

Hawai`i Libertarian

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From the Chair By Roger Taylor

We will be turning in our first batch of signatures on August 7. Thus, we are starting the process of becoming a legal entity in the eyes of the State of Hawaii. Maintaining ballot access is one of our most important functions as a local party. It allows our Presidential candidate to be on the ballot and it keeps the infrastructure alive that allows our local candidates to mix with those who control the political power in Hawaii.

Our July meeting was an informal talk around. The importance of having a legislative liaison surfaced. We will be looking for volunteer workers, but will dip into the treasury if necessary to perform this important function. Our major role will be to testify against bad bills. Our efforts at the legislature in the past have given us a good reputation in this arena. If you want to get the ball rolling on any positive changes to Hawaii's laws we need to get started soon. Our success in getting ballot access legislation passed was due to a clear focus and an early start.

Our convention on Olelo has been airing. We can get a regular time slot if we produce one show per month, but we get more air play if we don't request a time slot for a series. I am checking into this. In any case members have been saying we need to up our quality in this area and we have some ideas we are looking at. Our August monthly meeting will be a Magoo's Pizza (1015 University Avenue) at 6 p.m. Aug 7 th. It will be an informal getting to know each other better kind of event. Magoo's used to be called Mama's in the old days and it was a hot bed location for Libertarians to gather and discuss the issues of the day. We are going for nostalgia and hope that at least a couple of old timers who haven't been around for a while might show up.

History in the Making in Hawaii

You are invited to join Cindy Powell and Roger Taylor on Tuesday August 7th at the office of elections at 802 Lehue Avenue in Pearl City at 11:15 a.m. We will be submitting our first batch of ballot signatures to the State of Hawaii. (We have been relegated by the State of Hawaii to operate as an outlaw group starting 120 days after the 2000 elections.) This an auspicious occasion, as this event will start the process of turning our extralegal status into legal status. Additionally we will be gaining legality for the next 10 years with nary a signature having to be begged for. Actually I'm playing it up, but I personally get pleasure out of some of the gyrations we go through to maintain the right as a political party to put pro-freedom candidates up for election. We plan to video tape the event and your warm body would add strength and breadth to our efforts. RSVP to me or Cindy so we can be looking out for you. Roger Taylor 352-5683 Cindy Powell 239-1046

LIBERTY BASH

Saturday, September 1, 3 - 7 PM

974 Apokulu Place, Kailua

Pot Luck Croquet Hot Tub

Bring a Friend

RSVP Noreen Chun 732-2614
Noreen@lava.net

Announcements

Monthly Meeting: Magoo's Pizza

Tuesday, August 7 th, 6PM

Executive Committee Meeting:

Sunday, August 19, 2001 6 PM

625 Keawe St.

Honolulu, HI 96813

All members welcome.

Meetings and Hike

<http://www.hi.lp.org/meet.htm>

Call for Papers

Articles on timely topics are welcome, and will be printed subject to space limitations, provided they do not grossly contradict Libertarian policies. Please send all contributions by email if possible. Don't bother with fancy formatting. I reformat everything before printing. If you are a Macintosh user, the best approach is to include all contributions in the body of an email message, rather than as an attachment, although my Windows machine can probably read a MS Word document produced on a Mac. ✍

Join the Libertarian Party

On Line: Visit the National Party website at <http://www.lp.org>, click on the *Join Us!* Button, and follow the instructions there. While there, look around! You'll find lots of useful info.

By Mail: Call the Hawaii office at (808) 537-3078, or call any of the names listed on the back page, and ask for a membership application. When it comes, fill it out, sign it, and mail it with a check for the annual dues of \$25 to:

Libertarian Party HQ
2600 Virginia Ave NW
Washington, DC 20037

MONTHLY MEETING & CELEBRATION

Tuesday, August 7, 6 - 8 PM

Magoo's Pizza 1015 University Ave.

Today we turned in our first set of petitions to the elections office.

We are moving toward the
Legalization of freedom!

Libertarian Presence at Gay Pride a Success

Libertarian Tracy Ryan and Roger Taylor made our party's presence known at the 2001 Gay Pride rally this past June 30th at McCoy Pavilion. Tracy set up a ballot access booth that garnered over a hundred signatures. Roger gave a nice five minute speech being sure to remind the assembled that we had opposed government discrimination in marriage licensing. Since we had our party Chair there to talk we got equal status on stage with the Democrats. No other party spoke since no other Chair showed up. (The Republicans had a booth, but no party chair to deliver a speech.)

