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BUCHANAN FOR CONGRESS 1998 CONVENTION, PROTESTS REAMS NEW CHAIRMAN, QUAKERS

BUCHANAN FOR CONGRESS

by Shelley Tamres

Hats off to Robert Buchanan, one of our State Delegate candidates last year. Rob decided he isn't quite sick of the campaign trail yet. He's actually back for more! The State Board of Elections just notified him that he's officially on the ballot for U.S. House of Representatives, 10th Congressional District!

By running, Rob will continue to boost our party-building efforts. He will also maintain what is becoming a tradition of running congressional candidates in 10th CD, this will be the third in a row.

Rob's campaign has already scored a big success by involving the most people in a Virginia LP petitioning effort outside of a presidential race. The Buchanan for Congress Committee is filling up rapidly. If you would like to participate in what will be our biggest and best congressional race thus far, please contact Rob at 540-364-3823. Many thanks to Philip Hodson, Chair of LPPWC (Prince William Co.), for organizing the successful petition drive.

LPVA CONVENTION

by Gary Reams

The LPVA 1998 convention was a huge success. The business was conducted in a timely manner. Delegates were selected for the National Convention, and officers were re-elected. And, the 58 attendees were rewarded with a stimulating and diverse range of speakers.

After Chairman Johansen opened the convention, Bill Winters led off with a tongue in cheek talk on "rules for LP failure." His satiric speech drove home the points of what the LP needs to do become an electoral success. In the most concise terms it was a call for action and cooperation. The audience joined in during the Q & A to suggest other ways we've discovered

how to fail." This light hearted but substantive presentation was followed by a panel discussing the future of the LP. The panel consisted of nationally known figures and was facilitated with charm by Lawrence Gasman (Cato). The panel included Jim Lark (SIL), Michael Lynch (Reason), Perry Willis (LP National), and Bill Redpath (National Ballot Access). Their vision overlapped sufficiently to establish a harmonious and unifying vision for the LPVA, but was sufficiently diverse to provide an intellectually stimulating session. It couldn't have been better even if it had been scripted.

The first panelist, Jim Lark (SIL) led off with an upbeat appraisal of liberty and student activity. It should also be noted that the success of this convention is to his credit. Michael Lynch made what was the most amusing point of the session. He pointed out that now that the feds are regulating the size of toilet tanks resulting in a black market for the previously larger reservoirs, that "it is not enough to demand the government stay out of our bedrooms, but we must also insist they stay out of our bathrooms." Perry Willis was clearly the most upbeat and optimistic as he described the early progress of the Archimedes Project. Bill Redpath shared his experiences and reflected on the need to make fundamental changes to the electoral process. He also pointed out that Virginia is one of the few remaining states to have never run a statewide LP candidate. James Bovard gave the luncheon talk, which was filled with anecdotes of government folly and fiasco. As he does so well, he presented humorous and numerous examples all the while building an underlying current of foreboding. One walks away from his presentations tickled with amusement, but distinctly unsettled at the statist trend. The business meeting went smoothly. In addition to the selection of delegates and officers there was discus-

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EVENT CALENDAR



The State Central Committee, Call Gary Reams, LPVA chair. 703-791-4855

The LP of Fairfax County will hold a barbecue, **the George Mason Supper Club**, Saturday, September 19, 1998, from 3-7 p.m. in Vienna. **Barbecue and it's free!** RSVP and call for details and address 703-329-6857. All are welcome.

Patrick Henry Supper Club The schedule now will be the **first Tuesdays**, of every month except November which will be on the second Tuesday of that month. At Morrisons Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian turnpike, Richmond. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and program begins at 7.

Campus activism. At the University of VA contact James W. Lark, III, Advisor, Students for Individual Liberty, University of Virginia, Box 514, Newcomb Hall Station, Charlottesville, VA 22904, w: 804-982-5016, e-mail:liberty@virginia.edu homepage at <http://darwin.clas.virginia.edu/~liberty> Or at home : 804-973-5958. At Washington and Lee, contact Wayne Dymacek at 703-463-6981.

