



Happy New Year! Save the Dates

Fur Rondy, ALP Meetings, and Convention

Anchorage, 12/29/11: The dates for our “next” meeting with **Congressman Don Young** and our annual convention have been set. On **Thursday, February 23rd**, come to the Golden Lion Hotel at 5:30 PM to enjoy complementary beverages, order from the menu, and socialize. Don Young is scheduled to address the group at 6 PM. Stay overnight and see the Rondy World Championship Sled Dog Races on Friday! Please RSVP early because we expect a large crowd. The general public is, as always, invited. Don’t forget the Rondy carnival and events on Friday and Saturday!

Our **Annual Convention** is set for the following weekend, **Saturday, March 3, 2012**, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The convention price will be \$0 for the Business Meeting, \$30.00 for Lunch, and \$40.00 for the whole day. Please register and make hotel reservations early, as this is the Rondy final weekend. Enjoy the Rondy events Friday and Saturday evenings, including the famous “Miner’s and Trapper’s Charity Ball,” but get tickets early.

A registration form is on the last pages of the newsletter.



All Alaska Libertarian Party events will be held at the Best Western Golden Lion Hotel in midtown Anchorage. For registration information, please contact Carolyn Clift at **(907) 337-9679**

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For a Fur Rendezvous schedule and information about tickets to events, call RONDY Main Phone: 907-274-1177

(info@furrondy.net) The Rondy website is www.furrondy.net

Anchorage Title 21 Update

Very Important Property Rights Meeting **Monday, February 13, 2012, 6:30 p.m.**

Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing

Assembly Chambers, Z.J. Loussac Library
3600 Denali Street, Anchorage

All home owners, property owners, builders, contractors, realtors and all persons that value

property rights must be at this meeting. We are recommending that the Rewrite either be scrapped altogether or at the minimum all of Dan Coffey's recommended amendments be incorporated in the Rewrite. For more information, contact Chuck Green at (907) 276-2003 or webmaster@alaskalibertarian.com

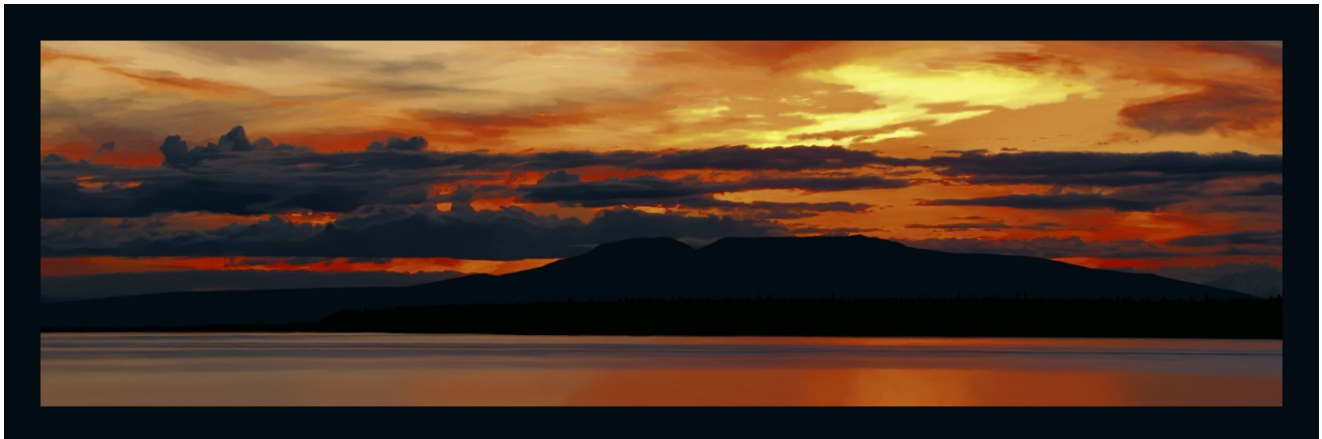


Time to Renew Your Membership

In order to vote at our upcoming Convention, please renew your membership **by February 3, 2012**. Our Membership chairman, Michael Chambers, is a professional artist who has designed a new logo for us. He has proposed membership incentives, including mugs and jackets, with our new logo. A further incentive is a framed original print of "Sleeping Lady" for our most generous donations/members. Membership form follows on the last page. Please mail it in or call our membership director at (907)748-6323.

We also have membership applications for the National Libertarian Party if you are not already a member. You also may join online at: www.lp.org

"Sleeping Lady" by artist Michael Chambers, available with membership or donation



Delegates and Candidates Needed

We're looking for a few good men and women to get involved politically! If you would like to be a delegate to the Libertarian Party National convention, in Las Vegas (May 4-5), let us know. You must be registered Libertarian, and belong to both the Alaska Libertarian Party and the Libertarian National Party. If you are interested in running for political office...same qualifications! Don't forget to volunteer to help our local party. We are electing officers, too. Please contact Mark Fish at (907)306-4566.



