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## NOVA EVENTS

[www.lpva.com](http://www.lpva.com)

NOVA POT LUCK DINNER PARTIES, 7:00 P.M.

March 19, 2005  
RSVP Chuck Eby and Judy Herzog, 4572 Fair Valley Dr., Fairfax, 703-855-8767, email [charles@eby.name](mailto:charles@eby.name).

April 30, 2005  
LOCATION TO BE DECIDED, SEE NOVA ANNOUNCE LIST OR EVENT CALENDAR, [WWW.LPVA.COM](http://WWW.LPVA.COM)

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: [johansendr@starpower.net](mailto:johansendr@starpower.net)

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

LP OF VIRGINIA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING. APRIL 23, 2005, ROANOKE  
The SCC meeting is open to all members. Contact the Chair, Steve Damerell, for more information, at [Chair@lpva.com](mailto:Chair@lpva.com) or 703-851-4674

**Volunteers for the LPFC are needed See page 2!**

## Greetings from the Chair

By Tony Torres

It's been a busy few months in Northern Virginia libertarian circles, but we have several upcoming events in which the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County and other Northern VA parties are looking to take part.

First on the agenda is the C&E Gun Show in April at the Dulles Expo Center. The right to keep and bear arms is one of the most important rights that are protected in the Bill of Rights and the United States is unique in being one of the few developed countries in the world that still allows at least some recognition of these ancient rights. It's a natural fit for the LP to have a booth at a gun show and I think that we can easily get our ideas out to an audience

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## Repeal the Tax Increase!

By Chuck Eby

Last year, Virginia's General Assembly passed the largest tax increase in our state's history. Originally proposed by Governor Warner, a Democrat, the increase could not have possibly passed without the help of Republicans who control both houses of our legislature. Gary Reese, delegate for the 67<sup>th</sup> district in Fairfax, was one of those Republicans who sold out their own party to increase our taxes.



Candidate Chuck Eby

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## *Lessons Shared: A Report from the 2005 State Chairs' Conference*

*By Steve Damerell*

In January, I had the opportunity to represent the Libertarian Party of Virginia in St. Louis at the annual meeting of the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance. I was accompanied by LPVA Vice Chairman Leonard Harris, and Jim Lark, the LPVA's representative to the Libertarian National Committee.

The sessions of the meeting were directed at an audience of State Chairs, but contained lessons that are useful for activists at any level of the LP. I would invite any interested members to visit [www.statechairs.org](http://www.statechairs.org) to view the meeting reports, which includes full text of many of the best sessions.

Singling out specific 'best' presentations is difficult, but one that seemed to resonate with the entire audience was LP Oregon Chair Adam Mayer's presentation on reducing infighting. Mayer categorized members into activists, intellectuals, administrators and politicians, and pointed out that the administrator's job is to place members in roles appropriate to their strengths. Mayer pointed to this as an effective method of reducing infighting in his home state.

LP Chair Michael Dixon went before the State Chairs to, in his terms, 'take slings and arrows' over the process of converting the LP's membership database to Raiser's Edge, a process that has encountered some serious bumps in the road and seriously affected some state parties. This session did not instantly alleviate the problems with Raiser's Edge, but it did give me a chance to take questions from the LPVA's Membership Chairman and Address Corrections Chairman directly to the staff, which has in some cases helped us get the answers we need to function more professionally.

Several of the small-group breakout sessions also proved useful. I was able to attend the session on fundraising, which provided me with some challenges and ideas to further improve the LPVA's finances, while Leonard Harris, who writes the LPVA's press releases, was able to attend LP Communications Director George Getz's session on writing press releases.

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## *Volunteers Needed for the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County*

\* Campaigns, House of Delegates. There are four candidates for House of Delegates seats next year in Fairfax County and your help is needed. Please contact Chairman Tony Torres to find out how you can help them make a difference next year at [Fairfaxlp@lpva.com](mailto:Fairfaxlp@lpva.com) or 571-214-8356.

\* Adopt-A-Highway road clean-up, tbd. This is a fun way to let people know Libertarians care about their community. If you have a few hours on a Saturday in the coming months, please contact Chuck Eby at [Webmaster@lpva.com](mailto:Webmaster@lpva.com) or 703-855-8767 to volunteer.

