



Libertarian Lines

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Did Someone Say Rally?

Libertarians show up in force at demonstrations

2009 is turning out to be the year of the political rally and protest. It started off with a rally to support HCR6 at the Statehouse shortly before the Liberty Forum (see later article). We Libertarians were there holding signs and also part of the action. National and local Libertarians made speeches, including Angela Keaton, Adam Kokesh and Denis Goddard.

While HCR6 was defeated, it brought out many supporters of Federalism and state sovereignty that most of us had never met or seen before. Now dozens more of your fellow citizens have given the legislature a piece of their mind.

Up next were the many Tea Parties held across the state on April 15th. The afternoon rally was at the Statehouse in Concord. There were also evening rallies across the state, including Manchester, Rochester, and Portsmouth. The LPNH was at most of them, with members holding signs and talking to attendees. We plan a more organized presence at future tea parties.



Liberty Forum Highlights Libertarians



The LPNH was a sponsor of the 2009 NH Liberty Forum. We were the *only* political party exhibiting at the event. We showed the visiting Free Staters that we are the only political party that fully supports real liberty in America and in New Hampshire.

As a sponsor, we had a premium exhibitor table in the main lobby, and were featured several times over the weekend, from highlighting our raffles, introducing speakers, offering membership premiums, hosting lunch tables, and even making balloon animals.

We welcomed several noteworthy Libertarians including Mary Ruwart, David Nolan, Angela Keaton, Rich Heller, Glenn Jacobs, Adam Kokesh and Matt Simon to the Forum, all of them big hits with attendees. Most of them spent time at our booth.

Overall it was a successful event for us. With new memberships, merchandise sales, donations, and the raffles we came out ahead money-wise, always a good thing for a volunteer organization. We learned a lot about successful outreach at an event

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National Updates

As some of you are no doubt aware, there have been some shakeups at the national LP. Angela Keaton was removed from the LNC as an at-large rep. The LPNH was made part of the complaint because Angela spoke to board members about our lawsuit. We told the LNC that we had no problem with her voicing her opinion and to remove that from the complaint. We also voted on general principle for the complaint to be dropped and for the LNC to get on to the business of running the national party.

Lee Wrights, another at-large member and former Vice Chair, also has his status in jeopardy, over late membership dues. The issue will be resolved at the July LNC meeting in St. Louis.

National has also reduced the number of issues of their newsletter to save costs, but has also made new membership cards and is sending out contact information with memberships.

We have a new alternate for Region 5N, Carl Vassar. He fills in for Hardy Macia who stepped down to take spend more time on work and family.

The national Bylaws and Platform committees have been established and are already starting their work. There is a survey from the Bylaws committee where members may vote and comment on proposed changes. Several changes will be of interest to LPNH members.

www.lp.org/bylawssurvey

2009 State Convention Planning

We will be having our annual state party convention this fall. As is our usual process, we will be nominating candidates for the 2010 general election at this year's convention so we have time to petition. The current plan is to hold the convention in October so we can start petitioning at the city elections in early November. If enough volunteers come out we can even be all done at the end of that day. The same thing is said every year; let's see if you can make it a reality in 2009.

Given the economy, we are once again looking at an inexpensive event, likely only half a day, and centrally located.

The number one item is to get candidates nominated. So if you want to run for office, please speak up. If you know someone who would make a good candidate, ask him or her to run. If we make 4% in the gubernatorial or US senate race, we get major party status. That means no petitioning for 2012 and also means a Libertarian presidential primary in 2012. We will be working on getting the ballot access law changed next year, but as we learned the hard way last year, there are no guarantees when dealing with a legislature. So we have to work on the assumption of no change. That means an early start and a full campaign.

If you have ideas for the convention or will help with this year's event, please contact the board.

The state convention also means elections for party officers and board members, as well as amendments to the party constitution. If you'd like to take a leadership role in the LPNH, please put your name into nomination.