The Busy OPH Booth at Pridefest: Libertarians were the only political party to support the LGBT community

The Year in Review

By Carolyn. It has been a VERY EVENTFUL year for us. In November of 2010, we added the office of Communications Director to our Executive Board, and Carolyn Clift became the newsletter editor and general gal Friday. We added bylaws that staggered executive board terms, re-elected Scott Kohlhaas and Harley Brown as chairman and vice-chairman, and added Chip Spangler as Secretary. Newsletter distribution and phone calls increased our membership from ten in November 2011 to about forty by April 2011. In the meantime, Chip Spangler moved back to the east coast, but continued to serve as Secretary until the elections at our May convention. Thank you, Chip, for all of the hard work that you have done!

Our May 7, 2011, convention was held at the Golden Lion Hotel in midtown Anchorage. The main order of business was the election of new officers for Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising chair, and Membership chair. The new Executive Committee brought in Mark fish as chairman, and Steve Merrill, Michael Chambers, and Chuck Green. To read more about the May convention, request a copy of the June newsletter or visit our website, alaskalibertarian.com

The summer was also quite eventful! On June 1, we teamed up with the unaffiliated Tea Party people and staged a "Porkfest Protest" in front of a "Grants Symposium" at the Denai'na Center in Anchorage, holding our signs, to voice our disapproval of giving out more federal money. June 25 was Pridefest, an expression of solidarity with the LGBT community. Our Operation Politically Homeless booth was very

popular, with about 100 people taking our quiz and finding out that 80% were libertarian! We also signed up many new voters... we were the only political party there. We operated a similar booth at the July 4th celebration, with a slightly smaller popularity with a more conservative crowd. We had more people on the right side of the chart, but a majority was libertarian! In addition to our summer booths at Pridefest and July 4th, we are planning to make a real effort to get into the State Fair in Palmer next year.

Since summer, we have been more laid back. We continue to have "almost monthly" public meetings. A primary emphasis has been combating new regulations for builders in Anchorage, and we cosponsored a forum with the Anchorage Tea Party that drew over 100 people. City councilman Adam Trombley addressed our group. Other guest speakers at our meetings have been Alaska Representative Sharon Cissna (Dem.) and Thomas Brown, who both spoke about the TSA and the Patriot Act. Our December meeting featured Chad Padgett, aide to Congressman Don Young (Rep), who has introduced a bill in the US House to strip back regulations to 1991.

Our Annual Convention is planned for Saturday, March 3, 2012. This will be the first time that we have planned a convention during Fur Rendezvous. Time to renew memberships in LNC and ALP! Happy New Year!

Government by Force: Financially and Conceptually Bankrupt

By Michael S. Rozeff "The giving up of freedom is done in the name of efficiency. People do not so much trade their freedom for security, as is commonly supposed. They trade it for efficiency. They accept government so that they can live better and more productive lives. When this exchange works out to their detriment, it shows the fault in the theory. There are good reasons why giving up freedom and the accompanying personal responsibility fail, indeed, always fail and must fail. There are major unresolvable problems in making government by force work for the people." (sic)

Above is an excerpt from an article by Rozeff. To read the entire article, go to

http://www.blacklistednews.com/Government_by_Force%3A_Financially_and_Conceptually_Bankrupt/16550/0/0/0/Y/M.html or request a copy from the Com. Director at (907)337-9679.

Lawful gold and silver ownership

By David Cuddy

Historically, as governments spend themselves into oblivion, they get more and more desperate to find revenue to fund themselves. Our country had tried to be all things to all people, fund every special interest group, fund two wars, and to artificially stimulate the economy for decades through deficit spending (hidden because of faulty accounting). By over spending on the general budget and on entitlement programs, it has fronted the ultimate Ponzi scheme. Baby boomers and Senior Citizens have benefitted from this spending...to the

detriment of our young people. Corporations and business people have made billions from the artificially stimulated economy. We have created a "dependent class" of individuals and businesses that now outnumbers responsible citizens and businesses. There is no will of Congress to ever deal with our budget problems. In this case we can expect some chance that the riots we see in Greece can come to our country.

We are going to see taxes on "the rich" rise. Then we're going to see general taxes rise. Then we'll see an attempt to confiscate gold and silver. Then we'll see an "asset tax" on those who still have anything of value. All of this time, our government printing presses will continue to run... ruining the dollar as a store of value. More and more people will be thrown out of work, and more businesses will fail. Tax revenue will fall. This has been the pattern for nations that spent irresponsibly and wildly...and it is a possible outcome for this wonderful nation.

