

## State Convention Plans Develop

By Sherry Garland

The Convention Committee reports that planning for the 2004 LP State Convention to be held June 11, 12 and 13 in College Station is "moving along nicely."

The College Station Hilton has agreed to offer rooms for LP conventioners for the weekend of June 11-13 at a discounted rate of \$70 per night. The hotel will honor this price until May 21, 2004. Rooms are available with two double beds or one king-size bed. There is no extra charge for more than one person. The more rooms Libertarians book at the Hilton, the bigger discount the Party will receive on other facilities, allowing the Party to keep costs down.

Hotel amenities include a lagoon pool with waterfall, an outdoor sauna, an exercise room, restaurant, and bar. Smoking is allowed on the Cabana Patio, an outdoor arbor by the pool. The hotel has free parking and offers free shuttle service to area attractions. For more information on the hotel visit [www.hiltones.com](http://www.hiltones.com).

Area attractions near to the hotel include Texas A & M University and the George Bush Presidential Library, the Messina-Hof Winery, and the Post Oak Mall. Other local area attractions include the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, Blue Bell Creamery, the Monastery of St. Clare, and Washington on the Brazos State Historical Park.

The Committee has created a LP Convention "package deal" that will include a Friday night reception, full buffet style breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, a Saturday luncheon, and Saturday evening banquet.



The price for the "package deal" is still being calculated.

"We want to offer the best deal possible and still break even. To encourage early registration (which helps us save money), we plan to offer a discount to those who register early," says Sherry Garland, assistant conference planner.

Committee Chair Christopher Jagge is now working on lining up speakers and workshops. Christopher can be contacted at [c\\_jagge@email.msn.com](mailto:c_jagge@email.msn.com) or P.O. Box 8064, College Station, TX 77844 or 979-695-9646.

## Supporters

The LP of Texas would like to thank the following members for choosing to renew their membership:

**Robert Goff.....Montgomery Vance Lowry .....Gilmer Marjory Glowka .....Austin**

And also our recent donors:

**Jeremy Davis..... Houston Gerald LaFleur..... Houston William Peterson.....Burleson Jo Ann Thabet.....San Antonio Robert Wheaton.....San Antonio**

## Election 2004

Running for political office is the best way to support the Libertarian Party and now is the time for candidates for 2004 to step forward. Filing opens December 2003.

Offices up for election in 2004 include U.S. President; United States Representatives—all 32 seats; Railroad Commissioner (office currently held by Carrillo); Supreme Court (offices currently held by Enoch, O'Neil and Smith); Court of Criminal Appeals (offices currently held by Johnson, Keasler, and Myers); Texas State Senate Districts 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, and 31; Texas State House—all Districts; State Board of Education Districts 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, and 14; Court of Appeals (various offices); District Judge (Various offices); District Attorneys; Sheriffs; County Court of Law; County Attorney; County Tax-Assessor Collectors; County Commissioners Precincts 1 and 3; Justices of the Peace—all Precincts (Place 1 in larger counties with more than one JP per precinct), Constables, and Political Party County Chairs and Precinct Chairs.

If you will be running for office or are considering a run for office please use the form included in this issue on page 3 and notify the LP of Texas. Those considering a run for a county level office should also contact their local county chair. Contact information for county chair's is available on the state party website at [http://www.lptexas.org/county\\_chairs.htm](http://www.lptexas.org/county_chairs.htm).



# Lone Star Liberty

Volume 13, Issue 2

Available monthly  
online at  
[www.lptexas.org](http://www.lptexas.org);

## Publisher:

Libertarian Party of Texas  
P.O. Box 27932  
Houston, TX 77227  
[www.lptexas.org](http://www.lptexas.org)

## State Chair:

David DeLamar  
P.O.Box 98131  
Lubbock, TX 79499  
[Chair@lptexas.org](mailto:Chair@lptexas.org)  
806-795-6961

## Editor:

Laura Coker-Garcia  
9835 Sagedowne Lane  
Houston, TX 77089  
[Laura@LibertyWorks.org](mailto:Laura@LibertyWorks.org)  
281-997-8141

## Address Changes:

Richard Walker  
[rwalker18@austin.rr.com](mailto:rwalker18@austin.rr.com)

## Contributing Writers:

Laura Coker-Garcia  
David DeLamar  
Sherry Garland

## Photography:

David DeLamar

## Advertising Sales:

Volunteer Needed! Contact  
David at [Chair@LPTexas.org](mailto:Chair@LPTexas.org).

