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## NOVA EVENTS

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

May 21, 2005

Pool party @ 4:00 p.m.,  
dinner @ 7:00 p.m.  
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June 25, 2005

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NOVA SOCIAL HOUR  
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7:30 p.m. Hamburger  
Hamlet Crystal Square  
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LPFC MEETINGS Third  
Monday, 7:00 p.m. Har-  
vest Moon Restaurant,  
7260 Arlington Blvd.  
(come at 6:45 p.m. for  
the buffet dinner)

LP OF VIRGINIA STATE  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING. JUNE 25,  
2005, CENTREVILLE RE-  
GIONAL LIBRARY, 14200  
ST. GERMAINE DR., CEN-  
TREVILLE, 1:00-4:00 PM  
The SCC meeting is  
open to all members.  
Contact the Chair, Steve  
Damerell, for more infor-  
mation, at  
Chair@lpva.com or 703-  
851-4674

## Greetings from the Chair

By Tony Torres

I hope everyone is enjoying what is finally shaping up to be a beautiful spring. It has been an exciting and busy several months for the Libertarian Party in Northern Virginia. We've had a couple major events in the last month and I think that both of them are great starting out points for what can be our most active year yet.

After our outreach events on Tax Day and at the C&E Gun Show we are in a position to begin growing again and getting the Libertarian name out to the public in many more events. If we can continue to have the level of volunteers and interest, then I see no reason why cannot easily end 2004 with five to eight major outreach events to our name.

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## Ferguson for Delegate

By Donny Ferguson

What would you say about a well-organized Libertarian campaign that:

- A) Is taking on an unpopular incumbent who's been in office since the Carter administration?
- B) Is taking Libertarian positions to Republicans and Democrats, and coming away with their votes?
- C) According to *Sic Semper Tyannus*, which monitors Virginia elections, is so tight "a few dedicated people could swing this Ferguson's way?"

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## 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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 Chuck Eby  
 Donny Ferguson  
 Marianne Volpe  
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*LPFC Member Marcia Childress as Lady Liberty, Tax Day 2005. Photo by Chuck Eby*

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

\* Campaigns, House of Delegates. There are three 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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Our Tax Day protest on April 15, 2005 at the Merrifield Post Office ended successfully, despite the lack of cooperation from the United States Postal Service. I won't dwell too much on this event in this column, however, because my write-up of what happened can be found elsewhere in this issue. The response from the public to our one million dollar bill literature, which depicted out of control government spending, was almost entirely positive. The Tax Day protest sufficiently motivated Libertarian activists to make an excellent showing at our next event, the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County's first ever booth at the C&E Gun Show.

The C&E Gun Show gave us an opportunity to showcase an issue that we are stronger on than any other party. We were able to present to gun owners and shoppers the fact that the Libertarian Party is one hundred percent behind their right to keep and bear arms. While we ran into many people who I would call stubborn Republicans, the number of positive responses made the event clearly worthwhile. We received the contact information for several people who are interested in at least receiving new membership from the LP. All four of our House of Delegates candidates served at least one four hour shift and were given a chance to introduce themselves to potential voters. One of them, Chuck Eby, was able to get a few signatures toward getting his candidacy on the Virginia ballot in November. Some of the inquiries were from outside Fairfax County and Virginia, but we will pass on the information to the appropriate LP affiliates and hopefully gain them new members as well. The C&E Gun show was deemed a great success for the relatively low cost and the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County decided register for the next one, which will be at the end of July.

In addition to the upcoming Gun Show, we have reserved space at Celebrate Fairfax, the annual Fairfax County fair which draws thousands of people from all over Northern Virginia and the county

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***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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OCCUPATION*	EMPLOYER	EMPLOYMENT LOCATION**

\*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.

## *Tax Day In Fairfax County*

*by Tony Torres*

Tax Day in Fairfax County was an interesting, but effective outreach event. A little before 6:00 PM on Friday, April 15, 2005, Libertarian Party of Fairfax County (LPFC) Chair Tony Torres, Chuck Eby, Milan Zacek, and Josh Dunn met in the parking lot of the Merrifield Post Office in Merrifield, VA and split up to cover different areas of the post office property.