Libertarian Party of Prince William

Co. For more information, contact Phil Hodson 703-257-1712. The LPPWC Crab Feast will be on Sunday 4 October from 3-6 pm at Pat O'Donnell's restaurant in Manassas. Bill Yeniscavich (biyenisuz@aol is the POC).

Tidewater Supper Club, contact Sanford Pankin at 757-244-0516. Tidewater LP meets **2nd Saturday** of every month at the Oasis Restaurant on Kikkopan Rd at 7:00 pm.

The Ballot Access Committee, for details on next meeting, contact: Shelley Tamres, 703-450-0218.

Jefferson Area Libertarians For information, please contact James Lark, P.O. Box 274, Free Union, VA 22940, 804-973-5958.

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The Future of Freedom Foundation. See their ad in this issue. **The Vienna Coffee Club**. For details contact The Future of Freedom Foundation, 703- 934- 6101 or visit their web site at www.fff.org/freedom/daily/.

The LP of the Blue Ridge meets the **third Sunday** of every month at Hoss' Steak and Sea House, Rte. 50 E., Winchester. Contact Bob Snapp, chair, for details. (540) 722-6358. e-mail: cptfood@mnsinc.com.

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sion regarding supporting alternative voting processes.

The new chairman, Gary Reams, addressed the convention at its close. In addition to thanking the membership, his message was a call for action. Appropriately, the convention ended with Marc Montoni collecting contributions for our Hampton Roads candidate, Sanford Pankin.

LIBERTARIAN QUAKERS

by Philip Hodson

Two years ago, I managed Reams for Congress. One of the first things that Gary Reams told me about himself was that he was a Quaker. Coincidentally, one of the members of Gary's Quaker meeting was also a Libertarian Party member. Later that year, Gary and I met two other Libertarian Quakers. Quakers are only slightly more numerous than Libertarians, yet they seemed to be everywhere. Recently, at a meeting of the Farlandria LP, I mentioned the relative abundance of Quakers in the LP, and one of the people in room said, "I used to be a Quaker."

I then sent a message on the topic to the 86 subscribers of the LPVA list server. I received one response from a Quaker and three from people with some peripheral association with them. At lunch during the LPVA convention, I mentioned this subject, and one of the other eight people at my table declared himself to be Quaker. The evidence that I have indicates that Libertarians may be twenty to 200 times more numerous among Quakers than among the general population. Obviously, Quakers may be a group from which the LP should be recruiting.

The Quakers are properly known as the Religious Society of Friends, but they are tolerant people who answer to Quaker, and even use the term themselves. Gary Reams describes them as Christian anarchists who believe that if something is right, then it doesn't matter that achieving it may be difficult to the point of near impossibility; working for it is the only thing that counts. They were leaders in the abolitionist and women's suffrage movements, and are influential beyond their numbers. Since many are pacifists, they should find the Libertarian non-interventionist foreign policy appealing. Quakers are often involved in community affairs and are politically active. Though they tend to be left-liberal, they clearly share some cultural similarities with Libertarians. Given their pacifist tendencies, those among them who recognize that government is force would, undoubtedly, find the LP appealing, apparently, many have already joined the LP. If you are Quaker or attend a Quaker meeting, Gary and I would like to meet you and discuss how the Libertarians and Quakers can work together for a noncoercive government. Please contact me at (703) 257-1712.

HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

by Marc Montoni

Long time Libertarian Party member Sanford Pankin concluded his campaign for Hampton City Council on May 2. Turnout was very low (about 20%); the winning vote-getter received fewer votes this year than the third-place candidate in '96. Pollsters have indicated voters in this election tended to be over sixty years of age and black. Hampton is very heavily Democrat.

