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State Central Committee Sets Membership Dues

On December 19th, 2006 the State Central Committee voted to establish membership dues for Libertarian Party of Connecticut members according to Article II of the party's bylaws. The dues were set at \$25.00 per year. The bylaws, which can be viewed at www.lpct.org, state that "There shall be two classes of membership, Member and Associate Member... To become a Member, an individual must also be a resident of the State of Connecticut and have paid the appropriate dues." and "Each Member shall be subject to annual dues as established by a two-thirds vote of the State Central Committee. There shall be no dues for Associate Members..."

Until now, the Libertarian Party of Connecticut has received its funding from the Unified Membership Program (UMP). That is, funds were received from the National Libertarian Party as a percentage of the \$25 membership dues paid by those members living in Connecticut. Since the National Libertarian Party ceased requiring membership dues, the UMP has been discontinued. The State Central Committee

thinks it appropriate to raise dues at the state level from \$0 to \$25 per year to fund the state party's operation.

Some uses of monies include ballot access endeavors, production and distribution of this newsletter, maintenance of www.lpct.org website (currently undergoing redevelopment), maintenance of Activists and Opinions discussion lists, conventions, guest speakers, events, advertisement, maintenance of our PO Box, and legal counsel.

To be a Member of Libertarian Party of Connecticut, one must reside in Connecticut, pledge "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve political, social, or economic goals," and pay a membership fee of \$25/year or a minimum of \$3/month via automatic Paypal payments.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership form. Please sign the pledge and return the form with payment to the Libertarian Party of Connecticut in the enclosed addressed envelope (or pay online at <http://lpct.org/DonateOnline.html>).

What Milton Friedman Believed

Maybe I did well and maybe I led the battle but nobody ever said we were going to win this thing at any point in time. Eternal vigilance is required and there have to be people who step up to the plate, who believe in liberty, and who are willing to fight for it.

Concentrated power is not rendered harmless by the good intentions of those who create it.

I am in favor of cutting taxes under any circumstances and for any excuse, for any reason, whenever it's possible.

I'm in favor of legalizing drugs. According to my value system, if people want to kill themselves, they have every right to do so. Most of the harm that comes from drugs is because they are illegal.

Underlying most arguments against the free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself.

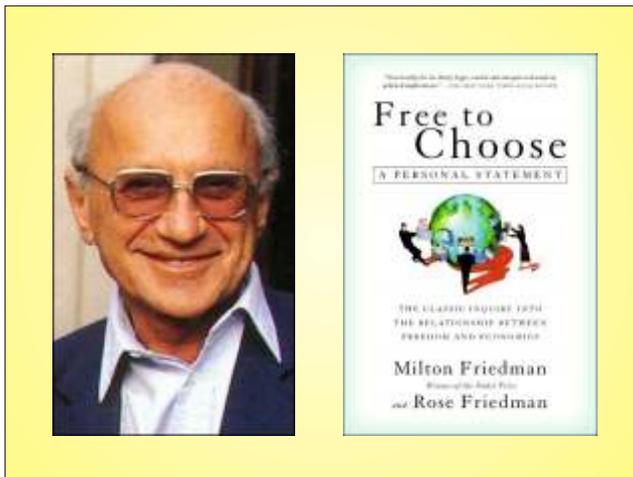
The Great Depression, like most other periods of severe unemployment, was produced by government mismanagement rather than by any inherent instability of the private economy.

The problem of social organization is how to set up an arrangement under which greed will do the least harm;

capitalism is that kind of a system.

Nothing is so permanent as a temporary government program.

Professor Milton Friedman, 1912-2006



Recipient of the 1976 Nobel Memorial Prize for economic science. Libertarian.

The society that puts equality before freedom will end up with neither. The society that puts freedom before equality will end up with a great measure of both.

If you put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in 5 years there'd be a shortage of sand.

Freedom in economic arrangements is itself a component of freedom broadly understood, so economic freedom is an end in itself ... Economic freedom is also an indispensable means toward the achievement of political freedom.

