

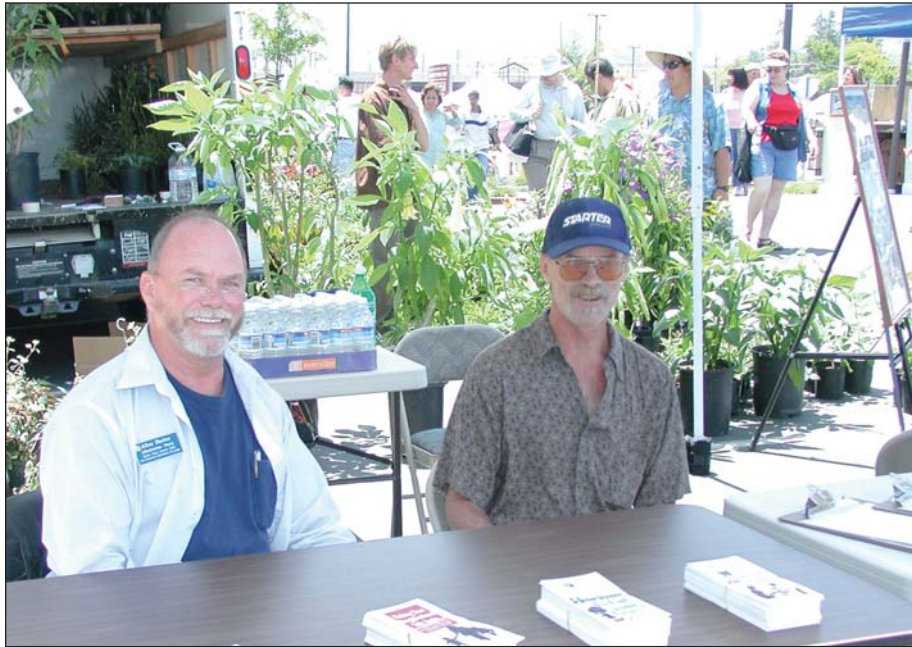


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Out and About: LPSCC's Outdoor Outreach

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Allen Hacker (l.), Chair of LP of Santa Clara County, was joined by his brother and fellow Libertarian activist **David Hacker** (r.) at the LP's booth at De Anza College's popular Flea Market (Cupertino, 6/4/05). (Not shown: Bob Goodwyn, Fred Levins, Al Newman, Kevin Takenaga.)

On June 4, the LPSCC kicked off our participation in summer fairs and markets at the De Anza Flea Market. Party Chair **Allen Hacker** staffed the booth throughout the day, per the rules of the flea market, and was joined at various times by volunteers **Kevin Takenaga**, **Fred Levins**, **Bob Goodwyn**, **Al Newman**, and **David Hacker**.

There was not a great deal of interest in the Operation Politically Homeless (O.P.H.) Quiz, since, we noticed, flea market customers seem rather shopping-oriented—they were looking to buy things. But we felt successful nonetheless, in that we had many great conversations with people.

“Fred Levins was masterfully engaging, with his subtle brand of Socratic interest in people,” said Allen Hacker. Thus, we put a good face on the name “Libertarian.”

Al Newman also commented, “I did enjoy the sharing of Libertarian ideas with some of the stoppers—by, but there were relatively few during the time I was there. I

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Local Libertarian Encourages Community Involvement

by **Scott Lieberman**
Leadership Los Gatos, Class of 2005

Attending classes at Leadership Los Gatos has been one of the best experiences of my life. On May 27, I was graduated this program, whose mission is to “engage, educate and develop Los Gatos citizens for leadership roles in community and neighborhood organizations, schools, churches, and Town government.”

The program includes ten half-day sessions starting in the fall. Participants gathered once per month to learn about the Town of Los Gatos and to gain hands-on experience and leadership skills. Topics included leadership, the history of Los Gatos, how to work with the media, and presentation and communication skills. It would have helped if I were extraverted, but even as an introvert I benefited from the oppor-

tunity to talk to all of our Town Council members, the Town Manager, numerous other local VIP’s, and of course, the 25 or so members of my class.

The program also included behind-the-scenes tours of Town Hall and other public and private facilities serving the community including a hospital, the fire department, schools, police stations, and parks. No, we didn’t learn where all the dead bodies are buried in Los Gatos, but we did get to see all of the infrastructure that makes the town “work,” including the intricacies of the town budget.

