



# Free? State LIBERTARIAN

## March 2013

Newsletter of the LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MARYLAND

### Convention Announcement Issue

## Join us at the Libertarian Party of Maryland 2013 Convention!

**When:** Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**Where:** *Squire's Italian Restaurant*  
6723 Holabird Avenue  
Dundalk, MD 21222  
www.SquiresCafe.com

**Schedule:**

- 1:00 pm Registration/Lunch
- 2:00 pm Jim Lark, Region 5s rep.
- 3:00 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 (local offices)
  - Voting on motions to amend the State Party Program, if any (only motions presented and discussed in the Program Committee meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> will be considered for an up/down vote)
  - 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 (7/28/2012) 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.
- 4:00 pm Candidates forum: featuring Muir Boda, Mark Grannis, and Lorenzo Gaztañaga
- 5:00 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.lp.org

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

**Menu:** Lasagna, Baked chicken, Green beans, Parsley potatoes, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, tea, soft drinks

**Cost:** \$25 by March 30 (click the credit cards at left side of webpage or mail check to Box 176 address); \$30 after or at the door. 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*

# MdLP Holiday Party, December 6



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# Young Libertarians of Maryland

We are excited to announce the formation of a new group, designed to empower young libertarians and provide a bridge between the party and the large number of young libertarians who don't yet affiliate with the Libertarian Party.

The *Young Libertarians of Maryland* held their inaugural meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> in Catonsville. The meeting was well-attended and the audience heard from Erin Carrington Smith, who is expected to serve as the Director for the first year, as well as our Chairman, Bob Johnston. Eric Blitz assisted the group with organizational issues. Some people signed up as members immediately that evening, including a few who are brand new to the Party.

Young Libertarians of Maryland will focus on education, social events, promoting youth involvement in libertarianism, electoral and direct political action, outreach to other libertarian groups, and promoting the social and public welfare of the citizens of Maryland through private and voluntary means. Some of the early goals will be to increase membership and to raise funds to begin financing their own events.

While the Libertarian Party of Maryland is sponsoring the group, it is open to anyone thirty-five years old or younger and who resides in Maryland, regardless of party affiliation. Membership in YLM is inexpensive – only \$15 per year (free for those under 18). So if you are age qualified, join YLM and help make this organization a success. We can't let the other parties be the only ones

encouraging the young to organize and participate. You can also contribute to YLM without becoming a member. Please note that YLM is a subsidiary of the Libertarian Party of Maryland, so all contributions are non-deductible political contributions and subject to legal limits.

The next meeting of YLM will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Catonsville Library. YLM has a Facebook page and twitter account so you can keep up with their activities, and we'll bring you updates on their progress over the coming year. Good luck to our young libertarians!

## Letter to the Editor

You solicited comments at the end of Gerry Schneider's Letter to the Editor on the phrase "Freedom is a Primary Value." My own preference to express the same idea is "Individual Liberty is My (or Our) Top Priority." I prefer this formulation because I find that, in talking to people, everyone believes that they are free so they don't understand that there's even an issue. I think the phrase "Individual Liberty" sharpens the issue somewhat and makes them think about it without dismissing it out of hand as they do with the word "Freedom." Also I think that the phrase "Top Priority" is emotionally stronger and more emphatic than the phrase "Primary Value" which, in my opinion, lacks emotional punch and is too intellectual.

— Jay Baker

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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 Stuart Simms at [NewMember\\*md.lp.org](mailto:NewMember*md.lp.org).

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- County organization
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- Public Relations
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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!).

Gallery Gang: Mondays while the Maryland General Assembly is in session January 14 through April 8, 2013 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 12 (Tuesday): 7:00 - 8:30 pm. *Young Libertarians*, Catonsville Library. [EricBlitz@md.lp.org](mailto:EricBlitz@md.lp.org)


March 27 (Wednesday): 9:00 pm. Program Committee meeting. See page 1

April 6 (Saturday): MdLP annual convention. See page 1

April 15 (Monday): Tax Day protests

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