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From the Chair By Tracy Ryan

We will need to see a good group of members at our upcoming convention. I can not continue to put in the time that I have done in the past. So we will need a new newsletter editor and data base manager at the least. We need some new and vigorous leaders.

Two years ago when I took this responsibility on the party was near collapse. Only thirteen people showed up for our convention. I did not want to be Chair then, but agreed to allow the convention to appoint me in my absence since the alternative would have been a non-party. I have given up countless hours over the last ten years and many thousands of dollars to support my causes. The consequences for me personally need now to be addressed. This last term as Chair has only gone as well as it has thanks to Mary Dixon a volunteer who has selflessly filled in where ever she was needed.

Please support us!

We are in a bit of a post election year financial crunch, and could really use a couple of thousand dollars to smooth us through our convention and other 2005 projects. A check for \$50, \$100, or more right now sent to the Libertarian Party of Hawaii at our Keawe St address would be very helpful.

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Please do what you can to join us on April 5th at the Yum Yum Tree at Ward Center. They have a nice large private room for us. Our last meeting didn't make the twenty we had hoped for, but we will be working on more people this time.

The no host dinner starts at 6 PM. Our program starts at 7 PM. This month the speaker will be the fascinating **Mr. Bob Sigall**, author of *The Companies You Keep*. He will share his anecdotes about business in Hawaii and we will discuss small business in particular.

Call Mary at 528-5148 for more information.

LPH Convention 2005

Sunday June 5th

at the Ala Moana Hotel

Tentative 9 AM to 5 PM

Agenda to be announced

Small Business Hawaii

Wally Amos will be the speaker at the next SBH Sunrise Breakfast. This will be held on Thursday March 31st at the Pineapple Room at Macy's Ala Moana.

Tickets are \$20 for members and their guests and \$30 for non-members. Please call Darlyn at 396-1724 to make your reservations.

Mallan to create new Website

We are pleased to let you know that Jeff Crawford has completed his review of the website issue. Many party members have complained in recent months about the quality and currency of our website. In an attempt to hear all voices before jumping in with changes your EC asked Mr. Crawford to collect and review your input and make recommendations as to the type of website, costs, etc, that would be best suited to our needs.

We are fortunate to have some very good people in our party in the area of computer communications. We are particularly happy that Jeff Mallan, (known to many of you as our US Senate candidate), is available to set up a new site for us that will better meet party needs.

Some suggested an active site that would allow interactive chat as well as facilitate donations through paypal. As desirable as these ideas might be party resources in both time and money do not seem to be a good fit for these features. Mr. Mallan will design a more or less static site that gives information, contact numbers, and supports the uploading of our monthly newsletter

We have something to look forward to I'm sure.

Libertarian Needs

Newsletter Editor: Tracy will help set up with LP publishing program. You will need to coordinate with data base person to get mailing labels and NL master printed and mailed. Close geographic connections between key people are important. You will need to attend events and skim LP friendly organizations' news output to fill up our newsletter. We don't need long opinion piece written by the editor. You should expect to devote six hours or more to gathering information and producing the master copy.

Database manager: Keeps names and addresses of members, friends of the party, and prospects. Tracy is using a simple Excel file. You will produce monthly mailing labels sorted by zip code for bulk mailing of our newsletter. These labels need to be physically transferred to whomever is putting them on the newsletter each month. You will add names and addresses of new members etc from national and local sources. You will never override our database with a national one as this will ruin our record keeping. You should expect to devote three or more hours per month to this.

Fundraising: At least once per year a general party fundraising letter should go out. At least 80 likely donors should be included. You will need to keep records in coordination with the database manager and party treasurer. This job takes the better part of two or three weekends each year.

Outside Organization Coordinators: We need LP members to be actively involved in and to attend events sponsored by LP friendly groups. Ideally they should be writing short recaps for the newsletter, taking a photo or two, and spreading the LP's message.

Exec Committee: We need a couple of people to come to every meeting, set agendas, and work well with others on planning party activities.

Hawaii Reporter Turns Three

There was a birthday party for HawaiiReporter the internet news source recently. Over fifty supporters attended the reception at the Honolulu Country Club on February 15th. Libertarians were well represented by Tracy Ryan, Larry Bartley, and Ken Schoolland. Sam Slom and Grover Norquist spook. Several elected officials including Gordon Trimble, Gaylen Fox, Ann Kobayashi, and new Mayor Mufi Hannemann were also present.

The Libertarian Party recognizes Jay McWilliams and Malia Zimmerman for their dedication to making this project a success.

Some Good News

The legislature will not be creating a new felony for eating meat from dogs or cats. The plan to reinstate the infamous “van-cams” also seems to be dead. However, the police and others seem to favor new felonies for speeders. Imagine sending people to jail for a year for going 55 mph in a 35 mph zone as everyone does on the Ewa bound off ramp to Aiea from the Moanaloa freeway. There are also plans to make it a full misdemeanor to sleep in someone else’s car. Since trespassing in someone’s house is a thirty day sentence why make it a full year for trespassing in their car? Hopefully most the bad bills will die along with the dog and cat meat nonsense.

News from the Big Island

By Dave Hudson

Big Island update: The Grassroots Institute sponsored a meeting in Wiamea about a month ago, featuring Dick Rowland and Malia Zimmerman. It was a mixed bag of (mostly) conservatives and libertarians. Jim O’Keefe and I went from Hilo. Then more recently, Malia and Grover Norquist were in Hilo for a presentation at UH-Hilo, and a breakfast the next day at the Naniloa Hotel. Grover runs Americans for Tax Reform, a conservative group. Grover speaks well and is very impressive, and Malia spoke very effectively on state issues.

I have almost a complete set of Liberty Magazine, since the very first issue many years ago. They are taking up a lot of room and I would be happy to give them to a school or other non-profit entity that would appreciate having them. All I ask is that the donee pick them up from me in Hilo, or pay the cost of shipping them to their destination.

ACLU to host First Amendment Conference

The annual Davis Levin First Amendment Conference will be held on Saturday March 26th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. This year will feature a debate between Nadine Strossen and Kenneth W. Starr. The event is set for 10 AM to 12 Noon.

Please contact the ACLU at 522-5006 to register.

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