I should note that the new chair of the Democratic party, Lorraine Akiba, delivered her speech very well, in contrast to prior Democratic Chairs I have heard speak. Her content was filled with the usual blandishments and promises to do things for groups without bothering to ask them first what they think of it.

The party owes thanks to Christina Marsh, a non member friend of Tracy's, who gathered most of the signatures. We were also helped by Pam Vessels and Cathy Paine who came down to pass out literature for decriminalizing prostitution and sat in at our booth. Tracy's "Stop Attacking Prostitute" buttons were very popular. Over 60 were given out to people who approached our booth and requested one. Several even made small donations to help with this cause. ✍

\$50 Reward: Video Project

If you are interested in becoming Olelo-certified, we are interested in paying for your course fees for the Producer, Camera, and Editor courses. Complete one 30-minute Libertarian program and receive \$50 cash as well as tuition to complete the course series. We seek and reward results. If interested, contact Roger Taylor at 352-5683. ✍

Get Online with Hawaiian Libertarians

Our Website Home Page: <http://www.hi.lp.org>
Open Discussion Group: lph-discuss@topica.com
Announcements: lph-announce@topica.com
National LP Website Home Page: <http://www.lp.org>

Questions for Politicians

1) Can lawmakers enact legislation for any purpose "in the public interest," or are they limited to those functions for which they've been delegated specific powers? Can you name some areas where government could probably do some good, but where it has no delegated power to act? If you can't name any such areas, is it still accurate to say Americans have a "government of limited powers"? Does this matter?

2) Can you name any departments or programs not specifically authorized in the state's (or the nation's) founding documents? Should someone who has sworn an oath to protect the Constitution, but who then votes to allocate tax funds to programs or departments not authorized by that Constitution, be punished? If not, why not?

3) Can you name a current tax that you would repeal? A fee?

4) Are residents of our state free to engage in any business they choose? Is operating any local business for profit a privilege, for which a citizen should apply for a permit, paying a fee or tax? Would you favor any changes in this regard?

5) Do residents of this state have a right to buy and keep machine guns? Why or why not?

6) Do residents of this state have a right to carry handguns openly on their hips without applying for or receiving a "permit"? Why or why not? Would you change current law enforcement in this area? In what way?

7) Should judges tell jurors they have a right to decide whether the law in question is constitutional? Is it a fair trial if the judge tells the jurors they do NOT have a right to decide the constitutionality of the law? Should judges be allowed to prevent defendants from presenting any defense they choose? If not, what is the proper recourse in the case of a judge who refuses to let the defendant do so?

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8) Should judges exclude prospective jurors after questioning them and determining they do not favor the law which the prosecution seeks to enforce? If so, why do we still call them "random juries"? Does that mean the John Peter Zenger jury should have been stacked with crown sympathizers? Should juries have been stacked in the 1850s to guarantee convictions under the Fugitive Slave Act? Should judges be punished for thus excluding jurors based on "voir dire" questioning? Alfred the Great summarily executed judges who replaced jurors who refused to convict. Would this be a good solution for us to adopt, today? Why not?

9) Should it be legal for police to search automobiles without a warrant? Is it OK for police to tell drivers they have to consent to such a search? If a police officer searches a car without a warrant, should the police officer be arrested and put on trial? If not, why not?

10) If a police officer stops a car in which the driver is carrying a legal pistol, with a permit, should the officer disarm the driver before proceeding to write a ticket? Why or why not?

11) If police serve a search warrant which does not list any firearms, but they find firearms in the house being searched, is it OK for them to seize the firearms anyway? Why or why not? Would you favor a law to alter current practice in this regard? If so, specify.

12) Do we need more "gun control" (victim disarmament) laws? If so, name one new "gun control" law you would favor. If not, can you name a current "gun control" law you would repeal?

13) Can a tax rate be so high that it's not acceptable? If so, name a tax rate so high that citizens would be under no moral obligation to pay it. If you can't name such a rate, are you saying the government has a right to take 100 percent of what we earn and what we own?

14) Is the war on drugs succeeding? Can it succeed? Should all drugs be legalized? If not, why not? Should recreational drug users be committed for psychiatric treatment?

15) Whose powers are limited by the 10th Amendment? Can you think of any ways to improve enforcement of the [10th Amendment](#)? No, you can't look it up.

By Vin Suprynowicz ✍

Editorial

Please reject the unconstitutional "creationist" proposal for public schools, you had enough problems teaching the three Rs. Let's keep Sex & Religion **Private**. Mandate parents to teach Sex & Religion to their children. These are not the proper responsibilities of public servants.

Chester Lau ✍

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