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The Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire

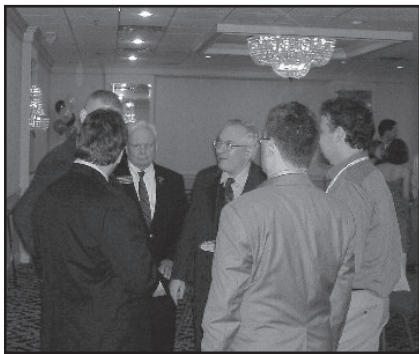
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LPNH Summer Outreach

It's been a busy summer for the LPNH. And it's not over yet. Please join us at upcoming outreach and campaign events to help spread the message of liberty.

Liberty Dinner

We had a full table at the Liberty Dinner on June 12th. We had many volunteers and candidates attend the candidate reception beforehand. George Phillies even made the drive up. Legislator of the Year winner Jason Bedrick told us he hopes to see some elected Libertarians in the House next year. Let's not disappoint him! Check the list of LP candidates and pick one or more to fully support in November.



PorcFest

We had a great time at PorcFest in June. Held at Gunstock, the event saw 400+ Free Staters and friends come for camping, music, movies, presentations and more. We had an exhibitor table for Friday and Saturday. We talked with dozens of people, sold a lot of books, bumper stickers, candy bars, and raffle tickets, signed up a few petitioning volunteers and new members. Overall it was one of our

most successful outreach events ever. Our hospitality room had a decent turnout in the afternoon.



4th of July

The LPNH went out on July 4th to talk to voters and petition in Andover and Merrimack. We had outreach booths and the paid petitioners from national helped us out. Howard Wilson, Seth Cohn, Hardy Macia and Ronn Cook worked Andover. Tim Harrigan, Art Torrey, MaryAnne Wolf, Rich Tomasso, Rich Kahn, George Phillies and Eric Dondero worked Merrimack. Thanks to Pat Harrigan for making lunch for the folks in Merrimack.

At the Merrimack table people kept coming up and asking, "Are you really raffling off a gun?" When we said, "yes, would you like to buy a ticket" the response ranged from "cool" to "uh, no thanks" (guess you can't please everyone). A number of folks remembered Rich Kahn and his prior run for governor.



The annual CNHT taxpayers cookout was held on July 5th in Hopkinton. We had an outreach table there. Several of our candidates spoke, we collected several petition signatures and John Babiarz did his famous samurai chop of the first watermelon.



Burning Porcupine

Yes, that was the title of the festival in Grafton. Libertarians were there in force. We had our annual summer picnic during the event on July 20th.

Thanks to all who came out for the LPNH picnic. Despite the rainy weather, we had over 40 people in attendance. We also had our firearms raffle drawing. Sandy Pierre sold an additional \$200 worth of tickets prior to the drawing, adding to the profit on the fundraiser. We also took in some donations to offset part of the cost of the food and beverages. We talked up Sue Newell's gubernatorial campaign. Sandy gave an interview to the cable access TV show Free Minds TV, based in Cheshire County.

Thanks to Bob Hull for the loan of an industrial-size grill and the use of the site with sun tents and porta-potties.

The winners of the firearms raffle were Marshall Royce and Phil Denisch. Congrats!

Candidates and Petitioning

Petitions are all in. As of early August, Ken Blevens, Bob Kingsbury and Chet Lapointe were already on the ballot! Sue Newell and George Phillies had enough in 1st district.

We did pick up two last-minute candidates right before the filing deadline, thanks to the Barr nomination. Philip Nazzaro in Newmarket and Thom Simmons in Fitzwilliam. Thank you both for stepping up and giving the voters another Libertarian choice in November.

In a great show of support, LP national sent us two paid petitioners on July 3rd. Another two petitioners arrived on July 12th. They worked every day collecting at town dumps, Independence day celebrations, supermarkets, outdoor concerts, block parties, ballgames, DMVs, city hall, you name it. They collected 4764 petitions in 23 days. Without them, we would not have been able to finish the drive to get Bob Barr and Susan Newell on the ballot.

We send a huge thanks to each of them - Eric Dondero, Ronn Cook, David Jackson and Karen Pearce, and to Sean Haugh at national for the show of support.

If you didn't do any petitioning yourself, please make a donation to the national LP ballot access fund since we could not have done it without them.

