

## Petition Drive Needs Money and Volunteers Now!

Without every libertarian's action now we may not have any candidates on the November ballot.

As of April 5 paid petitioners had turned in 9,110 raw signatures. Our 297 volunteer petitioners have collected 3,221 signatures. On March 21 BAC Treasurer Chris Williams reported \$49,596 in donations.

Without more from our paid petitioners, more from our volunteers and more money to support the drive—we will not be able to collect the 45,542 valid signatures that we need by our May 24 deadline.

Professional petitioners Jake Witmer (Illinois), Phillip Heath (California) and Scott Kohlhaas (Alaska) and professional coordinator Ron Cook (Katy) are all now on the job. Volunteer petitioners Wes Benedict, Clyde Garland, and Rick McGinnis have each collected more than 300 signatures.

Please donate now at [www.lp.org/bacdonate.shtml](http://www.lp.org/bacdonate.shtml) or contact Wes to volunteer. Reach Wes at 512-442-4910 or [wesliberty@aol.com](mailto:wesliberty@aol.com). Forms and instructions are online.



**BAC members Tony Steele, Wes Benedict, Pat Dixon and Chris Williams.**

## Overstreet to Run for Vice Chair

Polk County Chair Kris Overstreet has announced for State Party Vice Chair.

Kris is a founding organizer of the Polk County Party. As Chair Kris has actively sought attention for the LP. He's sent press releases and become active in county issues such as allowing gambling on an Indian Nation and vot-

ing rights for members of the Escapees RV club. He is also Chair of the 2004 Platform Committee.

"As Vice Chair, my goals would be: (1) promote the initiative of the county vice versa; (2) promote the organization of new counties, and the dissemination of information on current organized counties, activists, mailing lists and SLEC activities- and keep it current; and (3) nothing else," Kris writes.

"I will not use my office to interfere where good might be done. I will not try to control the whole party from top to bottom. I will let well enough alone, or try to help it along if my help is welcome, but I will not try to take over," says Kris.

"Political power begins at the local level; I intend to continue working at the local level here in Polk County, and if elected vice chair I will work to make resources available for every other county to grow Libertarian support there as well," Kris says.

## Convention Committees Selected

Platform, Rules, and Credentials Committee Chairs have been appointed for the 2004 State Convention.

Kris Overstreet Chairs the Platform Committee, which includes Wes Benedict, Laura Coker-Garcia, Barbara Cunningham, and Jeff Daiell. The Committee is working online. A copy of proposed changes, additions, or deletions is available at [www.livingston.net/redneck/platform](http://www.livingston.net/redneck/platform). Proposed changes should be sent to Kris by May 1, at 16286 FM 943, Livingston, TX 77351 or by email to

[redneck@wlpcomics.com](mailto:redneck@wlpcomics.com).

Royce Mitchell Chairs the Rules Committee. Contact Royce at [mitchell@flash.net](mailto:mitchell@flash.net) for more information or to propose Rules changes.

Current copies of the Rules and the Platform are online at [www.lptexas.org](http://www.lptexas.org).

Barbara Cunningham Chairs the Credentials Committee. County Chairs should send a list of those delegates approved by the County Convention to Barbara. Her email is [bmcunningham@direcway.com](mailto:bmcunningham@direcway.com)



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# Message from the State Chair:

Does Texas LP Deserve Success?

When referring to the efforts of his army and patriots George Washington said "We may not be successful. But we can deserve it"

That begs the question does the Texas LP deserve to be successful in our ballot access drive? The answer will be proven out in what remains of the 75 day period begun March 10. We must collect about 80,000 signature in that 75 day period to get our candidates on the November ballot.

Based on past history it has

been proven that volunteer efforts must be supplemented with paid petitioners to ensure success at getting the required number of signatures. The effort to raise funds for the paid petitioners has thus far only raised \$45,000 and we must have \$150,000 to be successful. There are 1,000 members on our mailing list and if each one gives \$150 we can reach the \$150,000 needed.

There is a donation form in this newsletter. Success or failure depends on each of us. It is time—prove we deserve it.

