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A New Dawn for Freedom

Social and Activism Events

June 4, 2005

3PM at the home George Phillis, 87-6 Park Avenue Worcester. All libertarians are invited to attend.

The Liberty For Massachusetts Organizing Committee will meet at 2, an hour before the social event.

Every Second Wednesday of the Month: 6:30 PM. Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association, Bickford's Family Restaurant, Old Boston Highway and Pasco Roads, Springfield.

June 11, 2005, noon-5 PM, on the Boston Common. Outreach event in cooperation with Outright Libertarians at the Boston Pride Festival.

Saturday June 18, 2005 Worcester County Libertarian Association monthly meeting. 3 P.M. Tweed's Restaurant, Grove Street Worcester.

July 1 Nominating Papers become available for the Cambridge City elections. Help our friends who are candidates get on the ballot. Contact Jeff Chase, jeffchase@email.com for more information.

July 4 Celebrate Freedom across America. We sent the British of King George packing, and George W. is simply a different political challenge for peaceable law-abiding American patriots.

Saturday, July 16 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in Stoughton. \$15 per person, \$25 for a couple, checks payable Liberty for Massachusetts, to Liberty for Massachusetts, 30 East Chestnut St., Sharon MA 02067, **before July 9**. The exact site depends on attendance and is yet to be determined.

Libertarian Outreach at Boston Pride

On Saturday, June 11, 2005, Outright Libertarians will have a booth at the Boston Gay Pride Festival on the Boston Common from Noon to 6 p.m.

We already have volunteers from Liberty for Massachusetts, the Pink Pistols, and the Free State Project who will be helping with this outreach event. More volunteers would always be better. If you want to volunteer, please email chair@outrightusa.org.

While the booth will be the typical "Operation Politically Homeless" outreach event, making use of the World's Smallest Political Quiz and ISIL brochures, our main message will be to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered New Englanders that the Libertarian Party is the natural home of the LGBT Com-

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Libertarians Run for Office Special State Senate Election

Libertarians in Cambridge and Springfield, the third and fourth largest cities in Massachusetts, are actively preparing to run for City Council. There is a vacancy in the Middlesex Second State Senate District; nominating papers are due July 27 for the November vote.

Our three Cambridge candidates are Jeff Chase, Jim Condit, and Bill Hees. They are supported by local activists, including the Liberty for Massachusetts affiliate 'Cambridge City Libertarian Club'. Walter Ziobro has agreed to serve as treasurer / filing clerk for the Cambridge candidates. The plan is for one candi-

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munity.

Our primary “hook” to interest festival attendees with Libertarianism will be our party’s longtime support of full equality under the law for LGBT persons, including marriage equality.

“But doesn’t the Libertarian Party oppose government-issued marriage licenses? Why would it support expanding government marriage to an entirely new set of people?”

Then answer is simple. While Libertarians believe that government should be minimized, we also believe that when government is active in an area, it should not discriminate against one person or group of people in favor of others. This is why we oppose “free-speech zones,” meant to keep protesters who disagree with the government out of earshot, by banning them from certain areas of government-owned land. This is also why we routinely sue taxpayer-funded entities like the Bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates, for excluding our candidate after using our tax dollars to pay for the events.

Likewise, while Libertarians oppose government-run schools, you would be hard pressed to find a Libertarian who believes that school segregation should have been allowed to continue, denying “public” school education to African-American children, in order to avoid expanding the number of children in government-run schools.

It’s by the same reasoning that most Libertarians support opening the government institution of marriage to same-sex couples. While we may not like it, the reality of modern America is that the government offers hundreds of privileges to people with government-issued marriage licenses – privileges that cannot be achieved through the private sector, even after spending tens of thousands of dollars in attorney fees.

One example is following the death of a spouse – where same-sex couples face inheritance taxes as well as the reassessment of home value for property taxes when one partner dies, while opposite-sex couples do not have this burden – which is especially onerous to elderly couples on fixed incomes. Another example is government benefits – while same-sex couples are taxed for Social Security just as much as opposite-sex couples, the benefits from that program do not transfer to a surviving spouse, as they do with opposite-sex couples. Most disturbingly, even if we achieve a Libertarian utopia where there is no such thing as a Social Security Administration or death

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Who We Are

Liberty for Massachusetts Organizing Committee

Steve Drobnis-LfM Chair Steve Drobnis, former member of the Libertarian Party State board, ran for Governor’s Council. A successful entrepreneur who has owned nine companies; community activist in the Jaycees, Masons, Shriners, and Knights of Pythias.

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

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

Jonathan Lombardi-LfM Recording Secretary Webmaster, The Modern American, themodernamerican.com.

George Phillis-LfM Political Facilitator and LfM Editor Author, Stand Up for Liberty!, Editor, Let Freedom Ring, Chair-Worcester County Libertarian Association.

