

# meeting in Dillon on December 5th

Libertarian leaders and activists from across the state of Colorado gathered in Dillon on Dec. 5th to discuss the immediate future of the party.

Called and moderated by CLP Chairman David Aitken, the all-day meeting focused on two major topics: outreach and internal party organization.

The group brainstormed "lots of ideas regarding outreach, but the best ideas dealt with internal organization and the functioning of the party," Aitken commented. "I think it was effective from the point of Inn, 890 S. Colo, view of keeping people's interest and finding out who's serious about doing some things over the next couple of years.

"I'm encouraged because there seems to be a desire to make things happen," he said.

Aitken recorded the meeting, and, based upon those transcripts, has requested of each member of the state Board of Directors particular actions calculated to improve outreach, funding and the political viability of the party. Communications Director Ron Bain, for example, has been requested to reactive the CLP Speaker's Bureau (see page 5) and reorganize the news release distribution network to accommodate modern changes in technology (FAX, E-Mail, etc.).

Representatives from CLP affiliates based in Aurora, Aspen, Boulder, Cañon City, Colorado Springs, Denver and Grand Junction attended the meeting, which generated many more than the following ideas to enhance the image or awareness of the Libertarian Party in Colorado:

- · Privately sponsor a primary election;
- Publish anti-tax arguments under the Libertarian name in upcoming tax elections;
- · Earn permanent ballot status by running a gubernatorial candidate in 1994 capable of earning 10% or more of the popular vote;
- · Run strategically-placed classified ads featuring the CLP HQ telephone number along with catchy slogans such as "Set Yourself Free" or "Make Your Parents Mad - Vote Libertarian!"
- · Generally, focus the anger that people already feel toward government.

3300 Arapahoe, #215, Boulder. Wed., 13th

CALENDAR:

Denver Liber-

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p.m., The Village

Blvd.., Denver.

Tuesday, 12th

**CLP** Board of

Directors, 7 p.m.,

<u>January</u> Tuesday, 5th

Boulder Co. LP, 6 p.m., The James Pub, 13th & Walnut., Bldr...

Friday, 15th Western Colo-70, Hwys. 6 & 50. Board of Directors

Tuesday, 19th Aurora Libertarians, 7 p.m., Archie lone's, lliff & Buckley.

Wed., 20th JeffCo Libertarians' organizational mtg., 7:30 p.m., 29135 Drive, Golden.

## CLP grew 30% between '90 and '92 elections

Between the 1990 and 1992 elections, membership rado Libertar- in the Colorado Libertarian Party grew by 30%, or about ians, 6:30 p.m., 13% annually, reported CLP Membership Director Otto's, Jct. of I- David Bryant at the December meeting of the CLP

> Secretary of State Natalie Meyers counted 1,640 registered libertarians during the last election.

"I wish I knew, who they all are," Bryant Ma- commented.

For less than a dollar per name (\$1200), the CLP could buy the list from the Secretary of State's office complete with the addresses of all of those people, Bryant noted. The CLP Board has discussed, but never committed itself to purchasing that list due to lack of

"More people are becoming aware that they can Ranch Summit register as Libertarians. We made a special effort to get the word out -- Colorado sure won't tell them!" Bryant said wryly in explanation of the increase in registration.

For example, Western Colorado Libertarians were present with signs saying "Register Libertarian" at Mesa County registration tables in 1992.

Paid membership in the CLP numbers slightly over 300, up approximately 25% over the past few years. "If all of us work harder, we can achieve even more," Bryant said.

The Membership Director appealed to Libertarians who have allowed their registration to lapse to re-register prior to Feb. 28, the deadline for determining the number of delegates Colorado will send to the national Libertarian convention in Salt Lake City. For every 20 Colorado voters registered Libertarian, Colorado gets to send one delegate. Currently, Colorado is eligible to send 17 delegates to the convention, but that could be increased to 18 delegates if just 15 or so more Coloradans register as Libertarians before the deadline.

#### From the Chair

By David Aitken, Chairman, Colorado Libertarian Party

As some of you already know, the Libertarian National Committee has adopted (by a 9 to 7 vote) a series of goals, one of which is to eliminate the oath (see our membership form). I strongly oppose this move and I hope you do too.

It's my understanding that the proponents of this move feel the oath is a major barrier to attracting new members and it may well be. However, no one, to my knowledge, has done any studies proving or disproving that theory. On a matter as important as this one is to the LP, I'd be a lot more comfortable seeing some data showing how many prospects did not join and for what reasons.

I understand there are libertarians who score at some point other than 100/100 on the World's Smallest Political Quiz and who may be uncomfortable with an absolutist interpretation of the oath. But at some point you have to have faith that the principle of nonaggression is a sound one. I do not believe that now is the time to be arguing over how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. We can save that for the time when the only function of government is to provide a criminal justice system. Then we'll ask the question

"Do we need government to do that?".

