

NOVA LIBERTY

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Upcoming Events:

- Election Day November 7, 2006. Help Wood for Congress by contacting Tony Torres at Volunteer@woodforcongress.com or 571-214-8536
- Pot Luck Dinner Party October 21, 2006, 7 PM at the home of Ann & Scott Wakeman, 10133 Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax.
- LPNOVA Annual Convention and pot luck dinner party, November 11, 2006, at Anne & Scott Wakeman's home, 10133 Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax. Members in good standing and friends are invited to attend the convention at 6:00 PM, followed by the dinner at 7:00 PM. LPNOVA committee members will be elected, resolutions and bylaws changes addressed. More info at: nova.lpva.com

WOOD CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF IN WINCHESTER

By Tony Torres

Wilbur "Bill" Wood kicked off his final months of campaigning on Friday, September 8th at the annual Hob Nob in the Valley in Winchester. Wood appeared before the Winchester crowd along with his opponents Frank Wolf, Judy Feder, and Neeraj Nigam. Governor Tim Kaine and Senator George Allen were also in attendance. Each candidate was given a chance to speak for five minutes and Wood took advantage of his time to talk about the Constitution.

Wood held a rolled copy of the U.S. Constitution in his hand as he ad-

ressed the crowd of about 500 voters. "I truly believe in this document," said Wood. "Our Founders created a wonderful instruction manual for our government, but unfortunately our current officials are ignoring it. I want to change that."

Wood also highlighted his plan for tax reform. "I will make the first \$20,000 that each American makes tax exempt," said Wood. But he won't stop there. Wood told voters that he would also exempt any amount of income spent on education and health care.

In addition to the Wood

campaign's appearance at Hob Nob, which was given favorable coverage by The Winchester Star, the campaign was shown in a taped interview for Shenandoah University public television in Winchester, and campaign manager Tony Torres was interviewed for an article that appeared in the George Mason University Broad-side student newspaper. On September 16 Bill Wood appeared at Centreville Day and "An Evening Under the Stars" in Warrenton, a semi-formal event that gave him the opportunity to rub elbows with some of the bigger names in Warrenton.

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

BY GEOFF ALLEN

Fellow Libertarians,

Fall is finally here, and in addition to the leaves changing, the weather cooling, and the children going back to school, we

can always look forward to... elections! Virginia is one of the few states in our country where every single year we have the opportunity to vote, whether we are

voting for federal, state, or local officials, bond referendums, or even amendments to our state constitution.

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WOOD CAMPAIGN EXCITES VOTERS IN THE TENTH

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October events include speaking to students at two of the area's high schools, and three public forums: Oct. 9 at the Great Falls Citizens Association, Oct. 27 at the monthly meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), and Oct. 17 at the League of Women Voters of Loudoun and Fairfax Counties. This candidate debate begins at 7:30,

with Libertarians from around the state invited to attend in droves and party afterward to celebrate Bill's drubbing of his opponents.

Volunteers are needed to help distribute literature and yard signs in October, and for polling place duty on Election Day. If you are available to help, please contact Tony Torres at volunteer@woodforcongress.com or at 571-2148356.

Finally, the Wood for Congress campaign staff invites you to celebrate with us from 7:00 PM until midnight on Election Day at Glory Days in Sterling. Contact Tony Torres if you plan to attend the party.

For more information about the campaign please visit <http://www.woodforcongress.com>

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This year the focus is on federal candidates, including our own Bill Wood, who is running as a Libertarian in Virginia's 10th congressional district. Bill has been working hard at the grassroots level, attending nearly all of the major regional fairs this past summer, knocking on people's doors, distributing literature, and now that we are in October, he will be participating in several debates and candidate forums with all of the other candidates in his race. Please join me in wishing Bill the best of luck in November – and if you are interested in learning more about him, visit his campaign website at

www.woodforcongress.com.

