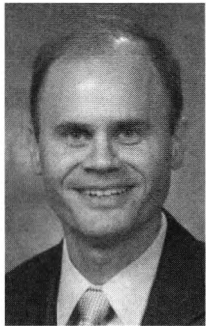


LIBERTY PLEDGE

NEWSLETTER

I'm resigning as E.D., but I'll continue to support the LP!

By *Wes Benedict*
Executive Director
Libertarian National Committee



Don't worry! I still love the Libertarian Party!

But, I'm leaving the job of Executive Director at the national headquarters in Washington, D.C. because I'm getting married and moving back home to Louisiana.

What follows is some of the text from my 90-day notice that I sent to the LNC on September 28:

Once again, it has been an honor to serve the Libertarian Party and the cause of freedom. Since I was hired, the Libertarian Party has accomplished the following:

1. *The Libertarian Party has presented a libertarian message, differentiating us from conservatives and liberals.*

2. *Monthly pledge recurring revenue increased from \$20,854 to \$33,092.*

3. *The cash reserve or "money in the bank" has been at record levels.*

4. *Over 800 LP candidates ran in the November 2010 elections, up from around 600 in 2006 and 2008.*

5. *Total votes cast for Libertarians increased from 12,573,194 in 2008 to 14,754,525 in 2010.*

6. *We posted, what some say, was the first accurate nationwide list of elected Libertarians on LP.org.*

7. *Facebook fans grew from 11,770 to 184,705.*

8. *A negative is that the number of "active donors" dropped from 14,977 to 13,981.*

I do hope to increase the membership or "active donors" between now and the end of the year.

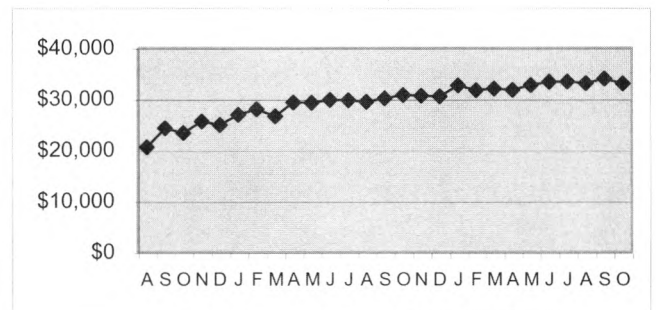
I thank all who have served on my staff, in particular Operations Director Robert Kraus, who has been very helpful to me, and Arthur DiBianca, who has done more of my work than anyone realizes, and had served with me for a few years while I was Executive Director in Texas.

I especially want to thank former Chair William Redpath for hiring me, and current Chair Mark Hinkle for his continued support. Both Libertarian stalwarts have contributed enormously for decades as volunteers, candidates, and donors.

And just to show how much I still love the Libertarian Party and that I think our monthly pledge program is vital, I included this:

P.P.S. After resigning, I will proudly remain an LP member and monthly donor to the national LP and at least one state.

Below is a chart showing the pledge amount going back to August 2009.



One more big thank you for your continued support for the vital work of the Libertarian Party.

Libertarian Party: On the Trail

LPRI On Pension Reform

from the Rhode Island LP, October 29, 2011

Like most political and civic organizations in our state, the Libertarian Party of Rhode Island (LPRI) has been taking an active role in the state and municipal pension crisis that threatens to become THE biggest issue in Rhode Island history. The potential impacts of this crisis are staggering. It has been reported in the media that potential total unfunded pension liabilities currently approach close to \$10 Billion. The LPRI has been participating in the on-going State House hearings on this issue as well as many other forums and events that have been held throughout the state. We intend to stay focused on this issue and will work to ensure that the rights of all state citizens, including workers and taxpayers, are respected throughout the process to achieve a viable solution to this critical problem.

Based on publicly available information, the LPRI believes that much of the current crisis is due to the inability of our big-government state bureaucrats to properly manage the funds entrusted to them by workers and taxpayers. Years of irresponsible spending via unsustainable benefits and failure to properly fund the various pension accounts have gotten us to the precarious position that we are in now. The question becomes whether or not the very same governments, consisting of Democrats and Republicans, that created the current mess can reasonably be expected to both fix it and properly maintain things in the future, given the years of neglect and mismanagement that we have experienced.

State Fair Fun

from the North Carolina LP, October 30, 2011

The annual NC State Fair came to a close on Sunday, October 23. Hundreds of people visited the Libertarian Party of North Carolina booth to gather

literature, engage in lively discussion, and take the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time to spend a few hours at the booth so visitors could get their questions answered. Thanks to **Susan Hogarth** for organizing all the volunteers. If you missed your opportunity to man the booth, there is always next year, October 11-21. Mark your calendar now. You don't want to miss out on the fun. Don't forget funnel cake!

Libertarians ask Floridians to "Touch My Junk"

from the Florida LP, November 8, 2011

Though they don't want the TSA touching their "junk" at airport checkpoints, Libertarians are inviting all Floridians to touch their junk this weekend. The Libertarian Party of Florida (LPF) has announced plans to conduct "Touch My Junk" yard sales by its membership across Florida on November 11-13, 2011.

The event takes its name from a viral video by John Tyner, who told TSA agents, "If you touch my junk, I'm going to have you arrested," when they advised him that they would be searching his groin area in an enhanced pat down.

"We thought this was a great opportunity for Florida Libertarians to do a little fall cleaning, while at the same time raise funds for the LPF," said **Macy John**, Chairwoman of the LPF Communications Committee. "And we couldn't resist using a bit of satire to point out TSA abuses at the same time."

LPF Chairman **Adrian Wyllie** said that Department of Homeland Security employees may be subjected to an administrative search upon entering a Libertarian yard sale zone. "It's for your safety," he added.

