



The Liberty Pledge

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NEWSLETTER

The Liberty Pledge Newsletter is a monthly publication for the participants in the National Libertarian Party pledge program. Because of your monthly contribution, we are able to carry on the daily activities of the Party, and we want you to know what we are doing. We also want the opportunity to thank you for your generosity and let you know about others who are helping the Party as volunteers and contributors. So, first, thank you!

THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROJECT

January 31 was the kickoff to our Social Security Project. It began with "Social Security Week" - a series of events to get Libertarians involved in presenting our position on the issue of the day. Steve Smith(AL) and Jim Jones(AL) appeared on "Sandy & Co." a radio talk show in Alabama. Lori Massie(FL) was a guest on another talk show in Florida to talk about our views. National Chair, Alicia Clark, spoke on a nationwide TV debate taped in Spanish at KMEX-TV in Los Angeles. Libertarians in Hawaii have written to newspaper editors and presented the Libertarian view on Social Security in editorial replies on radio. Ed Clark appeared on the Michael Jackson radio talk show in Los Angeles.

The article to the right appeared in the New York Times on Friday, February 3. Our "Social Insecurity" card has been distributed widely and the second printing has just been completed. Yours is included with this mailing. The card and the kickoff events produced many calls to the National Headquarters.

Social Security Project Chair, Bruce Daniel(CA), Ed Clark, and Murray Rothbard(NY) made a tape that was distributed to Social Security coordinators all over the country.

Social Security is an issue that may attract many new supporters to our Party. Planned events include the production of a radio ad, meetings with U. S. Representatives who are on the Ways and Means Committee, telephone calls to these same Representatives, and mass meetings on March 26 in various Congressional Districts with the respective Representatives so that every elected Representative will have an opportunity to explain his or her position on Social Security. U. S. Rep Ron Paul(R-TX) will present a bill to Congress to make Social Security voluntary. An outline of his proposed bill calls for the elimination of the requirement to force any new workers to join the System and that all who opt out will have their records destroyed by the Social Security Administration. Persons currently receiving benefits are to be notified that the system is bankrupt and that the present

Take Another Look

Take a closer look at that familiar white card with the blue type and the long red number that came in the mail last week. If the large lettering says "Social Insecurity" and the number is 000-00-0000, it was not printed by the Government but the Libertarian Party, in an effort to publicize its program to make the Social Security system voluntary.

On the back, in very small type, is this message: "Keep this card if you wish. It entitles you to absolutely nothing.

HOWEVER, it has several advantages over your Social Security card.

"1. It does not force you to invest money from your paycheck or profits in a fraudulent and financially doomed retirement scheme.

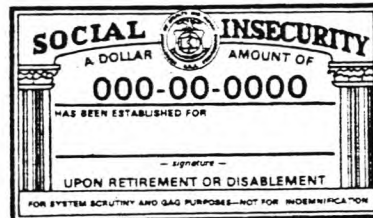
"2. It will not be requested or required on any school or job application, tax form or in any business or financial transaction.

"3. It cannot be used to find you, audit you, intimidate or investigate you, or otherwise invade your privacy."

The Libertarians, who believe in the least government conceivable, had 25,000 cards printed, ran out in a week and have another 25,000 on order. They are being distributed free.

Phil Gailey

Warren Weaver Jr.



Mastercard VISA AMOUNT _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Name on Card _____

Pledge term (month) _____, 19 _____

(month) _____, 19 _____

You may find it easier to have your pledge automatically credited to the LP without writing a check each month. If you would like to convert to MasterCard or VISA, please fill out and return the form to the right before the beginning of next month.

benefit level will become a ceiling. Finally, the proposed bill calls for relaxed regulations on the government-created Individual Retirement Accounts, IRA's.

AROUND THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

February 28th marks the end of Phase I of our membership drive. At that time, membership by state will be tabulated and used to determine, in part, delegate allocations for the Presidential Nominating Convention in New York City beginning at the end of August.

Speaking of the Presidential nomination, well-known Floridian radio talk show host Gene Burns has announced his intention to seek the LP Presidential nomination. Mr. Burns works at WKIS in Orlando and has begun campaigning at our state conventions. His campaign may be reached by calling the Florida Libertarian Party at (305) 628-2337. U. S. Rep Ron Paul(R-TX), Sam Steiger(AZ), and 1976 LP Presidential Candidate Roger MacBride(VA) are still potential candidates for the nomination being encouraged by different groups of Libertarians.

Sharon Ayres(CA) has announced that she will seek the post of LP Secretary at the convention in New York City at the end of the summer.

We were fortunate to have several volunteers at National Headquarters this past month. They are Al Knight(MD), Richard Perry(MD), Paul Hite(VA), Bobby MacReynolds(VA), Kyle Renell(VA), Ed Anderson(MD), and Dale Hemming(MN). Dale used his week-long vacation to come to D. C. Headquarters to help us on our membership project. We thank them all.

We continue to receive encouragement and support from many active Libertarians all over the country. We appreciate their help and we thank them for getting involved with our work.

FUNDRAISING

We continue to seek new members, new and renewed monthly pledgers, and contributors to retire our lingering debt. Many of you are new pledgers this month. Welcome! For those of you who mail your checks to us please note that the return envelope is stamped with the month in which your pledge is due. Many pledgers choose to use VISA/MasterCard or Electronic Funds Transfer through their banks. For your convenience, we have enclosed both forms if you would like to convert.

Several contributors have challenged us to remove the debt well before the Presidential Nominating Convention. A formal program open to all LP contributors has just been established by Finance Chair, Dr. Matt Monroe(TX). The "Challenge Pledge Program" works as follows: You pledge an amount of money to challenge us to repay all the old debt by June 30, 1983 without incurring any new debt. At that time, a full audit will be taken and then, if the conditions are fully met, your Challenge Pledge is due. The amount in the Challenge Pledge Fund, if high enough, will spur others to contribute to retire the debt on time so that we can collect on the Challenge Pledge amount.

The response to telephone calls to retire the debt has been very encouraging, and we plan to meet the challenge. We look forward to the time when our fundraising message calls for new projects, new growth, and permanent ballot status in all states, once and for all.

Honey Lanham, National Director



If you would like to get some Social Insecurity Cards, please fill out the form to the right, write a check to the Libertarian Party - - the cards are \$.01 a piece - - and send it in as quickly as possible to insure the amount you'd like.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

of cards _____

Amount Enclosed _____