Pankin says there weren't any "deciding issues", although he tried to introduce a few, such as repealing taxes, and rolling back Council salaries. Pankin felt he did achieve name recognition, and also says he ran the best possible race he could run. He believes organizing a larger team of volunteers is most important for future wins.

Mr. Pankin says he raised over \$3,000 in cash donations and the rest was in-kind donations. Pankin would like to thank everyone who donated to and volunteered for his campaign. Special kudos go to Robert Stermer (Williamsburg), Michael Polidori (Hampton), Al Bromm (Prince George), John Meyer (Hampton), Tom Cantrall (Va Beach), Mark MacDonald (Newport News), Jim Turbett (Alexandria), Irene Carpenter (MacLean), Danny Sprenkle (Newport News), Scott Elston (Henrico), and the Tidewater Libertarians.

TAX DAY PROTESTS

(Richmond) Greg Lloyd reports on an incident during the first Patrick Henry Supper Club tax day protest. Marc Montoni's mothers spoke up for the good guys. According to Lloyd "We only got hassled a little, your mom (Marc's mother) can tell you, she was great. I would not want to get into a verbal argument with her, the Postal employee was not as wise." The legal info from national, kept them in check. "At one point they had 7-8 Postal Police watching us

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by the front door, they called in 2 police cars, 3 officers, to hassle your Mom, but not John who was doing the same thing. For a first PHSC tax protest I think things went well, we learned a few things."

(Fairfax County) Dana Johansen reports on the tax day protest in Franconia. Despite a late decision to stage a protest, 4 souls meet at the Franconia post office to protest taxes and hand out literature. Many thanks go to Johna Gagnon for coordinating the rally and thanks go also to Gary Alexander and Seth Allen for joining me in support of Johna's efforts. Though the media were busy covering some other protests in the area (there was a biggie in Arlington) and did not cover ours, we had a lot of fun handing out the "Instant Million Dollar Tax Refund, and chatting with the folks. The crowd was heavily in our favor. Only once did I hear "It is a privilege to pay taxes". I was all I could do to prevent myself from laughing. Privilege? Try declining the privilege sometime and see how much of a privilege it is! But most people took the lit with a smile, and many even asked for more for their friends.

(Charlottesville) James Lark reports on the Jefferson Area Libertarians protest. Last night the J.A.L. held its first annual Tax Protest at the main Charlottesville post office. It is my great pleasure to report that our effort was successful. We distributed a great deal of literature, chatted with many well-wishers, found some prospects, and were seen by hundreds of our neighbors. In addition, we should receive press coverage from WINA radio, the C'Ville Weekly, and (perhaps) WVIR TV. This coverage will come in addition to the publicity we received as a result of the press release I sent to all local media on Monday. WINA gave substantial mention to our protest on Tuesday, based on the press release. Interestingly, as far as I can tell, only one person said anything about us that was derogatory. Greg Cunningham and I were displaying signs for the view of motorists entering the post office parking lot. My sign read "Repeal the Income Tax," and provided the (800) number for the L.P.; Greg's sign proclaimed, "I.R.S. = It Really Steals." A lady shouted at us that "this is a great country, and that you should be ashamed of yourselves." Despite enormous temptation, Greg and I were able to resist the urge to deploy our sardonic wits in response. I wish to thank Greg Cunningham, James Curtis, Becky Kirk, Gerhard Schoenthal, and Gary Westmoreland for their fine work at the protest. In particular, the J.A.L. should recognize the contribution of Mr. Westmoreland, who at his own expense rented a Revolutionary War-era costume and sought to portray Patrick Henry. He was very effective in his effort.

