

Liberty For Massachusetts

A New Dawn for Freedom

Social and Activism Events

August

9 6:30 PM PVLA Monthly Meeting, Hu Ke Lau Restaurant at Mass Pike Exit 5 Contact: Carol McMahon, 413-250-6608 cjmcmahon@verizon.net
20 2PM LPMA Social, at Carol McMahon's 221 Bumstead, Monson, 413-250-6608 cjmcmahon@verizon.net
20 6:00 PM WCLA Monthly Meeting, Tweed's Restaurant, Worcester MA 01605 Contact: George Phillies, phillies@4liberty.net 508-754-1859
22 8:00 PM Lowell Area Liberty Association, Outback Steakhouse, Reiss Street, Lowell

September

13 6:30 PM PVLA Monthly Meeting, Hu Ke Lau Restaurant at Mass Pike Exit 5 Contact: Carol McMahon, 413-250-6608 cjmcmahon@verizon.net
16 Noon Boston Freedom Rally, Boston Common
17 6:00 PM WCLA Monthly Meeting, Tweed's Restaurant, Grove Street Worcester MA 01605
23 19:15 AM LPMA State Convention Tweed's Restaurant, Grove Street, Worcester MA 01605

Massachusetts State Convention

September 23, Worcester MA

In June 2006 a committee was appointed by the LPMA State Committee to organize the next State Convention. Bylaws and other constraints have set the date of this convention to be Saturday September 23, 2006, 10:15 AM at Tweed's Pub on Grove Street in Worcester. **The Convention will elect the new**

State Committee. There is a hotel in walking distance for persons who cannot travel by motor vehicle on Saturday. The convention registration fee is \$28 including an Italian buffet lunch. Send registrations to Stephanie Woiciechowski, 4 Carp Road, Milford, MA 01757, checks payable LPMA. Expected convention speakers are Donald Gorman, LPNH, "Why New Hampshire Democrats are doing well and what we can learn from them" and Mr. Stephen Gordon, LNC Communication Director, on new LNC programs.

A Message from the Chair

Thank you all for electing me as Chair and Editor of Liberty for Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Libertarian movement could have a great future, if we started working on it effectively.

The next major outreach opportunity is Saturday, September 16, on the Boston Common, with the Boston Freedom Rally. The PVLA Tent will be making its annual pilgrimage to Boston. The PVLA and Liberty for Massachusetts banners will be in evidence. Please come to Boston, find the LfM booth (Space U, one end of the line), and help us recruit young people to Libertarian voting habits. We do this every year. Every year, Libertarian outreach is completely limited by the number of people who appear, help run OPH quizzes, take names of interested people, and distribute literature. If we had ten times as many people at the booth, they could all keep busy distributing the libertarian message to an interested audience. Please contact phillies@4liberty.net to volunteer, or show up in Boston at our booth..

Liberty for Massachusetts member Robert Underwood rjunderwood2000@yahoo.com is our only partisan libertarian state representative candidate. He is running a campaign based entirely on personal contact. Please help him go door to door to campaign.

We have some significant decisions forthcoming about the future of the Massachusetts Libertarian Movement. If you belong to the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, you can play a role by attending the forthcoming LPMA State Convention. You can help by voting for a slate of honest libertarians who actually want to do politics, honest libertarians including Steve Drobnis, Carol McMahon, David

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Roscoe, Arthur Torrey, Bob Underwood, Shirley Underwood, Stephanie Woiciechowski, Mary-Anne Wolf, and your humble editor. (For those of who have not yet looked up the LPMA ByLaws, that's nine candidates for the nine positions.)

We have had several years in which rather little has happened on the Massachusetts Libertarian scene. Now there is an opportunity for you to make a positive difference. If you appear, and support people who want to move the Libertarian movement ahead again, your vote may actually move us in the direction of lower taxes, less onerous government, peace, prosperity, liberty, and equality before the law.

It impossible to predict what will happen at an LPMA State Convention. There is some rationale for saying that LfM should focus on individual activism until the LPMA's direction is clarified.

Perhaps LPMA Members will open a path leading toward an effective Libertarian Party of Massachusetts. That will be a very difficult row to hoe. The new state committee, whoever they are, will inherit a long record of inactivity and neglect. Party membership has been plummeting. That trend may take a year or two to reverse. In terms of candidate recruitment, we will be back where we were in the early 1990s. Under these conditions, perhaps LfM members will be inclined to say that their activism energy should be focused on reviving the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts. Perhaps we will instead say that market competition is as healthy in politics as it is elsewhere.

On the other hand, perhaps the forces of inaction will line up the votes and succeed at keeping in control of the LPMA. In that case, recognizing that the LPMA has become totally moribund, Liberty for Massachusetts activists will need to become totally focused on building a serious libertarian movement in Massachusetts, a movement based on LfM principles and activism.

We are already half-way there. In the past year, at the Extravaganja, the Boston Pride Festival, the Boston Freedom Rally, and the LfM Rally to End the War in Iraq, it was Liberty for Massachusetts that appeared and stood up for the libertarian ideals of Peace, Freedom, and Prosperity.

Who We Are

**Liberty for Massachusetts
State Organizing Committee**

Steve Drobnis-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.

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

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

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.

Arthur Torrey Elected Town Meeting Member, Billerica, 2005 candidate for town planning board, co-organizer, Lowell Area Liberty Association.

Mary-Anne Wolf Elected Town Meeting Member, Billerica, co-organizer, Lowell Area Liberty Association.

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 you 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. Liberty for Massachusetts will succeed if you, not your neighbors or friends but you, invests in the political process.