Gold and silver are stores of value needed in troubled times. They are assets that any government doesn't want to see held in private hands, because they allow independence from government...rather than dependence. In 1933, President Roosevelt declared private ownership of gold illegal, and confiscated it.

Today, there is a public will to allow private ownership of gold and silver. If times become tough, the general public is going to look greedily at those who have gold and silver, and demand it...to support government...and the continuance of their special benefits.

We need to establish the right of private citizens to keep and hold gold, without registration now...affirmed in our Constitution, while the public will still supports this right. This support will go away when times get tough.

I suggest that Alaskans support an initiative calling for a US Constitutional amendment affirming the right of private citizens to keep and hold gold and silver without registering this ownership. If times get tough, at least some Americans will have nest eggs to help rebuild this wonderful country...these will be assets that government won't be able to reach and waste. This initiative campaign in Alaska in 2012 will also allow us to focus the debate on the reasons for this amendment....out of control spending, and incompetent federal politicians.

Libertarian Party of Northampton County, Pennsylvania Becomes the First Group to Endorse Gary Johnson for the Libertarian Party's Presidential Nomination In 2012

Seconds after former two-term New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson announced he is seeking the Presidential Nomination of the Libertarian Party in 2012, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Northampton County, Pennsylvania voted unanimously to endorse him, becoming the first Libertarian Party group in the nation to do so. Gary Johnson held a news conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico on December 28, 2011 during which he formally joined the Libertarian Party and announced he "is seeking the Libertarian Nomination for President of the United States". He described himself as "a successful two-term governor, elected and re-elected as a Republican in a Democratic state, who vetoed 750 spending bills to shrink government - while refusing to play the special interest game or impose a social agenda on people who prefer to make their own judgments about values".

--excerpted from Liberty Lion by Dr. Tom Stevens, 12/31/11. To read entire article, contact us or go to <http://drtomstevens.blogspot.com/2011/12/libertarian-party-of-northampton-county.html>



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The Alaska Libertarian Party Convention will be on March 3, 2012 (Saturday)! Our convention venue will be the Best Western Golden Lion Hotel (see below). **PLEASE REGISTER BY February 3, 2012!** Please complete the form below:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip Code _____
 Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____
 (other) _____ [please circle preferred phone]
 E-mail _____
 Employer _____
 Occupation _____

Select your Convention Choice (you will be notified)

- ___ Alaska LP Business meeting: Saturday, March 3,
 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (no charge)
 ___ \$30 -- Lunch (guest speaker):
 Saturday, March 3, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (sign in
 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)
 ___ \$15 -- Afternoon Speakers only
 Saturday, March 7, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 ___ \$40 -- Combo Lunch and Speakers (FULL DAY)
 ___ \$_____ amount from reverse side)

___ Additional Donation of \$_____

Total: \$_____ Check or money order
 Enclosed (preferred)

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Date _____

Please send this form along with your payment to:

Alaskan Libertarian Party

200 w 34th Ave # 543, Anchorage, Ak, 99503

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 Communications Director, Carolyn Clift

Best Western Golden Lion Hotel

For hotel room reservations: 1-877-935-5466

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Anchorage, Alaska, 99508-4304, US,

Phone: 907-561-1522 Fax: 907-743-4814

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Membership and/or Newsletter Application

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Other) _____
E-mail _____
Employer _____ Occupation _____

YES, sign me up as a member of the Alaska Libertarian Party for one year. To validate my membership, I certify that I do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.

Signature _____ Date _____

NO, I only want to receive the Alaska Libertarian Party Newsletter for one year.

Signature _____ Date _____

Select your Level of Support (all include e-mail newsletter)

___ \$10 Basic Member
___ \$25 Sustaining Member (complimentary coffee mug)
___ \$100 Supporting Member (16" X 40" framed print)
___ \$250 Patron Member (Libertarian jacket and Mug)
___ \$1000 Benefactor, ALP (25" x 60" framed Print, Mug, & Jacket)
___ Additional Donation of \$ _____

Total Contribution: \$ _____

Please complete this form and send it
with a check or money order to:

Alaska Libertarian Party, Inc.
200 W. 34th Ave. #543

Anchorage, AK 99505

To join the National Libertarian Party,
visit <http://www.LP.org> online, or

___ request an application (send to the
address at the left)

Questions? Please call Membership Chair, Michael Chambers (907) 748-6323
or call (907) 337-9679 to talk to the Communications Director, Carolyn Clift
(To use credit card, please fill out information on the reverse side, or call. Thank you)

**JOIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP BY FEBRUARY 3 (POSTMARK) TO VOTE AT OUR
CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING ON MARCH 3**