counted. We *will* break through this year if we get your help.

The Candidate Forum gave us all a chance to see our candidates in action, from US Senate to state rep. The audience asked great questions. Marc Cenci gave us news from national and suggested ways for state affiliates to work together and to let the LNC know what is needed. He also highlighted some of the havoc the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act will have on the Party (as if you needed another reason to hate it).

The surprise at the convention was Jackie Casey from Front-Sight. She gave a presentation to some attendees and agreed to come back next summer to host an event for us. Frontsight is a security/self-defense company of-

fering courses on everything from martial arts to firing submachine guns and how to properly present a firearm in today's legal environment.

Our keynote speaker, Vin Supryniewicz, told the dinner audience stories of Americans who'd been driven too far, and of those who overcame a corrupt system. He told us about Carl Drega, Peter McWilliams, Donald Scott and many others. Some stories were tragic, others funny, some were telling examples of what has gone before and what might happen here.

Ending the evening was the state of the LPNH. Despite the membership losses the Party is going through, we have had some great successes. Much more positive media attention, candidates with a real chance to win, much more outreach and new volunteers. And last but not least, John Babiarz was named Libertarian of the Year. Congratulations.

The Candidate Forum gave us all a chance to see our candidates in action.

Enough is Enough

Brendan Kelly of Seabrook has graciously offered to buy a few hundred "Enough is Enough/Vote Libertarian" signs for us to put up at *all* the polling places on election day. We thank him for this effort. Now we need *everyone* to pick up signs for their town, and perhaps nearby towns, and place them at the polling places on election day or the night before and pick them up after the election.

Contact Brendan at 474-8283 for your sign. Ken Blevens has agreed to store some signs at his Concord office for people to pick up.

***WE ARE DOWN TO THE WIRE FOLKS,
THIS ELECTION WILL BE A SUCCESS BASED ON
YOUR HELP.***

Ballot Questions & Answers

Here
are
some
voices
on
each.

This November, voters will be making important decisions affecting our constitution. Ballot questions ask to modify Article 73A and if we want a constitutional convention. Here are some voices on each:

Revise Article 73-a:

“Hell no. As is currently written, it is bad news, giving the NH Supreme Court superior/equal power with the NH Legislature, and a judge over the legislature equally. As a difference, the new language modifies the Court’s power from current events, making it equally bad, for different reasons.”

– Howard Wilson

Constitutional Convention:

“The NH Constitution is perhaps the greatest political document ever written. So why would anyone want to change it?”

“The framers of the state Constitution allowed procedures for amending the document. This November, we must decide whether to hold a Constitutional Convention.

“If we vote for a Convention, yet do nothing about encouraging a positive change, we’re likely to be put on the defensive, spending our time and money fighting against another attempt at large Government growth like 2000’s home rule amendment.

“But there’s another option. Vote for a Convention, then immediately go on the offensive, pressing to dramatically reduce the size, power and scope of Government. We could make an income or sales tax unconstitutional, force state and local police to make cannabis offenses their lowest priority, or make all donations to education tax-deductible from the statewide prop-

erty tax.

“We should vote for a Constitutional Convention, and quickly turn the debate into a referendum on small Government vs. large Government by proposing and supporting bold, dramatic limits to the intrusiveness and cost of state Government.”

– Jim Maynard

“I oppose the call for a Constitutional convention. I have no doubt that proponents of the convention can put forth many worthwhile changes they would like to see. Chances are, I would agree with some of them.

“However, the potential ben-

efit is dwarfed by the enormous danger such a convention poses. What amendments can we realistically expect to come out of such a convention? Does

anybody doubt there would be a mandatory school “Pledge of Allegiance” (by mandatory I mean voluntary except children who don’t say it will be ostracized)? What about mandatory prayer in school, flag “protection”, drug testing for driver’s licenses, or general expansion of police powers?

“Right now, the Constitution is in critical condition. A convention will kill it.”

