



Liberty For

Massachusetts

A New Dawn for Freedom

Social and Activism Events

July 16, 2004 Stoughton, MA

**Spaghetti Fundraiser: Dinner 2-4PM, Social 4-8PM
\$15/person \$25 for a couple**

Checks to Liberty for Massachusetts, 30 East Chestnut St., Sharon MA 02067 must be received by July 9.

Fourth Wednesday, Every Month. 8PM Boston Meetup. MIT Student Center, Third Floor, at the couches, look for the MIT libertarians.

July 13 Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association, **New Meeting Site** Hu Ke Lau Restaurant, Chicopee, just off Exit 5 of the Mass Pike for information 413 250 6608 or ihaveknown@verizon.net

July 23-30 Roger's Campground Lancaster NH. Free State Project PorcFest www.freestateproject.org/festival

July 30 Plymouth, New Hampshire, New Hampshire Liberty Alliance Dinner 6PM www.nhliberty.org

August 20 State Organizing Committee (2PM) and Social Hour (3PM) at the home of Rob Power, 158 Brookline St # 2, Cambridge.

Boston Pride Outreach is Big Hit!

On Saturday, June 11, libertarians from across Massachusetts joined Outright Libertarians at the Boston Pride festival, manning an OPH booth for thousands of attendees. Outright Libertarians is the libertarian activist GLBT organization; its National President is Liberty for Massachusetts Board Member Rob Power.

Despite late-summer heat and humidity, a half-dozen supporters of Outright Libertarians, the Free State Project, and Liberty for Massachusetts administered the world's smallest political quiz, distributed literature, and collected contact information. 221 quizzes were administered; more than 60 people left contact data. Our volunteers had the enthusiastic welcome of Festival attendees, who were delighted by libertarian outreach activity and enthusiastic to learn there are active Cambridge/Boston libertarian groups.

Greetings to Badnarik Supporters

from **Richard Watras** (Badnarik's Massachusetts Volunteer Coordinator) and **George Phillis** (Badnarik's National Mobilization Facilitator)

Last year, Michael Badnarik was our Libertarian Presidential candidate. He ran a good race. Despite heated political discourse, massive advertising by opposition parties, and enormous increases in voter turn out, Michael Badnarik ran ahead of our 2000 Presidential candidate.

When the two of us came on board to support the Badnarik volunteer effort, we had to start almost at ground zero. Thanks to hard-working supporters around the country, including many of you receiving this message, lawn signs and bumper stickers were distributed, letter writing campaigns were organized,

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Libertarians Run for Office

Robert Underwood of Springfield is running for City Council. He reports he now has the 200 signatures required to get on the ballot, and is collecting another 100 signatures as a safety margin. The City of Springfield is a prime example of taxation without representation. After it went into effective bankruptcy, a State Control Board took control of its finances. The people of Springfield pay taxes, but people from elsewhere control how they are spent.

The three Cambridge candidates are Jeff Chase, Jim Condit, and Bill Hees. They are supported by local activists. They face the challenge that a Cambridge citizen can only sign one nominating paper for one candidate, and whoever gets that signature to City

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Who We Are

Liberty for Massachusetts State Organizing Committee

Steve Drobni-LfM Chair Stoughton; former member Libertarian Party State Committee, ran for Governor's Council. Successful entrepreneur. Community activist in Masons, Shriners, and Knights of Pythias.

Carol McMahon-PVLA Local Representative Monson; Treasurer for Libertarian Party of Massachusetts and Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association, ran for State Senate. Accountant, does taxes.

Doug Krick-WCLA Local Group Representative Worcester Founder, Pink Pistols (Gay/Lesbian gun owners association); ran for state legislature.

Jonathan Lombardi-LfM Recording Secretary Webmaster themodernamerican.com.

George Phillies-LfM Political Facilitator and Editor Worcester. Author, Stand Up for Liberty!, Editor, Let Freedom Ring!, Chair-Worcester Libertarians.

Rob Power-LfM Treasurer Cambridge, National Chair of Outright Libertarians. Past Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party of San Francisco.

Rick Rajter-LfM Webmaster Cambridge, Graduate Student, MIT.

David W. Roscoe Chelmsford, past member LAMA State Committee; Project Media Matrix; LPMA Membership Secretary.

Peter Sheinfeld Cambridge. Transportation consultant, school bus company partner, First President, Cambridge Small Property Owners Association

Alvin See-LfM Membership Secretary Westfield, Flood Control Commission; past member, LPMA State Committee; ran for City Council.

Robert Underwood Springfield computer programmer, translator, Web Master, city council candidate, Spanish Translator for libertarians.

Shirley Underwood Springfield, Activist, Underwood and McMahon campaign volunteer, American Sign Language translator.

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As we worked, we had a thought.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if our next Presidential candidate had support already in place? Wouldn't it be great if all our candidates started with campaign supporters, rather than starting at zero? Just imagine if our candidate for President could launch his campaign by receiving the enthusiastic endorsement of hundreds of elected libertarian political officials. Just imagine what we could do if we had local groups ready to place lawn signs, ready to carry leaflets, ready to mount bumper stickers.

And, between elections, just imagine if we had active libertarian public officials, publicists, and organizers working to move America in the libertarian direction.

We can't get there in a day. We can move in that direction.