In addition to helping out with Bill's race, the Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia has become a coalition partner in the Commonwealth Coalition, an organization dedicated to defeating the Marshall/Newman marriage amendment that will be on the ballot this November. Please remember to vote this November, not only for Bill Wood if you live in western Fairfax, but also to oppose this discriminatory and invasive amendment to the Virginia Bill of Rights. While the Democrats and Republicans have been arguing over the implications of this amendment on non-married heterosexual

couples, Libertarians have been worrying over the precedent this sets by being the first plank in the Bill of Rights to *remove* rights, rather than *preserve* them.

Finally, on November 11 we will be holding our annual convention to elect new leadership, vote on bylaws amendments, and otherwise bring up issues important to the general membership. Please check out the upcoming events column for more details. I look forward to seeing you next month.

Sincerely,
Geoff Allen,
PS – Let us know what you think of the new newsletter format!

NOVA LIBERTY

Nova Liberty is published four times a year by the Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia. Hard copy issues are mailed to LPNOVA members residing in the counties of Arlington and Fairfax, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church.

A pdf. version is available by sending the Editor, Marianne Volpe, a message at:
mariannevolpe@yahoo.com
With "subscribe .pdf" in the subject line.

Please send your articles, letters, and suggestions to Marianne.

LPNOVA ANNUAL CONVENTION RESPONSE/PROXY FORM

The annual convention of the Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia is Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Ann and Scott Wakeman, 10133 Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax, VA. Please plan to attend, but if you cannot attend, you may fill out and mail this form to the LPNOVA at PO Box 31, Merrifield, VA 22116 OR you may email this form or send an email message to the LPNOVA Chair, Geoff Allen, at LPNOVA@lpva.com. We need at least 10% of the membership in the region (Alexandria City, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and Falls Church City) to conduct business per our Bylaws. See the LPNOVA website for more information: http://nova.lpva.com.

Name _____ (please print)

___ You (LPNOVA) may count me as present for the purpose of establishing a quorum at the annual convention.

___ I nominate myself for the county committee

___ I nominate the following people for the county committee:

My Email Address: _____

I would like to volunteer for/suggest the following: _____

- TENTATIVE AGENDA
- Elect New Committee (6 members)
- New Committee Elects New Chair
- Bylaws Changes (if any)
- Resolutions
- New Committee Meets

Announced Candidates for Committee as of 10/19/06 :

- Steve Damerell
- Marianne Volpe

Yes! I would like to support the LPNOVA 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)

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRES ON

SIGNATURE

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



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LPNOVA ANNUAL CONVENTION

BY MARIANNE VOLPE

The annual convention of the Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia (LPNOVA) will be Saturday, November 11, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. The convention will be at the home of Ann and Scott Wakeman, 10133 Red Spruce Rd., and a pot luck dinner party will follow the convention.

Members in good standing and anyone interested in liberty in Northern Virginia is welcome to attend.

Business will include the election of an Executive

Committee, possible changes to the Bylaws, and the consideration of advisory resolutions.

At the conclusion of the convention there will be a short meeting of the newly-elected Executive Committee members. The business of this meeting will include the election of a Chair, and possibly the appointment of other committee chairs. Other business may be conducted depending on the agenda adopted by the Executive Committee members.

If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, or have questions about your membership status, please email Chair Geoff Allen at LPNOVA@lpva.com. There is a pull out proxy form in this newsletter where you can nominate yourself or others.

If you cannot attend, please send in the proxy so that we can fulfill our attendance requirement to conduct business.

PLEDGE AND DONATE TO LPNOVA

BY MARIANNE VOLPE

You may not have heard, but there were big changes in 2006 that affect the Libertarian Party of Virginia (LPVA) and LPNOVA.

In July the delegates at the National Convention in Portland, OR, voted to change the National Bylaws to create a new "sustaining" member category of \$25 per year.

The Libertarian National Committee (LNC) had voted last year to end the Unified Membership Program (UMP), so the LPVA no longer gets funds from National from Libertarian Party memberships.