As we all know, the best way to get elected to office is to become part of the “fabric” of your local community. In this way, your fellow town citizens will know you as “Joe Smith, the guy who helps out

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Scott Lieberman with Los Gatos Vice-Mayor, **Diane McNutt**, after the graduation ceremony of Leadership Los Gatos. (Toll House Hotel, 5/27/05)



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■ Message from the Chair

A Summer for Growth

By the time you see this, we will have kicked off a summer of tabling at flea markets, farmers' markets, and fairs. We'll be setting up our tents and putting ourselves out there, inviting the public to discover the only political party in the nation that defends both their property and their rights.

But wait. That's not all we defend.

We're not the party of Liberty alone; we can't be. To promote Liberty, you must also foster responsibility. If you can get people to be more responsible, then you've gotten them to shed many of their little dishonesties. The white lies will go away. People will stop at stop signs and think about getting rid of unnecessary traffic controls, instead of ignoring them. People will yield proper rights-of-way at intersections, because they'll begin to realize that, while they're still a few months away from getting all the government they pay for, they are definitely getting almost as much as they deserve.

That's the thing we've been missing. Government was invented for one single reason: to protect people from each other. So we will always have as much government as we have general irresponsibility.

This means that attacking government is a waste of time. Any fool can see that if you get rid of government, an already irresponsible

populace will run amok. So we need to make it about responsibility.

There's a side benefit to this: it gives us a positive position, and issues that we can propose and push forward. We can change from being opposition, to being constructive. Only our idea of progress looks like a free society where so much government simply isn't necessary.

Here's the real test: can you imagine a free society with almost no government, where you don't have to pack a gun? What—you did it? Great, I salute you! But: until the "reasonable man" out there on the street can imagine it, too, no way is he going to let you try to build it.



Allen Hacker

There's an even bigger benefit to this approach. We will be helping people become more honest, and that heals their integrity. When that begins to happen, they'll stop using themselves as proof that no one can be trusted.

So we can't be just the party that defends property and rights. Those are just building blocks. We must also be the party that defends responsibility and integrity. Those are the foundation. ■

—Allen Hacker, Chair of LPSCC

Libertarianism on television!



"The Libertarian Alternative"

hosted by *Mark Selzer*,
Southern Vice Chair of
the LP of California

Where: Mountain View
Cable 15 KMVT

When: Fridays, 4:30–5:00 P.M.

Plans are in the works to show the program in San Jose as well!

Breaking News! Unified Membership Plan Nixed!

by Daniel Wiener
Secretary, Libertarian Party of California

The Libertarian Party's Unified Membership Plan (UMP) and national dues are being abolished!

The Libertarian National Committee has voted to abolish the Unified Membership Plan and national dues. This drastic action will have far-reaching consequences. It could make for a leaner and more efficient national LP while

There is no guarantee that any money sent to the national LP will ever find its way back here.

encouraging greater independence on the part of state parties. Or it could drive the national LP into bankruptcy. My personal guess is the latter—but I hope I'm wrong.

Ignore any renewal notices from the national LP which still ask for dues to be sent to the national office in Washington, D.C. From now on, there is no guarantee that any money sent to the national LP will ever find its way back to the California or Santa Clara County organizations.

So, all LP members in Santa Clara County should immediately cease sending dues for membership renewals to the national LP. Instead, you should send all membership renewals (at \$25 per year) to our state headquarters at:

Libertarian Party of California
14547 Titus Street, Suite 214
Panorama City, CA 91402-4935

I'm sure everyone has a lot of questions about this upheaval. Unfortunately, at this time I don't have any answers beyond what I've stated above. We'll be spending the next few weeks and months trying to sort it all out. ■

Leadership from Page 1

with the library fundraisers,” rather than as “Joe Smith, that crazy libertarian who wants to privatize the local elementary school.”

I really enjoyed playing a role during my



Scott Lieberman (l.) was graduated from the Leadership Los Gatos program by the town's mayor, **Mike Wasserman** (r.). (Los Gatos, 5/27/05)

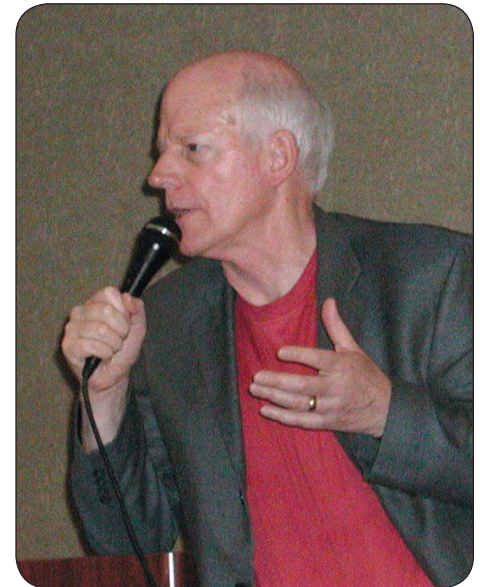
Leadership Los Gatos classes. As much as possible, I tried to socialize, rather than proselytize.