\* Event Volunteers. We will have booths at fairs and gun shows this year, and we need your help - all it takes is a few hours. What better way to enjoy the company of your fellow Libertarians and to share your political beliefs with others? If can spare a few hours, please email or call Chuck Eby.

\* Fundraising, Membership, Volunteer Coordinators. We need more volunteers to champion these activities to help us grow in 2005. Please contact the Chairman at [Fairfaxlp@lpva.com](mailto:Fairfaxlp@lpva.com) to find out how you can help.

**DON'T HAVE TIME TO HELP? YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED, SEE PAGE 3**

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that is sympathetic to us on at least one issue. We will have our booth at the show on the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for anyone interested in volunteering to help fill the booth. I will be there on both dates and I look forward to meeting any of you who come by.

The next event we have planned is a booth at Celebrate Fairfax, the annual Fairfax County fair. Celebrate Fairfax generally attracts a large and diverse crowd of people from all over Fairfax County and surrounding communities. It has been a good outreach event for us in the past and we usually give out a broad sampling of literature on many different issues. I think it will be a great venue to introduce the Libertarian Party and our candidates to potential voters, supporters, and donors. Celebrate Fairfax will take place in June.

I am working with the Libertarian Party of Loudoun County, which is still in its formative stages, on planning these events as well as several others. Later in the year, there is the Sterling Fest in Sterling, the Old Dominion Beer Festival in Ashburn, and a festival in Herndon. I am also working with Bill Wood of the Libertarian Party of the Blue Ridge on events we could work on together.

In the coming months I intend to introduce our candidates for House of Delegates to you. We have a great slate this year. They are Scott McPherson, Donny Ferguson, Chuck Eby, and Marianne Volpe. We have offered each candidate space in Nova Liberty and I hope they will all take us up on it.

Finally, we are looking for a LP member in Fairfax County to serve in the position of media coordinator. This job would entail monitoring local news stories, keeping a list of local press contacts, and sending out press releases. Writing the press releases does not necessarily figure in the position. Anyone who is interested please contact me at [fairfaxlp@lpva.com](mailto:fairfaxlp@lpva.com).

***YOUR HELP IS NEEDED***

This year the LPFC has ambitious plans for more outreach booths, at events like Celebrate Fairfax and gun shows. This is a great way to educate voters about our Party and find new members. These events cost money, though, so we need your support. Please help the LPFC by pledging your support on a monthly basis, or by making a one time donation. Mail the form below to: LPFC, PO Box 31, Merrifield, VA 22116.

Yours in liberty,  
Tony Torres, LPFC Chairman

**Yes! I would like to support the LPFC by making a monthly pledge.**  
**I would like to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.**  
**Here is my one time donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**



Charge my  Visa  Mastercard  AMEX  Discover  
 (I understand that my credit card bill will show a charge to the LPVA)

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\*Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Contributions are not tax deductible  
 \*\*Virginia law requires all committees to report the name, mailing address, job title or profession and name of employer or employer's specific field for each individual whose cumulative contributions aggregate is in excess of \$100 in an election cycle.

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As with any gathering of this kind, much of what I learned came outside of the formal session, chatting with my fellow chairs and administrators over a beer in the evening. Members of the Indiana delegation were able to reinforce the idea that every state needs a strong, active monthly pledge program, which I will be working on with Dana Johansen in the coming months. I was able to communicate minor, day-to-day concerns with National staff and officers, concerns that normally get lost in the shuffle of their busy days. I was able to simply sit down and talk about the LPVA's future with Leonard in a way that neither of us have had time for in a while.

In short, the State Chairs' Conference is an experience that I would tell any successor of mine not to miss. It's a chance to interact with one's peers as Chairman, most of who are normally geographically removed and very busy with their own state business. I will be bringing some of the things I learned into the LPVA in the coming months, as I mentioned above. If you would like to be part of the team to make these things happen, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Chair@LPVA.com](mailto:Chair@LPVA.com) or (703) 851-4674.

## Fairfax County LP Committees

Are you interested in helping the Libertarian movement grow in Fairfax County? Your help is needed, at outreach events, candidate campaigns, and road clean-up days. If you would like to help, contact Chairman Tony Torres at [Fairfaxlp@lpva.com](mailto:Fairfaxlp@lpva.com) or 571-214-8356.

