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## *From the Chair...*

*by Rodney Travis, SCLP Chair*

Greetings to all Libertarians across our state! It is a great honor to serve as your chairman. I would like to thank those candidates who ran on the Libertarian ticket in the 1996 election. You did a fine job and we are grateful for your sacrifice of time and money to spread the Libertarian message.

I was listening to talk radio today and heard that some congressmen are trying to raise the minimum wage to \$6.75.....will these people ever be satisfied? No, they will not. The laws these DemoPublicans pass only rob us of our freedom to work for wages mutually agreed on by employer and employee. Wasn't the "Republican Revolution" of '94 supposed to bring about less gov't, and weren't wage & price controls supposed to be a thing of the past? We Libertarians aren't fooled by empty rhetoric. We realize that the DemoPublicans may talk the talk, but they don't walk the walk to less gov't and personal responsibility.

That's why I'm proud to be a member of the "Party of Principle".

Our county representation in SC continues to grow, but there are still some counties that are not organized. If you are a member of the SCLP and do not see your county represented on our list, then I would like to invite you to come to our next Exec Com meeting and find out about being appointed "organizing chair" for your county. Our goal is to have at least half the counties in SC organized by 1998! Until next time, thank you for your efforts in the cause of freedom.

## *Special Elections in April*

Just when you thought the political season was over...

**Beaufort:** Chuck Williams of Hilton Head is the Libertarian candidate for Beaufort County Council District 1 (vacant because the incumbent won election to the SC House.) The special election will be held April 22. Chuck will face the winner of the Republican primary. No Democrat has filed. Chuck's campaign is continuing to receive regular press attention, to a large degree as a result of the Republican opposition. Both local newspapers, as well as the local radio outlets continue to report that "the winner of the February Republican primary will face Libertarian Chuck Williams

in the April 22 Special Election" every time they report on the primary. Chuck has already had speaking engagements with the Hilton Head Kiwanis Club and Toastmasters.

**Charleston:** Rodney Travis of North Charleston is the S.C. Libertarian candidate for County Council North Area district, vacant because the incumbent died. The special election will be April 22. Rodney will face the winners of the Republican & Democrat primaries in the county-wide election. Rodney said, "County govt should provide basic services, such as police protection, and get away from offering services best left to private businesses."

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It's now easier than ever to support the SCLP! You may join the SCLP, renew your membership, or make a monthly or quarterly pledge to the SCLP by credit card! Monthly or quarterly pledges will help us plan projects (such as the Essay Contest

p.3) and events (such as the Dec.15 celebration) in advance and help our party grow. To pay by credit card, you may use the form on pg.3, or, you can join or make donations by credit card online at the SCLP web page secure order form.

## *Remember Waco*

*Freedom lovers across America are joining together to "Remember Waco" this April. A nationwide protest, "The Great American Snuff Out", in which matchbooks will be collected and sent to Attorney General Janet Reno, is in the planning stages. For more info, go to the Remember Waco web page <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/9119/waco.html>, or, contact Mary Lou Seymour, [liberty@csra.net](mailto:liberty@csra.net) or 803-593-6876.*

## Privatizing Social Security, a Libertarian Perspective

by Chuck Williams, SCLP Vice Chair

The recent proposals to invest Social Security funds in equities (ie the stock market) should be a cause for concern for all Libertarians. While the concept has a superficially "free market" ring to it, in practice it would likely lead to a fascist state.

Consider the proposals from an economic perspective:

- 1) All of the proposals call for the federal government to maintain control over most, if not all of the investment funds. This would mean that the rules would likely require that the investments only be made in "Blue Chip" companies. In other words, the largest industrial companies would be subsidized at the expense of their smaller competitors. Even if the rules allowed for investments in startup companies, the result would still be politicization of capital investment, which is in diametric opposition to free market concepts.
- 2) The proposals call for an increase in Social Security taxes. This would mean that smaller companies (and sole proprietorships) would be forced to invest in their larger competition while

the "Blue Chip" companies would effectively get a tax break.

- 3) With "public" monies heavily invested in the large corporations, they would become "too big to fail" with the result that they would no longer be responsive to market forces.

- 4) While there are apparent capital gains in the Dow stocks, the dividend yield for these stocks is now well below that of the interest that the US Treasury "pays" on the existing Social Security debt. To assume that profits for these corporations will increase to the point where the yield will exceed that of treasury debt is optimistic, to say the least.

- 5) Although capital gains currently greatly exceed returns on debt, they cannot be realized until the underlying securities are liquidated. When equities are liquidated, the price generally declines. The "value" of a security is what the market will bear.

From a political perspective, consider:

- 1) The relationship between the German National Socialists (Nazis) and the

large German industrial corporations was cozy to say the least. World War II in its earlier stages was of considerable benefit to these corporations and would have been unlikely without their wholehearted support, if not instigation. (For background, read Manchester's "The Arms of Krupp.")

- 2) Relations between the federal government and large industrial concerns are already too close in many areas. In the past 2 years, the US has succeeded in angering both the Japanese and French governments because of industrial espionage performed by the CIA and NSA. (Didn't hear about it? Perhaps you should read the British publication The Economist or the German Der Spiegel occasionally instead of Time and Newsweek.)