The State Central Committee (SCC) of the LPVA voted at its July meeting in Richmond to change LPVA Bylaws to define a LPVA member as someone who has donated at least \$25 per year to the LPVA and is in agreement with the statement of principles. (See the Libertarian Party's Bylaws at www.lp.org and the LPVA's Constitution and Bylaws at www.lpva.com/HTML/bylaws.htm)

These major changes mean that to be a member in good standing of the LPVA you are asked to contribute directly to the LPVA. You can do this with the

contribution form in every Virginia Liberty, or online at: www.lpva.com

The present LPNOVA bylaws require LPNOVA members to be members of the LPVA.

If you have not done so already, please donate to the LPVA before the November 11 LPNOVA Convention. Life members of the Libertarian Party are considered members in good standing of the LPVA.

Please help LPNOVA grow in 2007 by donating and pledging using the form on page 3. We need your help more than ever.

*Come to the LPNOVA
Annual Convention on
November 11, 2006
and help spread liberty
in Northern Virginia*

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

SUBMITTED BY THE LP-NOVA BYLAWS COMMITTEE

LP-Nova Proposed Bylaws Changes

Amendment One – Defining Membership

Submitted by: Geoff Allen
(minor amendment by Steve Damerell)

Current wording:

Article II Membership Section 1. Qualifications

Any member of LPVA who resides in Fairfax County, Arlington County, or the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, or Fairfax is considered a Member of LPNOVA sixty days after taking the action necessary to become a member of LPVA. Any question concerning the effective date of an individual's Membership shall be resolved by the governing body.

Proposed wording:

Article II Membership Section 1. Qualifications

Any resident of Fairfax County, Arlington County, or the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax is considered a Member of LPNOVA after pledging, in writing:

- a. That he or she will support Libertarian candidates for office; and
- b. That he or she is not a

member of another political party

Any question concerning the effective date of an individual's Membership shall be resolved by the governing body.

Amendment Two – Rules governing notice of conventions

Submitted by: Geoff Allen

Current Wording:

Article III Conventions Section 3. Notice

The executive officer shall notify the Membership via mail at least fifteen days in advance of any Convention. The notice shall include the date, time, place, and tentative agenda of the Convention.

Article IV Election of Governing Body

Section 1. Nominations

The executive officer shall notify the Membership via mail at least four weeks in advance of any Convention at which elections are to take place. The notice shall solicit nominations to vacancies in the governing body.

The executive officer shall notify the Membership via mail at least fifteen days in advance of such a Convention. In addition to the requirements for

all Conventions, the notice shall include the nominations received in response to the solicitation.

Additional nominations shall be accepted at the Convention.

Nominees shall announce to the Membership whether or not they would serve as executive officer.

Proposed Wording:

Article III Conventions Section 3. Notice

The executive officer shall notify the Membership via mail at least one month in advance of any Convention. The notice shall include the date, time, place, and tentative agenda of the Convention.

Article IV Election of Governing Body

Section 1. Nominations

Nominations shall be accepted at the Convention. Nominees shall announce to the Membership whether or not they would serve as executive officer.

Amendment Three – Adjustment of Voting Method

Submitted by: Geoff Allen

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PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

SUBMITTED BY THE LP-NOVA BYLAWS COMMITTEE

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Current Wording:

Article IV Election of Governing Body

Section 3. Conduct of Elections

Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

In a contested ballot each Member shall have as many votes as there are positions being voted on. Voters may cumulate their votes.

Proposed Wording:

Article IV Election of Governing Body

Section 3. Conduct of Elections

Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. Members may vote for any or all nominees, but may only vote for each nominee once. Those nominees with the largest vote totals, given the number of positions available, shall be elected.

Amendment Four – Adjustment of Bylaws Amendment Process

Submitted by: Jonathan Tomer

Current wording:

Article XI Amendments

Section 1. Procedure

Any Member may submit a pro-

posed amendment to the bylaws. In order to be adopted, it must be approved by 3/5 of the Executive Committee and 3/5 of those Members present and voting at a Convention. Either vote may precede the other, but both votes must take place within one year of each other.

