



The Liberty Quill

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Getting Involved - Your Way

A message from Joe Dehn, County Chair:

In this newsletter you will find mentions of many ways that Libertarians are getting involved in working for a free society.

Some are supporting a Libertarian running for statewide office. Some are thinking of running for office themselves in a future election.

Some are helping reach out to their neighbors by volunteering to set up and staff booths and tables in public spaces. Some are working to oppose



harmful legislation, at the local, state, and national level.

Some are working to build the Libertarian Party itself, to make it a more effective tool for supporting all of these other efforts.

There is a place for everybody who wants to contribute! Think about the things you like to do, your skills, and how they fit into one or more of these kinds of activities. If you are ready to volunteer, we want to hear from you! Send me a note – or give me a call – and let's talk!

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Rose White and Blue Revival

The Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County once again had a presence in San Jose's "Rose White and Blue" 4th of July celebration. Traditionally the activities centered on a parade – that was cancelled last year, but this year the festival was back in a new form and we were there!



Our booth provided information about the LP, let passersby know about the Hewitt for Governor campaign, and gave local activists a chance to get some fresh air in the company of other Libertarians!

Hopefully the parade will be back next year. Meanwhile, we look forward to participating in other public events as circumstances allow them to restart.

Hewitt for Governor Updates

The date for the election to recall the Governor is 14 September. ***But ballots will be going out by mail in just a few weeks!*** That makes it important to let people know as soon as possible that there is a Libertarian option on the ballot!

Both the LP of Santa Clara County and the LP of California have endorsed [Jeff Hewitt](#), currently County Supervisor in Riverside County, in this election. Several LP

activists from Santa Clara County participated in a Bay Area campaign kickoff event held 16 July in Castro Valley.



Hewitt is the **only Libertarian** on the ballot — along with two Greens, nine Democrats, ten candidates with no party label, and 24 Republicans! With a total of 46 candidates on the ballot, the vote will be split far more than in a regular election, or even a primary, so how many votes will be needed to win is hard to predict. (In this election, the candidate who gets the most votes wins -- there is no "primary" step or "runoff" step.)

New LP National Chair

On 12 July, **Whitney Bilyeu** became the National Chair of the Libertarian Party. She was elected by the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joe Bishop-Henchman, who had been elected at the 2020 National Convention.

Bilyeu is from Texas. She previously served as the Regional Representative to the LNC from Region 7 (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas). She is also continuing to serve as Chair of the Libertarian Party of Texas.



She is the fourth woman to serve as the leader of the national Libertarian Party, following Susan Nolan 1972-1974, Alicia Clark 1981-1983, and Mary Gingell (currently living in Sunnyvale and serving as our LP SCC Fundraising Chair) 1991-1993.

The selection was made using ranked-choice (instant runoff) voting, with six candidates on the ballot. Coming in second was Joshua Smith. Bilyeu and Smith actually were tied in the first round, each receiving first-choice votes from five of the 16 LNC members eligible to vote at the time. But Bilyeu was favored over Smith by almost all of the committee members who had somebody else as their first choice, so the final tally was Bilyeu 9 to Smith 5, with two votes still being counted for Christopher Thrasher.

Lawn Signs and Bumper Stickers Available

With ballots starting to be mailed out in less than three weeks, here are two ways you can help make sure your neighbors know that Libertarian **Jeff Hewitt** is running.

Lawn Signs



These come with a metal stake, ready to post on your lawn. Or you can place the sign on a door or in a window.

Bumper Stickers



Have a car? Let it carry our message to voters wherever you drive!

If you can make use of a lawn sign and/or bumper sticker, let us know so we can get it to you, by writing to: campaigns@scclp.org

Kickoff Party for Kenny

Kenny Truong, who was LP SCC Activities Chair for the 2018-2019 term, passed away 16 June 2020. Since he loved football, current Activities Chair Bob Goodwyn wanted to hold a "kickoff party" in his honor last summer. But that proved impractical due to the pandemic.

So it's happening this year! The date is 14 August - the date of the 49ers pre-season opening game. The time is 5pm, and the place is the Duke of Edinburgh, 10801 N. Wolfe Rd, Cupertino.

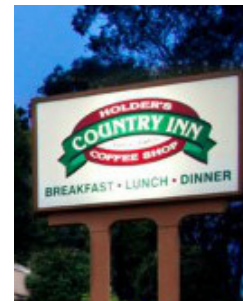


The game starts at 5:30pm. Come join Kenny's friends to watch, and drink at least one toast to Kenny.

Coffee Meetings Continuing In-Person

After more than a year being held via Zoom, our monthly "coffee meetings" were held in-person for the past two months, and we plan to continue with that going forward.

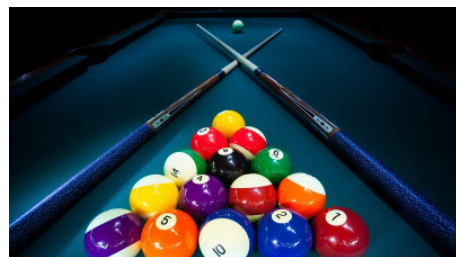
These **Third Saturday** gatherings are now being held at **Holder's Country Inn**, which offers a lot more than coffee, and also has an outdoor seating area. In June and July we met at the Holder's on De Anza Boulevard, but for August we are going to give the one on **Saratoga Avenue** a try.



If you have suggestions for other restaurants that might be suitable for this kind of event, contact Bob Goodwyn at activities@scclp.org.

Libertarian Billiards Update

Some members of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County have been participating in a weekly billiard session every Wednesday night. For those interested in shooting some pool, hanging out with fellow Libertarians, enjoying some good food, beers, company, and of course politics, you are invited to join this weekly pool meeting starting August 2021. New locations and schedules will be posted soon when available. For more information contact Membership Chair Chris Le at dovesons@yahoo.com.



Commentary

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

[Can Socialism Ever Be "Democratic"? \(fee.org\)](#)

[Will San Jose Move Its Mayoral Election To 2024? \(sanjosespotlight.com\)](#)

[Borrowed Time / Reckless Spending \(hoover.org\)](#)

[Families Have A New Reason To Flee Public Schools \(reason.com\)](#)

[Decoding California's New Digital Vaccine Records \(eff.org\)](#)

[Ten Reasons You Shouldn't Call Leftists "Liberal" \(independent.org\)](#)

[Libertarians Fighting In Court: Ballot Access \(lp.org\)](#)

[Special Interests Lining Up To Sway San Jose's Election \(sanjosespotlight.com\)](#)

[Annual Privatization Report - Aviation \(reason.org\)](#)

[Progressives Pushing Regressive Taxes \(hjta.org\)](#)

[Canadian Steak Tartare Ban Leaves Chefs Feeling Raw \(reason.com\)](#)

Video Selections

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

[The Bolivarian Revolution vs. US War in Afghanistan \(lp.org\)](#)

[Dave Smith on Censorship, Lockdowns, and Running for President \(reason.com\)](#)

[The Protests In Cuba \(fff.org\)](#)

[On Adam Smith, Harry Potter, and the Theory of Moral Sentiments \(aier.org\)](#)

[LNC Meeting: Candidates for Chair \(lp.org\)](#)

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.

- 14 August - [Kickoff Party for Kenny](#)
- 21 August - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup](#)
- 27-28 August - [LP 50th Anniversary Celebration \(Colorado\)](#)

- 29 August - [Silicon Valley Pride Parade/Booth \(tentative\)](#)
- 14 September - [Gubernatorial Recall Election](#)
- 16 December - [Petitioning for Primary Begins](#)
- 26-29 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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