– Len Epstein

LOCAL GROUPS

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

Dartmouth Libertarians

Our Ivy Leaguers are doing great work. They’ve already hosted Gov. Gary Johnson and Doug Bandow of the Cato Institute and held an inter-party debate on foreign policy. Much more is planned soon. Contact Steven.A.Haidar@dartmouth.edu to get involved.

Greater Nashua 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 at <yahoo groups.com/group/Nashua_LP>, or by sending an email to Nashua_LP-subscribe@yahoo groups.com, or call Rich at 595-

9808 between 10am and 6pm and leave a message with your contact info. The next meetings are Oct 21st and 28th, and November 18th at the Nashua library.

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 on the web at: <www.ksclp.org>

Seacoast Libertarians

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

Upcoming Events

Campaign meeting, election night celebration, meet the candidates day, local group meeting

Every Wednesday – Freedom Forum discussion group at Borders bookstore in south Nashua. 7pm to 10pm.

Every Friday – LPNH outreach at Boom at Club Spin in Portsmouth, 10PM to 6AM. Volunteers needed.

Saturday, Oct 19 – Gun Owners of New Hampshire banquet at Center of NH Armoury, Manchester, 6:30pm. <www.gonh.org> or 603-225-GONH

Monday, Oct 21 – Libertarian meeting, East Wing in Nashua Public Library, 7pm to 9pm.

Thursday, Oct 24 – Gubernatorial debate on Channel 9 at 7pm.

Monday, Oct 28 – Libertarian meeting, East Wing in Nashua Public Library, 7pm to 9pm.

Tuesday, Oct 29 – Freedom Film Festival, 7pm at Friendship Club, 35 Orchard Ave, Nashua. <fff.ijaq.net>

Tuesday, Nov 5 – Election Day! Hold a sign at the polls. Call your friends. Vote Libertarian!

Tuesday, Nov 12 – LPNH monthly meeting. 7pm to 9pm at 106 South State St in Concord.

Monday, Nov 18 – Libertarian meeting, East Wing in Nashua Public Library, 7pm to 9pm.

Tuesday, Nov 26 – Freedom Film Festival, 7pm at Friendship Club, 35 Orchard Ave, Nashua. <fff.ijaq.net>

Report from the Campaign School

By Rich Tomasso

Don Gorman held a *Campaign School for Winners* in Nashua on Aug 4th. It was an all-day hands-on class teaching the nuts and bolts of campaigns and politics.

We had candidates, campaign managers, volunteers and activists in attendance, including two from Massachusetts. Don provided them with advice to improve their message and tools to win their campaigns.

Don covered timed speeches (and how to fill the time and get back on track), fundraising strategies, success stories of past and current campaigns, organizing a campaign and delegating work, speaking to an audience and more. We even wrote scripts for two Libertarian radio commercials.

Candidates created plans and timetables and generally got more organized and started thinking of their races, the issues and fundraising in a whole new way. As Don kept saying, “the lightbulb went on.”

Many ideas were generated and the candidates felt it was well worth it to attend and came away with several great ideas to take their campaigns to the next level.

Attendee Michelle Dumas commented, “While I will likely never be a candidate, I prefer to work on the campaign and support our candidates, the School was invaluable. The strategies, ideas, and communication techniques that I came away with will help me immensely, both in crafting campaign-related written communications and in one-on-one interactions with voters. Besides this, I left the training with an even deeper respect for the commitment and work that our candidates put into their campaigns, and a renewed energy for doing all I can do to promote them to the voters. Thank you Don!”

Carol McMahon wrote, “Don’s campaign school was worth the 2 hour drive to attend. The speaking techniques will help you focus your message and the instant feedback shows you what you are doing right and what needs to be improved. I highly recommend it for any candidate, potential candidate or campaign volunteer.”

An all-day hands-on class teaching the nuts and bolts of campaigns and politics.

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