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From the Chair By Roger Taylor

The Convention went smoothly and now we are back to candidates. I am busier this year than ever before. I'm doing a bit of behind the scene activities and doing a lot of mediation between egos. It is a lot of effort for a volunteer position. I can use your help.

Our August meeting will be a candidate workshop. At some point after November, we will have a meeting centered around one of Guy Monahan's issues: Rights of Children of Divorced Parents. In the mean time if you have an idea for a meeting concerning the upcoming elections, let any executive committee member know.

A new member, Ken Vaughan, has filed to be Lt. Governor. I interviewed Ken and helped him write his 250 word essay that will show up on the Elections Office web site. Here it is: Aloha, My name is Kenneth Vaughan and I am asking for your vote to be Lieutenant Governor. I have been a permanent resident of Hawaii since 1957 after having visited several times on my way to WWII. I am a retired civil service engineer from Pearl Harbor and have chosen to run as a Libertarian because The Libertarian Party offers you more choice in the voting booth and in your economic life. Until politicians figure out how to clean up their own parties and government in general, they shouldn't even be thinking of regulating your private life.

We need to restore Responsible Financial Government. My administration will enact laws with teeth that go after individuals and companies who use fraud as a way of doing business. We think the government must lead the way in setting the example by using equal fervor in rooting out fraud in politics and government. Corporate Campaign Funding irregularities, no-bid contracts at the airport/Ewa plain are just the tip of the iceberg that will be uncovered with the up-coming change of administrations.

- You have a right to self-protection. Crime will decrease if we enact a workable conceal carry law. Hold people accountable for their actions.
- No state restrictions on alternative health paths/naturopathy.
- No fluoridation of public waters.
- Marijuana should be decriminalized.
- Over-regulating/overtaxing causes Hawaii's economy to behave with a growth rate of a 3rd world nation compared to the rest of the country. Stop it. Vote Vaughan!

Ryan Campaign Begins Moving Forward

The Tracy Ryan for Governor Campaign got lots of positive attention from this year's Gay Pride Parade and Rally. Ms. Ryan rode through the parade in a red convertible with her characteristic yellow and black banners proclaiming her candidacy. Several thousand people watched the parade. At the rally Tracy was interviewed by two local TV stations and appeared on the KITV News that night. The large amount of dissatisfaction with the Democratic Party among gay people was obvious in conversations had at the booth. The Democratic Party people seemed to concentrate on attacking the Republicans as a way of keeping the gay vote in their camp.

Tracy has stated a goal of getting enough votes in the general election to achieve ballot access. This means we have to get about ten times the vote we did in 1998. In our 1998 primary election there were 300 votes cast for governor. In the general there were about 4000. In Tracy's 1996 primary for a state senate seat she got about 125 votes. In the general she got 3600. Her 125 votes when multiplied by 25 senate seats comes out to over 3000 primary votes. It is still along way to go to 40,000 in the general, but we are doing what we think we need to do.

It looks like there will be more opportunities for free media than in the past. Olelo will be much more active in presenting political forums. Tracy has several competent media advisers to help her get as much publicity as she can.

What is Good?

Expanded version of speech by John Orendt given at the Libertarian Party Convention 2002

Thank you Roger for that simply marvelous introduction.

I'm running for State Representative of Kalihi district 30. My motto is "More Man less Government".

One of the branches of philosophy is ethics. Ethics asks the question: What is good? That which promotes or enhances individual human life is good. That which destroys or restrains individual human life is bad or evil.

So what really is good?

Water is Good. It quenches your thirst. It is a basic necessity of life. Our bodies are composed of over 85% water. On the other hand if you stick your head in a bucket of water you could drown and die.

What else is good? Beer is good. As the Libertarian liaison at the capital this year I testified against HB2381 which would have raised the alcohol tax by 50%. One of the arguments I made was that people who drink between 2 and 14 drinks per week live longer and are more productive than people who fall outside of that range. Beer, like most things is good in moderation.

Marijuana is good. If you have cancer or glaucoma, marijuana can literally save your life. Some say that government agents are responsible for the deaths of untold numbers of patients. These helpless victims may have been saved had the government not prevented them from using the treatment protocol of their own choice and responsibility.

Life is good. A smile, a hug, a kiss, these are just some of the outward indicators of happiness. Indeed, what is better than loving and being loved? However, life is not always good. The death with dignity issue brings to light the pain and suffering of the terminally ill. These people want and deserve the freedom, to choose.

Happiness is good. The happiness of the individual is an end in itself. Long term happiness is preferred. Freedom is a prerequisite, in order to design, plan, and implement a strategy for long term happiness.

Therefore, freedom is good. The freedom to think and act and take responsibility for one's actions is the core of what liberty is all about.