Rob Power-LfM Treasurer National Chair of Outright Libertarians. Past Vice-Chair-Libertarian Party of San Francisco. Candidate County Supervisor — San Francisco.

Rick Rajter-LfM Webmaster Graduate Student, MIT.

David W. Roscoe-LPMA Membership Secretary since 1988; past member LAMA State Committee; interest: Project Media Matrix.

Peter Sheinfeld-Transportation consultant, Taxicab medallion owner, school bus company partner, First President, Cambridge Small Property Owners Association

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

Robert Underwood-computer programmer, translator, Web Master-Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association, ran for State Representative, Spanish Translator for libertarians.

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

taxes and property taxes, the Constitutional right to marry a non-citizen without worrying about his or her deportation as an illegal alien would still be denied to same-sex couples without marriage equality.

Please help send the message to the LGBT community that the Libertarian Party is the rightful home of sexual minorities, and support the efforts of Outright Libertarians to outreach to this community.

Political Thought

I begin with the most fundamental issue.

The Purpose of a Political Party is

- *to Advance Its Agenda,
- *to Run Candidates and Win Elections, and
- *to Use Electoral Victory to Put Its Program into Effect.

Our objective is to create a libertarian movement that brings us freedom, small government, low taxes, the entire Bill of Rights, and equality before the law, all in our lifetime. Our objective is political victory.

To create a libertarian world we must create a libertarian electoral majority. How will we win elections? We choose our path to the future by choosing a political strategy. One and only one of strategy is consistent with our principles, uses all our resources, and minimizes human weakness. That strategy is

Local Organization.

The Path to Libertarian Victory is Local Organization. Local Organization will build a libertarian movement in every town, ward, and precinct. Local Organization will elect candidates to local political office. Local Organization develop our political figures into credible, high-quality candidates who win higher office. Local Organization will create a political machine that elects us to state and Federal office. Most important, Local Organization leads to Local Victory.

Liberty for Massachusetts Memberships

Dues are \$20 per year. There is a \$10 per year discount for all membership classes if you agree to receive your LfM communications electronically.

Massachusetts Residents: **Voting Members** agree that their mailing addresses are available to all other Voting Members for noncommercial Purposes. Voting Members may vote and hold LfM Office. **Associate Members** must supply a mailing address to join; that address is kept confidential by us. People from beyond Massachusetts are **Subscribing Members**.

Liberty for Massachusetts Informational Monthly: Our parallel electronic newsletter is available for free as a PDF file to people who supply a valid email address. Subscribe via email sent to: outreach@libertyformassachusetts.com.

How To Join

Mail your name, mailing address, and optionally email address, telephone numbers, and/or fax numbers, together with \$20 or \$10 payable to Liberty for Massachusetts, 30 East Chestnut Street, Sharon MA 02067. Massachusetts Residents: your voting address (whether you vote or not) is needed. Out-of-Massachusetts: For Subscribing Members, we only need your mailing address.

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

If you live in Massachusetts, please indicate whether you want to become a Voting Member (your address is available to other Voting Members) or an Associate Member (your address is kept confidential.)

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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

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

Dues: \$20 for Membership

-\$10 Discount if you agree to receive communications electronically and give us your valid email address.

LfM Social Hour

Saturday June 4, 2005

3PM at the home of George Phillies, 87-6 Park Avenue, Worcester MA.

(Rumford Lane near corner of Park Avenue and Salisbury Street; all the way to the rear. Park along treeline.

The Liberty For Massachusetts Organizing Committee will meet at 2, an hour before the social event.

All Massachusetts Libertarians are welcome to attend. RSVP phillies@4liberty.net

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date, Bill Hees, to actively fund raise and spend, while the other two candidates will not accept donations. This plan will ease the filing requirements for Walter. To reach the Cambridge candidates:

Jeff Chase jeffchase@email.com

Jeff Chase writes us that according to the Cambridge Election Commission, city council ballot petitions become available July 1 at 8:30AM. The petitions must be returned to the Election Commission office by 5PM on July 29. The office hours for the Cambridge Election Commission are Mondays 8:30AM to 8PM, Fridays 8:30AM to 12 Noon, and all other weekdays 8:30AM to 5PM.

The agenda for each Cambridge city council meeting

agenda can be obtained via email through cambridgema.gov/eline/step1.cfm and selecting the city council agenda. Learn what your city government is doing before you run against them.

Springfield candidate Bob Underwood has the active support of the Liberty for Massachusetts affiliate Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association. He is now collecting signatures but is still distant from his collection goal. Your assistance now can make the difference. Reach Bob at:

rjunderwood2000@yahoo.com

To run for State Senate, you need to live in the district, satisfy the eligibility requirements, get signatures from 300 registered voters in the District (a safety margin is good) and file your financial disclosures with the Commonwealth.