(Prince William County) Phil Hodson reports the Prince William County LP held it's second annual Tax-Day Protest yesterday. Though small, LPPWC is quite active, and this year we expanded to cover two post offices within the county. I have a report that at the Woodbridge post office the postmaster asked us to leave. We are preparing a letter to the Postmaster General with copies to go to the Woodbridge postmaster, Congressman Davis, and whomever else seems appropriate. Perhaps we shall attach a copy of the First Amendment so that they can actually read it. Since parking at Woodbridge was limited, there were ample opportunities to speak to people in an adjacent parking lot being used by late filers, and our members were undeterred in their First Amendment right to peacefully assemble. They reported favorable reception by the public, if not by the state. The problem may have been caused by handing materials to people entering, rather than to those leaving, the post office. In addition to defending our rights, we will take it as a lesson, and next year we will remind our members to "do the outies." In Manassas we were well received and had both the pedestrian exit and the drive-through covered.

LOCAL AFFILIATE PARTIES

by Dana Johansen

Jerry Russel is giving a seminar on Wednesday July 1 just before the Convention. As Local Affiliate Parties Committee Chair, and also the guy who goes around training up local committees, I would like some help in the campaign management arena. In order to provide nuclei of campaign management training for the local affiliates and their candidates, the Local Affiliate Parties Committee will reimburse the attendance fee to the seminar with the following conditions: 1) Geographical diversity is desired; 2) The attendee must agree to provide training to any and all local affiliates in his area for a period of 2 years; 3) The attendee must agree to manage at least two campaigns in the next 4 years. At least two more spots are open from my prospective, but I can't guarantee there will be room at the seminar if you don't act quickly. Arrange your attendance with me first in order to get reimbursement.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES REPORT

James W. Lark, II □

University of Virginia: Since the 1997 convention, The Liberty Coalition and its constituent organizations have continued to promote the libertarian perspective and the Party at U.Va. Students

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for Individual Liberty (S.I.L.), the largest educationally-oriented group within The Liberty Coalition, continues to be the most active organization. During the 1997-98 school year, S.I.L. sponsored several types of outreach activities, including speakers, information tables, advertising (placing info in student mailboxes, postering, table tents, etc.), and publication of the S.I.L. Bulletin. The list of speakers includes Jacob Hornberger, David Melton, Robert Holland, Ronald Bailey, David Boaz, John Taylor, Karl Jahn, Ron Paul, James DeLong, Mark Brady, Shelley Davis, Doug Bandow, and Jacob Sullum. These events garnered substantial publicity in the community, particularly Ms. Davis' speech concerning the I.R.S. Also, videotapes of the speakers will be shown on local cable-access TV. Jamie Plummer, president of the Classical Liberal Roundtable, wrote a weekly column for The Cavalier Daily. Mr. Plummer will graduate in May. Law Students for Individual Liberty were not as active as anticipated. Scott Matthews, president of LSIL, is planning several activities for next year. Law Libertarians, Students for the Second Amendment (SFA) and Law Students for the Second Amendment are inactive for now. Eric Stetson and Byron Smith, who will be second-year students, will be the leaders of University Libertarians next year. They are planning a Freedom Fest, to take place early in the fall semester. The fest will feature several days of events promoting libertarianism.

Other Campuses: Washington and Lee Libertarians continued their activities this year under the direction of Jason Sorens, the president of the organization. In addition to a few outreach activities, Mr. Sorens and two colleagues wrote for various campus publications. Mr. Sorens will graduate in May, and it is unclear whether the group will be active next year. Stephen Jones, a student at George Mason University, started three groups at G.M.U. The groups are organized along the same lines as the U.Va. groups: S.I.L., UL, and SFA. Mr. Jones said that he was unable to devote as much time to the groups as he had hoped. He intends

to do more next year. Jeremy Aldrich at James Madison University is working with Glenn Loucks (a J.M.U. alumnus) to build a group at J.M.U. and an affiliate Party group in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County area. I met with Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Loucks in Harrisonburg in mid-February to discuss organizing issues. We shall endeavor to make a major effort during the 1998-99 school year. In November, 1997 I was contacted by Mike Newsome, an L.P.Va. member in Newport, who indicated that he is willing to help build a group at Va. Tech. So far we have been unable to meet; I plan to meet with Mr. Newsome within the next two months to pursue the matter. I hope John Kell will be able to join us in this effort.