*David DeLamar*

# LP TX State Convention Update

by Christopher Jagge,  
Convention Planning Committee Chair

## *Liberty, Texas Style*

Wow! I can't believe it has already been ten months since the SLEC chose Brazos County as the site for the 2004 state convention. I guess time passes quickly for those of us doing all the planning. We have a great line up of speakers already confirmed for the conference, and some exciting surprises I'm not going to tell you about. Here are three just to tease you a little. Keep an eye out for future convention updates, or check the convention webpage linked from the state party page: [www.tx.lp.org](http://www.tx.lp.org)

Congressman Dr. Ron Paul (R), Brazoria County, needs no introduction. Dr. Paul, 1998 Libertarian candidate for President, has been called the "conscience of the House." Dr. Paul never votes for legislation unless the proposed measure is expressly authorized by the Constitution. In the words of former Treasury Secretary William Simon, Dr. Paul is the "one exception to the Gang of 535" on Capitol Hill.

Kathryn A. Graham, Medina County, is a licensed private investigator pilot, aircraft mechanic, handgun instructor, and director of the Texas

chapter of Armed Females of America. A prolific writer, she writes regularly for the Sierra Times, numerous online articles, short stories and a science fiction novel entitled Flight From Eden. "Contrary to the "cowboy" image of Texans nationwide, our handgun laws are positively draconic. But the news isn't all bad..." Kathryn has a dynamic style that convention attendees will enjoy.

Geoffery Neale, Travis County, current but soon-to-be former chairman of the national party, is perhaps better known by some of us as the former two-term chairman of the party here in Texas. Geoff's goal at national was to increase the efficiency, responsiveness and accountability of the national office, and he has done just that. A wonderful storyteller, Geoff will be hosting our fundraising banquet.

We have several other major speakers confirmed, as well as workshop speakers, information tables and of course, convention business, so mark your calendars for June 11-13 in College Station for Liberty, Texas Style. Oh, and send in those early bird registrations!

Use the enclosed registration form and envelope to register.

Check any that apply:

- I **will petition** now! Contact me with details.
- I am a **notary public** and will volunteer for the petition drive.
- I can provide a **room** to a petitioner from out-of-town.
- I am a **printer/copier** and will help with printing petition sheets.
  
- I am enclosing a donation to **fund the petition drive**.
- I am enclosing a donation to **support party activities** (outreach, newsletter, etc.)

My best donation: \_\_\_\_\_\$35\_\_\_\_\_ \$75\_\_\_\_\_ \$100\_\_\_\_\_ \$150\_\_\_\_\_ Other

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Please make checks payable to the Libertarian Party of Texas. Include this form with any donations and Mail to: PO Box 27932 , Houston, TX 77227.

Donations can also be accepted online via PayPal at the State Party website: [www.lptexas.org/donations](http://www.lptexas.org/donations).

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, and occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. The Libertarian Party of Texas also submits finance reports to the Texas Ethics Commission.

### March Election Reports

At least 81 people affiliated with the Libertarian Party at Precinct Conventions March 9. Brazoria, Burleson, Denton, Galveston, Harris, Hays, Jefferson, Lubbock, Polk, Randall, Taylor, and Williamson County Parties all sent precinct roster lists as required to the State Chair.

Harris County reported the highest participation with 40 affiliates attending Precinct Conventions. County Parties that did not submit paperwork to the State Party—including the larger counties of Dallas and Travis—should send precinct roster sheets to Laura Coker-Garcia, 9835 Sagedowne Lane, Houston, TX 77089 so that accurate lists can be turned in to the Secretary of State on May 24. Sheets should contain the name, address, precinct and voter registration number of all participants. Those who affiliated at County Conventions do not need to be reported—these individu-

als should sign the ballot access petitions.

For the most part incumbent County Chairs were re-elected. However, in Harris County Jeff Daiell takes over from Anthony Garcia. In Travis County Rock Howard was elected County Chair replacing Pat Dixon, who is an announced candidate for State Chair. In Galveston County long-time Chair Randy Waibel stepped down and was replaced by Edgar Buchanan. In Taylor County Roxanna Jones was elected Chair. And in Jefferson County temporary Chair Allen Lee won election.

