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NOVA EVENTS

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LPVA SCC MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 5,
2:00-5:00 P.M.
Place to be decided in
Charlottesville. All mem-
bers are welcome.
See the LPVA event cal-
endar for more info.

NOVA POT LUCK DINNER

7:00 P.M.
April 17, 2004
RSVP Fred Childress,
703-533-0330, email fchil-
dress@fastmail.fm
3015 Aspen Ln., Falls
Church, VA 22042
May 15, 2004
RSVP Chuck Eby, 703-
378-1188, 4572 Fair Val-
ley Dr., Fairfax, across
from Fair Lakes Shopping
Center
June 19, 2004
RSVP Scott Wakeman,
703-426-4573, 10133
Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax,
VA 22032

NOVA SOCIAL HOUR

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.-
7:30 p.m. Hamburger
Hamlet Crystal Square
shopping center. Call
Dana Johansen, 703-960-
9120, or email Fair-
faxLP@lpva.com

LPFC MEETINGS.

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

LPPWC MEETING

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MEETING

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Libertarian Convention Breaks Attendance Records

Large Crowd Gathers to Hear Presidential Candidates By Leonard Harris

Richmond - March 29, 2004 - The Libertarian Party of Virginia held its State Convention in Richmond March 26-27, 2004, to elect Party officers and to select delegates to this year's Libertarian Party Presidential nominating convention in Atlanta.

The event selected 49 delegates to attend the LP National Convention. The National Convention will take place May 27-31 in Atlanta, GA. Delegates at the National Convention will choose the Party's Presidential Nominee and write the Party's platform.

The LPVA Convention also elected the following Party Officers:

Chairman	-	Steve Damerell
Vice-Chair	-	Leonard Harris
Secretary	-	Charlotte Patrick
Treasurer	-	Kevin McKenna

This Convention drew the largest crowd in over 20 years at the LPVA's biennial event. "We had a great set of scheduled speakers, including all of the leading candidates for the Presidential Nomination. We also had James Bovard as our

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Eighth Congressional District Convention Elects New Chair and Committee

By Marianne Volpe

Arlington - February 16, 2004 - The second biennial Eighth Congressional District Convention was held Saturday, February 14, 2004 at the Sports Pub in Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia. More than a dozen Libertarians from the district met to elect a new Chairman, Beth Homicz, and a new Committee. Marianne Volpe was elected Vice Chair, Donny Ferguson and Kevin McKenna were re-elected to at-large seats, and Arlington County Libertarian Party Chairman Shaun Whelden was elected to the third at-large seat.

Beth Homicz is a newcomer in the Arlington area, though a long time Libertarian. She and Shaun Whelden worked to gain state party affiliate recognition for the Arlington Libertarian Committee, and she is serving as that body's acting treasurer until officer elections can be held.

Homicz thanked the outgoing Chairman, Dana Johansen, for his excellent work in the past two years. Homicz said she looks forward to working with the committee to build the party in the district and recruit a candidate to run for Congress.



Marianne Volpe and Beth Homicz

The business session was held in the upstairs room of the Sports Pub, and the attendees agreed to start the meeting early at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Dana Johansen proposed a brief agenda and it was accepted without changes.

The first order of business was the election of a new Chairman. The nominees were Marianne Volpe and Beth Homicz. Volpe said that she was willing to serve if elected, but she had urged Homicz to run. Homicz said that the ideas that unite Libertarians are more powerful than any disagreement that strains such unity. In answer to a member's question, she also explained that, in her ten years' experience as a tour director for over 13,000 visitors, she has learned to work effectively with people of widely varying backgrounds, often in stressful and demanding situations. The vote was nine to two for Homicz, and she thanked Volpe and the attendees for their support.

Volpe was elected Vice Chairman by acclamation. Nominees for the three at-large positions on the Committee were Donny Ferguson, Kevin McKenna, and Shaun Whelden. They were elected by acclamation. There was a short discussion of the frequency of Eighth CD Committee meetings, and the new Chairman said she would consider calling another meeting soon.

