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\$20,000 donation kick-starts Quiz Across America

*By Wes Benedict
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The heaviest part of campaign season is upon us, we've got a strong slate of more than 800 candidates, and we're ready to put Libertarian volunteers to work nationwide.

In conjunction with a generous \$20,000 in seed funding from one of our donors, the Libertarian National Committee recently approved funding for our "Quiz Across America" door hanger outreach project.



The door hangers feature the World's Smallest Political Quiz and are a great way to put volunteers to work promoting our party and candidates. In both 2006 and 2008, the Libertarian Party of Texas distributed around 200,000 just in Texas. I'm hoping we can distribute **one million** nationwide this election season.

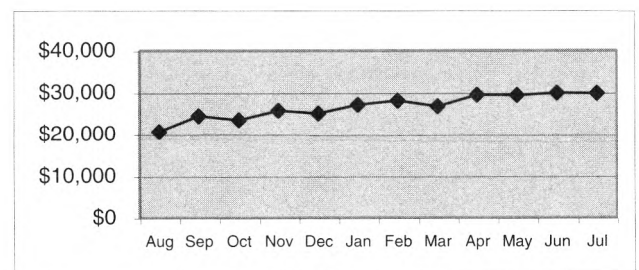
I think the Quiz is one of the best outreach tools we've got. It helps people learn that politics isn't just a liberal-conservative line, and it causes many people to discover (often to their surprise) that they are libertarians.

Our first batch of 200,000 door hangers should be at headquarters by the time you receive this newsletter and should be available to order at LP.org or by calling us at 202-333-0008.

Distributing these door hangers is really easy in most urban and suburban areas. You just stroll from house to house and put them on the doorknobs. (At apartment complexes, it goes even faster.) September and October should offer lots of nice weather for taking a walk and putting up door hangers.

By promoting the Libertarian Party with these door hangers, we can grow our party, and also help all of our Libertarian candidates.

Our monthly pledge program is holding steady and surpassed \$29,000 again in July. Here's a graph of the pledge total since last August (2009):



While receiving an extra-large contribution is always exciting, it's our monthly pledgers that provide a stable financial environment which helps us plan months ahead.

Overall, I think our party is in a better financial position than we were at the same time before the last mid-term election (2006).

I am excited about the upcoming elections and thank you for your continued support for the LP.

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LP Illinois withstands petition challenges

from an August 12 press release

After an arduous eight day petition challenge, the Libertarian Party of Illinois ("LP Illinois") has come out with flying colors and is poised to present our candidates to the voters this fall. The petition challenge commenced on August 2nd and concluded on August 10th. Additional hearings are scheduled with a final certification on August 27th. LP Illinois expects to be on the ballot. A dedicated staff of LP Illinois members staffed computer terminals at the State Board of Elections ("SBE") in Springfield, defending petitions gathered by a combination of volunteers and paid contractors. We currently have 33,545 valid signatures, which is 8,545 more than the required 25,000 for new party and independent candidates in the state.

"This has been a long week, and it is frustrating to have to go through such an ordeal in order to offer an alternative to the voters of Illinois," said **Crystal Jurczynski**, Campaigns Director for LP Illinois, who lead the delegation in Springfield as well as the petition drive. "This has been a total waste of taxpayer money and time for members of the SBE as well as for those who had to take time out of their schedules and spend money on travel and lodging just to defend these frivolous objections," added Jurczynski.

Ballot access laws on the books in Illinois were passed by the Democrats and Republicans to make it more difficult and expensive for new party and independent candidates to enter the arena and offer an alternative voice. With the history of corruption and fiscal mismanagement displayed by the two major parties, LP Illinois feels now more than ever the state needs new people with new ideas to be able to participate in the public discourse. Voters should decide which candidates should win elections. The petition challenge process hinders democracy and benefits incumbents and career politicians by limiting competition for political

office. We call on all media outlets, print, broadcast and online, to get behind a cleaner system for getting on the ballot and ultimately, choosing candidates and office holders.

As stated previously, we look forward to the November elections and offering the right alternative for the future of the citizens of Illinois.

New Hampshire petitions filed

from New Hampshire LP, August 12

It has been a long stretch of months, but this week, Libertarians turned in the last of the more than 4000 nomination papers signed by the voters of New Hampshire. These petitions were collected primarily from volunteers all across the state, from Seabrook to Tilton, from Hanover to Rochester. Libertarians worked at town elections, local dumps and transfer stations, shopping centers and even door-to-door, talking to voters and collecting signatures.

State law requires we have 3000 signatures for our top of ticket candidates. With more than 4000 turned in, we're pretty confident we'll make it through the certification process and be able to give the voters of New Hampshire the choice to vote for liberty come November. Two of our state rep candidates are already qualified, **Steven Couture** of Tilton and **Lisa Wilber** of Weare. We'll know by the end of the month for the rest of our candidates.

While this process is a real burden on independent and third party candidates, it saves the taxpayers of New Hampshire the cost of a primary. We go right to the voters and right to the general election ballot.

Libertarian Bill Woolsey elected Mayor in SC

by LP staff

On August 3, Libertarian **Bill Woolsey** was elected to a four-year term as mayor of James

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Island, South Carolina. While the election was non-partisan, Woolsey is a longtime Libertarian Party member and supporter.

