

## County Updates

### Gila County By Larry Hoffenberg, GCLP Sec/Treas

After being closed for more than a year due to a fire, Tiny's Restaurant in Payson has re-opened and they have done a magnificent job in remodeling our favorite meeting location. Please join us on Wednesday, December 15 at Tiny's Restaurant, 600 E. Highway 260 in Payson. Come at 5:30 PM if you'd like to order food or drink, meeting starts at 6:00 PM. We'll be meeting in the north corner of the bar area. We'll see you there!

### Navajo County By Alex Flores, NCLP Chair

Navajo County LP is now holding meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 6PM at The House located at 1191 Hall E, Show Low, AZ. Hope to see ya there!

### Yuma County By Howard Blitz, YCLP Chair

YCLP hopes to have a presence at the Yuma County Fair March 29-April 3. We need volunteers to man the booth each day. Goal is to get more people registered as Libertarians in Yuma County and around the state.



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## Tis' the Season to be Libertarian

By Andi De Bellis

In the spirit of the holiday season, let's talk about Voluntarism. A question that confronts every society and every political philosophy concerns our obligations to the poor and unfortunate and how we are able to help them. As libertarians and free-market advocates, we reject the mainstream answer that involves reaching out to the government for handouts and other entitlements financed through coercion and taxation. Instead, we appeal to voluntary action through private organizations to aid the needy. This stance, coupled with the reality that there are many areas where government assistance is falling short of acceptable and yet private organizations are not reliably stepping in to fill the gap, often earns us the reputation of being selfish and cruel. We're accused of being heartless, mustache-twirling domestic terrorists, mask burners, and tax evading armchair philosophers who like our smokestacks like we like our marijuana — unfiltered. As most of us have probably encountered on Facebook, Reddit, and other social media outlets, there are plenty of people who consider themselves libertarians because they like the idea of a society where they are free to be as terrible as they want to be. However, as most of us are likely planted in the mainstream of libertarianism - decent, caring people who do good in their communities because we want the world to be freer not only for ourselves but because we believe freedom makes life better for everyone – it is up to us to dispel the stereotype of the brutal libertarian and do a

better job of promoting voluntarism and educating people on what a free society really means.

### I. Practice What You Preach

Don't just talk about it, be about it! Sign up to volunteer for organizations and causes near and dear to your heart. Nobody wants to live in a society where people don't give each other a hand up, especially when tragedy strikes. Libertarians simply do not believe the government is the right entity to deliver that help. The best way to prove that point is by actually stepping up and making the government irrelevant though voluntarily donating our time, money and efforts towards helping others and helping our communities.

### II. Effectively Communicate Why You Are Volunteering

Offer solutions that highlight the good things that liberty can do. Show that there's more of us out there who do care than there are selfish jerks who give freedom a bad name. When confronting a skeptical acquaintance about why you, as a libertarian, embrace voluntarism and actively volunteer, utilize an explanation such as: "We want the same things. You and I both want people to be happy and healthy and prosperous. We want our kids to grow up

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smart, capable, and better off than we are. We want clean water, clean air, and safe food. We want to be safe to go about our lives free from fear of anybody else. Where you and I may disagree is how to get there. Personally, I believe a society where people make their own choices about what's best for them is more likely to achieve those goals than one where government officials decide for us."

### III. Don't Hold Kindness and Generosity Hostage

Libertarians are fighting. We fight about messaging. We fight about our mission. We fight about our personality conflicts. We fight by joining caucuses to fight people we disagree with, and then we start a civil war within our caucuses. While we fight, we lose sight of what really matters - our party loses ballot access, we lose good volunteers and activists, we miss opportunities to grow, and we burn ourselves out and the Libertarian Party to the ground. The solution to the infighting is not to purge other factions. It is not to stack delegates for a National



takeover. It is not to undercut the efforts of your state and local affiliates. And it most certainly is not to go on a tirade on social media, and justify holding your time, money, and efforts ransom from doing good in your community. There is no easy solution to

solving the infighting, but focusing on helping others and helping our communities instead of on internal, and ultimately pointless, drama is a darn good place to start. We have a clear mission to rally and inspire libertarians and achieve a more free society in our lifetime, and we are only going to get there if we save the infighting for our 3-day National Convention once a year and instead turn our efforts towards making a positive impact in our communities the remaining 362 days of the year.

This holiday season, let's be testament to the power of individuals caring about each other instead of relying on Big Brother. If we are going to convince others that a libertarian free society can work, we have to be able to point to practical existing alternatives to government handouts. We also have to be champions for our own cause and be involved. We have to model libertarianism in our deeds, not just our words. The pen may be mightier than the sword, but actions speak even louder.

