



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!

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY . . . generated nearly \$38,000 in contributions and related income--making it possible to reduce the party's debt substantially (it's now slightly under \$90,000). The target date for eliminating the debt entirely is June 30th. If that goal is achieved, a growing number of challenge pledges will be forthcoming and can be used to strengthen our finances in anticipation of the Presidential Nominating Convention (to begin August 29th).

THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROJECT CONTINUES *. . . with distribution of over 80,000 "Social Insecurity" cards thus far, and nationwide circulation of a petition asking that the system be made voluntary. In a parallel effort, Congressman Ron Paul of Texas has recently introduced legislation (HR Bill 2030) which would ". . . make social security coverage completely optional for both present and future workers . . ."

APRIL 15TH IS OUR ANNUAL NATIONAL TAX PROTEST DAY . . . a coordinated nationwide effort to focus public attention on the Libertarian Party. For information on participation contact your State Coordinator (or State Chair). This year's National Coordinator is Ed Jowett (27 Lincoln Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905) who can be reached at (607) 723-3689.

THE LP'S EVER POPULAR Q&A BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE AGAIN . . . in large quantities and can be ordered at the rate of 20¢ each. In a recent questionnaire it was rated as the most effective piece of LP literature for introducing new people to the Party and its principles. An abbreviated Q&A leaflet is also now available in Spanish, thanks to the effort of National Chair, Alicia Clark.

**If you would like to get some "Social Insecurity" cards to distribute to friends, etc., please fill out the form below and include a check to the Libertarian Party for the appropriate amount (cards are 1¢ each).*

PLEASE SEND ME _____ SOCIAL INSECURITY CARDS, FOR WHICH I HAVE ENCLOSED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

FLORIDA TALK-SHOW HOST GENE BURNS . . . is the first, and still the only announced candidate for the LP Presidential Nomination. An important element in his campaign strategy is to attend and speak at each State Convention prior to the National Convention. According to Burns, ". . .the issue *is* freedom and the time *is* now!" Information on his candidacy may be obtained by writing to the Gene Burns Campaign, PO Box 310, Orlando, FL 32802.

SPEAKING OF PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS . . . our headquarters neighborhood is beginning to take on the appearance of "Presidential Row" . . . with Mondale setting-up shop two doors away, and John Anderson's HQ just past Mondale's . . . a little to his right.

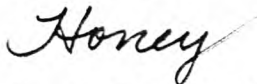
IN A RECENT CONTRIBUTOR SURVEY . . . more than a thousand supporters were asked a variety of questions about the Party . . . ranging from the source of their initial attraction to the LP, to what project(s) they would most like to see the Party undertake in future. To date over 50% have responded, providing a wealth of useful information for future planning. The results will be published in about a month, some surprising--others not (e.g., in answer to the question "How would you characterize Libertarians?" 70% offered that we are: intelligent, educated, individualistic, rational . . .)

MANY FINE PEOPLE STOPPED BY HEADQUARTERS . . . to lend a hand this past month. Our thanks to Al Knight (MD), Bree & Bobby MacReynolds (VA), Bob Hunt (DC), Paul Hite (VA), Lori Massie (FL), Richard Perry (MD), and Ralph Mullinger (PA).

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION . . . are copies of the Social Security Petition (if supportive of this issue, please try and get signatures and return to this office a.s.a.p.), and our issue paper on Taxation . . . used as a springboard for the upcoming Tax Protest Day, April 15th. Also enclosed is a form authorizing automatic check transfers . . . a growing number of monthly pledgers are finding this a convenient way to make their contribution--it saves the bother of having to write a check each month!

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT . . . your help has been extremely important in our determined effort to balance the Party's books as quickly as possible--and to proceed effectively in building support for the Party and the principles for which it stands . . .

For Liberty,



Honey Lanham, National Director

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.

Mastercard VISA AMOUNT _____
Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Signature _____
Name on Card _____
Pledge term (month) _____, 19 ____ until
(month) _____, 19 ____