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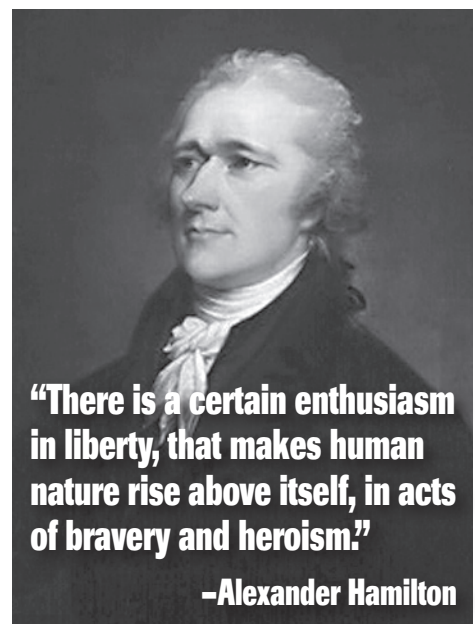
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like this and look forward to next year's Liberty Forum. If you have a talent for outreach, marketing, or just plain talking to people, we'd love your help for next year to make our presence an even greater success.

Most of the speeches from Liberty Forum are online, in case you missed them.

Mary Ruwart



Dr. Ruwart was the keynote speech for Friday's dinner. She gave a history of the pharmaceutical industry and the FDA and the very specific legal changes that have made new drug therapies so expensive and have kept health information away from us.

Dr. Ruwart worked for Upjohn and understands the pernicious bureaucracy of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) first-hand. The stats on avoidable deaths and illnesses thanks to the red tape were eye-opening. Her gentle persuasion and clearly showing the facts and history were a more powerful indictment of the FDA than if she's been yelling it from any rooftop or sounded like a prosecutor or evangelist.

As you might expect, we got quite a history lesson, especially the Kefauver-Harris FDA Amendments that totally changed the drug industry. She pointed out that before K-H drugs didn't need to be patented because being first to market was a huge advantage even after competing products came out. Plus the faster time to market made it more economical to make the next generation of treatments.

One attendee said it was the most sobering keynote speech he'd ever heard.

Rich Heller

Those who attended our state convention last year heard much of this presentation already. You can check out the prior issue to read a recap. It was a long-fought battle and there is still much more to do. Dane (Heller's lawyer) also outlined some upcoming legal strategy for future court challenges to expand the right, including incorporation to the states, which is already becoming a problem.



As a followup the next day, Rich and Dane held a breakout session to

“share with you everything we did wrong, and help you pursue your issue more correctly than we did and maybe have a better game plan than we had.”

David Nolan

The founder of the LP was there on opening day. His speech was titled "Libertarian Strategy in the Age of Obama" very topical. He said that now is the time to retreat, restore, and return; things are not going to get better within the next several years. The days of going out and "saving the world for liberty" are behind us. But eventually our ideas will prevail. He characterized Republicans as controlling you through fear and (alleged) security concerns and Democrats controlling you through guilt and (alleged) equality concerns. Bottom line is they both want to control you and Libertarians want you to be free.



David Nolan

“So if in fact the 'save the world' strategy has not worked, where are we?” Nolan asked during his talk, part of the opening ceremonies. “My considered opinion is that libertarians should form enclaves in freedom-friendly states,” such as New Hampshire, Nolan says, “and work together to keep those areas as free from big government and big government oppression as we can. I think it's time to get out of New York and Massachusetts and California. Those places are going to be real bad places to live starting real soon.”

As a lead-up to his announcement of the December 11th group, he said the LP must not pander to media manipulation. It exists to promote clear, principled policies that are consistent with the libertarian philosophy and explain why those policies will work better than the statist nostrums being pushed by Obama and the Republican "opposition."

He observed that if the Libertarian Party is to have any purpose and meaning, it cannot be just a pale, slightly-more-tolerant version of the GOP. We must "stick to our guns" and differentiate our party from the two old-line parties that have collaborated to create the mess we are in.

“For this reason, I have joined with other long-time libertarian activists to launch a new organization, The December 11 Group - so named to recognize two important events that occurred on that date: the birth of George Mason, "the father of the Bill of Rights," in 1725, and the founding of the Libertarian Party in 1971.