Section 2. Notice

The Executive Committee Chair shall notify all members of the Executive Committee via mail at least ten days in advance of a vote on a bylaws amendment. The Executive Committee Chair shall notify all Members of LPNOVA via mail at least fifteen days in advance of a vote on a bylaws amendment.

In addition to other requirements, the notice shall include the text of the proposed amendment.

Proposed wording:

Article XI Amendments

Section 1. Procedure

Any Member may submit a proposed amendment to the Bylaws. In order for the proposed amendment to be adopted, it must be approved by a 3/5 vote of the Executive Committee, and be approved by a 3/5 vote of the Members present and voting at a Convention. Either of these votes may precede the other, but the two votes must occur within one

year of each other.

Section 2. Notice

The Executive Committee Chair shall notify all members of the Executive Committee via postal or electronic mail at least ten days in advance of any Executive Committee vote on a proposed Bylaws amendment. This notice shall include a description of the proposed amendment, including the full original text of any articles to be modified or removed, and the full new text of any articles to be modified or added.

The notice for any Convention (as required by Article 3, Section 3) at which a vote is taken on a proposed Bylaws amendment shall include, in addition to the other requirements described above for that notice, a description of the proposed amendment, including the full original text of any articles to be modified or removed, and the full new text of any articles to be modified or added.

Bylaws Committee:

Steve Damerell, Chair

Geoff Allen

Paul Dunlap

Jonathan Tomer

Tony Torres

Jim Turbett

THE NEVER ENDING WAR

BY WILBUR "BILL" WOOD

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS, TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

According to the Congressional Research Service, as of August 27, 2006 the War in Iraq has cost us \$320 Billion to date. This works out to \$4,232 for every American family. Congressional estimates are that the cost would double to \$8,464 per American family even if we were to begin a phased withdrawal starting today. If instead we stay in Iraq, in President Bush's words "until the job is done," the cost will undoubtedly reach \$30,000 to \$40,000 or more per American family. America's families cannot afford the economic cost of staying in Iraq indefinitely.

Our families cannot afford the cost in human life, either. So far over 2,600 American young men and women in uniform have lost their lives in the service of their country in Iraq. More than 2/3 of that number has been lost since President Bush declared that victory in Iraq had been achieved just a few, short years ago. How many of America's youth must be killed before we realize the futility of staying in Iraq? 5,000? 10,000? More?

Despite these grim realities, Congressman Frank Wolf continues to march in lockstep with President Bush. He has supported virtually every piece of legislation Bush has requested of Congress with regard to Iraq. Congressman Wolf believes that America has not yet paid a high enough price for Bush's irresponsible policy of imposing democracy by force. This policy is being imposed at the expense of American taxpayers on an unprepared people with no tradition or culture of liberty, no respect for diversity, virtually no religious freedom, and with Kurds and Sunni Muslims struggling to preserve their lives, their property, their values, and their futures from a potentially disastrous Shiite majority.

More than 14,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed in just the first six months of 2006, according to a United Nations report recently released. They reported that the killing of Iraqi citizens is on an upward trend, with more than 5,800 killed and 5,700 injured in May and June of 2006 alone. Well over 40,000 Iraqi citizens have lost their lives since President Bush decided to depose Saddam Hussein. The annualized loss rate exceeds the rate of loss of human lives under the former Iraqi dictator's despotic 35-year regime.



Wilbur "Bill" Wood

Most experts agree that there was virtually no Al Qaeda presence in Iraq prior to Bush's invasion. Today, Al Qaeda is a major threat in Iraq that continues to grow each day. Iraq has President Bush and Congressman Wolf to thank for this.

Meanwhile, the search for Osama bin Laden and his Al Qaeda lieutenants goes badly. More than 200 Americans lost their lives in that country. Yet we are no closer to capturing bin Laden and bringing him to justice than we were in 2002. That's when President Bush first began to make his case for

invading Iraq, a case we now know to be fraudulent. Had we not removed so many resources from Afghanistan we would be much closer to capturing bin Laden. There is even a chance he would already be in custody and facing trial for his role in the attacks of September 11, 2001.

