

## A New Dawn for Freedom

### Social and Activism Events

#### **April**

11 7-9PM Is This Your America? Emergency Town Meeting. Clark University, Sackler Science Center, 950 Main Street Worcester. Congressman Jim McGovern and ACLU representatives. Sponsored by the ACLU. http://www.aclum.org

**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 6:00 PM** WCLA Monthly Meeting, Tweed's Restaurant, Worcester MA 01605 Contact: George Phillies, phillies@4liberty.net 508-754-1859

**22 noon-6PM** Extravaganja, Re-legalization Rally on the Amherst Common, Amherst MA. **LfM/PVLA Booth, help needed.** Contact: George Phillies, phillies@4liberty.net 508-754-1859

**26 8:00 PM** Lowell Area Liberty Association, Outback Steakhouse, Reiss Street, Lowell Arthur Torrey, arthur torrey@comcast.net 978-663-0241

May 7 LfM State Convention, 48 Hancock Hill Drive Worcester 01605. See right column.

### **Candidates**

Arthur Torrey and Mary-Anne Wolf have been elected to the post of town meeting member in Billerica

Art Torrey also ran for Town Planning Board. He had originally hoped that there would be two candidates for two positions. The number of candidates then grew to five. Art ran a heroic campaign with palm cards and lawn signs but did not win.

Bob Underwood is collecting signatures for a run for State Representative in Springfield. Bob needs 150 valid signatures (signed by registered voters of any party who live in his district) in order to be placed on the ballot. Underwood recently ran for Springfield City Council.

# State Convention Second Call for Nominations

The first Liberty for Massachusetts State Convention will be held May 7, 2006, 10AM-1PM.. The convention will be held at George Phillies' new home, 48 Hancock Hill Drive, Worcester. The theme is "Liberty Under Construction" and the home will be under construction by then. Bring folding chairs.

A continental breakfast will be provided (orange juice, coffee, tea, soda, tea breads.) You are welcome to bring your own contributions. Please do not bring anything requiring heating or refrigeration, as these may not be available. The kitchen is being gutted. To reach the Phillies home: From Route 290, go west on Route 9 to Park Avenue. Go north on Park to Salisbury, west on Salisbury to Forest Street and left onto Hancock Hill Drive.

Nominations are called for all Statewide Offices (Political Facilitator, Operations Facilitator, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Editor, Chair) and for 16 Regional Representatives. For the towns in each region, see http://libertyformassachusetts.org/bylaws.htm Article IX. Officers must be Voting Members of LfM who are American citizens. Nominations in advance are sent to the chair, Steve Drobnis, POB 199, Sharon MA 02067. Nominations will also be taken at the convention. Elections are held by mail ballot sent to all members.

The main purpose of the convention is to make nominations for LfM office; nominees will each get a chance to speak. Officers and working groups will report on their activities. LfM Members who hold or ran for public office will be introduced. Amendments to LfM Bylaws will be in order. Motions related to practical politics and public issues follow.

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

# New Fundraising and Volunteerism Drives

At its March meeting, the Liberty for Massachusetts State Organizing Committee discussed plans for the forthcoming LfM state convention. (See Page One for details). Some issues were refined, but we are going ahead with May 7 as the date and 48 Hancock Hill Drive Worcester as the place.

The fundraising mailing was discussed. The first test mailing was ineffective. A new and different mailing will be tried, to the same size audience. The new mailer will one side of one sheet of paper, the return sheet being the bottom third of the page, dropped in an envelope together with a return mail envelope. Steve Drobnis successfully urged that we attempt a postcard mailing to libertarians around the state urging them to run for office and to contact us for help. The postcard will be the largest allowed conventional size, printed on light astrobright card stock, with a simple and clear message and our contact information. It was agreed that future mailings will be sent first class so that we get all address corrections.

Campaigning methods were discussed. Drobnis urged that the time to start a 2008 legislative campaign was now. He proposed that starts are done slowly, a few nights a week being used to meet with small groups of constituents and listen to their opinions, slipping in the libertarian take on some issues when time arises.

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

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