The most important advice I can give my fellow Libertarians: when talking to the general public or local VIP's, be nice! That is not easy, because we are all so skeptical of elected officials, but it is absolutely necessary if you wish to become a leader, as compared to a follower. Even if you have to keep Machiavelli in the back of your mind, keep that smile on your face and ask about the other person's kids instead of complaining to him about the oppressiveness of the City Council.

There is a place for negative political campaigning, but you need to be nice to everybody for several years before people will take you seriously when you do start to criticize—gently—the local officials for something they did.

Other communities offer similar pro-

grams. If you really want to put this libertarian stuff into practice, make the commitment to enroll, and while you're there, take full advantage. ■



Peter Giles, former CEO of the Technology Museum of Innovation in San Jose, was the keynote speaker at the Los Gatos Leadership graduation ceremony. He applauded the community involvement of the participants.

Get Involved!
**Los Gatos residents interested in
 this program should visit
www.LosGatosCa.gov/new/leadership.html**

Upcoming Events

LPSCC Booth, Tapestry Arts Festival, San Jose

When: **Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-5**
 Where: Downtown San Jose
 For info: www.SC.CA.LP.org

Silicon Valley Taxpayers' Association Atty. Tony Tanke: Open Space Auth'y Lawsuit

When: **Thurs., Aug. 25, 7:00 P.M.**
 Where: To be determined
 For info: www.SVTaxpayers.org

Golden State Second Amendment Council Various gun rights speakers, monthly

When: **Thurs., Aug. 25, 7:00 P.M.**
 Where: Harry's Hofbrau
 390 Saratoga Ave., San Jose
 For info: Jim Barry: (408) 268-4894

Bay Area libertarian Events Calendar on Web

[Groups.Yahoo.com/group/ba-liberty/
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 or for short:
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Silicon Valley and the Threat to Free Markets

FreedomFest 2005, organized by Young America's Foundation on May 12-14, offered a feast of libertarian talks and exhibitors.

Silicon Valley was featured in a talk by **Sonia Arrison**, Director of Technology Studies at Pacific Research Institute. Arrison discovered, after moving here from Canada in 1999, that “Silicon Valley libertarians weren't what I expected.”

Noticing a great diversity on issues of freedom among Valley libertarians, and taking a cue



Sonia Arrison, Director of Technology Studies at Pacific Research Institute, speaking at FreedomFest. (Las Vegas, 5/14/05)

from Virginia Postrel's *The Future and its Enemies*, Arrison described not a left-right political continuum, which she deems “outdated,” but a new categorization: Stasists and Dynamists.

Stasists are planners and reactionaries, but Dynamists value freedom, trial and error, speed, and are very forward-looking. Arrison observed that Silicon Valley “has the Dynamist vibe—hip, cool. These are the people changing the world, making your life better.” She pointed out that Silicon Valley is interested not in government, but in business, innovation, merit. Dynamists have “no political clout, because they don't have time for government—[just like] Microsoft, until the D.O.J. came knocking.”

“Does this matter?” asked Arrison.

Yes. She cautioned that, “Dynamists, focused on the short term, will give up economic freedom. They're subject to swaying, since they're non-principled.” Arrison recalled Milton Friedman having said that sometimes political freedom can harm economic freedom, and she pointed out that government is more involved in the tech sector than ever.

“Legislators from Silicon Valley are not tech-friendly,” Arrison noted. After analyzing who voted how on ten bad bills, Arrison concluded that “Silicon Valley has the worst legislators—and its citizens keep voting for them.” ■

Coalition Building

CCRA Town Hall Meeting Draws Libertarians & Muslims

With such blatant violations of the founding fathers' vision as the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, the LP is discovering more and more philosophical alignment with groups of every political stripe.

On the evening of June 14, Mark Hinkle, former Chair of the Libertarian Party of California (LPC) and current activist in the LP of Santa Clara County, addressed a town hall meeting organized by Dr. Agha Saeed, President of the California Civil Rights Alliance (CCRA) in Sacramento.