Prison is bad. You lack freedom in prison, which consequentially makes it difficult to implement your long-term plans for happiness. Ironically, prisoners can still get illicit drugs in prison. In the environment most under the direct control of government agents, prisoners

can and do obtain illicit drugs. Crime can be reduced by 90% by legalizing drugs. I call for a moratorium on drug law enforcement until drugs are removed from the prison system. If the government can not get drugs out of the prisons then, what hope is there of getting drugs out of the general population. Will the trend of government passing ever more draconian laws continue to the point where the general population is in prison?

Capitalism is good. Experiments in free market capitalism have repeatedly shown a direct correlation between freedom and prosperity. Prosperity is good. Lately, I've heard some people in the media blame capitalism for stock market declines. I was aghast that this statement went unchallenged. Capitalism, rests on the underlying principle of justice. Wrongful action by some CEO's did not do justice to their stockholders and employees. These wrongful actions were a departure from capitalism. Capitalism is based on the honest dealings between individuals for mutual benefit. When individuals depart from honesty and justice they also depart from capitalism.

Wealth is good. It is better to be rich than poor. Wealth is not constant. Wealth is created by the application of the human mind and consequential action toward the production of a product or service for which there is market demand. A shiny shoe has higher value than an dull shoe. An individual who shines shoes creates wealth by the action of shining shoes. Just as a farmer creates wealth by growing crops or a builder creates wealth by building a home, or a skyscraper.

A fundamental Libertarian principle is, it always wrong to initiate force. Protect freedom of the people, and prosperity will follow.

The majority party principle is, how can we best redistribute wealth? There is little apparent concern for the creation of wealth.

The underlying assumption of the majority party is that they covet the wealth of the great people of Hawaii.

The 10th commandment of the Bible states: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors wife, cattle, and stuff in general. The biblical lesson here is that we should create our own wealth and not covet our neighbors wealth.

The majority party sinfully covet our wealth. Even worse they act on their desires by taxing us. Taxes put a progressively larger and larger burden on all of us. Only 25 years ago, my father, a carpenter by trade was able to buy a house, support his wife, and raise four children, who all graduated from college on his single income. Unfortunately, due to high taxes and the corresponding poor business climate in Hawaii, only a very small

percentage of people can do the same on a single income. Since in most cases both parents must work, our children are not receiving as much love and affection as they should. The fault lies squarely on bloated government.

While these facts indicate a grim trend, we have had some victories.

As a lobbyist at the State Capital this year we were able to rid our streets of the dreaded Taliban. No longer do we feel trepidation when checking our mailbox for fear of the scam cam citation.

The 50% alcohol tax increase also failed. To me it is incomprehensible that the majority party thought the great people of Hawaii wanted this increase.

I have a vision for Hawaii. More Freedom and Propriety with less government. Help me turn my vision into reality and support my campaign. Statistically, it should be an easy win for me, because I am by far the taller candidate. More man less Government.

I want you to dig down deep into your pockets, really deep, and send your campaign contributions to me, John Orendt candidate for State Representative Kalihi, district 30.

<http://www.hi.lp.org/Orendt/>

For those of you who prefer to pay by check. Make check out to "Friends of John Orendt" PO Box 8601 Honolulu, HI 96830

911

911 came to mean the phone number to call when needing help in an emergency. 911 as a term, more recently, broadened to signify a date when hijacked planes crashed into American icons, slaughtering thousands and beginning a national crisis. To many of us now, 911 presents an array of hysteria associated with what President Bush calls "A War on Terrorism."

A crisis, I believe, does exist. It is a profound political crisis. Not merely an amorphous enemy lying within and without of our borders, it is more likely a constitutional catastrophe threatening profoundly to drain our economy, dissolve our rights and destroy our way of life. Why have only a few asked what governmental policies spawned the terrors of 911?

We are now faced with another illegal war, an undeclared war, based merely upon congressional resolution. As a result of not committing to an actual

declaration of war, the congress has surrendered its powers to the Executive, freely allowing it to expand its reach to militarily invade other lands, hold suspect the entire American population and threaten the peace and security of the world.

. Now more than ever, the electorate itself must respond to the emergency call of 911. Our policies dominated by The Democratic and Republican Parties must be reexamined, revised and reversed. The political agenda pursued is the very cause of the dangers we are being conditioned to fight.

Lloyd Jeffrey Mallan Libertarian Candidate US House, Second District

Announcements

Executive Committee Meeting:

When: Sunday, July 21st, 6:30 PM

Where: 888 South King Street. Corner of King and Ward. Straub Clinic Presentation Room, ground floor behind the cafeteria. All members welcome ✍

General Meeting: Candidate workshop

When: August 1st, 6:30 PM meeting

Where: 888 South King Street. Corner of King and Ward. Straub Clinic Presentation Room, ground floor behind the cafeteria. ✍

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