I strongly believe that we must redirect our military resources toward protecting and defending America, rather than putting our country at greater risk as the current administration has done. I believe we need a Congressman in Washington who will work to redirect our efforts to go after the true enemies of liberty today. I believe that we need to refocus our efforts on the Al Qaeda threat and end outdated commitments and uncertain missions that prevent us from accomplishing that goal.

For these reasons, if elected I pledge to focus more resources on hunting down Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda with Special Forces, CIA, and law enforcement and avoid long-term military engagements with countries unrelated to that threat. I believe we must protect the United States without sacrificing American liberties. I will introduce legislation bringing American troops home from Europe and Japan. And I will demand a phased withdrawal from Iraq.

The United States needs a defense policy focused on the 21st century and not based on the last century and the Cold War. We need a Congressman who understands these requirements. We need a Congressman who is willing to take the steps necessary to secure our country rather than putting it at greater risk as the current administration has repeatedly done. If elected, I will be proud to be that Congressman.

LPNOVA EVENTS—KEEP THIS PAGE!

EVENTS ARE ON THE LPVA'S CALENDAR: [HTTP://WWW.LPVA.COM/CALENDAR/EVENTS.ASP](http://www.lpva.com/calendar/events.asp)

October 16, Monday, 7:00 p.m.: LPNOVA Monthly Meeting, Steve Dasbach's home, 2803 Flagmaker Dr., Falls Church. All are welcome . Contact LP-NOVA Chair Geoff Allen for more information at 703-944-4288 or email at: LPNOVA@lpva.com.

October 21, Saturday, 7:00 p.m.: Pot Luck Dinner Party at the home of Ann and Scott Wakeman, 10133 Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax. Contact Ann or Scott at 703-426-4573 or at: scott.t.wakeman@verizon.net.

November 7, Tuesday, Election Day. Contact the Bill Wood for Congress team to help on election day by emailing Tony Torres at Volunteer@WoodforCongress.com or 571-214-8356.

November 7, Tuesday, after the polls close: Election Night Party, Glory Days Grill, 21800 Towncenter Plaza, Sterling, VA, 20164. Enjoy the company of your fellow Libertarians while having light refreshments and drinks. Contact Campaign Manager Tony Torres if you plant to attend at Manager@woodforcongress.com or 571-214-8356.

November 11, 2006, 6:00 pm.: LPNOVA Annual Convention, to be followed by a Pot Luck Dinner party at the home of Ann and Scott Wakeman, 10133 Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax. All LPNOVA members are encouraged to attend. Typical business includes the election of Executive Committee members, approval of bylaws amendments and passing advisory resolutions. Any member of the Libertarian Party of Virginia who resides in Fairfax County, Arlington County, or the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax is considered a Member of LPNOVA sixty days after taking the action necessary to become a member of LPVA.

December 16, Saturday, 7:00 p.m.: Pot Luck Dinner Party at the home of Chuck Eby and Judy Herzog, 4572 Fair Valley Dr., Fairfax. Call Chuck at 703-855-8767 or email him at: Charles@eby.name.

December 18, Monday, LPNOVA Monthly Meeting, place to be decided. All are welcome . Contact LP-NOVA Chair Geoff Allen for more information at 703-944-4288 or email at: LPNOVA@lpva.com.

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*Libertarian Party of
Northern Virginia*

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NOVA Monthly Dinner Party!

Every month Northern Virginia Libertarians have a pot-luck dinner at someone's home, and you are invited. This is a casual affair, so feel free to bring your friends. Everyone is asked to bring some food or drinks to share with four or more people. This is a great way to get together with other Libertarians and share laughs and good conversation in a relaxing environment.

If you don't know what to bring, call or email the party hosts and they'll give you some suggestions. Kids are welcome at these parties, too, so if you have them, bring them. You will be asked to help a bit with "kid watch" during the party.

The next dinner party is October 21, 2006, and starts at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Ann and Scott Wakeman, 10133 Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032. Contact them at : 703-426-4573 or email at: scott.t.wakeman@verizon.net for directions or menu suggestions.

See you at the dinner!