Zacek and Dunn went to stand on a sidewalk near the doors to the post office and hand out million dollar bills. Eby went across the street and Chairman Tony Torres positioned himself on a grassy area that is located between the post office access road and Lee Highway. A man walked up to Torres and asked what he was handing out to which Torres responded, "It's a million dollars to help pay your taxes."

The man asked if he could have another two or three and Torres gave them to him. Then the man grabbed the entire pile of literature out of Torres' hands and said, "how about all of them? You can't be here, this is postal property." Torres politely, but firmly asked for his literature back and the man obliged, but told him he had to go across the street. The Libertarian Party of Fairfax County members decided to regroup to decide what to do.

Tony Torres and Milan Zacek tried to speak to a manager. They met with a woman who had just spoken with management, and told them she was holding the postal regulations in her hand. She conceded that handing out literature was allowed in the area where Torres had been standing, but said that nobody could be anywhere near the entrance to the building or in the parking lot because impede the flow of customers into and out of the post office.

The postal office employee walked with Torres to the grassy area where he had been and told the postal workers there that the LPFC was authorized to be there. Then a gentleman mistook Chuck Eby for a postal worker and tried to hand him his tax return. Eby politely told the man he was not with the post office, but offered to walk the gentleman's taxes over to the postal workers. The post office official that Torres had been speaking with then asked the LPFC members to move to an adjacent sidewalk so that we would not be mistaken for postal workers by customers driving by.



*Libertarian Party of Fairfax County members and friends. Marcia Childress is Lady Liberty  
Photo by Chuck Eby*

Torres noticed that the police had blocked off one lane of the access road and that cars were backing up in the other lane waiting for a traffic light to change. Torres asked the postal worker if it would be alright for LPFC members to stand there to distribute literature. The postal official asked a police officer at the scene if that would be a problem, and he said he didn't see a problem with it, though he would have to check with his sergeant.

The officer radioed his sergeant about the situation, and the sergeant allowed the LPFC members the use of the access road. The only conditions were that nobody would impede traffic, cross the yellow line and that everyone would step back when cars began to move.

After this exchange, Fred and Marcia Childress, Scott McPherson, John Berghoff, and John Smith arrived. The LPFC members and supporters successfully handed out million dollar bills until about 7:30 or 7:45 p.m.

Some of the anecdotes from this day include John Smith speaking with motorcycle officers who commented that they could not afford to pay local taxes even if they could afford to live in Fairfax County. There was also a gentleman who was ready to get out of his car and join the protest, but he had to drive his family home. When one of the LPFC activists commented that he should join the protest and let his wife drive the family home, he said they should all stand up against taxes, after all it was their money.

*Interested in helping spread the Libertarian message in Northern Virginia? The LPFC is looking for volunteers for upcoming outreach events - see page 2!*

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and region. The fair takes place in early June. We also are attempting to get a booth at the Old Dominion Beer Festival in Ashburn at the end of June. This event takes place the same weekend that the Libertarian Party of Virginia State Central Committee will be meeting in Northern Virginia so the chance of having many other Libertarians in the area is high. I think the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County is in a position to continue to be successful and to grow as we move into the summer. Please enjoy this issue of Nova Liberty as we continue to inform our readers of Libertarian news and events and introduce our candidates.

Finally, nobody can forget the amazing role played by Marcia Childress as Ms. Liberty. The LPFC managed an excellent showing despite the lack of cooperation by the post office.

The Libertarian Party of Fairfax County is attempting to work with the Merrifield Post Office to make sure there are no conflicts next year. The party will be prepared in the event there are any problems and will not be as accommodating next time. As for the tax protest itself, the responses from everyone who received literature was overwhelmingly positive.

### *The Military Takes Care of Their Own - NOT!*

*by Karin Stevenson*

You hear all the time from the Recruiting Commercials and various military officials that "we take care of our own". I'm here to tell you that, like many things out of the mouths of the Government, this is nothing but a lie.