## 2022 AZLP STATE COMMITTEE MEETING & CONVENTION FAQ



### Do I Need To Register To Attend The Business Meeting?

The short answer is, "Yes." While there is no charge for simply attending the State Committee (Business) Meeting and it is open to the public, we do request you register so we have an accurate headcount for set-up and can credential all attendees to vote. We will have an overflow room set-up for attendees who forgot to register; however, we'd much prefer to see your lovely face in the main meeting space!

### I Heard There Will Be A Dave Smith Comedy Show, Is That Correct?

Yes, you did hear correctly! Dave Smith will be there and will be doing a comedy the 2<sup>nd</sup> evening (Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>). Tickets are included in the cost of 1-Day (Sunday only) and 2-Day registration packages. We are also selling stand-alone tickets for \$70 to his show – so feel free to invite non-libertarian friends and family to get tickets to the show! Remember, Dave isn't out only special guest—we will also be welcoming Scott Horton, Jo Jorgensen, and Spike & Tasha Cohen!

### How Do I Register?

Visit [tinyurl.com/azlp22con](https://tinyurl.com/azlp22con) and click the REGISTER tab in the top right corner! You can also navigate to the event website link through the AZLP and LP websites.

### Are Discounts Available?

Yes! Every county chair has been provided with a discount promo code exclusive to their county! We also have special rates available for volunteers and students! Reach out to your local affiliate chair or [convention@azlp.org](mailto:convention@azlp.org) for more information!



## County Updates

### Maricopa County By Brandon Slayton, MCLP Chair

We have identified all the Municipal races to recruit local candidates for the 2022 Elections. With the great successes the Libertarian Party had nationally for municipal races, we want to emulate those efforts in Maricopa County. To view the Mayoral and City Council seats up for election in 2022, please visit: <https://lpmaricopa.org/municipal-elections/>.

As we continue to recruit PCMs, we will soon be pivoting to encouraging PCMs to file their nomination petition for the 2023-2024 cycle. To stay up to date on this important step in ensuring the grassroots of the party, visit this page regularly for updates: <https://lpmaricopa.org/precinct-committee-member/>.

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### Pinal County By Sean Stinson, PCLP Secretary

Pinal County LP will be hosting its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 19, 2021 from 6-8pm online! For the link please visit [tinyurl.com/pclp2021](https://tinyurl.com/pclp2021)

Agenda:

- selection of state committee representatives
- appointments and ratification of board member positions.



## Another Libertarian Response to the TX Heartbeat Bill

By Dru Heaton, Pima County Libertarian Party Chair

The comment I hear more often than any other from my Republican allies is, "I'd be Libertarian if it wasn't for your stance on abortion." While most of these admissions come from people who personally know and respect me as a Christian, what they fail to realize is that *I am a Libertarian precisely because I am Christian and Pro-Life*. From those who know me less well or not at all, the eye of suspicion and repulsion for my political association is palpable. Rather than offended, I am deeply and profoundly saddened.

I admit. After reading the September 2021 AZLP newsletter highlighting the TX Heartbeat Bill, I briefly felt out of place politically. For me, its reading was an empathic exercise eliciting physical pain. However, in the split second it took me to fully exhale a calculated and measured breath, my senses realigned with my mental faculties leaving me more convinced than before that I was and am in the right place.

If you ask one hundred Libertarians why they are in the party, you are likely to get one

hundred different answers. By definition, we are the very antithesis of a homogeneous group. The only principle upon which we soundly agree is the exclusion of intrusive government intervention in our lives *-and the lives of others*. We practice the active defense of those with whom we disagree. That is the key—the key factor dissecting Libertarians from Republican, Democrat, or Green Party members with whom we would otherwise align. If that alignment includes aggression toward another, we categorically reject it.

We reject the additional trauma of government. I say "trauma" of government because government is force. Seen or unseen, it is the barrel of a gun or its equivalent aimed at your head. Force is: "Do this," "Don't do that" or we will alter, suppress, or take your life. We will take your life physically or in the form of your property. I say "additional" trauma because life has inherent risk that no well-intentioned government can erase. As such, Libertarian ideology falls outside the attempted utopias of our

political counterparts. Despite the criticism of each toward the other in instances involving the abuse of power, when it serves their particular purpose, Republicans, Democrats, and Greens alike embrace the opportunity, falsely, to tax our country into prosperity, to ban our country into safety, or to legislate our country into morality. Like remedies that merely suppress symptoms rather than seek a cure, the result is an ill and dysfunctional society.

### FROM THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY PLATFORM

#### 1.0 Personal Liberty

*Individuals are inherently free to make choices for themselves and must accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices. No individual, group, or government may rightly initiate force against any other*

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individual, group, or government. Libertarians reject the notion that groups have inherent rights. We support the rights of the smallest minority, the individual.

