



A New Dawn for Freedom

Social and Activism Events

January

15 6:00 PM WCLA Monthly Meeting, Tweed's Restaurant, Worcester MA 01605 Contact: George Phillies, phillies@4liberty.net 508-754-1859

24 8:00 PM Lowell Area Liberty Association, Outback Steakhouse, Reiss Avenue off Lowell Connector, Lowell Arthur Torrey, arthur_torrey@comcast.net 978-663-0241

February

8 6:30 PM PVLA Monthly Meeting, Hu Ke Lau Restaurant at Mass Pike Exit 5 Contact: Carol McMahon, 413-250-6608 cjmcmahon@verizon.net

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28 8:00 PM Lowell Area Liberty Association, site to be announced, Lowell Arthur Torrey, arthur_torrey@comcast.net 978-663-0241

Candidates

Arthur Torrey and Mary-Anne Wolf have taken out papers to run for Town Meeting member in North Billerica. Art may also run for Planning Board.

Bob Underwood is preparing to run for State Representative in Springfield. A massive series of scandals means that voters are less than pleased with their politicians. Underwood recently ran for Springfield City Council.

Members of the Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association have proposed running one of their members for United States Senate against Teddy Kennedy. Such a candidate would be running for statewide office, with all the prerogatives and consequences such a race would entail.

Date for State Convention?

The time for an LfM State Convention is approaching. We have never had a State Convention before, and have not set a date or place. The convention was discussed at the December Working Groups meeting.

What do you want?

When would you attend/not attend?

Please speak up: call G Phillies 508 754 1859 or write outreach@libertyformassachusetts.org. Issues include:

February typically has better weather than March. Petitioning starts in February. A meeting close to the start of petitioning is good.

Some prefer a meeting accessible by public transportation from Boston.

A restaurant with private room and a modest meal charge e.g. buffet appeared workable as a site. There are several MBTA-convenient sites in Cambridge. Alternatives are welcome.

Raising Volunteers and Money

The State Organizing Committee has launched its campaign to generate volunteers and raise money for advancing Libertarianism in Massachusetts. We're doing it the old-fashioned way. We're asking people to volunteer and to give us money. Not everyone has the time to be a volunteer. Not everyone has the money to be a donor. But lots of people have time or money, and that's just great!

Liberty for Massachusetts doesn't have the money for huge mass mailings, even after collaborating with our sister Liberty Tree PAC. We're going to mail to a decent number of people in the first pass, then more in the next, until we've mailed to the known activists and donors in the state. We're building up to help libertarian outreach and electioneering.

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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.*

Working Groups Meet!

Liberty for Massachusetts members and Working Group members assembled in mid-December at Rob Power's Cambridge apartment to discuss LfM plans and activities. We have working groups whose task it is to help build a stronger Libertarian movement in Massachusetts. Starting at ground zero this spring, we have actually made a considerable amount of positive progress.

The **Local Organization** working group announced that every known active local libertarian group in Massachusetts is affiliated with Liberty for Massachusetts. We are assisting other groups to form when volunteers are located to help start them. We supply local groups with support and publicity to help them grow. We help libertarians, members or not, to launch their own groups.

The **Elections** working group reported on the recent elections around the state, in which Libertarians did better than in many past cases. We will do what we can to recruit candidates next year and to help them run better campaigns. Candidate financial support passes through State and Federal PACs run by our friends.

The **Political Action** working group reported that in the past year it had done outreach at the Extraganja, the Boston Pride Festival, and the Boston Freedom Rally, and had organized a rally for ending the War on Iraq, held on the Amherst Common in September. Possible Public Policy Questions to support our candidates were discussed.

The **Outreach** working group reported that web and wiki pages are up and running. We finally solved the URL problem so that LibertyForMassachusetts dot com and dot org now point to the same location. Rob Power is doing a redesign of our web pages. The planned Outreach newsletter needs an editor. The internal newsletter was indeed published every month except December.

A State Convention was discussed. We expect a considerable fraction of the members to attend. A restaurant with a private room would appear to be entirely manageable as a site. Something that can be reached by Boston public transport has support. Details will be investigated.

The **Membership** working group is supporting the volunteer recruitment and fundraising mailing to go out to Massachusetts Libertarian activists and donors. At this time, the most effective way to recruit new LfM members is by personal contact with people who are already Libertarian activists.

The **Fund Raising** mailing group is helping with the forthcoming fundraising and development letter, which appears to be our best current step toward expanding finances and donor support. Click And Pledge now handles monthly donations; we will try to build up a monthly donor program.

The **Budget and Finance** working group is in the circumstance that our income is almost entirely raised for specific projects and generated at that time from specific donors. There is very little periodically raised money whose disbursement could be budgeted.

The **Nominations** working group is tasked with recruiting members to run for office. Until It was decided to run the first state convention this Spring, there were no elections for which candidates could be recruited.

The **Audit and Compensation** working group has thusfar had very little to audit, because for the most part our income has consisted of gifts in kind that someone else bought for us.

December Issue: Apologies from the Editor, but family matters prevented me from creating a December issue, and we are still too small to have backup staff for this sort of situation.