How many recent articles are bringing to light the many problems that our soldiers are facing over there because they have not been properly equipped? My son is in the Army, and is currently stationed in Ramadi. Ramadi is a very dangerous area and is known to have the highest death toll for our soldiers. Throughout his time there, I have heard how they took a boat and cut it apart to use for armoring a humvee, how they are issued x amount of bullets per soldier, how their personal armor is a joke. They have goggles that don't help them to see when the insurgents are heading their way from a distance. My husband and I dug deep in our almost empty pockets and shelled out \$700 (that we really couldn't afford) for a pair of binoculars strong enough, and with anti-glare, so that he can see them coming from the guard tower. The military should have provided these, but didn't.

Another issue is haunting my family daily. Apparently Charles Graner isn't the only sadistic bully in the Army, and the victims are more likely to be our own soldiers than insurgents. My son has a problem with his unit commander, SFC Colligan. When my son was in Fallujah, he passed a PT test to be able to be transferred to Ramadi. He could not transfer without passing that test. Once he got to Ramadi, this Colligan said he was denied a raise in rank because he didn't pass the PT Test. When my son asked to see the paperwork that said this, Colligan refused. So my son asked to go to the next up in the chain of command... "request denied" was Colligan's response. Then he asked to see the Chaplain... "request denied" was Colligan's response. That night, two soldiers entered the room where my son was sleeping and beat him in the face. It's pretty safe to assume that since these two soldiers are buddies of Colligan's that he put them up to it. My son fears for his life from both the insurgents, and his very own unit. My son is also suicidal because now he believes that it may be his only way out of this horror.

I did what I could and I am still doing more. I called the Red Cross and asked the Chaplain to call me. He did, saying Andy got what he deserved. WHAT? A soldier deserves to get beaten in the face while sleeping? Where did this guy go to Seminary School? I wrote and called Congresswoman JoAnn Davis's office. They are aware of the situation, but they can not do anything without his direct permission due to the Privacy Act. It would be a denial of his right to privacy to do anything with something he told me in private conversations. My son has no access to email or phone and is not able to write anything either at this time. Well that puts a real wrench in the works! It's a nice Catch-22 to absolve elected officials from responsibility. And from Andy's end, everything that needs to be done is a Command issue and comes back to this SFC Colligan who refuses to help him.

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Hopefully it's "How can I help?"

The opponent is Delegate Ken Plum, the former Chairman of the Democrat Party of Virginia and a hard-core opponent of liberty. In fact, here are just a few of the bills he patroned in this year's Assembly:

- 1 Creation of a statewide system of County Income Taxes
- 1 Mandatory screening of all newborns in Virginia for genetic fitness
- 2 Make red light spy cameras permanent
- 3 Make it a crime to allow a minor to buy any "aggressive" video game in which a human character is harmed
- 4 A six-cent hike in gas taxes and a brand-new half-percent sales tax for transportation, even though his own district voted against his call for a quarter-cent tax just two years earlier.

The good news is – with your help – you're more likely to see Ken Plum sitting at home unemployed next January than you are to be spotted by one of his red light cameras with a banned video game.

I've been going door-to-door, hitting community events and talking to political groups since January. The response has shocked me – people are fed up with tax hikes and say Ken Plum should go.

The media coverage has been excellent and I've been in the newspapers nearly every week. Not only can Plum not ignore me, he's so frustrated he attacked me in Leesburg Today and even gives out my name and website to his e-mail subscribers.

For the first time in a quarter-century, this unpopular incumbent has an opponent with the practical campaign experience and plans to take the 10,501 votes needed to beat him – and elect a Libertarian.

That's the good news. The bad news is I don't have the funds to keep that up.

Rough budget estimates show I need to raise \$25,000 to run a realistic campaign. That's not the record for a Libertarian House of Delegates campaign, but it's still a challenge.

So far I've raised over \$3,000, only \$100 of which came from my own pocket. That leaves me \$22,000 short – meaning no yard signs, mail or even literature that didn't come off my laser printer.

