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Newsletter of the LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MARYLAND

Convention Announcement Issue

Join us at the Libertarian Party of Maryland 2012 Convention!

When: Saturday, March 3rd, 2012

Where: *Squire's Italian Restaurant*
6723 Holabird Avenue
Dundalk, MD 21222
www.SquiresCafe.com

Schedule:

- 12:30 - 1:15 pm Registration
- 1:20 pm Opening Remarks
- 1:30 pm Paul Dembowski
- 2:30 pm Carla Howell
- 3:30 pm Eric Blitz, for Gary Johnson; Christopher Doscher, for Carl Person; Lorenzo Gaztañaga, for Lee Wrights (pres. candidates)
- 5:00 pm State Central Committee Meeting – including regular business plus the following:
 - Nominations and Elections for the Executive Board
All positions are open for election
 - Nominations for Public Office (U.S. House of Representatives and Senate)
 - Voting on motions to amend the State Party Program, if any (only motions presented and discussed in the Program Committee meeting on February 21st will be considered for an up/down vote)
 - Selection of delegates to the May 2-6 National Convention in Las Vegas
 - Check your mailing label to verify that your MdLP dues are paid up and are therefore eligible to vote
 - Minutes of the previous Central Committee meeting (8/13/2011) 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.
- 6:30 pm Dinner Banquet: Lasagna, Baked chicken, Green beans, Parsley potatoes, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, tea, soft drinks
- 7:30 pm Featured speaker: Joe Seehusen
- 9:00 pm Adjournment

Directions:

- From the north: take I-95 south or I-83 south to 695 east 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 I-95 north to Baltimore; take I-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.1p.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 February 27 (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 6:30 pm or after 6:30 pm only). Please notify Bob if you expect to come so that he can provide the restaurant a head count, plus you will receive a pre-printed namebadge. 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 Tuesday, February 21 at 8:00 pm (or whenever the Board meeting finishes up) in Owings Mills. Contact Robert Glaser to attend.
(410-363-6626, n3ic@ICEngineering.com)

Chair's Report

Make plans now to attend the MdLP convention! Every year we are fortunate to have wonderful speakers who give up their time to come join us, and this year is no different.

Paul Dembowski of MSI has been successful holding off anti-gun legislation in the General Assembly for several years. Paul will be discussing the environment for self-defense rights here in Maryland, and the possibility of being able to carry a gun in Maryland. Our new Executive Director of the LP, Carla Howell, will be discussing how she will use her political and marketing skills and experiences to advance LP candidates and our cause. State coordinators for three of the LP's Presidential candidates are addressing our convention for 10 minutes each, asking for your support. Joe Seehusen returns, this time as banquet speaker.

Do you have a desire to run for office, or thought about it? We will be running candidates for the U.S. House and Senate this November. We have until June 1 to get candidates on the ballot, so please contact me as soon as possible. We will also be nominating candidates at the convention.

Are you planning on attending the national LP convention the first weekend in May in Las Vegas, NV? To serve as a delegate, you need to attend the Central Committee meeting portion of the convention. The MdLP is allocated 20 delegates, and I have already been contacted by 10 people who want to be selected. If you want to be a delegate and can't attend the CC meeting, please contact me. Even if you aren't selected as a delegate, you can be an alternate. Frequently alternates are able to be seated in other state delegations who don't have a complete group.

Pat Hussey of the Baltimore *Campaign for Liberty* will have liberty-oriented books for sale at the convention, and is generously donating the proceeds to the state party!

And the state convention always offers good food and the enjoyable company of your fellow libertarians! The prices are still the same. We do our best to keep down the costs so as many people as possible can attend without the party taking a loss. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

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

Editor's Note

For this issue, we are also printing and mailing newsletter copies to non-MdLP, but National LP members in the state. The various memberships are often confusing –

National LP: being a sustaining National LP member is great, but is separate from the *Maryland* party. Campaign reform legislation (McCain/ Feingold) made it impossible for us to continue combined memberships.

Maryland LP (MdLP): We are the *local state group* which publishes this newsletter, has meetings, events, provides outreach booths, etc. We are in your community. Annual dues is \$20.

Maryland State Central Committee (CC): the CC is the legal entity approved by the Board of Elections. We provide the "Libertarian" party status for candidates on the ballot; our existence permits the LP Presidential nominee to run in Md. CC members must be MdLP members; must be registered Libertarian in Md.; and state their agreement with the non-aggression principle. They are the *voting* members of the state party and put statewide candidates on the ballot at meetings (we don't have primary elections). There is no additional cost. There are also *county* LP organizations which operate under the auspices of the state CC.