The LPF is asking that participants donate 50% of their "Touch My Junk" yard sale proceeds to the LPF, by sending a check to The Libertarian Party of Florida, 1334 Tampa Road, Suite 2, Palm Harbor, FL 34683.

Libertarian Party: On the Trail

Election Day success for Libertarians

from the Ohio LP, November 9, 2011

Thousands of Ohioans exercised their opportunity to vote for Libertarian Party candidates Tuesday as three LPO candidates—including one incumbent—were elected....

Incumbent **J. Todd Grayson** was reelected to the Perrysburg City Council (Wood County) with 18 percent of the vote in a five-person race.

Jerald Robertson placed second with 34 percent of the vote in a three-person race for two council seats in the Village of Elmwood Place (Hamilton County).

In Lorain County, **P. Joseph Calfo** was the top vote-getter, with 36 percent, in a three-person race for a seat on the Wellington Exempted Village School District Board of Education....

"I am proud of the LPO candidates' efforts," said LPO Executive Committee Chair **Kevin Knedler**. "The United States and Ohio need another voice at the ballot box that's not beholden to special interests."

New and renewing Liberty Pledgers

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| Victor Aagaard | Nicholas Matlach |
| Kelly Adams | Bryan McCormick |
| Frank Atwood | Douglas Mosier |
| Kenneth Bisson | Raymond Nabors |
| Katherine Bugby | Brady Nemeyer |
| Zakri Burns | Kenneth Olson |
| David Burris | Sean O'Toole |
| Aaron Chandler | Rudolph Pakonen |
| Christopher Claytor | Jason Pancoast |
| Michael De Mello | Sean Peschel |
| Daniel DeCicco | Herbert Peters |
| Patrick Dixon | Robert Pierce |
| Nathan Eberly | Jonathan Ragle |
| Mark Edgar | Fax Rector |
| Jack Elder | Jeffrey Rodriguez |
| Randy Eshelman | Patricia Russell |
| Paul Follett | Lawrence Samuels |
| Lorenzo Gaztanaga | Kevin Scott |
| Randall Grant | Christopher Sessions |
| James Graves | John Shuey |
| James Gross | Sara Sjoberg |
| Donna Harmon | Philip Smith |
| Anna Hartzell | Scott Spencer |
| John Hauck | Nicholas Stephens |
| Keithen Hayenga | John Swanagon |
| Regan Hess | Tim Talley |
| Albert Hinkle | Jason Talmage |
| Bruce Hooper | Richard Thurber |
| Jon Kalb | John Tyner |
| Chris Kalla | Daniel Underkofler |
| Kevin Kauzlaric | Bruce Vogelgesang |
| Patrick Keller | Scott Vorrath |
| Terry Kinder | Bill Wareham |
| Walter Littleton | Stephanie Watson |
| Stanley Lowry | Michael Wilson |
| Stephen Marting | Treva Wornath |

I would like to make a one-time donation to the LP:

- \$5,000 \$100
 \$1,000 \$50
 \$500 \$25
 \$250 _____ Other

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Founder of Fairfax pot club joins push for state ballot initiative

Marin Independent Journal, October 17, 2011

The founder and director of the Marin Alliance for Medical Marijuana in Fairfax is joining a Libertarian Party-backed effort to place an initiative on the November 2012 ballot that would require marijuana to be regulated like wine....

Key proponents of the ballot measure include retired Superior Court judge **Jim Gray**, a former Republican who ran against Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer as a Libertarian Party candidate in 2004; **Steve Kubby**, a Libertarian Party activist and cancer survivor who played a leading role in passage of Proposition 215, which made medical marijuana legal under California law in 1996; and **Steve Collett**, who is running as a Libertarian Party candidate for Congress in California's 36th district based in Los Angeles.

In a press release, Gray said the federal crackdown "is tantamount to a government bailout for criminal gangs and violent drug cartels."

Reality TV star running for governor

Indianapolis Star, October 22, 2011

America's favorite survivor star **Rupert Boneham** has thrown his hat, or shall we say tie-dye shirt, into the ring for governor.

The 47-year-old Washington Township resident—who received \$1 million after winning TV's "Survivor: America's Tribal Council" in 2004 and used most of the money to establish Rupert's Kids to help at-risk teens—announced today he would seek the nomination for governor on the 2012 ticket of the Libertarian Party of Indiana....

The next step would be an official endorsement from the Indiana State Libertarian

Convention, where about 200 delegates will vote April 14, 2012, said **Tim Maguire**, political director of the Libertarian Party of Marion County. Assuming Boneham gets a nomination, he would be on the ballot in November 2012, for the 2013-2016 term of office.

Three vie for Kentucky treasurer, an office one wants to eliminate

Lexington Herald-Leader, October 30, 2011

...The third candidate is Libertarian **Ken Moellman**, an information technology specialist who is campaigning on a platform to eliminate the treasurer's office....

As former chairman of Kentucky's Libertarian Party, he was trying to find candidates and realized he was qualified to run for treasurer and even more qualified to get rid of the post.

"This is an administrative job, and it's impractical," he said. "I'm up here saying, here's the unnecessary spending; the reality is that the average taxpayer would never know the difference."

Travis voters to decide on \$82.1 million for land, park facilities

Austin American-Statesman, October 25, 2011

Travis County voters will decide on \$82.1 million in bond projects to improve parks and greenways, preserve natural spaces and buy land for parks, including proposals to acquire vast swaths of land in the eastern and western ends of the county....

Opposition has emerged from the Travis County Libertarian Party, which says the bond propositions run counter to the Libertarian principle of "less government, more freedom," according to a news release Monday.