This Alliance, of which LPC is a member, is composed mostly of Muslim groups, but also includes other religious and political groups, such as the Green Party. CCRA's mission is to protect and promote civil rights of all. One of the main threats to those civil rights is the law known as the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act. This topic is very timely, as Congress is debating now whether to sunset some sections, as prescribed by law, or to extend them, as the Bush administration wants.

Over 400 different government bodies, from city governments to state legislatures, have passed resolutions opposing the

PATRIOT Act. The CCRA is working to add the California legislature to that list. The name of the bill the LPC supports is SJR 10 (see related story on page 6). It's identical to last year's SJR 22, which was endorsed by the LPC's Executive Committee.

In his talk, Hinkle related the story of the short-lived Free Soil Party (1848–1852) and its mission of opening the west to homesteading.

"A small group changed the outcome and the future of the United States," Hinkle shared at the gathering. "Because of a political party which most people have never heard of, we now live in the state of California, rather than Mexico. The slogan of the Free Soil Party was, 'free soil, free speech, free labor, and free men.' Not bad, eh?"

Hinkle reported on the talk: "My point was to show that it usually is a small, dedicated, group of people who are the ones that change the course of history, such as the Libertarian Party, the American Muslim Alliance (AMA) or the California Civil Rights Alliance (CCRA). My hope was to inspire them to get active and help defeat the PATRIOT Act and other bad laws like that."

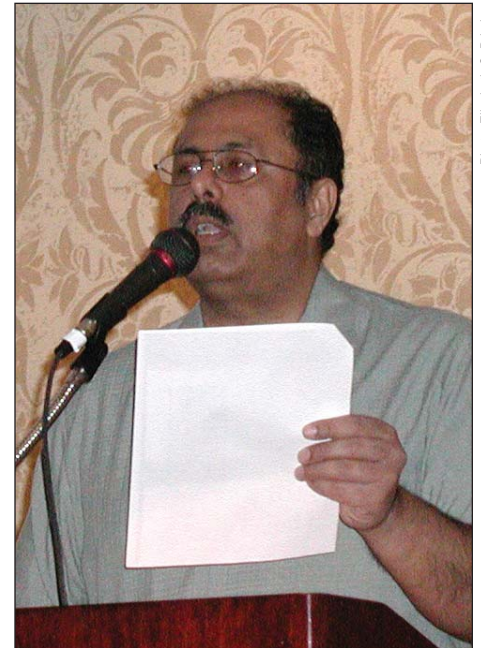


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Dr. Agha Saeed, an activist for American Muslims' political awareness, addressing the 2004 convention of the LP of California. (San Jose, 3/13/04)

For more on CCRA, visit the Web at www.CivilRightsForAll.net. ■

Help the LP Build More Such Coalitions!

We're always in need of members interested in attending meetings of aligned groups to continue building effective coalitions. To get involved...

At the local level: Visit www.SC.CA.LP.org, and click on "Volunteer."

At the state level: Contact **Erich Miller**, Chair of the LPC's Coalition Building Committee, by visiting www.CA.LP.org/committees.shtml.

This LPC committee is responsible for reaching out & coordinating activities with other organizations when their goals are compatible with our own.

Local Libertarian has Market Solution to Energy Needs

Photo: Elizabeth C. Brierty

T.J. Rodgers speaking engagingly to Engineering Dept. students, faculty, alumni, & the public at Mayer Theater. (Santa Clara University, 6/8/05)

Silicon Valley business celebrity and libertarian **T.J. Rodgers**, CEO of Cypress Semiconductor, sets quite an example for capitalists and libertarians, as well as engineers and students.

On June 8, Rodgers was keynote speaker for Santa Clara University's 2005 Engineering Achievement Awards, honoring excellence in alumni and faculty. In his talk, "Silicon Valley Attacking New Problems: Renewable Energy," he described his innovative endeavor, SunPower Corp., the leading manufacturer of high-performance, low-cost silicon solar cells. He views private solar energy as a way to even out the load on PG&E, and said it takes 2-1/2 to 3 years to reap the energy used in making SunPower's solar cells.

Rodgers, a champion of libertarian principles, has testified to the U.S. Congress against corporate welfare and has addressed LP conventions. ■

"When you work in a modern factory, you are paid, not only for your labor, but for all the productive genius which has made that factory possible: for the work of the industrialist who built it, for the work of the investor who saved the money to risk on the untried and the new, for the work of the engineer who designed the machines of which you are pushing the levers, for the work of the inventor who created the product which you spend your time on making...."