Here in Massachusetts, libertarians need a strong organization, based on local clubs and topical groups, ready to support our candidates and our policies. Libertarians need a strong organization that will recruit candidates, support political outreach, and help their fellows seek and attain office.

Liberty for Massachusetts is that organization!

Liberty for Massachusetts is organized around doing politics. With your help, we can succeed. We can build in Massachusetts an effective libertarian movement to ***get you what you want from politics:*** Smaller government, lower taxes, less intrusive laws and regulations, increased individual freedom, and equality before the law.

Liberty for Massachusetts can help you. With your help, ***Liberty for Massachusetts*** can recruit candidates. Help libertarians run for office. Help local libertarian groups. Do referenda, lobbying, and litigation. Educate the public. Create the circumstances where we can win. Create effective PACs, 527 organizations, and for-profit and nonprofit groups.

Last year, we were Badnarik's state and national volunteer coordinators. We worked hard with the resources we had. We gave him the best campaign that we could. There will be a next year, a next election. Next time, let's see that our candidates for President and State Representative and Selectman have the organization and support that they deserve.

Please join ***Liberty for Massachusetts!***
 ...George Phillies, Badnarik National Mobilization Facilitator
 ...Richard Watras, Massachusetts State Volunteer Coordinator

How to Win

The fundamental purpose of a political movement is to advance its cause by doing real politics:

Electing candidates. Lobbying. Referenda.

How will we win elections? How do we move from here to the future in which strong Libertarian majorities control Congress, state houses, and town halls from sea to shining sea? *The True Path to Libertarian Victory is through Local Organization.* Local Organization identifies and develops local libertarian political figures. Local Organization builds the libertarian movement in every county, every town, every ward and precinct. Most important, Local Organization leads to Local Victory. Local Victory lets our fellow Americans see Libertarian politicians putting into effect successful libertarian solutions to the problems they care about.

Local Organization is the fundamental theme of *Liberty for Massachusetts.*

We do not oppose running candidates for higher office. Candidates for higher office get publicity that local candidates do not. A candidate for Senator can make local appearances, shedding light on Libertarian candidates for local office. A well-run national campaign can send the message VOTE LIBERTARIAN! (Elect Janice). Running people for Congress gives the party credibility. When we run a full slate of 435 U.S. Congressional candidates, we prove we're not the one-man show of Ross the Boss's Reform Party.

There's nothing wrong with the Libertarian Supper club that meets once a month to preach to the faithful and debate the finer points of Libertarian doctrine. Political Parties do not exist in a vacuum. They succeed because they surround themselves with social, community, and local organizations, each with its own non-political purposes, and each serving to support the party in its political endeavors.

From the Chair

Another month has passed and we can proudly say we are active in achieving our goals. We have 4 candidates running for various offices within the state and seek to recruit additional candidates. We have social events, a well-circulated newsletter, and web pages. ***Liberty for Massachusetts*** is here to support all who seek true and actual Liberty and remove Governmental Oppression. We want to achieve exactly what our founding fathers wanted: Free rule and the ability to run your own life without having to pay tribute to the government. If you want to run for office, or know of someone who would like to make a difference, and bring this country back to its original plan, please contact us. Thank you.

...Steve Drobnis

Chair, Liberty for Massachusetts

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How To Join

Mail your name, address, and dues to:

Liberty for Massachusetts, 30 East Chestnut Street, Sharon MA 02067. Dues are \$20/year (\$10/year if you agree to receive publications electronically and send us a valid email address).

Massachusetts Residents: Please indicate if your want to be a **Voting Member** (your address is available to other voting members) or an **Associate Member** (we keep confidential the address data you send us.) People who live outside Massachusetts become **Corresponding Members.**

We're here to help each other help everyone. Please indicate activities, events, and working groups for which you would like to volunteer.

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Cut off and mail to Liberty for Massachusetts, 30 East Chestnut Street, Sharon MA 02067

Join Liberty for Massachusetts

Liberty for Massachusetts dues are only \$20 per year (\$10 per year if you agree to receive communications electronically).

Your Name:

Your Volunteer Political Activism Interests:

Voting Address (You do not have to be a voter):

Mailing **Address** for LfM (or say 'same'):

(Optional) Other Contact data:

Phones, Fax

Email (Not optional if you want the \$10 Dues Discount):

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Hall first gets the use of that citizen's one signature. The plan is for one candidate, Bill Hees, to actively raise and spend money. Jeff Chase and Jim Condit will not accept donations. To reach the Cambridge candidates: Jeff Chase jeffchase@email.com City Council nominating papers become available July 1 and are due on July 22.

There is also a State Senate vacancy in the Second Middlesex District. To run for State Senate, you need 300 valid signatures on your nominating papers and file your financial disclosure with the State Campaign Finance Office. Nominating papers are available from City Halls and the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Co-operation Helps

The Boston Pride Festival Outreach event gave a prime example of how cooperation and outreach between real libertarian groups lets us do things that groups could not separately. Outright Libertarians had the booth: They had the cachet for entry and the funds for the (very expensive) booth space. Supporters of Liberty for Massachusetts and the Free State Project increased the booth staff from two to six, meaning that three or five of us could work the booth or hand out literature while one or two were rewatering—Boston was at almost 90 degrees, while the humidity was close to 100%. Result of cooperation: Instead of 50 or 100 quizzes, we ran well over 200, with 60 giving solid contact information.

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