There were no nominations for the Congressional race, and there was a discussion of potential candidates. Ron Crickenberger was a candidate in 2000 and 2002, but he succumbed to cancer last month. Paul Cox told the Libertarian Party of Fairfax members on January 19, 2004 that he would not be a candidate this year. Steve Damerell, Libertarian Party of Virginia Chairman, said that Paul Gessing had declined to run this year.

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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 Dana Johansen at Fairfaxlp@lpva.com or 703-960-9120.

County Committee:

Dana Johansen, Chairman
Fred Childress
Paul A. Cox
Chuck Eby
Jim Turbett
Marianne Volpe

Committees:
Booth
Vacant

Fundraising
Vacant

Newsletter
Marianne Volpe

Social
Judy Herzog

Website
Fred Childress

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The Folly of War

by Myron Pauli

Right now, we have 130,000 troops in Iraq, serving some purpose, occasionally articulated by our President and his many spokespeople. It is worthwhile getting a historical perspective on some of the Wars of the last 100+ years.

Here are some of the Wars we have fought in and their apparent purpose at the time that hostilities were getting underway:

- **Spanish-American War** - Free Cuba from oppression
- **World War One** - Make Europe free and democratic - end future wars
- **World War Two** - Keep Poland independent, help the Chinese republic
- **Indochina War** - Create viable, stable, free Indochinese governments

By some or all accounts, these Wars were successful. The enemy suffered more than we did, we often took land, we got peace treaties signed, and Presidents declared "Peace With Honor" or "Victory" or some such stuff. Yet, here are the aftermaths of these wars:

- **Spanish American War** - 25 years of Batista, 45 years of Castro in Cuba
- **World War One** - Fascists, Nazis, & Communists running most of Europe
- **World War Two** - Poland & China dominated by Communists for decades
- **Indochina War** - Re-education camps in Vietnam, genocide in Cambodia

So - what went wrong? Was it the fault of Leonard Wood, Black-Jack Pershing, Dwight Eisenhower, and William Westmoreland? Sure, maybe a battle would have been better here or there. Maybe we would have had less dead Americans and more dead Spaniards, Germans, Vietcong. But I tend to doubt that lack of military capability messed up all the politics that the wars were about.

But the politics is not just a series of mishaps. There have also been successes in events overseas. Franco's fascism disappeared from Spain but not because the US Marines took over Madrid. Stalin's murderous Soviet Empire has been replaced by Putin's corrupt but freer Russia. The silly socialism of Gandhi/Nehru India has given way to a more capitalist India but not because of smart bombs. Aircraft carriers did not replace the fanatic Maoist Red Guards with more benign authoritarian entrepreneurs. And the Special Ops did not have to be sent in to get rid of the one-party rule in Mexico.

This is not to say that War does not work. The Nazis were not prone to persuasion. Japan did not leave

the Philippines or Korea out of the goodness of its heart. But War is not a magic panacea and a cure-all for the ills of mankind. Often Peace and Containment and other so-called cowardly strategies seem to work as well. Do we nowadays regret not having fought a nuclear World War III to free Prague and Warsaw?

One lesson of history is that Bad Ideas, if not allowed to take over the world, will eventually fall on their own weight. Millions of serious people followed fascism as the Wave of the Future - now only a few social misfits parade around in their blackshirts. Millions followed Communism - now few believe it outside sanctuaries of silliness like Berkeley and Cambridge. And where have all the fanatics with the little Red books and the Banzai die-for-Hirohito cries gone but to become good peaceful capitalists.

We can hope that the crazies who worship the Islamism of Bin Laden will also fade away and come to their senses as well. I fear that merely occupying much of the Islamic world will accomplish little to achieve that.

I do not see how "boots on the ground" or infrared sensors or unmanned aerial vehicles will eradicate the silly nonsense infecting people from Indonesia to Morocco. Obviously, we can protect our troops and make sure that we can get to Baghdad in 9 days instead of 15 days - but these problems are not purely military ones. This is especially true when dealing with an Arab world which does not even have the Gross National Product of Spain. The Nazis had world class scientists and huge factories as did the Soviets and they were stopped. Bin Laden and Abdel Aziz Rantisi have fanatics hiding in caves, bunkers, and slums. I would think that these Bronze Age reactionaries can be contained without the US having to become an Imperial Warlord over the Islamic World.

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Homicz said that the Committee would work to recruit a candidate and would consider other nominees in the coming weeks.