If you'd like to join your Libertarian friends who've already donated, or you'd like to donate again, send your check made out to "Friends of Ferguson" to PO Box 3134 in Reston, VA 20195.

I'm off to a great start and people are already talking about the possibility of Plum going down to defeat. I'm counting on you to help me put together the kind of campaign that can add Virginia to the list of states that have elected a Libertarian to the State House.

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I wrote an email to the Brigade Commander and have gotten no response from him, so I am thinking it got deleted before he saw it. The only good thing they have done, was putting my son in a medical tent to have him seen by a Psychiatrist. This Psychiatrist overheard the Chaplain and Colligan saying that they didn't want anyone "like him" in their unit. They are more like a gang of thugs than soldiers. Now they have him working as a dishwasher instead of working in communications. As you can imagine that is depressing him more, and he is really giving up. I am so ashamed of the Army for allowing this. I'm ashamed for the government for allowing this. I'm proud of the soldiers who do their jobs, but this is not their job, this is a crime. This is a situation where my hands are tied. Why is a suicidal soldier not taken care of? Does he need to be in a body bag for them to take him seriously? And all this because the Commander had to tell, and try to cover up, one lie.

This is not taking care of their own.

By Karin Stevenson

### *State Central Committee Meeting Report April 23, 2005*

The State Central Committee (SCC) of the Libertarian Party of Virginia (LPVA) met in historic Roanoke, Virginia, on Saturday, April 23, 2005. A short, but by no means complete, list of some of the issues addressed follows.

2006 LPVA Regular State Convention. A motion passed to accept a proposal by Jim Lark and the Jefferson Area Libertarians to host the next Regular State Convention. The last convention in Charlottesville was in 1985. The event will be on Saturday, April 22, 2006, in Charlottesville, VA at the Doubletree Hotel. More information will be available in the coming months.

Special Convention to Address Possible Constitutional Changes, Officer Resignation. A motion failed to call a Special Convention to address changes to the LPVA Constitution. The LPVA Secretary, Charlotte Patrick, rescinded her resignation as Party Secretary, so there was no need to elect a new officer. There was extended discussion of possible responses by the LPVA to the recent LNC vote to increase dues, including changes to the LPVA Constitution to permit the LPVA to leave the Unified Membership Program (UMP).

Resolution on LNC Database. A resolution passed with some changes to request that the National LP make fixing its functional issues a high priority. The resolution was centered around problems with the National database since the implementation of a new database program.

Resolution on LNC Dues Increase. A resolution was discussed regarding the recent doubling of dues for LP members. The text of the LP of Fairfax County Committee resolution was recommended to the SCC as a model for a LPVA resolution, and Marianne Volpe was asked to draft a resolution to be voted on by the SCC by the electronic voting method.

Creation of Bylaws Committee. A discussion of changes at a previous SCC meeting to sever the policy documents from the Bylaws resulted in the creation of a Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee was charged with rewriting the Bylaws as needed. The Committee members are: Kevin McKenna (Chair), James Curtis, Steve Damerell, Chuck Eby, Jim Lark, George Marchenko, and Marianne Volpe.

The next meeting of the SCC will be at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germaine Dr., Centreville, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

### **Arlington County LP News**

The Arlington County LP will have a convention in June. 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 was rescheduled for May 23, 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.

The LPFC will have a booth at the June 10-12 "Celebrate Fairfax" fair. Would you like to make this outreach event or others a success? All you need to do is volunteer a few hours of your time - and it is fun. Please contact the Chair to help.

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

Libertarians in Loudoun County meet the fourth Tuesday of the month, and the next meeting is May 24, 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 according to a new schedule. 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 George and Lea Getz, 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 starts with a pool party at 4:00 p.m, dinner at 7:00 p.m., May 21, 2005, at the home of Fred and Marcia Childress at 3015 Aspen Ln., Falls Church, 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 Fred & Marcia at 703-533-0330 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 Chairman Tony Torres at 571-214-8356, or by email at [Chairman@fairfaxlp.com](mailto:Chairman@fairfaxlp.com) – the more hosts, the better.