“If you share my concerns, and want to restore the Libertarian Party's historical commitment to defending liberty consistently and without equivocation, I hope you will join The December 11 Group. You can sign up at our website: www.december11.org”

“The future of the Libertarian Party and perhaps the fate of liberty for a long time to come depends on you taking action!”

Angela Keaton

Angela highlighted how to do single-issue organizing and coalition building and necessarily how to deal with groups with whom you only agree on that one issue.

“When my goal is to get something on the table, to have my issue actually be resolved,” says Angela Keaton, “all they really need to know is: war bad, peace good.” Keaton is the development director for antiwar.com, founded during the Clinton administration as a site for news and opinion opposing war and the centralization of state power and promoting peace and individual liberty.



Angela gave several examples working with other antiwar groups. She illustrated how to build coalitions with other individuals and groups who may not agree with you on every issue, but do agree on the single issue you want to advance. It was pointed out they we did a similar process here in NH to fend off Real ID with that coalition.

“We have to build coalitions because we don’t have a critical mass; what we’ve got is a very small group of people who happen to be libertarian.” By doing so, Keaton says, the people you work with become more open to other libertarian ideas by discovering that libertarians aren’t the demons they once thought.

She also covered fundraising and outreach. Short answer – just get out there and ask for it. After her main presentation was done she did talk about her recent experience with the LNC.

Glenn Jacobs

He outlined the problem of Libertarian persuasion. Our logic doesn’t always work because we also often call into question the core beliefs of those we are persuading, as well as their perception of the world. Hence we often get strange looks. The Free Market, Liberty, even Government are abstractions, and hence our minds need to create a model of the world around us. In other words, we create our own perception of reality that often takes precedence over objective reality, and hence persuasion is difficult. Hence we witness doublethink from politicians and even our fellow citizens. Our right to property is an extension of our self-ownership.

Matt Simon

Matt has been the leader for cannabis reform legislation in Granite State, having started NHCommonsense.org in 2006 and, more recently, NHCompassion.org to promote medical marijuana justice and caring by *not* prosecuting medical marijuana providers and patients. This seems like a brilliant move on its face: what moral human being can wish to send grandma to jail for mitigating the effects of her cancer with Mother Nature’s best multipurpose medicine? (sad answer: more than you think)



His talk encompassed the notable political communicator Frank Luntz’s adage: “It’s not what you say, it’s what people hear.” Like the Advocates for Self Government, Matt used the martial arts’ analogy where the successful practitioner has deep awareness of the opposing forces and how best to neutralize or turn them toward our reasonable pro-freedom objectives. So much perception is tied up in the choice of words... so choose them carefully to persuade or expose the hypocrisy of our opponents. An observation, actually due to Luntz: When you carve out and occupy the territory of common sense, your position becomes unassailable.

Lunch tables

The LPNH hosted full lunch tables both days of the Forum. Members and prospects exchanged ideas, news, experiences and more. It was a great chance to have longer conversations than at the exhibit table.



WEBSITE UPDATE

Just what the headline says. Thanks to Andrew Bosworth for taking on this job. The goal is to have the site updated regularly with news, pictures, information, particularly for elections. 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.

From the Editor...

- If you’d like to keep getting a print copy of the newsletter, please send me your street address.
- You can sponsor the newsletter and advertise your business or service to hundreds of fellow libertarians, ask for details.
- If you’d like to contribute articles or photos to the newsletter, please do so without hesitation. The more content we have, the more issues we can send out.
- Send your emails to LibLines@lpmh.org or write to us at: PO Box 5293, Manchester, NH 03108

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As part of making the LPNH a more active and relevant organization, the board has created a new Legislative Strategy committee. Current members are Denis Goddard and Rich Tomasso. They were reviewing bills to find out which ones the LPNH will take a stand on and also testifying on behalf of the LPNH. Having some more dedicated help on this committee would be most welcome. When we go testify, we do have an impact on what comes out of the committees. Plus it's great learning for anyone who plans on running for state rep.

