



# The South Carolina Libertarian

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## From the Chair...

### Libertarian Party Says Good News is the Old News

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA—"The Libertarian Party knows that the voice of the future is in the voice of the past. The founding fathers created solutions to most of the problems that we have today and they are clearly stated in the Constitution." said Walter Rolandi, recently appointed SCLP Executive Director. "We are emerging as the honest alternative to the liberal-left versus conservative-right stalemate." said SCLP State Chairman Steve Vandervelde. "People all over America are realizing that the only difference between the Democrats and the Republicans is in the way that they grow government." he added. The Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in the United States and it has recently undergone rapid growth. The party stresses individual responsibility in its emphasis on personal and economic freedom. Its non-violent platform advocates a limited federal government and the privatization of most tax supported services including education, health care and welfare. "We've seen a big surge in interest all over South Carolina. We're very enthusiastic about 1996.", said

### Statement of Principles:

As Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty; a world where people are free, independent and responsible. We see a world where individuals are encouraged to develop their full potential and are allowed to live, work, love, play and dream in their own ways.

Freedom requires responsibility. We believe that each individual has the obligation to respect the rights of others, to accept the consequences of his or her own actions and to accept the ultimate responsibility for meeting his or own needs.

We believe that every person has a natural right to life, liberty and honestly-acquired property and that force may be used only in defense of life, liberty and property. The only proper function of government is to preserve and protect individual rights. These rights must be respected by everyone, including the government.

Force and fraud must be banished from human relationships. Only through respect for individual rights can peace, prosperity and freedom be realized.

Rodney Travis, SCLP Vice Chairman. "People like our commitment to the Constitution. And they see us as having no-nonsense solutions to big government and the social problems it has brought us. I am confident that we will be winning elections as more of the voters realize what we have to say.", added Vandervelde.

### SCLP Executive Committee News:

The South Carolina Libertarian Party (SCLP) Executive Committee, in accordance with South Carolina Election Law, is comprised of elected representatives from each organized county LP club, the SCLP Chair & Vice Chair, elected at the SCLP Convention, and the Treasurer and Secretary (non voting members), elected by the Executive Committee, and meets every first Saturday at La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Charleston Highway, West Columbia, SC at 2:00 PM.

The Executive Committee discusses party business, receives reports from county clubs, monitors

SCLP expenditures, develops and approves SCLP projects (such as this newsletter). The Executive Committee may, from time to time, appoint ad-hoc committees or additional officers to carry out projects. Meeting are open to all SCLP members and guests, but only voting members of the Executive Committee may vote.

At its May meeting, the Executive Committee designated Walter Rolandi of Columbia as Executive Director. Walter will be responsible for developing projects and raising funds, serve as a spokesperson for the SCLP, and will report to the Executive Committee.

### County Happenings Aiken County:

The Aiken Co. LP holds regular monthly meetings on first Thursdays at 7:00 PM at The Buffet Restaurant, University Pkwy, Aiken. The topics for each meeting are published in the Aiken Standard (and sometimes the Augusta Chronicle!) Videos on various subjects are often shown. In

### What's New

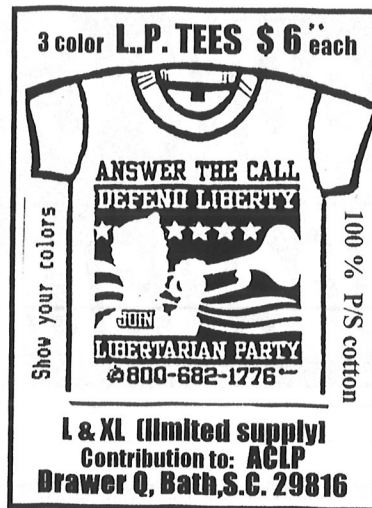
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early June, due to the renewed interest in Waco following the Oklahoma bombing. the ACLP will again sponsor showings of the Waco, the Big Lie videos (1 and 2) at an Aiken Community center. The ACLP is also placing copies of the Waco videos in local video stores for free rental, and continuing to distribute the SCLP "Right to Bear Arms" brochures. For more info, call County Chair, Tom King.