The final item of business was to consider amendments to the Bylaws, but there was a consensus that the Bylaws did not need to be amended. The Chairman asked for a motion to certify the business, and a motion to certify was passed without opposition. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the Convention, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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keynote speaker," noted Steve Damerell, LPVA Chairman.

Candidates for the Presidential Nomination include syndicated radio talk show host Gary Nolan, movie producer Aaron Russo and computer consultant Michael Badnarik. James Bovard, journalist and author of *Terrorism and Tyranny*, delivered the banquet address.



LPVA Secretary, Charlotte Patrick

"Attendance was also high because this election cycle is a very critical time for those who support the American values of limited government, individual rights, and personal responsibility," said Damerell, "Four more years of Bush is not an option if you want smaller government, greater individual liberty, and peace. Unfortunately, four years of Kerry will also give us bigger and more intrusive government."

Libertarians differ with Bush and Kerry on several major issues including government spending, gun control, the War on Drugs, and the PATRIOT Act.

"The Republicans will nominate someone who has presided over a gigantic increase in Federal spending and unprecedented usurpation of our civil rights. The Democrats will nominate someone who wants to raise taxes, pass more

draconian gun control, and continue the War on Drugs. Neither will help America to solve its problems, but voting Libertarian will," concluded Damerell.

Volunteers Needed for the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County

* April 15, Tax Day Protest at the Merrifield Post Office. We will be handing out literature to hundreds of people at the main post office in Northern Virginia. Contact Chairman Dana Johansen at 703-960-9120 or 703-960-2973, or by email at Fairfaxlp@lpva.com

* Presidential Petition Drive. Fairfax Libertarians are committed to getting around 4,000 signatures this year to put the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate on the ballot. If you want to assist LPVA Chairman Steve Damerell in coordinating this drive, please contact him at Chairman@lpva.com or call Marianne Volpe at 703-960-2973 or by email at mvolpe@starpower.net

* Celebrate Fairfax (aka, the Fairfax County Fair), June 11-13, 2004. For the fourth year in a row the LPFC will have a booth at the Fair, and we need you there to talk to fairgoers about the LP and the LPFC. We will also be petitioning for our Presidential candidate. Contact Chairman Dana Johansen for more information or to volunteer.

* Booth Committee, Website Help, Precinct Captains, Candidate Recruitment, and Candidates Needed! Please contact Chairman Dana Johansen.

Greetings to all LP of Fairfax Members,

This is your chance to help guide the future of our local affiliate. The Committee and I have been conducting a variety of planning and development tasks in an effort to improve the results of our Affiliate. We participated in a S.L.O.T. (Strengths, Limitations, Opportunities and Threats) review which helped us identify areas on which we need to focus. But we want to do more than just continue talking to the same old folks. We want YOUR input.

On the other side of this insert is a list of activities. We want you to tell us how much of each type of activity you think the LP or Fairfax should target as a goal. Please fill it out and send it in. This sheet can be folded, stapled, stamped, and mailed. Please do so.

Great, you are thinking, the committee should make "skillions" of calls and do oodles of outreach booths. Well, remember, the amount we, the committee, have done in the past is about the amount WE can continue to do. So please keep your goals realistic.

Of course, it goes without saying (so why are you saying it?) that with more resources in volunteers and money we have, the more we can do. So along with your input, please let us know if you can help with that goal.

Finally, we have an agreement with the LPVA to accept credit card pledges. Please consider making a substantial pledge to the LPFC. Money is growth is influence is more money is more growth... Please help kick-start the growth cycle.

Dana Johansen
Chair, LPFC

Please include legible name in return address

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LP Fairfax County
c/o Libertarian Party of Virginia
Suite 110-164
4201 Wilson Blvd
Arlington, VA 22203-1859