In other petitioning news, we got a ruling from the Secretary of State's office that we can hole-punch petitions so long as it does not interfere with the text on the petition. So you could, for example, use a 3-ring easel binder, a 2-ring topfile binder, or a hole-punched clipboard, while petitioning.

The executive board decided at the June meeting to delay any decision on suing the state to substitute our nominated presidential ticket. We are also looking at challenging the law prohibiting voters from signing more than one ballot access petition, should it become necessary.

In August, the national LP retained a lawyer to evaluate a substitution lawsuit. The board held a special meeting and voted 4-2 to join the lawsuit.

Candidates

Here's the full list of candidates for the general election.

In election news, 6 state senators are not seeking re-election (Burling, Clegg, Estabrook, Foster, Gottesman, Kenney), so we will see big changes in that body. If you live in those districts, please check into your choices carefully. Betty Hall is running as an independent in district 13.



Sue Newell

NAME	OFFICE
Bob Barr	President
George Phillies	President
Susan Newell	Governor
Ken Blevens	US Senate
Bob Kingsbury	US Congress, dist 1
Chester Lapointe	US Congress, dist 2
Matthew Kahn	Hills 27 (Hudson)
Morey Straus	Hills 11 (Manchester)
Rich Tomasso	Hills 17 (Manchester)
Lisa Wilber	Hills 7 (Weare)
Brendan Kelly	Rock 14 (Seabrook)
Philip Nazzaro	Rock 12 (Newmarket)
Thomas Simmons	Cheshire 5 (Fitzwilliam)



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Website Update

Thanks to Andrew Bosworth for taking on this job. The goal is to have the site updated regularly with news, pictures, information, particularly as election day draws near. If you'd like to receive updates on when the site changes, please provide us with your email address.

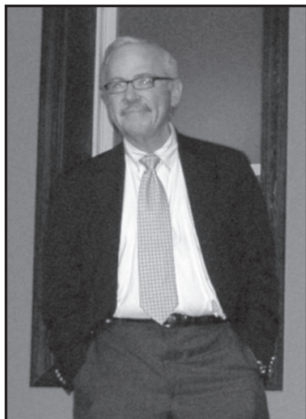
We have also updated our email system, so if you have been using an @lpmh.org email address and it no longer works, please send a note to webmaster@lpmh.org and we'll get it resolved.

Barr Visit

Bob Barr came to NH for a media tour and meet & greet on July 22nd. He met the public, supporters, and volunteers at Murphy's Taproom that evening.

He spoke about the major themes of his campaign: protecting civil liberties, cutting the size of government, empowering the individual, and re-examining the federal criminal code. He pointed out that Libertarianism is a mainstream philosophy, most Americans agree with our basic core ideas, even if they differ on the details.

He highlighted the hypocrisy of those in Washington and of his opponents. The glaring lack of difference on many issues from FISA, the budget, and growing government. He answered questions from the audience about many topics, including spending, education, foreign policy, the



fate of Ramos and Campean, FISA, school prayer and other topics.

He said his first act as President would be to call for a 10% reduction in the executive budget and call on Congress to do the same for their own offices. He was challenged to match his PAC's prior donations to Sununu with a donation to Ken Blevens, to which he agreed, provided there was any money left in the PAC to give.

On the issue of his change in positions from when he was a congressman, he stated it rather simply - that a man can learn from his mistakes and grow.

It was a great event. By one count 120 people were there. All the major newspapers and WMUR were there and reported on the appearance the next day. The AP also picked up the story. Watch <http://www.wmur.com/video/16968052>

After he speech, Barr spent over an hour talking to people, including our candidates, posing for pictures, and doing interviews with the many bloggers and Youtube videographers in the area.

We were signing up volunteers for an hour after he was done talking. The fundraiser was successful. We heard from Russ Verney afterwards and the entire campaign had a great time and they said they'd be back as soon as they can.



Polling Data

We are very pleased to report that several polling organizations are including Libertarian candidates in their surveys. Zogby started doing it in early June, including Sue Newell and Ken Blevens in their questions for governor and senate races.

The results released on July 9 for NH were:

Obama -	40%
McCain -	37%
Barr -	10%
Nader -	2%
Someone else -	7%
Undecided -	4%

NH had the highest percentage for Barr of all the states they reported! And that's with no campaign literature or signs here yet.