This was a busy year. We had some unexpected wins and some disappointing losses, and a flurry of activity from the start right to the end.

The goal was for someone from the LPNH to be in Concord every day there are bill hearings so the reps will hear our voice. We didn't quite make it, but we were there at more committees than ever before and more often. With another volunteer we could greatly expand our reach in Concord. Adding your voice is very important, the reps need to hear from the citizens of this state and the more they hear the message of liberty the more they will have to listen. You can have an impact; you just have to show up.

All the legislation is at the General Court's website, <www.gencourt.state.nh.us>

We had some definite successes this year, including passage of a marriage equality bill, and defeating a new seatbelt bill. Our own Ryan Marvin spearheaded the effort on marriage equality. A medical marijuana bill did get through the legislature, though there is some doubt whether the governor will sign it. Many thanks to Matt Simon for leading that effort. Many bills came through concerning the Right to Know Law. There is very keen interest in strengthening it in the House, and a definite interest by some to weaken it. It's not a very sexy topic, but is very important as it opens the books on what government is doing with our money and in our name.



With the budget battle off the table next year, we're hoping to make progress on many other issues, including ballot access reform, some more privacy protections, and some more federalism bills to restore some of our lost sovereignty.

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News from the Executive Board...

- We will be a sponsor of the 2009 NH Liberty Forum. Please volunteer to work at our table and outreach to 300+ Free Staters and show them we are the only party that really supports liberty.
- 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 LPNH.
- 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.

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING



Recent developments that 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 put 200 people out of work on 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.

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 Ryan Marvin (rmarvin@lpnh.org) for the latest projects and to share your expertise.

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

CAMPAIGNS

Thank you to those of you who came out on election day to support pro-liberty candidates. We'll be needing all the usual help again for city elections, from people placing signs, calling voters, writing press releases and campaign literature, raising money, holding rallies, organizing house parties and managing volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

The exec board has made membership growth a priority. 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 the Liberty Forum and PorcFest to 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.

**JOIN THE
1776 CLUB**

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**Just as our forefathers
created a new nation out
of the old, so must we
create a new party...**

The same old methods will not get us the results we want. It is time for a change, a time for something new.... We are asking you now to join the new "1776 Club" To join the club, just pledge at least \$17.76 per month to the LPNH. If you like, we'll even recognize you on our website and in the newsletter.

Club members will get a special event at our conventions. And all club members pledging for a full year will be granted a free ticket to our state convention. You may also become a life member of the "1776 Club" for a one time contribution of \$1776 or more, and get a 50% discount on all LPNH events and merchandise.

**Promote Liberty! Join the club today at
www.lpnh.org**

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!

★ 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@lpmh.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, at ket6@unh.edu.

LPNH ACTIVISM

Another email list, separate from the general interest nhlibertarians list, caters to those interested in partisan LPNH activism. To join, send an email to: lpmh-activism-subscribe@googlegroups.com

NH LIBERTARIANS MAILING LIST

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

CAMPUS LIBERTARIANS, ADVISORS & SUPPORTERS

The new (and vastly improved) www.CampusLP.org is taking shape in a big way! The site includes discussion forums, events calendar, chat rooms, a downloads area with ready-to-print posters, and more!

NORTHEAST/MIDATLANTIC LP DISCUSSION

A discussion list for LP Region 5 (New England down to VA). 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.

June 25-28

PorcFest at Roger's Campground in Lancaster.

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day!

Friday, July 10

NH Liberty Dinner at KC's Rib Shack in Bedford. nhliberty.org for details.

Saturday, July 11

LPNH monthly meeting 10:30am at Liberty Books 75 Allison St in Concord. All members welcome.

Saturday, August 8

LPNH monthly meeting 10:30am at Liberty Books 75 Allison St in Concord. All members welcome.

October

LPNH state convention. Details coming soon.

Tuesday, November 3

City elections. Let's start petitioning and support local candidates.



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