Submissions of news, articles, opinion, letters to the editor, photos, etc. are welcome. Please direct submissions to the editor at [Laura@Libertyworks.org](mailto:Laura@Libertyworks.org). Deadline for inclusion is the 20th day of the prior month; except for the January issue, which has a deadline of Dec. 15th.

# New Approaches to Candidate Recruiting

By David DeLamar, State Chair



As the candidate filing period for 2004 approaches (December 1, 2003 to January 2, 2004) county chairs and activists should list the local offices up for election. New county chairs unfamiliar with the application process can contact the county clerk to find the offices up for election locally.

Candidates for county offices must submit an 'application for nomination' with their county chair. Those individuals interested in statewide, federal, state senate and state house submit their application to the state chair. County Chairs may collect these applications and forward them to me. I encourage county chairs and activists to recruit for these offices also.

What are ways that county chairs and activists can get a file of applications for all the offices up for reelection? First start with the members who routinely come to meetings and activities and encourage them to run. Also keep a tab on letters to the editor and call any letter writer who seems Libertarian-leaning and ask them if they would be interested in running for an office.

One approach to candidate re-

cruitment that worked well in Lubbock County, while I was Lubbock County Chair, was to run an advertisement in the Thrifty Nickel and local paper actually soliciting candidates. (We ran it under help wanted).

A catchy headline that asks a question such as "are you for private property rights?" or "do you want to end the war on drugs?" will draw out the Libertarian prospects. List the offices available and salaries and you will be amazed at the number of calls you get. If your city or county has a college or university we found that college students make good candidates and generally qualify.

One area where we have been remiss in the past is a lack of state senate Libertarian candidates. We can improve in this area of the ballot as well as the number of candidates for county offices. I hope that each active county will give their voters a full slate of LP candidates in 2004. Now is the time to start the planning and recruiting to make it happen.

# Sons of Liberty

Three Texas Libertarians are set to grace the 2004 Sons of Liberty calendars created by Rachel Mills of the North Carolina LP.

The Sons of Liberty calendar will depict various "founding fathers" using modern technology in their fight for freedom. Joey Daubin, 2003 candidate for the Midlothian ISD School Board in Ellis County, appears dressed as Thomas Jefferson, writing the Declaration of Independence on a laptop computer. Michael Badnarik, 2004 candidate for U.S. President, appears representing the ubiquitous "minute-

man" but holding "a rifle that is slightly more sophisticated than the customary flintlock of the late 1700's" Michael reports. Pat Dixon, Travis County LP Chair—in buckskin and coonskin cap—is pictured outside the Alamo as Davy Crockett talking on a mobile phone.

Rachel created the Ladies of Liberty calendar in 2002 showcasing some beautiful Libertarian women photographed in the style of Alberto Vargas. The 2004 edition of Ladies of Liberty and the new Sons of Liberty offering should be available before the Christmas holidays. Calendar sales raise money for LP candidates.

# Your Donation is Needed Today to Fund the LP Petition Drive and Continue Lone Star Liberty.

1. We must collect 90,000 signatures in just 75 days from March 10 to May 24, 2004.
2. Every person who attends the Precinct Conventions held Tuesday, March 9, 2003 cuts the number of signatures we will need to collect.
3. Last election we had 1,711 candidates—58 elected—a total of 562 Libertarians are in office—but donations at all levels are down. We need money now for the petition drive.

**Please do what you can today to help work for liberty in our lifetime!**

Check any that apply:

- I will **host a Precinct Convention** on the evening of Tues. March 9, 2004.
- I am a **notary public** and will volunteer for the petition drive.
- I **will petition** during March, April and May 2004.
- I volunteer to help **call** our members in advance of the Precinct Convention.
- I am a **college student** and will host **one** meeting to help organize an LP club.
- I plan to be a **candidate** in 2004 for the office of: \_\_\_\_\_
- I can volunteer now for **outreach events** on weekends.
- I can provide **room and board** during petitioning to volunteers from out-of-state or from other areas in Texas.
- I want to be more active, please add me to the **email announcement** list.
- I can host or design a **website** for the Party or a candidate.
- I am a **printer/copier** and will help with printing petition sheets.