#### Beaufort County:

Beaufort and Jasper Counties now have an organized Libertarian Party organization. Libertarians from Beaufort, Hilton Head and Hardeeville met for the first time at the Palmetto Electric Coop's community room for an organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 31.

Says Chuck Williams, the organizer of the meeting, "We're the fastest growing section of the state



and our local government is trying to grow even faster than the population. This area needs a Libertarian perspective." Don Cooler, a retired engineer who has been interested in local politics for some time agrees. "Does Beaufort County really need bureaucracies that merely duplicate state and federal ones? I don't think so and I don't think the voters will stand for it much longer."

Beatrice Jones of Hardeeville is preparing a campaign for the state house. Her district has been represented by a liberal Democrat for some years, but Bea says it's time for a change. She feels that a platform based on education reform will appeal to all of the voters.

The organization is also looking into the "Adopt-a-Highway" program as a public service activity. According to Robert Hutka, "This will let the public know we're here. It will also emphasize our party's position on voluntary community service as opposed to government solutions."

#### Charleston County: Elections 1994:

**John Altman Wins 12.7% in Three-Way, County-Wide, Partisan Race**

The most visible Libertarian campaign in Charleston County was for County Council. John Graham Altman III ran for the West Ashley seat. John had excellent name recognition because his father serves on the Charleston County School Board. Even so, the race was tough. It was a partisan, county-wide race. John's apponents were Republican, Mike Smith and Democrat, Rob Wendt. Altman recieved over 8,000

#### Editor's CORNER

I wish to thank everyone who submitted articles to this our first S.C. Libertarian Party newsletter in years. You did a wonderful job telling members about what is happening in your area. For those not mentioned, please write so we can let everyone know how hard you work for liberty..

The L.P. is growing and our philosophy is spreading, thanks to everyone's efforts.

Sarah Flemming



P.S. Please forgive typos as this was a rush job.

votes; givinng the winner Republican Smith a battle to the finish.

How can the LP win? Jim Sims points the way.

Jim Sims ran for the James Island Constituent School board. Jim had five apponents with voters choosing the top three. Jim came in fourth with 13.3% of the votes, equivlant to almost 40% of the votes in a single member district. This showing indicates we have a better chance of winning multi-member districts than single representative districts, especially if the candidate is not a well known member of the community.

#### LP Recieves Advertising Courtesy of Democrat

Robert Pain, running against Republican Mark Sanford and Democrat Robert Barber, garnered 1,763 votes in the U.S. Congressional race. The race also showed the Democrates support of tax laws and laws for victimless crimes.

Early in the race, Robert challenged his opponents to sign a pledge against tax increases. Republican Sanford signed while Democrat Barber waffled.

Late in the race, Barber used the fact of Sanford's signing the "Libertarian Pledged against tax Increases" as "proof" Sanford would sign anything. What it did though was publicize the LP name and its opposition to taxes and laws defining victimless crimes. Thank you Mr. Barber!

#### Citadel Cadets Lean Libertarian?

Bill Woolsey, an instructor at the Citadel, has been giving his

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**On the Lighter Side of Politics..**

**ALERT! CAUTION...**new computer viruses identified!

**Ted Kennedy Virus:** Crashes your computer but denies it ever happened...

**Warren Commission Virus:** won't allow you to open your files for 75 years.....

**Congress Virus:** overdraws your disc space

**Newt's Congress Virus:** Wipes out all social programs & inadvertently destroys Bill of Rights  
**FBI Virus:** Transmits all data on your hard drive to Big Brother main frame

**Question & Answers**

**Q:** How many Libertarians does it take to screw in a lightbulb? **A:** None, the market will take care of it!

**If you took all the economists in the world & laid them end to end, it wouldn't be a bad idea..Anon**

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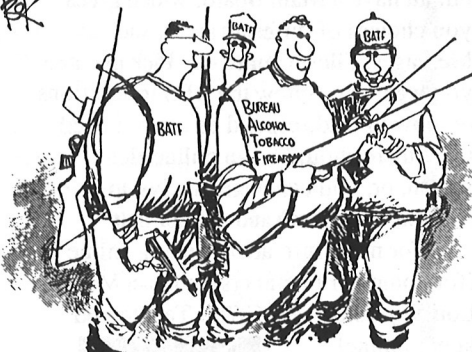
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