



The Liberty Quill

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Outreach Events - Volunteers Needed!

A message from Joe Dehn, County Chair:

Last month I wrote about the changes we are experiencing as the pandemic starts to get under control, with an emphasis on what this may mean for our internal events, like central committee meetings. But this month I want to encourage everyone to consider what you can do now, that wouldn't have been possible just a month or two ago, in terms of helping to get our message out to the public.



This 4th of July, we will be having a booth at the Rose White and Blue festival in San Jose. In past years this festival has featured a parade, and we participated in that several times. They aren't ready to go back to that quite yet, but we will have a presence again! We can use help in setting up the booth, staffing it (11am-3pm), and

taking it down. If you can help, please contact our Activities Chair, Bob Goodwyn, at activities@scclp.org.

Later in the summer, on 29 August, we *will* have a chance to be in a parade. The **Silicon Valley Pride Festival** includes both a parade and fair booths, and we have done both in the past. But to sign up for this we need to know we are going to have enough volunteers. Again, please contact [Bob Goodwyn](#) and let him know you can help.

At our recent central committee meeting we discussed a number of other kinds of outreach opportunities. Several cities in this area have **art and wine festivals**. We may be able to arrange for a table at some of the local **college campuses**. There are many **farmers' markets** which include a "free speech area" where non-profit organizations can set up a table. Perhaps you know of other similar opportunities in your own city? Let's start taking advantage of these opportunities again.

You know the incumbent politicians and other advocates of big government will be out there, pushing their plans for ever more regulation, requiring ever higher taxes. Let's not allow theirs to be the only voices that our neighbors are hearing as they start to venture out to these kinds of venues again.

Joe Dehn
County Chair
chair@scclp.org

New Treasurer

Back in 2019, when our county party was facing a serious crisis due to the removal of both our Chair and our Treasurer, **Steve Haug** helped us recover and get back on track by agreeing to take on the job of Treasurer. Now, however, Steve has decided to start a new phase of his life by moving to Idaho, and so found it necessary to turn the job over to somebody else.

Fortunately, we found another volunteer, and on 26 June the LP SCC Executive Committee appointed **Alan Kaiser**, from Palo Alto, to fill this vacancy. Steve has already started working with him to get him up to speed. Let's all give Alan our support, and thanks, as he takes on this critical role!

We still have a vacancy in the office of Secretary -- the consequence of which is that certain important tasks are either not getting done or some other officer has had to do them -- which makes it that much harder for those people to focus on their own tasks. As the saying goes "*many hands make light work*" - if you can lend a hand and help lighten the load the current officers are carrying, please contact our county chair [Joe Dehn](#) and let him know!

Bylaws Amendment Proposals

The recent resignation of the Libertarian Party's national Chair revealed that our members don't all have a common understanding of how such situations are properly handled.

One possibility, when an organization's chair resigns (or is removed) is that the vice chair takes over those duties until the vacancy is filled according to some separate procedure, typically by vote of some kind of board or executive committee, who may decide to appoint the vice chair to the position but could also chose somebody else. The other possibility is that the vice chair *automatically* becomes chair (and to put somebody else in that position would then require him/her to resign or be removed).

Most organizations have language in their bylaws that addresses this question, but because most organizations make use of Robert's Rules as their parliamentary authority the wording may not always have the obvious effect. As it appears that our county bylaws may have this issue, two proposals have been drafted to make things more clear - one to make it clear that the vice chair *does* automatically become chair, and one to make clear that the vice chair *doesn't*.

These proposals were introduced at the June meeting of our central committee, to allow them to be voted on at the next meeting. Copies of these proposals have also been [posted online](#). Please review them, and if you have any opinion on which approach is better for our kind of organization, please come to the next meeting prepared to present your arguments so that your fellow members will be able to make a more informed choice.

Libertarian Pool

Our Membership Chair, Chris Le, reports that he and some libertarian-minded friends have been getting together regularly on Wednesdays at a pool hall in Sunnyvale. If that's something you might find fun, contact him at membership@scclp.org for more details.

Commentary

Opinions from around the web – not necessarily official positions of the LP of Santa Clara County unless so noted.

[Households Face Up to \\$14,000 in 'Hidden' Federal Taxes Every Year \(fee.org\)](#)

[Private Cannon Ownership in Early America \(aier.org\)](#)

[Biden Can Prevent Thousands from Being Sent Back to Prison \(aclu.org\)](#)

[State Budget Process Is Broken](https://hjt.a.org) (hjt.a.org).

[Trade Is Good For Your Health](https://cato.org) (cato.org).

[Four Libertarian Principles to Guide Childcare Policies](https://fff.org) (fff.org).

[A Bombshell Decision On Property Takings](https://hoover.org) (hoover.org).

[Libertarian Party Still Seeks Elusive Acceptance](https://denverpost.com) (denverpost.com).

[Schools Shouldn't Spend Stimulus Money on More Staff](https://reason.org) (reason.org).

[What Should Be Prohibited In a Free Society?](https://independent.org) (independent.org).

[Has Biden Fixed Immigration?](https://lp.org) (lp.org).

Video Selections

Also not necessarily official positions of the LP of Santa Clara County unless so noted.

[There Is a Way to Make Quality Education Affordable](https://fee.org) (fee.org).

[The Political Deep Dive: Iran](https://lp.org) (lp.org).

[The Critical Importance of Civil Liberties](https://fff.org) (fff.org).

[Groupthink and Fauci's Hubris: Disinformation and COVID-19](https://independent.org) (independent.org).

[Governments Can't Stop Bitcoin](https://reason.com) (reason.com).

[Libertarians At Large](https://lp.org) (lp.org).

[Financial Exclusion: How Competition Can Fix a Broken System](https://aier.org) (aier.org).

Calendar Summary

Important note: Due to the COVID-19 situation, many events that would normally be held in upcoming weeks and months have been cancelled. Also it is possible that there will be other changes relating to events listed here, depending on how the situation evolves. Check our web site for updates.

- 4 July - [Rose White and Blue Booth](#)
- 17 July - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup \(Holders\)](#)
- 21 August - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup](#)
- 27-28 August - [LP 50th Anniversary Celebration \(Colorado\)](#)
- 29 August - [Silicon Valley Pride Parade/Booth \(tentative\)](#)
- Fall 2021 - [Gubernatorial Recall Election](#)
- 16 December - [Petitioning for Primary Begins](#)

- 26-30 May 2022 - [National Convention \(Reno\)](#).
- 7 June 2022 - [Primary Election](#)
- 8 November 2022 - [General Election](#)

Do you know of in-person opportunities for outreach in your local area that will be starting up again soon? Contact our Activities Chair, Bob Goodwyn, at activities@scclp.org with your suggestions.



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