The heart of the [classic] liberal philosophy is a belief in the dignity of the individual, in his freedom to make the most of his capacities and opportunities according to his own lights... This implies a belief in the equality of man in one sense;

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in their inequality in another.

The only way that has ever been discovered to have a lot of people cooperate together voluntarily is through the free market. And that's why it's so essential to preserving individual freedom.

The most unresolved problem of the day is precisely the problem that concerned the founders of this nation: how to limit the scope and power of government. Tyranny, restrictions on human freedom, come primarily from governmental restrictions that we ourselves have set up.

Inflation is the one form of taxation that can be imposed without legislation.

Many people want the government to protect the consumer. A much more urgent problem is to protect the consumer from the government.

Nobody spends somebody else's money as carefully as he spends his own. Nobody uses somebody else's resources as carefully as he uses his own. So if you want efficiency and effectiveness, if you want knowledge to be properly utilized, you have to do it through the means of private property.

The black market was a way of getting around government controls. It was a way of enabling the free market to work. It was a way of opening up, enabling people.

Governments never learn. Only people learn.

Hell hath no fury like a bureaucrat scorned.

History suggests that capitalism is a necessary condition for political freedom. Clearly it is not a sufficient condition.

Only government can take perfectly good paper, cover it with perfectly good ink and make the combination worthless.

The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem.

The most important single central fact about a free market is that no exchange takes place unless both parties benefit.

The most important ways in which I think the Internet will affect the big issue is that it will make it more difficult for government to collect taxes.

The power to do good is also the power to do harm.

There's no such thing as a free lunch.

If, for example, existing government intervention is minor, we shall attach a smaller weight to the negative effect of additional government intervention. This is an important reason why many earlier liberals, like Henry Simons, writing at a time when government was small by today's standards, were willing to have government undertake activities that today's liberals would not accept now that government has become so overgrown.

We have a system that increasingly taxes work and subsidizes nonwork.

Most economic fallacies derive - from the tendency to assume that there is a fixed pie, that one party can gain only at the expense of another.

*Help amplify our voice by becoming a monthly
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The Connecticut Libertarian Editor at tcl@lpct.org.*

MEETINGS

State Central Committee - Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The monthly Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee meeting will be held at the Town Hall in Wethersfield on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.

All members are welcome.

Agenda:

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Political Director's Report

Membership Report

Communications Report

Old Business

New Business:

Life time membership

qualifications

Directions:

From North: I-91 South to Exit 28 (Rte 5 & 15 South), see below.

From South: I-91 North to Exit 28 (Rte 5 & 15 South), see below.

From East: I-84 West to Exit 57 (Rte 5 & 15 South), see below.

From West: I-84 East to I-91 South, to Exit 28 (Rte 5 & 15 South), see below.

Route 5 & 15 South: Take Exit 85 (Route 99/Silas Deane Highway) South. At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto Church St. Turn into first driveway on left.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

-Margaret Mead, American Cultural Anthropologist

State Central Committee Starts Advertisement Account

The State Central Committee has created an advertisement account to aid in Libertarian Party of Connecticut outreach. Some suggested advertisement locations are newspapers, movie screens, restaurant placemats, and billboards. Please consider contributing to this advertisement account. There is an option on the membership form for this contribution.

Volunteers Needed for Legislative Committee

One of the most important functions of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut is affecting government legislation at all levels towards advancing individual liberty and obstructing government intrusion.

To this end the State Central Committee is interested in creating a Legislative Committee. The purpose of this committee is to continually research proposed, introduced and passed legislation in the state of CT, report relevant information to the Libertarian Party of Connecticut membership, and coordinate action to either oppose or possibly promote as appropriate. The Committee can apply to continually receive information regarding all proposed bills at the legislative office building in Hartford. There will be a Legislative Alert link on our new website (now currently under development). Libertarian Party of Connecticut will also submit press releases regarding our positions on legislation to the media.

Please consider joining others on the Legislative Committee to help do this important work. Those interested should contact the State Central Committee.