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NOVA EVENTS

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Monthly Pot Luck Dinner Party, Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.

July 19, AND

August 16, 2003

RSVP Chuck Eby,
703-378-1188

4572 Fair Valley Dr., Fairfax, across from Fair Lakes Shopping Center

September 20

RSVP Scott Wakeman, 703-426-4573
10133 Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax.

NOVA SOCIAL HOUR
Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Hamburger Hamlet Crystal Square shopping center.
Call Dana Johansen, 703-960-2973, or email Farlandria@lpva.com

LPFC MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Third Monday, 7:00 p.m. Harvest Moon Restaurant, 7260 Arlington Blvd (come at 6:45 p.m. for the buffet dinner)

“Celebrate Fairfax” County Fair Success

The Libertarian Party of Fairfax County (LPFC) booth at the Fairfax County Fair June 6-7-8 was a success for the third year in a row. The libertarian message went out to hundreds of fairgoers despite heavy rains and an early closing on Saturday. Volunteers gave out literature and helped fairgoers take the World’s Smallest Political Quiz. LPFC Chairman Jim Turbett thanked the volunteers: Marta Howard, Noelle Stettner, Matt Tracey, Scott Wakeman, Dana Johansen, Steve Damerell, Chris Howdeshell, Alan Grimes, Kate Johnson, Marianne Volpe, Fred Childress, Matt Thexton, Shaun Whelden, and Bill Lawry.

The work of the volunteers generated 29 inquiries and two new memberships in the LP. Statistics on the completed quizzes were compiled by Dana Johansen. He said that he sus-

pected that Republicans refused to take the quiz, resulting in a skew to the left. “This is another indication that they (Republicans) believe we are hurting them,” he said.

A point of interest: two candidates, one Democrat and one Republican, each took the quiz, and both scored libertarian. We kept the Republican’s quiz, but the Democrat walked away with her

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Libertarian Party of Fairfax County Meets

The Libertarian Party of Fairfax County (LPFC) held its regular monthly meeting on June 14 at the Harvest Moon Restaurant on Arlington Blvd. The committee members discussed the recent Fairfax County Fair and the report submitted by Booth Committee Chair Dana Johansen. Fundraising Chairman Matt Thexton told the committee that the new fundraising letter was done and

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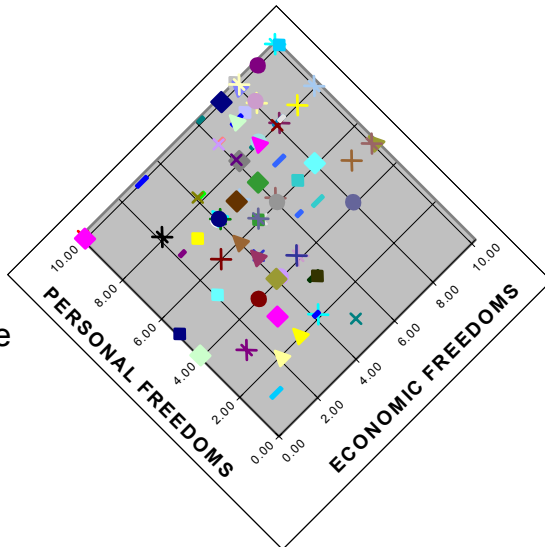
Since hours were shortened because of the rain, we were only able to quiz 394 people. The numbers usually exceed 1000. Dana Johansen put the results of every 5th quiz into an Excel spread sheet and the results are as follows:

Authoritarians	12
Centrists	19
Conservative (right)	1
Liberals (left)	13
Libertarians	28
Libertarian Centrist	2
Libertarian Right	3
Grand Count	78

The fair goers answered the quiz with the following average answers. They agreed with us most when it comes to keeping the government out of the press and other media. This is no surprise, but this crowd seemed truly in favor of the minimum wage. Given the 65 for the personal freedoms versus the 54 for the economic freedoms, the leftward slant becomes obvious.

Voluntary Service, No Draft	15
Free Press and media	17
Private Consensual Sex	13
Drug Laws Harmful	10
Cross Borders Freely	10
PERSONAL FREEDOMS	65
No Business/Farm Subsidies	11
Free Trade, not Tariffs	14
Minimum Wage Hurts Poor	8
User Fees, not Taxes	10
Stop Policing the World	11
ECONOMIC FREEDOMS	54

The plot below shows the data.



Fairfax County LP Committees

Were you wondering who serves on various FCLP committees? Glad you asked, here is a list – and if you are interested in helping, please contact Chairman Jim Turbett at Fairfax@lpva.com or 703-750-9125.