Richard Winger of Ballot Access News writes:

"James Island, South Carolina, held town elections on August 3. Bill Woolsey, a member of the Libertarian Party, won the non-partisan Mayoral election. He is an economics professor at the Citadel, and he had also been elected to the town council in 2002.

"The election of Woolsey was a surprise. Five candidates were on the ballot. Woolsey polled 39.7%. The incumbent Mayor placed second with 19.9%. The Mayor had been so confident of being re-elected, she had not even bothered to attend a candidate's debate, although all four of her opponents participated in that debate, and the debate drew a large audience."

A local paper wrote, "Woolsey has promised deep cuts to balance the town's budget, reviewing positions and salaries. More than \$75,000 in contracts to [outgoing Mayor] Clark's son and the mayor's own \$35,000 salary were both issues in the election."

New and renewing Liberty Pledgers

Frederick Barton	Michelle Matthews
Aaron Beck	Jason McWhorter
James Z. Bedford	Ron S. Mizerak
Jason Bellew	Raymond A. Nabors
Harold S. Benson	Darlene H. Nicholas
Benjamin Breece	L. John Owen
Jill Buck	Wurzel Parsons-keir
Cory Butler	Mark Peters
Steve E. Carpenter	Todd J. Proffitt
Sara C. Chambers	David T. Richerson
Kenneth Christian	Gordon C. Rogers
Steven J. Damerell	Paul Scanling
William Denney	Robert P. Schilleman
Elaine DiMasi	Michael E. Schmidt
Elwood H. Dunning	John J. Skehan
Barry Fagin	Wallace A. Sneddon
Randall Grant	David A. Stempien
James P. Gray	Tamela L. Supchak
Christopher L. Hayhurst	Joseph D. Taiber
Richard Hermida	Lorence W. Trick
Andrea Hillmeyer	Roy C. Turnbull
Daniel Hmeidani	Michael Vacca
Stephen Hunt	Anthony D. Ward
Jimmy Janow	Ryan S. Wilson
Gary Juhl	Terrill A. Young
William Long	Joshua Zimmerman
David Lucantoni	

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- \$1,000
- \$500
- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- \$25
- _____ Other

I would like to increase my monthly pledge to this level:

- \$2,500
- \$1,000
- \$500
- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- \$30
- _____ Other
(minimum \$10)

Name: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

(Please make checks payable to **Libertarian Party**.)

Please bill my Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover

Card number: _____ Exp: _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

Occupation*: _____

Employer*: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

* Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Political contributions are not tax deductible.

Libertarian Party in the News

Libertarians sue over election laws

Bismarck Tribune, July 19, 2010

The North Dakota Libertarian Party is suing Secretary of State Al Jaeger over election laws it says unfairly target third parties.

Party Chairman **Richard Ames** and two other Libertarian candidates for the Legislature were barred from advancing to the general election because they didn't get the required number of votes in the state primary.

The number varies slightly by district. In Ames' case, as in most cases, he would have needed about 130 votes to move on to the general election.

Oliver Hall, the attorney for the party and the head of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Competitive Democracy, said North Dakota is the only state in the U.S. where candidates face such a requirement after they already got 7,000 signatures to compete in the primary.

Hampton says voters want something different

Picayune Item (Mississippi), July 24, 2010

PICAYUNE - Libertarian Fourth Congressional District candidate **Tim Hampton**, in his second visit to Picayune in a month on Thursday, said that voters are looking for "fresh faces" and are tired of the "same old professional politicians who do nothing but tax and spend and ignore the hard working middle class."

Hampton, a Hattiesburg businessman, faces GOP nominee Steven Palazzo, a state legislator from Biloxi, incumbent Democrat Gene Taylor of Bay St. Louis and Reform Party candidate Anna Jewel Reveis of Hattiesburg in the Nov. 2 General Election for the fourth congressional seat....

Hampton said he has recently campaigned in Ocean Springs, Columbus, Sumrall and Waynesboro and has generally been well received.

Picture This, and Risk Arrest

New York Times, July 27, 2010

In November, **Antonio Musumeci**, a member of the Manhattan Libertarian Party, was given a ticket while videotaping a political protest in the plaza outside the federal courthouse in Lower Manhattan. Citing a federal regulation that dates to 1957, agents of the Federal Protective Service gave Mr. Musumeci a summons as he recorded a man who was handing pamphlets to potential jurors. The New York Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit on Mr. Musumeci's behalf, arguing that the rules that govern photography on federal property were vague and unconstitutional. The lawsuit says people routinely take pictures on the plaza after new citizens are sworn in at the courthouse.

Libertarians choose their candidates on Tuesday

Denver Post, August 8, 2010

There are fewer than 9,000 registered Libertarians in Colorado who are active voters, but the self-described "party of principle" will hold its primary Tuesday along with Democrats and Republicans....

Party officials say it's a good year.

"The high number and quality of candidates that the Libertarian Party is fielding this year shows that not only are voters looking for something different in 2010, but the timeless principles of freedom and individual rights are stronger than ever," said **Kate Melvin**, spokeswoman for the Colorado Libertarian Party.