According to a Pew Research poll in August, a majority of voters (56%) say the country should have a third major political party in addition to the Democrats and Republicans. Voters were split on a third party four years ago. Not surprisingly, independents (72%) are much more supportive of a third party than are Republicans (53%) or Democrats (47%). Young voters (65%) are also strong backers of a third party. A Zogby poll shows 55% of voters want Barr in the debates (69% of independents).

An August 22nd Zogby poll showed Barr with 6% nationally (plus 9% not sure) and 14% among independents

(plus 9% not sure). Nader is at 2% in the same poll. An August 30th poll showed Barr with 5% nationally, with 11% support among Independents. And once again NH had the highest percentage for Barr of all the states reported.

McCain -	42%
Obama -	38%
Barr -	11%
Nader -	1%
Not Sure/Other -	9%



Conventional Changes

This year's state convention will see a fair amount of changes. First, we are moving to a shorter schedule and just including a lunch meal. This should make it easier for more people to attend and will help keep the costs down.

We are considering two party constitutional amendments, seen below. If you have any questions, please email them to info@lpth.org or write them down for the discussion during the business meeting. The full Party constitution is available at www.lpth.org for your reading pleasure.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

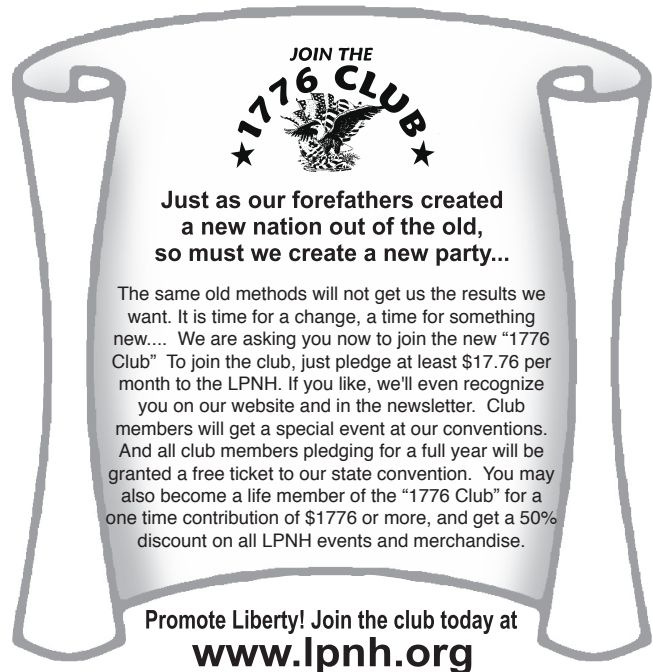
Sec. 1 - All officers and their alternates shall be elected at a Regular Convention of the Party and shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention and serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next Regular Convention. The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Vice-Chair from each Congressional District. Alternates for each Vice-Chair shall be elected, who will serve whenever the Vice-Chair is unable to perform the duties of the office.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 3 - To be repealed, as it is superceded by Article VIII:2, passed in 2004, and therefore redundant and potentially confusing.

We will also end the convention with new party officers. At this time, Avens O'Brien will not be running again for 1st district vice-chair, Sandy Pierre will not be running again for Treasurer and Brendan Kelly will be stepping down as Chairman, citing his likely election to the statehouse and additional commitments with his selectman's position. As always, all of our executive board positions will be up for election and are open to everyone who has been a member and NH resident for at least 1 year. Please consider joining the LPNH leadership team, or else nominate someone you would like to see in that position.

As a reminder, all state party members in good standing as of September 25 are eligible to vote during the business meeting. If you're not a member yet, join now and you'll have a say in Party business.



News from the Executive Board

- The 2008 state convention will be on October 25th at the Highlander Inn Conference Center in Manchester.
- We will have at least four openings on the executive board to fill at the convention. Sandy Pierre will be stepping down as Treasurer and Avens O'Brien and Seth Cohn will step down as vice chairs, and Brendan Kelly will not run again for Chair.
- Please send in any Libertarian of the Year nominations to Brendan.
- Please send a donation to the national LP ballot access drive to pay for all the hard work the professional petitioners did here in NH. We couldn't have done it without them.
- The newsletter has gone online, you will have to specifically say if you want to keep a print subscription.
- Please consider becoming a monthly pledger to the Party.
- If you were recently elected or appointed to local or state office, please let us know so we can update our list of office-holding Libertarians.