What Libertarian issues do you think the LP should stress? \_\_\_\_\_

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Precinct #: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Events of Interest to Texas Libertarians

**Sept. 5 (Fri.) Last day to request a ballot by mail** for the September 13 Election.

**Sept. 9 (Tues.) Last day of early voting** for September elections.

**Sept. 13 (Sat.) Election Day**—Special Election on proposed Amendments to the Texas Constitution; some city elections, school, water and hospital district elections, local county propositions. Check your local newspaper or County Clerk's office website to determine what will be on your local ballot.

**Sept. 17-23 Constitution Week.** Outreach near Houston at the Fall Kid's Festival in Kemah. Check with your local Party for special events.

**Sept. 20 (Sat.) 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. LP of Texas SLEC meeting** in Austin at the Cepeda Branch Library, 651 N. Pleasant Valley Rd., 512-974-7372.

**Sept. 21 (Sun.) 3:45 p.m. Energy issues speaker** in Austin. Ed Clark, Austin Energy's Communications Director will address topics of current interest, including the recent North East power blackout, energy deregula-

tion, California's shocking power realities, etc. 3700 Lake Austin B1, in the Hancock Building Conference Room Sponsored by the Austin Libertarians. Please call to reserve a seat—512-413-5928.

**Sept. 22 (Mon.) Last day to file** for political subdivisions for November elections.

**Sept. 26-28 (Fri.-Sun.) 2003 Gun Rights Policy Conference** in Houston at the George Bush Airport Marriott Hotel. Sponsored by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and the Second Amendment Foundation. National speakers and activist workshops. Conference and "hundreds of dollars worth of materials" are free. Check [www.saf.org](http://www.saf.org) or [www.ccrkba.org](http://www.ccrkba.org) for details. Email registration to [GRPC@saf.org](mailto:GRPC@saf.org). See their ad in the August issue of LP News.

**Nov. 4 (Tues.) Election Day**—for local political subdivisions—Mayor and City Council races in Houston and other cities that do not elect in May.

**Nov. 8 (Sat.) Grassroots Get Out the Vote Workshop** in Weatherford, TX. Organized by the Leadership Institute. See [www.lead-inst.org](http://www.lead-inst.org) for information.

## Changes to Campaign Finance

Candidates for County Chair in counties with a population of 350,000 or more must now file campaign finance reports with the Texas Ethics Commission, according to a memorandum sent by the TEC this past month. The memorandum lists numerous other changes to campaign finance law made by the legislative regular session in HB 1606.

Among the changes are an increase in the monetary penalty for filing a late report; a requirement to report the cash on hand at the end of a filing period; a requirement for candidates and officeholders to maintain political contributions in a separate account, and a change to the exemption from electronic filing that allows the exemption only if the candidate or committee does not use computer equipment AND does not exceed \$20,000 in political contributions or expenditures in one year.

TEC says that they are revising all forms and that new forms will not be mailed to filers, but "because of budgetary constraints" will be available on their website at [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us).

County Parties with contributions or expenditures above \$5,000 yearly and most candidates must file.

## Brazos County Prints Newsletter

At the July 5, 2003 meeting of the Brazos County LP members approved the creation of a newsletter to serve Libertarians in Brazos and the surrounding counties of Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Robertson and Washington. The newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis for the first year. It is called Brazos Valley Liberty.

The inaugural issue arrived in mailboxes this past month and contained articles on the State Conference, the upcoming State Convention, a July 4th Party Cookout, ballot access, and Kent Kruger's appearance on KEOS radio. Clyde Garland is editor for Brazos Valley Liberty. Clyde can be reached at [clydegarla@aol.com](mailto:clydegarla@aol.com) or by mail to P.O. Box 1395, Bryan, TX 77807.

## Hispanic Libertarians Are Online

An online discussion group for Hispanic Libertarians has formed on yahoo groups. The group was founded to promote Libertarian outreach among Hispanic communities and social support for Libertarians of Hispanic heritage. Posts may be in English or Spanish. To join send email to [HispanicLibertarians-subscribe @yahoogroups.com](mailto:HispanicLibertarians-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)