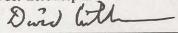
But I believe the solution is not to eliminate the oath (although I admit that at first I was intrigued by the notion of either removing it or making it mandatory only for delegates to the National Convention), but to do a better job of explaining it. To that end, your board of directors adopted the explanation which now appears on the membership form.

I would like to point out that Barry Goldwater (1964 Republican presidential candidate) said "Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue." Is the oath extreme?

Probably yes. Is it necessary? I believe so. It is both an anchor and a measuring tool. The anchor prevents us from being carried away in any controversy. The measuring tool helps us evaluate any new proposals. It prevents us from wandering off into the wilderness like both the Republicans and Democrats who used to hold beliefs similar to ours.

Thomas Jefferson was a Democrat. At some point in time he could have been a Republican. We now consider him a libertarian. They had no anchor; we do. Let's keep it.

Yours in Liberty,





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## An Open Letter to David Aitken, Chairman of the Colo. Lib. Party

It is proposed that the Colorado Libertarian Party exert a major effort to get the following constitutional amendment adopted in Colorado, and to influence other state parties and eventually the National Libertarian Party to initiate similar amendments.

#### Right to Income Amendment

No fee, license, permit or other restriction shall be imposed or required for a citizen to earn income from his labor, or to earn income from his capital, or to own and earn income from property, whether tangible or intangible, nor shall any tax be imposed on the income from these sources or on the value of owned property.

The amendment should be adopted in very small increments, if necessary, through the initiative process. The average working man and small business owner agrees with this amendment. Probably a majority of all citizens and particularly those that don't vote are in agreement. This might even give those not registered a reason to register and vote.

It will be much easier to obtain voter approval of this amendment by referendum than to elect legislators that might accomplish the end result through legislation. Also, libertarians tend to be very set in their ways and unwilling to compromise, therefore, they make poor candidates for public office and stand very little chance of being elected. No other political party candidate would even propose such an amendment or legislation with the same effect.

Colorado's recent success with both the Term Limitation Amendment in 1990 and the Tax and Spending Limitation in 1992 are clear indicators of the advantage of the referendum. These were strongly backed by libertarians.

Government size will be reduced if this proposed amendment is adopted, and we well realize much of the libertarian dream.

Philip C. Freytag, Chairman, Fremont County Libertarian Party

## **Affiliate News**

#### Denver

Dave Segal has assumed the chairmanship of the Denver Libertarian Party, succeeding Jan Duncan, whose contributions in 1991-92 were significant in enhancing the group's membership, finances, and activity level.

Bert Weiner was elected to a new position on the DLP board, that of Campaigns Director. He has an idea, which has already been presented to the CLP Board of Directors, to divide up the state into West, Central and East regions. New board-level positions would be created to represent these regions, with the individuals holding them responsible for organizing local affiliates and campaigns in their respective areas.

Carol Steinheimer was re-elected as the DLP's Treasurer in October, and Larry Hoffenberg agreed to serve as the DLP Secretary.

#### Aurora

In elections held Nov. 17, 1992 by the Aurora Libertarians, Chuck Bilbe replaced Jeff Orrok as Chairman of the group. Orrok had largely been responsible for the initial organization of the Aurora group.

Until more suitable Aurora residents are found to hold the positions, Denverites David Bryant and Larry Hoffenberg agreed to serve respectively as the Aurora Libertarians' Treasurer and Secretary.

Bilbe said recently that the holidays had slowed down activity for the Aurora group, but that plans were to get busy now that the New Year is here.

#### Boulder

The Boulder County Libertarian Party also has a new Chairman in the person of Howard Lambert, officially elected to that post in October after serving unofficially as acting chair for several months. He replaces Mike Russell.

The BCLP appointed Jake Edge as Newsletter Editor in November, and he has already produced a professional-looking edition called the *Liberty News*. Congratulations, Jake!

Cooper Jager continues to serve as the BCLP Treasurer and Bruce Waters as the BCLP Secretary.

Vern Bickle of the Colorado Union of Taxpayers addressed the group in December, and is planning to hear from David Aitken, Chairman of the CLP, in January.

## **Fremont County**

Fremont County Libertarian Party Chairman Phil Freytag says his group is working on "infiltration, OpEd's, initiatives and lawsuits." Freytag has been successful in getting Guest Editorials published in Cañon City's Colorado Daily Record.

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## **Affiliate News**

#### Western Colorado

Mesa County Liberty has been replaced by the more farreaching organization Western Colorado Libertarians, and this group, too, has a new informative news bulletin published by Chairman Dann Hayes.

A current fundraising project of the WCL is the sale of a bumper sticker reading "Don't Blame Me -- I Voted Libertarian!" The stickers are \$1 each from Dann Hayes, 468 31 1/4 Road, Grand Jct., CO 81504.

Western Slope Libertarians who attended the recent statewide planning meeting held in Dillon Dec. 5th included Hayes, Kim Benham, Tom Peckham, and Jimmy Pierce.