"There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty, that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism." -Alexander Hamilton

2008 STATE CONVENTION

Saturday, October 25 in Manchester

We have a half-day convention planned this year. The Barr/Root campaign has been invited but at press time we do not yet have a confirmation of their attendance, though it is likely. In addition to the standard business meeting and candidate presentations, we have a great keynote speaker for you: **Richard Heller**, lead defendant of the recent D.C. vs Heller gun rights case heard by the US Supreme Court.

Mr Heller's presentation will include a citizen's eye view of the case, the "magic moments" that happened over the 12 year legal battle, a view of how thin was the thread of this win, and potentially future battles in protecting our rights.

The business meeting will include elections for the entire executive board. Remember that we will have openings for Chair, Treasurer and Vice-Chair, so please think about running for one of these offices. You'll also be choosing two sets of presidential electors (for Barr and Phillies), the membership committee chair, and our judicial committee. We are also voting on party constitutional amendments, detailed in the article in this issue. Brendan will be announcing the Libertarian of the Year.

We will have presentations from our federal and state candidates.

Thanks to our successful fundraiser letter, tickets for the convention are only \$35 (\$50 for non-members) in advance and will be \$40 (or \$60) at the door, assuming there is any space available. You can use the form below or sign up online at www.lpnh.org/convention_2008.html.

Please pre-register so we can order the proper amount of food for lunch. We are expecting a large crowd with Mr Heller's appearance, so please reserve your space.

A flyer is available at www.lpnh.org you can download and print out.

Registration will open at 11am with Lunch served at Noon. We expect to be done by 5:00pm. We'll be at the Highlander Inn and Conference Center in Manchester, near the airport. We've arranged a special rate for any overnight guests at the hotel.

Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer to help with the convention.

----- cut out and mail registration form -----

LPNH 2008 Convention Registration Form

Saturday, October 25 – Highlander Inn in Manchester

I would like to purchase the following number of tickets:

_____ @ \$35 (LPNH members price)

_____ @ \$50 (all others)

\$ _____ donation to help LPNH members who are facing tough economic times and wish to attend

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT

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Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Names of Additional Guests:

#1: _____

#2: _____

#3: _____

(Use additional form if necessary)

Mail to: LPNH
P.O. Box 5293, Manchester, NH 03108
or call 1-800-559-LPNH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This is an election year, so step up and contribute. We are a volunteer organization so things only happen when you roll up your sleeves and get busy. Contact Morey Straus (morey@stra.us) for the latest projects and to share your expertise.

Remember, the LPNH is only as effective as *you* make it.

CAMPAIGNS

We'll be needing all the usual help for campaigns, from people placing signs, calling voters, writing press releases and campaign literature, raising money, holding rallies, organizing house parties and managing volunteers. Our candidates will be on the ballot, now let's get them the votes! This is our year to break through the 4% barrier and even elect some Libertarians to Concord. Your help is needed *now* when it will do the most good.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

The membership committee is searching for premiums to offer all our members. If you think growing membership is a good idea, then volunteer or send in a donation. Or better yet, sign up some friends. You can copy the form on the back of the newsletter.

FUNDRAISING

We have some good ideas for fundraisers, but not enough people to act on them. Hardy Macia has agreed to coordinate fundraising ideas. He could use one or two members to help his efforts so we can have the resources we need to be more effective in the upcoming election. An immediate benefit, with successful fundraising, we are able to charge less for the state convention in October than previous years. Keep it up and we can do the same next year.

OUTREACH

We have plenty of events to go to, from parades to county fairs to Old Home days. We have the best message to share with people and real candidates to promote. Now we just need your help to get it out there. So join us in finding lots of Libertarians.

PRESS RELEASES

Anyone willing to pay attention to the news and offer a Libertarian response to situations and statements from government officials will be a great help in making sure we get the word out about our point of view. Our goal is to issue one press release per week.