—Ayn Rand, *Atlas Shrugged*

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

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was wearing my Libertarian shirt, so I got to pass out some flyers and steer some folks to our booth when I was ‘outreaching’—checking out the other booths!”

LPSCC was there again on July 2, this time paired with LawfulGov.Org, as we had done to great effect last fall at Cupertino’s Oktoberfest.

the LP did general outreach and presented overviews of the Libertarian platform.

We’ll be signing up for next year’s De Anza Flea Market, starting when their booth contract allotment becomes available in November.

In the meantime, we’re planning to promote the Party at the Tapestry Arts Festival (née “Tapestry in Talent”) in San Jose, in September. Tapestry Arts began as part of

the America’s bicentennial celebration and has continued each Labor Day Weekend. The festival is held on the streets of downtown San Jose, and is a three-day celebration of the visual and performing arts.

Watch for more on that event at our web site (www.SC.CA.LP.org). Ideally, to be effective, we should have three people at each booth at all times, so please join us for some very rewarding fun in the sun! ■

Come on down!
LPSCC will be reaching out at
Tapestry Arts Festival
over Labor Day weekend.
For more on the festival, visit:
www.TapestryArts.org

Modeling the procedure recommended by The Advocates for Self-Government in their new O.P.H. manual (as explained in their current newsletter, *The Libertarian Communicator*, Issue 4), we had one of our two back-to-back booths remain neutral and conduct all the testing, avoiding agenda-driven conversation and debate, while the other booth received referrals from the O.P.H. booth, and concentrated on orientation to the LP for those people whose test results leaned libertarian.

So LawfulGov.Org ran O.P.H. and conducted political opinion surveys, while



Longtime LPSCC activist **Al Newman** (left) chats with a flea-market shopper at De Anza College’s popular Flea Market (6/4/05). The O.P.H. Quiz (chart at right) was a booth feature.

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Legislation Action

LP Helps Civil Rights Resolution Pass CA Senate Rules Committee

On June 21, **Mark Hinkle**, of LP of Santa Clara County, contributed to civil rights success in Sacramento, through a cooperative effort among several groups alarmed by recent encroachment of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act on Americans' civil rights.

The Senate Rules committee passed Senate Joint Resolution 10 (SJR 10), "Civil Rights Resolution," out of committee, after having heard sterling testimony from Hinkle, who was representing the LP of California, of which he is a past Chair, and



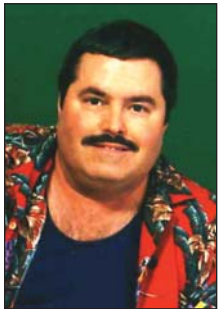
Mark Hinkle, former Chair, LP of Calif.

other groups, including American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), California Civil Rights Alliance (CCRA), and American Muslim Alliance (AMA). The vote was 4 to 2, four being the minimum vote required to pass a bill out of committee.

The resolution reaffirms California's dedication to protect civil liberties by:

- Urging California congressional candidates to work to repeal the unconstitutional portions of the PATRIOT Act, and
- Preventing state resources from being spent to enforce any unconstitutional legislation (though this provision is only symbolic).

"Civil rights advocates are calling the decision a watershed moment and anticipate bipartisan support on the legislation," reports the CCRA. "Why a state resolution on a principally federal issue? Portions of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act not only contradict the U.S. Constitution but California's state constitution.... Since the passage of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, seven states and 390 communities around the country have passed resolutions condemning the unconstitutional portions. Over 60 cities and Counties in California Passed similar Resolutions."



Michael Murphy, Vice Chair, LP of Placer County

Under the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act:

- Government officials have access to library, academic, and medical records;
- The government can carry out "sneak and peek" searches through our homes and businesses without our knowledge.
- Members of our local police or local law enforcement may monitor our peaceful demonstrations, rallies, and other educational events.

Mike Murphy, the Vice Chair of the LP of Placer County, also lent support to this effort, in addition to testifying that day against a different, nonlibertarian bill that had come before the Senate Rules Committee.

You may visit these coalition organizations on the Web at:

- www.ACLU.org,
- www.CivilRightsForAll.net, and
- www.AMAWeb.org.

Visit www.Sen.Ca.Gov (click on "Legislation") for more on SJR 10.

Unfortunately but not surprisingly, we must report that at press time, Congress had indeed passed the extension of the Act. ■