Western Colorado Libertarians meets the second Friday of each month at Otto's (intersection of I-70 and Hwys. 6 & 50).

## **Jefferson County**

The Jefferson County Libertarian Party will hold its 1993 organizational meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the home of Greg Carroll. His address is 29135 Jummit Ranch Drive in Golden; call (303) 526-2040.

According to spokesperson Carol Stuckey, this will be the second organizational meeting for the JeffCo LP. The first was held in late 1992, and initial efforts were interrupted by the holidays. A regular meeting schedule will be established at the January meeting.

## **El Paso County**

The El Paso County Libertarian Party has an ambitious schedule of social gatherings and business meetings scheduled for the next few months. All meetings are heldWednesdays at 7 p.m. at the home of EPCLP Chairman Keith Hamburger, 627 Skyline Ave. in Colo. Spgs.

Social - Jan. 20th; Business - Jan. 27th; Social - Feb. 17th; Business-Feb. 21st; Social - March 17; Business - March 24th.



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## Speaker's Bureau reformed: got a speech to give?

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But one of the results of the Dec. 5th meeting held in Dillon was the gathering of a dozen names of Libertarians across the state who are willing to address public groups about libertarianism; in other words, the reformation of the CLP Speaker's Bureau. Now that the speakers

public groups about libertarianism; in other words, the reformation of the CLP Speaker's Bureau. Now that the speakers have been identified, a concerted effort will begin to assemble a

associations which are willing to accept speakers on a variety of topics.

If you belong to a group that should be part of the CLP Outreach Database, please forward that information to CLP Communications Director Ron Bain. Likewise if you have public speaking skills and are willing to prepare a speech for delivery to groups and

database of schools, civic organizations and neighborhood

organizations.

Following is a listing of the CLP Speaker's Bureau, including name, address, telephone number(s) and topic(s):

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Denver, Colorado 80203	(303) 759-9090 (W)

 Ron Bain
 Libertarianism in Science Fiction

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 (303) 443-9179 (W)

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Chuck Bilbe
4842 S. Shenandoah Way
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Jeff Orrok 13674 Parkview Drive Aurora, Colorado 80011

Jimmy Pierce Libertarianism: A Generalist Approach
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Aspen, Colorado 81612

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On the opposite page (Page 6) is a form approved by the CLP Board of Directors for use by county, municipal, campus or other groups which want to officially affiliate themselves with the Colorado Libertarian Party.

The requirements for affiliation are that five members of the CLP sign a piece of paper containing the Statement of Principles. The CLP charter allows regional, county, municipal, campus or community groups to affiliate with the CLP under these conditions.

It is <u>not</u> necessary to use the accompanying form; this is merely provided for the convenience of those who have been wondering how to get started.

The form is easy to use: just tear it out of the CLiPboard and fill out the date of affiliation (including day, month and year) as well as the name of your new CLP affiliate organization. Then just procure the signatures of at least five registered or paid members of the CLP. If the organization existed prior to affiliation, there are spaces provided for the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and another Founding Member to sign. If the organization is brand new, then you are all Charter Members (after your election, your officers can sign the appropriate spaces if they so choose, but that's not necessary for affiliation).

Mail the completed form to CLP HQ, and notify CLiPboard Editor Ron Bain so that your organization's name may be included in the CLP Directory. Include information about the identities, addresses and telephone numbers of your officers, as well as information about your organization's meeting schedule and planned

# LIP NEWS RELEASE Libertarians Warn of Strife and Dependency from Somalia venture

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Chair of the Libertarian Party, Mary Gingell, on Dec. 6 predicted that the U.S.-led United Nations intervention in Somalia would result in "strife on the scale of Beirut" and "long-term welfare dependency as degrading as what has been done to poor people in America."

"America's establishment politicians are congratulating themselves today," said Gingell. "But the American people have yet to taste the bitter fruits of this venture in welfare colonialism."

Gingell stressed that U.S. policies have raised expectations among Somalis that America is a "Santa Claus bringing packages of good government, economic prosperity, and a trouble-free future." Gingell noted that American newspaper correspondents based in Somalia have reported in recent days that Somalis have become convinced the U.S.-led expeditionary force will "pave the roads, open up schoolhouses, feed the people, train them for jobs, and make them love one another."

"There's quicksand in that Somali desert," Gingell said. "Like quicksand, it's going to get tough to get out, once we've gotten in." As in Lebanon, clan warfare has become a "cycle of vendettas and thievery that can only be cured for the long run by an indigenous, locally-based modus vivendi."

"We can't do it for them," Gingell stressed. "They have to put the hard work in themselves." If America tries to solve Somalia's problems, "it will have a high cost in American lives and tax dollars.

Gingell predicted that the proposed 28,000 U.S. troops and small contingents from other countries will face "ambush, terror, and endless harassment from Somalia's dozen Hatfield and McCoy clans."

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