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## Convention Announcement Issue

### Join us at the Libertarian Party of Maryland 2010 Convention!

**When:** Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Where:** *Squire's Italian Restaurant*  
6723 Holabird Avenue  
Dundalk, MD 21222  
[www.SquiresCafe.com](http://www.SquiresCafe.com)

**Schedule:**

12:30 - 1:15 pm Registration

1:20 pm Opening Remarks

1:30 pm Wes Benedict

2:30 pm Paul Jacob

3:30 pm Speaker TBD

4:00 pm State Central Committee Meeting – including regular business plus the following:

- Nominations and Elections for the Executive Board

All positions are open for election

- Voting on motions to amend the State Party Program, if any (only motions presented and discussed in the Program Committee meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> will be considered)

- Nominations and Elections for candidates for public office

- Nominations and Elections for delegates to the national convention

- Check your mailing label to verify that you are paid up and eligible to vote

- Minutes of the previous Central Committee meetings (8/22/09, 11/21/09) are in the last newsletter and on the website

- Central Committee members may delegate a proxy (Sign and date a statement designating another member of the Central Committee as agent, granting that agent the power to vote in the Central Committee. Either mail the proxy statement to the Secretary (Robert E. Glaser, PO Box 321, Owings Mills, MD 21117), or the agent should present the proxy to the Credentials Committee upon arrival.

6:00 pm Dinner Banquet: Lasagna, Baked chicken, Green beans, Parsley potatoes, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, tea, soft drinks

7:30 pm Featured speaker: Radley Balko

9:00 pm Adjournment

**Directions:**

- From the north: take 95 south or 83 south to 695 south to Essex/Key Bridge; exit at Merritt Blvd., go 2 miles, make right on Holabird Ave.; restaurant is 2 miles on the left
- From the south: take 95 north to Baltimore; take 895 Harbor Tunnel Thruway; go through the tunnel; take first exit past tunnel (Holabird Ave.); follow for 2 miles; go through intersection at Dundalk Ave.; restaurant is 1/4 mile on the right

**Questions or more information:** Bob Johnston, Chair\*md.lp.org

**Alcohol:** Cash bar (Budweiser & Miller Lite bottles; Coors Lite on tap; wine; name-brand liquors; top-shelf liquors and other bottled beer)

**Lunch menu:** full cold buffet, including roast beef, turkey, salami, and cheeses, as well as vegetables and dip, bread/rolls, and sheetcake

**Cost:** \$50 by March 8 (click the credit cards at left side of webpage or mail check to Box 176 address); \$55 at the door for full day attendance. Half-day price is \$30, in advance or at the door (before 6:00 pm or after 6:00 pm only). Please notify Bob if you expect to come so that he can provide the restaurant a head count. The Central Committee *only* meeting has no charge.

*Check the website for convention updates.*

### Program Committee Meeting

There will be a Program Committee meeting on Monday, February 15 at 8:00 pm (or whenever the Board meeting finishes up).

Location: Robert Glaser's residence in Owings Mills.  
Please RSVP (410-363-6626, [n3ic\\*ICengineering.com](mailto:n3ic*ICengineering.com)).

# Chair's Report

Please join us for the Maryland Libertarian Party convention, being held on Saturday, 13 March at *Squires Italian Restaurant*.

The lunch menu has been upgraded to a full cold buffet lunch, including roast beef, turkey, salami, and various cheeses, as well as vegetables and dip, bread and rolls, and sheetcake for dessert.

For dinner there is lasagna and baked chicken, green beans, parsley potatoes, salad, and dessert.

The price for the whole convention is only \$50. I have done my best to make the convention as affordable as possible, especially in these times of unemployment and uncertainty.

As always, we have great speakers coming to join us at the convention!

Wes Benedict is the Executive Director of the Libertarian Party, and will discuss what is currently going on at the national office, and what he portends in the near future.

Paul Jacob is one of the nation's leading advocates for citizen control of government. He is the President of *Citizens In Charge*, a direct-action group which



works to protect and expand initiative and referendum rights nationwide. He has also faced personal risk in his fight for citizen control, having been put in jail in Oklahoma last year for collecting petition signatures, and also having served prison time for refusing to sign up for the draft.

Radley Balko is an award-winning investigative reporter covering criminal justice and civil liberties issues. He is a senior editor with Reason Magazine, a former columnist

with Fox News, and a former policy analyst with the Cato Institute. His reporting helped get a guy off death row, helped win a new trial and acquittal for a 13-year-old murder suspect, and led to the firing of a corrupt medical examiner in Mississippi.

In addition, we will be nominating candidates for office for the 2010 elections, and all of the positions on the Executive Board are open. We will also be choosing delegates for the national convention.

Come meet and socialize with your fellow Libertarians! I look forward to seeing you there!

— *Bob Johnston* (443-310-5373, Chair\*md.lp.org)

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Wes Benedict is the Executive Director of the Libertarian Party. He is the former Executive Director of the Texas LP, where he ran 173 candidates for office in the 2008 elections, and help raise almost \$250,000 for the candidates.

Paul Jacob is one of the nation's leading advocates for citizen control of government. As president of Citizens in Charge and Citizens in Charge Foundation, a direct action group and an organization that educates and litigates, respectively, he works to protect and expand initiative and referendum rights nationwide. Paul led the term limits movement for many years as president of U.S. Term Limits. He has also faced great personal risk in battling big government, facing down an unjust prosecution in Oklahoma just last year and serving prison time in the 1980's for refusing to register for the draft. Jacob served on the Libertarian National Committee in 1986-87, as Director of the National Libertarian Party in 1987-1988, and ran the national petition effort to put Ron Paul on the ballot for president in 1988.



Radley Balko is a 34-year-old writer and editor living in Alexandria, VA, just outside Washington, D.C. He is a former policy analyst with the Cato Institute and now a senior editor for *Reason Magazine*, where he is an award-winning investigative reporter covering criminal justice and civil liberties. From 2002 until 2009, Mr. Balko was a biweekly columnist with *FoxNews.com*. He has been published in lots of places, from *Playboy* to the *Wall Street Journal*, and has done lots of TV and radio interviews. His work has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and excerpted by the Mississippi State Supreme Court. His reporting helped get a guy off death row, helped win a new trial and acquittal for a 13-year-old murder suspect, and led to the firing of a corrupt medical examiner in Mississippi. His reporting on the overuse of SWAT teams and police militarization has been profiled by the *New York Times*, *National Journal*, National Public Radio, and the *Economist*. Mr. Balko has his own website, [TheAgitator.com](http://TheAgitator.com).

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# COMING EVENTS

Stay up-to-date on MdLP activities with our online calendar-of-events: visit [www.MD.LP.org/events/](http://www.MD.LP.org/events/) (often!).

February 14 (Sunday): Frederick Douglass and Terry Atwood memorial day

February 15 (Monday): 7:00 pm. MdLP Executive Board and Program Committee meetings in Owings Mills. Robert Glaser


Gallery Gang: Mondays while the Assembly is in session through April 12, 2010 to lobby legislators before the session, attend, drinks afterward. Meet on the State House steps at *Lawyer's Mall* in Annapolis at 7:45 pm. Tony Spezio [TheSpeez\\*Yahoo.com](mailto:TheSpeez*Yahoo.com)

March 13 (Saturday): 1:00-10:00 pm. MdLP annual convention.

May 28-31: National LP convention in St. Louis.

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