While You Were Sleeping

Recent developments which affect your life:

- Congress voted to allow the president to continue warrantless wiretapping and other blatantly unconstitutional things with the FISA renewal.
- Lynch has sent a letter to DHS asking for an exemption on Real ID. No answer yet from the feds.
- Lynch signed a bill effectively eliminating the payday loan industry, which will put 200 people out of work come January 1st.
- Lynch and the Executive Council raised tolls all across the state.
- Congress passed a law making it easier for the president to declare Martial Law. It also further blurs the line for military involvement in law enforcement.
- The NH supreme court has ruled voters have no standing to challenge an election. Voiding precedent that goes back to English common law.
- Congress made it crime to buy an incandescent light bulb as of 2012.

CORRECTIONS:

Last issue stated that Manny Vosner of Reason endorsed Wayne Root. His name is Manny Klosner. LNC rep Admiral Colley's name was misspelled as Cooley.

LPNH Membership Options

As a reminder, your LPNH and LP-US memberships are separate. Renewing your membership with national does not renew your state membership, and vis versa.

You can update your contact information and renew online at <www.lpnh.org> or by emailing liblines@lpnh.org, or return the form on the back page of the newsletter.

In addition to the **family membership** option (\$40 per year for you, your spouse and/or children), and the **monthly pledger** program, (\$10/month or more, never have to worry about expiring), we have created a **student membership** level.

Full-time students may join the party for only \$10 per year. That includes an electronic version of the newsletter and all the privileges that come with being a card-carrying Libertarian (students may get the print version of the newsletter by joining at the full \$25/year level).

We are working on creating membership premiums. If your business or organization would like to participate in this program, please contact the executive board.

Your membership dollars will be going to affect positive change in NH. We'll be using our resources to lobby for legislation, elect our candidates, grow the Party and for doing politics!

Form Your County Affiliate

To build a more effective party, we want you to form county affiliates within the LPNH. It will facilitate more local contact and political activity.

Since all politics is local each county organized will make it easier to reach everyone and find local candidates and bring our voice to local issues.

The LPNH already has means of recognizing Affiliates, you just need a group of 5 members in a county to form the organization and present your bylaws to the Exec Board. Help is available.

We currently have groups working on affiliates in Cheshire, Grafton, and Merrimack counties. Get involved!

LOCAL GROUPS

*Join a group today. Start one yourself!
Organizational help and speakers are available.*

HILLSBOROUGH LIBERTARIANS

Our first county affiliate!
A discussion list has been set up to bring the local members together, Hillsborough-LPNH@yahoogroups.com

CHESHIRE LIBERTARIANS

Chet Lapointe invites folks in Keene and the rest of Cheshire County to form our second affiliate.

SEACOAST LIBERTARIANS

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

UNH LIBERTARIANS

After many years of effort, we finally have a college chapter at the main university in the state!
Contact: Kathryn Dulla @ ket6@unh.edu.

NH LIBERTARIANS MAILING LIST

A list for NH Libertarians to discuss news, issues, politics and ideas. It's already the second largest NH political yahoo group! <nhibertarians@yahoogroups.com>

FREE STATE NEW HAMPSHIRE

Share your insights, news, events. Meet the porcupines and let out-of-state friends know about it. <freedom_in_new_hampshire@yahoogroups.com>

NORTHEAST LP DISCUSSION

A discussion list for LP Region 5 (New England, NY, NJ). Voice your concerns and opinions at LP_5N@yahoogroups.com



Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday

Freedom Forum discussion group
at Borders in Nashua, 7pm to 9pm.
<ff.ijaq.net>

Every Friday

Left, Right & Correct with Dan Belforti,
106.1FM at Noon.

Every Weekday

Against the Grain with Gardner Goldsmith,
107.7FM from 1pm to 3pm

September 12-21

Rochester Fair.
LPNH outreach table could use some help.

Sunday, September 14

LPNH monthly meeting.
1pm at Carisbrook in Manchester.

Sunday, September 21

Constitution Day in Nashua.
Bob Barr has been invited to speak. www.nhccs.org

Thursday, September 25

Liberty Book club discussing "1984"
at Liberty Books in Concord, 7-9pm.

Saturday, October 25

State convention at Highlander Inn, Manchester.
Buy tickets at www.lpnh.org

Tuesday, November 4

ELECTION DAY!

Head to the polls to hold a sign for
Libertarian candidates!

Nov & Dec

Future board meetings will be determined
by the new executive board.

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NH Liberty Forum.



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