



Alabama Liberty

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CONVENTION 1996!

The convention is coming up and you need to be there! This will be the most important convention the ALP has ever held. Why? Because this election is the most promising in the history of the ALP—our best opportunity to break through into the big time. We've been doing our homework, and it's time for the payoff.

ALP members have conducted five OPH operations (six by the time this reaches you). Thus far, 434 people have been surveyed. A whopping 138 (31%) score libertarian. That's the largest category—conservatives are next with 114 (26%). Obviously, the potential for support is out there. Because of our efforts, more people than ever will be involved with the ALP by election time, and even more will know we're alive and well and what we stand for!

The media knows we're alive and well too! We've been sending press releases to the local papers and news outlets in Montgomery after every OPH. They know we're growing and getting the word out. Moreover, the number of appearances on talk shows, news shows, and published work in local and national papers by ALP members are greater than ever before.

And we've got financial support coming in thanks to your generous response to the party's solicitation. We now have the resources to do many of the things that the major parties do such as enlisting the services of professional campaign consultants.

And we've begun to do just that. We're already benefiting from our relationship with the Monticello Group in Washington, D.C. We're also in touch with Aristotle in Atlanta, an organization that is used nationwide in professional campaigns. What this is doing for us is aiding in fund raising, and providing campaign materials such as manuals, voter demographics, and strategic advice. In short, we're professionalising.

We've got it all going except, well—now we need candidates. That's what this convention is all about—nominating candidates—and that's why you need to be there. At this point, the only people who have committed to seeking nominations are:

Mike Seibert—Supreme Court
Charles Russell—U.S. Senate

Mike Probst—Congress, 2nd District

That won't cut it! We've got the resources. We've got the energy. Now let's get the candidates. We owe it to the 31% of the population of our state that is on our side—the 31% that are libertarian. What's more, we've got to do our part to fulfill the national party's goal of running LP candidates for a majority of the seats in the House of Representatives. No third party has done this since the Socialists in the 1920s. The national party spent \$23,000 getting the ALP on the ballot. Let's do our part! We've got six other congressional seats to fill. Other offices are also open and waiting for us to contest them.

I hope you see how important your attendance is to the ALP, the national LP, and, above all, the folks who dream of self-government in our time. Make your plans to attend now. Costs have been cut in half to maximize attendance. This year's registration for the convention is only \$25. Your registration includes all events and a gourmet lunch buffet. Those who attended last year can attest to how good the food is. The convention is being held at the River Front Inn in Montgomery which, in addition to excellent food, has wonderful accommodations for those who wish to stay over and is located within walking distance of the Alabama River and Montgomery's new scenic/historic river walk. The convention is being held Saturday, April 27th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Michael Probst
Chairman

Friday Evening Gathering Of Eagles

For those of you arriving Friday evening for the convention or anyone who would like to enjoy some informal socializing, eating, and consuming of adult beverages with fellow Libertarians, be sure to come to Sundown East Restaurant in the Forest Hills Shopping Center at 3416 Atlanta Highway. Telephone number 1 334 271-0501. (See map on page 2). Festivities begin at 7:00 P.M.

John Hix
Convention Chair

Convention April 27, 1996

Place: Riverfront Inn
200 Coosa Street
1 334 834-4300

Convention hotline 1 800 207-1770 (In State)
or 1 334 265-1770 (Out Of State)



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration per person (includes lunch buffet)

\$25.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Make checks payable to: Alabama Libertarian Party. Mail to: P.O. Box 11209, Montgomery, AL 36111-0209

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 8:00 to 9:00 AM Registration (Late registration until 3:00 PM).
- 9:00 to 12:00 N Call to Order by chairman Michael Probst, nominations and elections of party officers, candidates, and national convention delegates.
- 12:00 N to 2:00 PM Lunch buffet – Speaker: Perry Willis – Topic: Keynote Speech
- 2:00 to 2:30 PM Break
- 2:30 to 3:15 PM Speaker: Jeffery Tucker – Topic: The Myth of the Republican Revolution.
- 3:15 to 5:30 PM Speaker: Mark Thornton – Topic: The Crash of 96
- 5:30 to 6:00 PM New Chair – Closing remarks
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ALP CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Perry Willis – National Director Libertarian Party

Jeffery Tucker – Research Director Mises Institute; has had articles appear in Christian Science Monitor, and Policy Review; regularly contributes articles to Chronicles, and Freeman; graduate work accomplished at George Mason University.

Mark Thornton – O.P. Alford III Professor of Economics at Auburn University Auburn, Alabama; author of Economics of Prohibition; First elected Libertarian in Alabama; has had articles, editorials, and letters to editors appear in numerous national publications.

Special Deal for National Convention

A special offer has been made available to the ALP for those wishing to attend the national convention (July 3-7, 1996, in Washington, D.C.). Four gold packages (includes every event, breakfast, speaker, panel, the Presidential Banquet, the Jefferson Memorial opening, souvenirs, programs, and parties) can be purchased for a total cost of \$1000. There are also four bronze packages available (includes all of the above minus the meals) for a total cost of \$500. To take advantage of this, we must send in ONE check for the total amount and it must be in to national by the end of February. To coordinate the matching of four people for either deal, contact Michael Probst at 334-270-8643 or by e-mail at 73654.460@compuserve.com.

Mike Probst
Chairman

CHAIR CHAT

I want to take this opportunity to introduce the Alabama LP's own "Friends and Family Program." This is an idea I had in the hopes of encouraging present party members to get those folks we've been talking to for years about libertarian ideas to join the party. The program works like this. Every time a member gets someone to join, we'll give the member a copy of the *Libertarianism in One Lesson*. You can give the book to the new member or to someone else you have in mind. Make sure the new member indicates somewhere on their application that you "sponsored" them (sorry, we don't have a space for this). For those who bring in 3-4 new members, we'll put their names in a hat at the convention and draw for a \$25 prize. For those who bring in 5 or more members, we'll do the same and draw for \$50. The person who brings in at least 6 new members and has the most will be rewarded with a \$75 prize. The contest will run through the convention in April.

Mike Probst
Chairman



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