Registered Libertarians: any state resident who registers to vote may choose to be registered as a Libertarian. There is no requirement to belong to any of the above organizations, and there are no dues. As of December 31, 2011 the state count is 9,753.

We are talking to you! We really, really want you to *join the MdLP* (send in the back page form, or click the credit cards on the webpage to join). Become a CC member if so inclined. It would be great if you also join the National LP (www.LP.org). We really, really want you to encourage others to *register Libertarian* (get a form at the Post Office or the website). Those currently registered as *unaffiliated* are prime targets. When we get 1% of the state registered, we can stop collecting petition signatures every four years. Come to our upcoming convention and meet like-minded neighbors.

— *Robert E. Glaser* (Secretary*md.lp.org)

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Paul Dembowski is the Legislative Director for *Maryland Shall Issue*, the Citizens Defense League of Maryland. In this capacity, he acts as the primary spokesman, advocate and point of contact for the 5,800 members of MSI. Maryland Shall Issue is the largest grassroots issue-advocacy and educational 2nd Amendment organization in the state. With a primary focus on the development of a fair and consistent method of lawfully carrying a firearm for the purposes of self-defense, MSI also acts as a watchdog for the right to keep and bear arms in all its forms.



Joe Seehusen is a former National Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Libertarian National Committee Washington DC. He was also Deputy National Campaign Manager Ron Paul 2008 Presidential Campaign Committee. He is currently the President & CEO *Liberty Guard*, Co-Chair of *Americans For Prosperity Baltimore County*, Corporate Advisory Board *College of Business and Economics* at Longwood University, Business Owner/Operator, Host *Straight Talk Radio* 1570 KMCD, Vanderbilt University Alumni, Calvert Hall Alumni. Married with two children living in Maryland. Joe has been involved in the liberty movement for many years, serving with different groups, and has a long and varied history. Come hear his views on the current state of liberty in our country and what is the possibility of freedom in our lifetime.

Carla Howell is the new National Libertarian Party Executive Director; Founder, *Center for Small Government*; Spokesperson and champion for two statewide *End the Income Tax* ballot initiatives in Massachusetts (almost one million votes each time) as well as a statewide ballot initiative to roll back the Massachusetts sales tax from 6.25% to 3% in 2010, which won just shy of one million votes. She has appeared on O'Reilly Factor, Neil Cavuto, Glenn Beck, and Fox Business News Happy Hour as well as hundreds of TV interviews and debates since 1998; hundreds of radio interviews including shows hosted by Neal Boortz, Larry Elder, and Michael Medved. Ms. Howell garnered 12% of the vote as Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate against Ted Kennedy in 2000: the highest percentage in party history for a Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate in a 3-way race. She ran for Governor of Massachusetts in 2002 and State Auditor in 1998, appearing in numerous TV debates against Mitt Romney, Robert Reich, and other high-profile Democrats. Two-term Massachusetts LP State Chair (1997-1999) and twenty years private sector experience in product/project management, marketing, software development. MBA 1985, Marketing and Entrepreneurship, Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts.



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Libertarian Party of Maryland www.MD.LP.org/join-form.pdf **Membership Form**

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

County:

Email:

Phone (day):

Phone (evening):

Phone (other):

Payment Information

Maryland/county-only dues \$ 20.00

Additional donation: _____

Total Payment: \$ _____

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Check Mastercard VISA Discover

Card# _____ **Exp:** _____

Signature _____

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Anyone may become a member of the MdLP. To become a voting member of the Central Committee, your voter registration must be Libertarian (or request it if the state does not permit Libertarian registration, and not be registered with any other party); verbally certify your registration status and your agreement with the non-aggression principle with your affiliate officers or the state Secretary. For more information, contact Bob Johnston at NewMember*md.lp.org.

- I'd like to volunteer for:**
- Envelope stuffing
 - Outreach programs
 - Computer work
 - County organization
 - Campaign help
 - Public Relations
 - Other: _____

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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/ (often!).

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

February 21 (Tuesday): 7:00 pm. MdLP Executive Board and Program Committee meetings. Robert Glaser

March 3 (Saturday): 1:00-9:00 pm. MdLP annual convention.


Gallery Gang: Mondays while the Maryland General Assembly is in session through April 9 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

April 16 (Monday): Tax Day protests

May 2-6 (Wednesday-Sunday): National Libertarian Party Convention at *Red Rock Resort* in Las Vegas

May 5/6: Towsontown Festival. Bill Buzzell waBuzzle11*juno.com

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