County Committee:
 Chairman Jim Turbett
 Treasurer Marta Howard
 Committee Members:
 Chuck Eby
 Fred Childress
 Matt Thexton
 Scott Wakeman

Committees:
 Booth
 Vacant

Fundraising
 Matt Thexton

Newsletter
 Marianne Volpe

Social
 Judy Herzog

Website
 Fred Childress

Volunteers Needed for the Fairfax County LP

by Jim Turbett

The Libertarian Party of Fairfax County runs on the volunteer efforts of its members. More can be done with more volunteers. Maybe the kind of help we need is right up your alley. If you would like to help, please email Fairfax@LPVA.com.

Here are some jobs, tasks, and projects we feel would make us a more effective local affiliate party:

1. Web Site Helper -- If you are familiar with creating or maintaining web pages, our Web Site Committee Chairman needs

your help.

2. Fundraising Committee Member -- If you have money raising ideas, you might be a valuable addition to our Fundraising Committee.

3. Booth Committee Chairman -- There are many potential events where we could spread the word. We need someone to chair and manage this committee.

4. Venue Finder -- This is a job within the Booth Committee. It involves finding out about those other events at which a booth or table could be set up

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would be mailed the following day. Chuck Eby said that the next social event would be a pot luck dinner party July 19 at his home.

The Newsletter Committee was reestablished with a small initial budget, and Marianne Volpe was appointed chairman. A Summer issue will be mailed, but to save on printing costs, future issues will be emailed to recipients.

Dates for the next FCLP Convention were discussed, and it was agreed that the past practice of combining the pot luck party with the convention worked very well. The tentative date for the annual convention is November 15.

Dr. Dharmendra Zen of George Mason Uni-

versity and his colleague, postdoctoral candidate Smita Yadev, attended the meeting. Dr. Zen and Ms. Yadev are organizing a Libertarian Party of India while they are working and studying in Virginia. Dr. Zen explained that there is great interest in libertarian ideas in India, and he is working with colleagues in India to form the party. Dr. Zen and Ms. Yadev want to learn about the Libertarian Party in the United States by attending local events and activities, and they plan to take what they learn back to India.

The next meeting of the Fairfax County LP will be Monday, July 21, and all interested members are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Chairman Jim Turbett at Fairfax@lpva.com or 703-750-9125. check the website, www.lpva.com/fairfax.

Subscribe to Nova Liberty by Email - No More Paper Copies

This is our first newsletter in over a year since our former editor moved out of the area. As an all-volunteer organization, we can only do what someone is willing to do. Now, we have a new volunteer, Marianne Volpe. LPFC has no source of income other than donations from a relatively small number of contributors. As the party most devoted to government frugality, it is incumbent on us to exercise spending restraint in party affairs. Therefore we are going to distribute Nova Liberty by email only. We want to be able to apprise you of the activities of your local Libertarian Party, so please send us your email address. If you are concerned about spam and excess email, we suggest that you use a second account, from a free provider like Hotmail or Yahoo. Please do it today and send it to Fairfax@LPVA.com. Jim Turbett, Chairman

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or at which literature could be handed out.

5. Booth Staffers -- For the upcoming Fall for Fairfax, Saturday October 4. Ideal coverage would be four people at a time. What this would involve would be helping passers by take the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

6. Pot Luck Dinner Host -- Right now our monthly pot luck dinners are hosted on a rotating basis among three people. If we could have one or two other sites, it would reduce the frequency at existing sites and increase our flexibility regarding date selection. If you don't mind a crowd of Libertarians, you could host a monthly party.

7. Phoners -- We have various activities that would require some people who are comfortable on the phone. For example, we want to urge members to renew, to donate money for activities, to find volunteers for our outreach booths,

etc.

8. Organizer of Speakers Events -- The idea has been around for some time that local libertarians would like to attend events featuring speakers, but we need an organizer for this activity.

These are some of the ideas we have come up with, but this list is by no means complete. If you have an idea for something you would like to do or think the FCLP should do, and if you are interested in getting it started, please let us know.

Contact Chairman Jim Turbett by email at Fairfax@LPVA.com or call at 703-750-9125 to volunteer, make suggestions, or to inquire about volunteer positions.

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NOVA POT LUCK PARTY - YOU ARE INVITED!

Every month the Northern Virginia Libertarians have a dinner at someone's home, and you are invited. The recent hosts of these parties are Anne and Scott Wakeman, Chuck Eby and Judy Herzog, Fred Childress, and Marta and Nat Howard. This is a great way to get together with other Libertarians and share laughs and good conversation in a relaxing environment.

This is a "pot luck" dinner, so all you need to do is bring a dish of your favorite fare, something you would be proud to share with others, and come casual. If you cannot think of something to bring, just call Judy or Chuck at 703-378-1188 for menu suggestions. If you have kids, please bring them – and please help with a bit of "kid watch."

Would you like to host a party at your home, community center, or friend's home? Please contact Judy or Chuck and tell them – the more hosts, the better.