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General	Activity	Metric	My Input	I Will Help
OUTREACH	Outreach Activities	# of 8 hour days		
	Speaker Events (ours)	#		
	Inquiries (generate)	#		
	Inquiries (Phone Followup)	% Called		
	Membership Increase	#		
	Speakers Bureau	# Speeches		
INREACH	Phone Lapsing Members	% Called		
	Newsletters	#/year		
	Website - Updated	how often		
	Phone Lapsed Members	% Called		
	Pot Luck - Volunteer Supper	#		
STRUCTURE	Social Hour	#		
	Precinct Majors	#		
CAMPAIGNS	Precinct Captains	%		
	Presidential Sigs	#sigs		
	Congress - 04	# of Candidates		
	Statewide - 05	# of Candidates		
	State - 05	# of Candidates		
	County - 07	# of Candidates		
	Local - Next 4 years	# of Candidates		
	Commissions and Boards	# Appointed		
	HomeOwnerAssoc, CondoOA...	# on Boards		
	FUNDS	Direct Mail Fund Raisers	# conducted	
Money Raised		\$ raised-exp		
Min Bank Balance		\$		
End of Year Balance		\$		
Monthly Pledgers		# of pledgers		
Monthly Pledges		\$/month		
MEDIA	Press Releases	#		
	Editorials	#		
	Exposure	column inches		
	Letters to the editor	#		
OTHER	Adopt-a-Highway	Y/N		
	Volunteer Database	% of membership in		
	Monitor Fairfax BoS	Y/N		
	Recruit Speakers to BoS	# speakers		
	Monitor Fairfax SchB (days)	Y/N		
	Recruit Speakers to SchB	# speakers		
	Campus Affiliates	#		
	Liase with Fellow Travelers	# coop agreements		

Yes! I would like to support the LPFC by making a monthly pledge.

I would like to pledge \$ _____ per month.

Charge my ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ AMEX ___ Discover

(I understand that my credit card bill will show a charge to the LPVA)



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EXPIRES ON

SIGNATURE

OCCUPATION*

EMPLOYER

EMPLOYMENT LOCATION**

Arlington County LP News

The ALP was formally recognized at the January meeting of the State Central Committee, and Chairman Shaun Whelden welcomes interested Arlingtonians to the next meeting. Please come to the Hamburger Hamlet in Crystal City (the same one where the Nova Social Hour meets) Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. Would you like to be involved in the ALP? Please contact Chairman Shaun Whelden at shaunw@liberateschool.com or 703-534-1488.

LP of Fairfax County News

The Libertarian Party of Fairfax County Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at the Harvest Moon Restaurant, 7260 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., but come early for the buffet dinner (only \$7.95). Chairman Dana Johansen invites everyone with an interest in local Libertarian activities to attend. Are you interested in running for office in 2004? Please attend the meeting, or contact the Chairman at Fairfaxlp@lpva.com, or 703-960-9120.

LP of Prince William County News

The LP of Prince William County meets Monday, April 12, at the Pizza Gourmet, 12425 Hedges Run Dr., Woodbridge, VA 703-491-9343. The LP-PWC welcomes newcomers and “walk-ins” to their monthly meeting and social hour. There is no cost (unless you order food of course). Libertarian Party membership is not necessary. Feel free to join us for some good conversation on Life, Liberty and Local Issues.

For More Information, Contact: Kathy Mullin, 703-221-9875, PrinceWilliam@LPVA.com.

LP NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

The Libertarian Party National convention is in Atlanta, Georgia, May 27-31, and it is a not to be missed event. If you have never gone to a National Convention, or have not been to one in years, please register for this one. Atlanta is only an 8-9 hour drive from Virginia, airflights are around \$230, and the event is packed with exciting speakers, workshops, and even a concert by Jimmy Ray Vaughn!

Delegates to the convention will choose the LP Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, a new National Chair, Officers, and Libertarian Nation Committee Members, and vote on platform and bylaws changes.

A basic package is only \$49, and for a bit more you can hear speakers like Neal Boortz, Dr. Mary J. Ruwart, James Bovard and Virginia’s own Dr. Jim Lark.

To register go to: <http://www.lpconvention.org/>. See you in Atlanta!

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NOVA POT LUCK PARTY - YOU ARE INVITED!

Every month the Northern Virginia Libertarians have a pot-luck 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, and Fred Childress and Marcia Strasel. This is a great way to get together with other Libertarians and share laughs and good conversation in a relaxing environment.

The next dinner party is Saturday, April 17. 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 Fred or Marcia at 703-530-0330 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 and Chuck at 703-378-1188 and tell them – the more hosts, the better.