### 1.5 Abortion

Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.

My stance for the removal of taxpayer funded abortion is absolute. No one at any level should be forced to financially support a practice that goes against their conscience or belief system.

### TO MY FELLOW CHRISTIANS

The remaining comments are not meant for the average or general Libertarian. I receive hardy criticism from a few Libertarian atheists who are intolerant of me for any expression I give of my faith. I will continue to give them time and space to practice and suggest they refrain from reading further if they anticipate an adverse reaction. These sentiments are not for them. This is an answer to anyone yet confused by my spiritual beliefs and my political association.

Appropriately, I am asked, "How can you justify the non-aggression principle and abortion?"

My answer is, "I can't." I can no more justify harm against these innocents than I can justify that a loving God would allow the violent and brutal abuse of His innocent and Only Begotten Son. My response has nothing to do with an application of justice but rather extending the balm of mercy. ***I can think of no greater denial of the power of God than to hold a gun, a knife, or a stone to another person demanding compliance.*** If you are a Christian and feel so inclined, might I remind you that the only Being so justified to cast a stone did not.

*"I believe in God, but I detest theocracy. For every Government consists of mere men and is, strictly viewed, a makeshift; if it adds to its commands 'Thus saith the Lord,' it lies, and lies dangerously."*<sup>74</sup> –C.S. Lewis

I do not suggest there is no answer to protect the unborn lives of innocents, but I do reject that government force has ever been an effective solution. First, if Christians want to

end abortion, Christians should stop having them. Well established statistics confirm that of women who go through with an abortion, 70% claim some denomination of Christianity. Although Christian anti-abortion proponents acknowledge this to me personally, it is never brought up in their pro-government solutions as it is quite uncomfortably the elephant in the room.

I have witnessed the lives of babies saved by the efforts of *Hands of Hope* and *Pro-Love Tucson* as a result of their Christian practice of extending unconditional love toward women and men considering or even participating in abortion by approaching *each of them* as a valued child of God.

### THE LIBERTARIAN PRESCRIPTION

The Libertarian prescription will not end abortion. Unlike my Republican allies, I never falsely claim it will. No prescription is absolute despite the collective conditioning that leads so many to believe in this fantasy. A prescriptive cure is a treatment toward a desired outcome of healing, not the actual healing itself. A surgeon may use skill to remove diseased tissue, a pharmacist may use knowledge to introduce chemical balance, and a chiropractor may use manipulative treatment to remove neurological interference, but the resulting, anticipated, and usual -although not guaranteed- response is a mystery we accept far more than a process we actually understand. We may influence a social or health outcome, but we cannot control it. What we witness is the residual signature left by the mechanism of an Invisible Hand that conducts the unrehearsed orchestration of society just as we witness the healing of the body. Begrudgingly, perhaps, even atheists must admit that they do not cause their own hearts to beat.

### CHRISTIAN PRACTICE IS THE CURE

I understand not every woman or man who participates in abortion experiences grief and pain. As such, these individuals become the excuse for the Christian legislative response. I often cringe at my fellow Christians' conclusion that the state of the nation we are in is the result of the non-believers among us. I cringe because that is the opposite of what scriptural accounts actually teach us. In my faith tradition, we are taught that nations organized under God's Natural Law should be ruled by the voice of the people.

Considering the state of our nation today, we need to humble ourselves and ask whether we "believers" are a significant part of the problem. I believe we are.

Those who are continuing to legislate for God are the most self-professed believers among us. We are prideful. We need to humble ourselves and repent. God does not address unbelievers but calls His own people to repent. We are called by His name, and yet He calls us wicked. It is humbling to think that our nation is in the state it is because of our own sin, is it not?

Abortion is a symptom. Our relationship with God and thus our fellow man is the issue! Until God's people repent and decide to restore Him to His proper place at the head of self-government, the protection of our right to life, of the born and unborn, our right to liberty to live and worship, and our right to private property will not be secure. We will continue to lose ground in legislation.

*This article has been condensed from its original version to fit in this newsletter. To see the full version, please visit [theferallibertarian.com](http://theferallibertarian.com).*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2022 AZLP STATE COMMITTEE MEETING & CONVENTION!

We will be offering discounted tickets to all volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, visit our volunteer portal at [tinyurl.com/azlpvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/azlpvolunteer)





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## Candidates' Corner

### Meet Marc Victor!

By Marc Victor

My name is Marc J. Victor, and I am running for U.S. Senate in Arizona in the 2022 election cycle. I'm a proud former United States Marine who honorably served in Operation Desert Storm. I'm also a criminal defense attorney who has built my law firm, "The Attorneys For Freedom" that employs almost thirty people in two different states. My law firm is well-respected throughout the legal community in both state and federal courts.