- 3) Large organizations of any variety are inimical to individual rights.

The ONLY rational Libertarian position on these proposals should be to completely dismantle the Social Security System and allow Americans to handle their own retirement.



## SCLP County & State Officers (1996-98)

### STATE SCLP OFFICERS (96-98)

**Chair:** Rodney Travis, 803-552-9991  
**Vice Chair:** Chuck Williams, 803-689-2528  
**Secretary:** M.L. Seymour, 803-593-6876;  
**Treasurer:** David Morris, 803-796-3161

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Each organized county elects a representative (State Committee Person) to serve on the SCLP State Executive Committee, which meets the first Saturday each month at 2:00 PM at La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Charleston Hwy, West Columbia, SCLP Members welcome.  
**Aiken:** Tom King: 803- 593-6876;  
**Anderson:** Doug Taylor: 864- 874-9820  
**Beaufort:** Chuck Williams: - 803-681-8350  
**Calhoun:** Tom Arant: 803- 874-2759  
**Charleston:** Bill Woolsey: 803-577-7138  
**Horry:** Doc Quillian:-803-293-6895

**Lexington:** Geb Sommer: -803-359-5295  
**Orangeburg:** Rod Severson, 803-531-0463  
**Richland:** Mark Johnson: -803-345-5502  
 ★ The Executive Committee has also designated the following adhoc position  
**Membership Chair:** Julian Griffith 765-1846

Counties may only "organize" in election years. Between election cycles, "organizing chairs" may be designated by the State Exec Com "acting officers" to serve until the next election cycle. The Exec Com has appointed the following persons as "Organizing Chairs"  
**Darlington:** Dan Neighbors: 803-383-5684  
**Edgefield:** George Miles: 706-863-3000  
**Florence:** Jim Hanks: 803-669-2263  
**Greenwood:** Scott Hines: 864-223-5821  
**York:** Wes Mallard: 803-366-1953

### The S.C.Libertarian

P.O.Box 50643 Columbia, SC 29250  
 official newsletter of the S.C. Libertarian Party, is published quarterly and sent to all SCLP members and to interested persons at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Articles from SCLP Members are welcome!

Articles may be edited for space

Please send articles to:

**M.L.Seymour**

Drawer Q, Bath, SC 29816

## IS YOUR COUNTY REPRESENTED???

If not, contact the Exec Com to find out how to organize your county!

## College LP Clubs Being Formed

The SCLP Exec Com is excited to report that college students at several S.C. colleges are working on starting LP clubs.

### CLEMSON

Michael King reports "we will be setting up a table to distribute information in three weeks, then we will hold our first interest meeting. So far, there has been great interest in the Clemson libertarians. I hope to gain official recognition from Clemson University this semester, thereby allowing our organization the same rights as other clubs and orgs. on campus. It looks good for a strong Clemson Libertarian chapter

for the fall semester. The spring will lay the groundwork for a very strong fall." Contact Michael at 858-3627, [mdking@clermson.edu](mailto:mdking@clermson.edu)

### CHARLESTON

Fred Ruddock is working on forming a college LP club at the College of Charleston. Contact Fred at 797-1915, [jfruddock@charleston.net](mailto:jfruddock@charleston.net) or [jfruddock@edisto.cofc.edu](mailto:jfruddock@edisto.cofc.edu)

If any other SCLP college members are interested in starting an LP club at their college, let us know and we'll send you info on getting started!

## Free Summer Seminars

The Institute for Humane Studies is taking applications for FREE summer seminars through March 31. Open to college students, recent graduates, and graduate students. Seminars include Foundations of Liberty, Scholarship & the Free Society, Liberty & Current Issues, Liberty in Film & Fiction, The First Amendment and Beyond and more. Submit the application by e-mail to [ihs@gmu.edu](mailto:ihs@gmu.edu), by fax to 703-352-7535. Request a hardcopy of the application and other information by calling 1-800-697-8799. Application fee of \$15 to help cover processing costs.



## SCLP Plans Essay Contest

Rod Severson (Orangeburg) and Wes Mallard (York) are working on a project for the SCLP to sponsor a statewide essay contest for high school students. Details will be available soon. For more info, contact the Exec Com.

### SCLP on The Web

(<http://www.awod.com/scfp>)

Join our email list!

[liberty@csra.net](mailto:liberty@csra.net)

The SCLP web page features a "What's New" page with up to date SCLP news & announcements. New features coming soon: Activist Tool Kit, with downloadable graphics & brochures. Visit us often!

**CLIP AND MAIL TO: S.C. LIBERTARIAN PARTY Box 50643 Columbia, SC 29250**

☐ **YES, I'd like to join the S.C. Libertarian Party!** I am enclosing dues of \$25.00, which includes membership in the SCLP and National LP, subscriptions to the LP News (National) and SC Libertarian.

**I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals**

**Signature (required for membership)** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'd like to subscribe to the SC Libertarian for \$10.00 year.

☐ I'd like to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month to support the SCLP. (credit card only, see below)

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