Newly elected or reelected County Chairs should contact LPTexas Vice Chair John Hawley and provide him with their name, address, phone number and email for entry into the database. Without providing this information County Chairs will not receive any information or support from the State Party. John can be reached at LPTxVChair2002@aol.com

### Convention Delegates

The following were chosen as National Convention delegates: J. Abshier, J. Airheart, C. & S. Adams, Tom Allen, F. Badagnani, M. Badnarik, W. Benedict, J. Bouley, S. Bourland, V. Bozzo, L. Coker-Garcia, M. & T. Carter, J. Cross, J. Daiell, J. Dauben, D. DeLamar, P. Elloway, J. Gholston, J. Hammett, S. Horton, B. & R. Howard, A. Juranik, Beth Jezik, Gary Johnson, Yvonne Kelly, William Leitch, David Mason, Lamar Mathews, Tom Maxton, Vince May, Laura Mayberry, Rick McGinnis, Al Montestruc, Tom Morrison, Lauren Munoz, Geoff, Marina & Nancy Neale, K. Overstreet, Jason Pratt, Glenda Redworth, Jon Roland, D. Rotstcheck, M. Rutledge, L. Shashy, M. Stehle-Glowka, Gabriella Stevenson, Neil Stokes, Jo Ann Thabet, Bob Townsend, Jimmie Vaughn, & Chris Williams. Alternates: Mike Burris, Bob Rulifston, Tony Steele, and Les Turlington.



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## Events of Interest to Texas Libertarians

**April 10 (Sat.) 9 a.m. -Noon. People's Law School** at University of Houston Law Center, Houston. Take up to three free classes taught by Houston area lawyers, judges and law professors. 1,000 participants. Registration required at [www.peopleslawyer.net](http://www.peopleslawyer.net) or send self-addressed, stamped envelope to Richard Alderman, UH Law Center, 100 Law Center, Houston, TX 77204.

**April 15 (Thur.) LP Tax Protests.** All day most major cities. Lubbock at the Monterrey Station Post Office.

**April 28 (Wed.) Early Voting Begins for May 15 Election.** Elections for local political subdivisions such as school, hospital, college districts, various boards.

**May 3 (Mon.) Volunteer Petition Turn-in.** Volunteers should turn in petition sheets to their local coordinator or to Wes Benedict. Mail to Wes Attn: Ballot Access, 1403-B Kenwood Ave., Austin, TX 78704

**May 11 (Tues.) Early Voting Ends.**

**May 15 (Sat.) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m Election Day** for local political subdivisions. Joey Dauben of Ellis County seeks election to Midlothian ISD.

**May 21 (Fri.) Deadline for lower rate room reservation for LP of Texas State Convention** in College Station. Hilton Hotel offers \$70 single or double occupancy

rooms with no charge for extra occupants. Call to make your reservation 1-800-445-8667.

**May 24 (Mon.) Petition Drive Ends.** All petition forms must be in Austin.

**May 28-31 (Fri.-Mon.) LP 2004 National Convention** in Atlanta, GA. Workshops, receptions, training, and speakers open to everyone. Delegates will select Presidential nominee, elect new National officers, changes to platform and rules. Basic package is \$49, "gold" package including meals, etc. is \$369. Register online or more information at [www.lpconvention.org](http://www.lpconvention.org).

**June 1 (Tues.) Deadline for Early Bird rate for LP of Texas State Convention in College Station.** Full package registrations postmarked by today cost \$100. After today or at the door full packages will cost \$125.

**June 11-13 (Fri.-Sun.) Opens 4 p.m. "Liberty: Texas Style" LP of Texas 2004 State Conference and Convention.** Hilton Hotel, 801 E. University Drive, College Station. Nomination of statewide candidates, election of new State officers and executive committee members, changes to platform and rules. Announced speakers include Ron Paul, Geoffery Neale, and Kathryn Graham. Workshops and networking. \$100 for full package. Contact [c\\_jagge@msn.com](mailto:c_jagge@msn.com) for more information.