BAC NEWS

by Shelley Tamres,

1) We've just completed a very successful petition drive for this year's 10th District Congressional candidate, Robert Buchanan. To put things in perspective, in 1994, just 3 people conducted most of the drive to get Bob Rilee on the ballot (mostly the candidate himself!). In 1996, we doubled that to 6 key participants getting Gary Reams on. But in 1998, we more than quadrupled: 27 people participated in the ballot drive! Approximately 3,150 raw signatures have been turned into the State Board of Elections for validation. My sincere thanks and congratulations to all of these energetic volunteers: Gary Brown, Robert Buchanan, John Buckley, Irene Carpenter, Ron Crickenberger, David Hales, James Harworth, Chris Hindman, Philip Hodson, Jacob Homberger, Dana Johansen, Bill Lawry, Max Leonard, Chris Levine, Mike McPadden, Joe Ogulin, Bill Redpath, Gary Reams, Mark Rorabaugh, Bob Snapp, Pat Snider, Shelley Tamres, Clifford Theis, Pete Thomas, Mary Watkins, Ryan Whelan, Rita Wood.

Such widespread participation in the petition drive for Robert bodes well for the future. The 2000 Presidential election is just around the corner. And a U.S. Senate seat will be open that year as well. Virginia has never gotten its own statewide candidate on the ballot. LP National has been forced to pay for a petition drive every four years for our presidential candidates. And we have never run a statewide candidate other than for president. Thanks to your lobbying efforts this past year, signature requirements for statewide candidates have been substantially reduced. I'd like to make 2000 the year that we get our presidential candidate on the ballot with no help from National so the funds can be saved for campaigning. I'd also like to make 2000 the

year that we run our first Senate candidate in Virginia. 2) We still have 2 election law bills before the General Assembly. HB 47 introduces the concept of a party petition (one petition for multiple candidates). HB 48 reduces the retention amount for party recognition from 10% to 5% of a statewide vote. I need your help to contact your representatives and ask them to support these bills! Write them. Speak out at public hearings that they hold for citizen input. Between now and January, we need to round up a sufficient number of "yes" votes to get these bills out of committee. I particularly need your help if you live in the Districts of any of the committee members: Armstrong-H11, Behm-H91, Cox-H66, Croshaw-H81, Davies-H30, Devolites-H35, Dickinson-H56, Dillard-H41, Hargrove-H55, Ingram-H62, Jones-H76, Marshall-H13, McEachin-H74, Melvin-H80, Puller-H44, Putney-H19, Rollison-H52, Sherwood-H29, Stump-H03, Tate-H05, Thomas-H17, Van Landingham-H45, Wilkins-H24, Bolling-S04, Forbes-S14, Gartlan-S36, Hanger-S24, Hawkins-S19, Holland-S15, Howell-S32, Lambert-S09, Martin-S11, Marye-S39, Miller-S26, Norment-S03, Schrock-S07, Walker-S06, Whipple-S31.

Please contact me ASAP if you will help. I will provide you with detailed information about the bills and with names and addresses of your state-level representatives. You can reach me at: Shelley Tamres, 108 Willow Place, Sterling, VA 20164; 703-450-0218; email: ShelleyTam@aol.com

3) The petitioning deadline in Virginia for presidential candidates is late August, but the deadline for other statewide candidates is early June. An independent candidate filed a lawsuit over this. The US District court ruled in his favor. But the State appealed and the Circuit Court voided the decision and sent it back for trial. The lawyer in the case is working pro bono, but would like to be reimbursed for expenses. I am collecting contributions for the cause. An extension to the petitioning deadline would greatly assist us for getting a US Senate candidate on the ballot in 2000. It would allow us to petition at the many fairs and events that take place over the summer months and also would allow us to double petition for president and senate at the same time, which is a great savings in time and effort. Please send what you can to: LPVA Ballot Access Committee, PO Box 28263, Richmond, VA 23228-0263. Mark "court case" on your checks.