I'm running simply as a "live and let live guy." If enough registered Libertarians or Independents sign the petition to get me on the ballot, I'll be officially listed as a Libertarian. I'm asking you to electronically sign the petition to get me on the ballot here: <https://bit.ly/victorforsenate>.

As a candidate, I'll be discussing and promoting the new Live and Let Live Global Peace Movement. See, [www.LiveandLetLive.org](http://www.LiveandLetLive.org) for more information. I previously ran as a Libertarian for U.S. Senate in 2012 against Jeff Flake and Richard Carmona. I received 102,109 votes.

Since the age of fifteen, I have been an activist for human freedom.

Whenever I interview someone for employment at my law firm, I make it clear that freedom is more important to me than money. I advocate for freedom in

all circumstances, at all times, and for all people. It is impossible to know me without knowing my deep and absolute commitment to advancing the case for human liberty. One of my life's missions is to improve the world by promoting individual rights and responsibilities, free markets, and the moral values necessary to promote peace. We should inspire people to act in moral ways rather than incorporate our personal moral views into the law.

The absolute right of the individual to both define and peacefully pursue one's happiness is of the utmost importance to me. I believe it is the very nature of what it means to be free.

Promoting freedom is a vast and worthy enterprise. I have given countless freedom related speeches to countless numbers of groups. I co-founded the Freedom Summit which has attracted nationally well-known speakers for annual freedom conferences in Phoenix. I have written several articles which promote freedom in various ways. I have recently founded the Live and Let Live Global Peace Movement which currently has chapters in many countries throughout the world.

I have used my position as a criminal defense attorney to promote freedom to many different actors in the justice system. My law firm has accepted many clients and cases not for the money, but

solely for the freedom. I have participated in countless debates advocating for freedom. I have appeared on countless radio shows to promote some aspect of freedom. I have used my status as an honorably discharged United States Marine to promote freedom to veteran groups.

I have done my best to live my life consistent with the principles of those who abhor and reject coercion and embrace voluntary transactions. In short, I believe a truly voluntary society and world best serves humanity; and I practice what I preach.

We no longer have a government of limited powers. Rather, we have a government constrained only by the laws of physics. The only way to achieve a free society is to peacefully win the hearts and minds of those who live in that society. Only when Americans once again cherish freedom will America be free.

I will strongly advocate for freedom to as many people as possible. While I will seek to run an inclusive, inspiring and positive political campaign, I will not be modifying or watering down any of my long held pro-freedom positions to make them more palatable to a voter who prefers to coerce others through the law. I am focused solely on promoting freedom and peace. Wherever that road leads is where I will go.

## County Updates

### Pima County

By Dru Heaton  
PCLP Chair

Tuesday, December 21st, we have called a special meeting of PCMs to fill the officer roles of secretary and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair. The meeting will be held at 6:30pm at the PCLP HQ!

### Cochise County

No updates this month!  
Please check back with us in January!

### Mohave County

No updates this month!  
Please check back with us in December!

### Yavapai County

No updates this month!  
Please check back with us in January!

- Apache County
- Coconino County
- Graham County
- Greenlee County
- La Paz County
- Santa Cruz County

If you are interested in helping establish a Libertarian Party affiliate in one of these counties, please reach out to Alex Flores at [alex.flores@azlp.org](mailto:alex.flores@azlp.org).

Happy Holidays!

## Upcoming Events

- **Pinal County Happy Hour**  
Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 3PM  
6185 W. Hunt Hwy, Queen Creek, AZ
- **Gila County Monthly Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM  
600 E. Highway 260, Payson, AZ
- **Pulse Check on the Bill of Rights**  
Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:15PM  
[tinyurl.com/bordzoom](https://tinyurl.com/bordzoom)
- **Navajo County Monthly Meeting**  
Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 6PM  
1191 Hall E., Show Low, AZ
- **Pinal County Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6PM  
[tinyurl.com/pclp2021](https://tinyurl.com/pclp2021)
- **Pima County Monthly Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 7PM  
5546 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, Tucson, AZ
- **AZLP Annual State Committee Meeting & Convention**  
Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Omni National Resort, Tucson, AZ

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**Pulse Check on the Bill of Rights**

Presented by the Arizona Libertarian Party  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021

**Tune in at 7:15 p.m. for Special Guests:**

Presented by the AZLP

- Emily Goldberg, AZLP Chair
- Barry Hess, 1st Vice Chair
- Lauren Snyder, 2nd Vice Chair
- Brandon Slayton, Maricopa Chair
- Dru Heaton, Pima Chair
- Howard Blitz, The Freedom Library
- Marc Victor, Attorneys for Freedom
- Adam Kokesh, Adam vs. The Man

Via Zoom:

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