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Sign on Cottage Street, Vienna, VA, marking the section of road that the LPFC volunteered to clean up. Photo by Marta Howard.

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Now we hear that Virginia is running a surplus of \$1.2 Billion. Will our legislature return this surplus to its rightful owners – you and me? Not likely!

That's why I'm running for the House of Delegates in the 67<sup>th</sup> district. I want to work to repeal last year's tax increase and to return the surplus to Virginia's taxpayers.

The fact that Reese betrayed his Republican constituents in a heavily Republican district gives Libertarians a terrific opportunity. Republican voters aware of what Reese has done will be looking for an alternative. Those unaware of what he did will be made aware by my campaign. I intend to hammer Reese on this issue throughout the campaign.

There is no Democrat candidate declared in the district, nor is there likely to be. Reese ran unopposed two years ago, and the Democrats would be hard pressed to find a more liberal taxpayer and spender than Reese.

If I can capture a large percentage of the district's betrayed Republican voters, as well as the "anyone but Reese" voters among the Democrats, I may very well be able to cobble together a winning majority, and that is exactly my intention.

I have a small campaign team assembled, a web site created, and over \$1,700 dollars raised so far. I will need considerably more money to compete with a well financed opponent, although a team of dedicated volunteers can go a long way towards bridging a financial gap.

That is why I am asking for your help. Contributions to my campaign may be sent to Eby For Delegate at 2576 Nicky Lane, Alexandria, VA 22311, or you may contribute electronically on my web site at [www.Eby2005.com](http://www.Eby2005.com). If you prefer to devote your time rather than your dollars, please contact me at [Chuck@Eby2005.com](mailto:Chuck@Eby2005.com), and I will provide you with many ways you can help my campaign with your elbow grease.

I am excited about giving voters in the 67<sup>th</sup> district an alternative to a major party taxaholic. I'm even more excited about my chances of winning! Please join me in working towards a victory for Liberty and lower taxes.

*(This is the first of several articles on the Libertarians running for House of Delegates in Northern Virginia in 2005.)*

### *Libertarian National Committee News*

The Libertarian National Committee met in Portland, OR, on February 25-26. The members voted on several issues, notably a vote to raise dues for renewing members from \$25 per year to \$50 per year and a vote to not increase the amount of money from the Unified Membership Plan (UMP) to the state affiliates. The proposed increase would not take effect until January 2006. This issue of Nova Liberty went to print before a report from regional representative Jim Lark was available, but that report will be included in the next issue of Nova Liberty.

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### **Arlington County LP News**

The Arlington County LP will meet later in March for a county convention. Please contact Chairman Shaun Whelden for more information. His email address is: shaunw@liberateschool.com, and his phone number is 703-534-1488.

### **LP of Fairfax County News**

The County Committee meets on the third Monday of the month at the Harverst Moon Restaurant, 7260 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, and everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be March 21, 2005, and plans for outreach events, candidate support and volunteer recruitment will be discussed. For more information about the LPFC, contact Chairman Tony Torres at Chairman@lpfc.com or 571-214-8356.

### **LP of Loudoun County News**

Libertarians in Loudoun County meet the fourth Tuesday of the month, and the next meeting is March 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Nido Italiano, 201 Harrison St SE, Leesburg, VA. Contact Chair Kate Eisenlohr for more information at Loudoun@lpva.com.

### **LP of Prince William County News**

The LPPWC meets on the second Monday of the month at the Pizza Gourmet, 12425 Hedges Run Dr., Woodbridge, VA 703-491-9343. The Social Hour kicks off at 7:00 and the business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome! Please contact Chairman Kathy Mullin for more information at 703-221-9875 or PrinceWilliam@lpva.com.

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## *NOVA MONTHLY DINNER PARTY!*

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 Marta and Nat Howard, Fred and Marcia Childress, and Steve and Libby Dasbach. 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 at 7:00 p.m, March 19, 2005, at the home of Chuck Eby and Judy Herzog at 4572 Fair Valley Dr., Fairfax, VA. 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 Chuck & Judy at 703-855-8767 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 Chairman Tony Torres at 571-214-8356, or by email at [Chairman@fairfaxlp.com](mailto:Chairman@fairfaxlp.com) – the more hosts, the better.