4) The BAC@LPVA.com mailing list will no longer be used. I will send out BAC news of general interest over the Announce@LPVA.com list, with "BAC" in the subject line so uninterested parties may identify and delete without reading. Discussions of ballot access issues may be conducted over the Forum@LPVA.com list.

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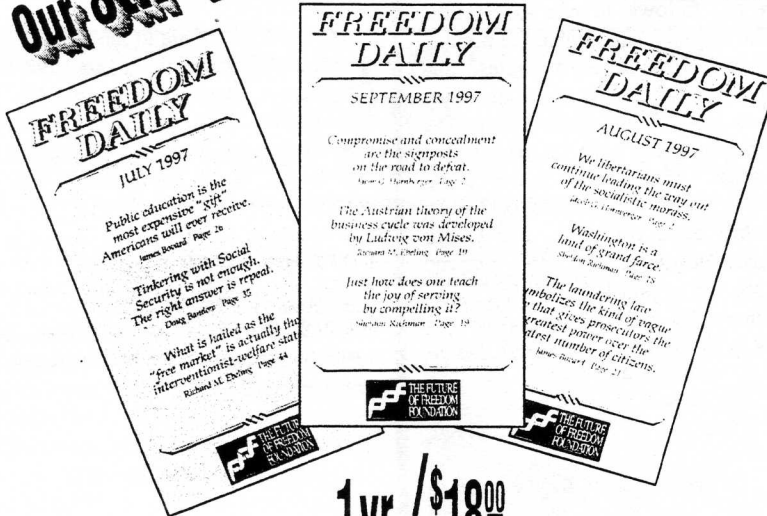
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It is an honor to assume the chairmanship of an organization that works uncompromisingly for the principles this nation was founded on: Liberty and Individual Responsibility. I am blessed twice. Once for the principled nature of the party I now lead, and twice because no chairman could assume the chair under more favorable conditions.

The Democratic Party is imploding before our very eyes and the Republican Big Tent has turned into a huge circus. The LPVA is well organized and solvent. Growth is occurring. The LPVA has a pool of talented activist from which to draw support, relations are congenial, and no divisive rivalries exist. The national party is increasingly in a better position to assist us in our efforts. Yes, never before has it been so good to be a Libertarian! The credit must go to the membership, the activist, and the long line of preceding leaders. A special note of thanks to former Secretary Montoni and Chairman Johansen for their previous service, and to Treasure Ellston for his continued service. Also,

congratulations to Matt Thexton on his assuming the position of Secretary. I look forward to all their future efforts. In seeking the chairmanship, I stated my goals of this term are as follows: to win an election, double the membership, double the number of candidates, add three affiliates, and establish the capability to run a statewide race. These goals are achievable. The strategy for doing this has been described in the Strategic Plan (1998- 2000) being reviewed by the SCC. Put most concisely, the strategy is to run races, add to our institutional knowledge base, and then run more races. Over the next two years, I plan to use this column to roll out the initiatives described in the plan and to inform you of the Party leadership's efforts as they develop. If success is to come, it is up to us to make it happen. As Sun Tzu observed, "Opportunities multiply when they are seized." To make success happen, it will require more than sound plans, it will require your support. I know that I can depend on you to be there to help us seize opportunities.

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Raise a tankard of ale to James Lark for his untiring effort in making the 1998 LPVA Convention a successful reality. Mr. Lark also incurred some debt in the process and like Thomas Jefferson, did not complain, he just did it. Thanks James for all your hard work.

EDITORS NOTE

If you know anyone in the LPVA deserving of special recognition, please send me an e-mail or letter about that person's achievements.

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