

# Libertarian Party of Hawaii

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A Day in the Life?

By Ken Schoolland

Last month an article appeared in these pages of *LPH News* called “A Day in the Life of a Republican,” by John Gray. It was an ignorant attempt to mock Republicans and anyone else who challenges the necessity of government in every aspect of our lives.

We received feedback from only one person. It was negative and well-deserved. But why only one criticism? Okay, maybe this means that very few of our libertarian audience actually read the *LPH News* or that they concluded that the local party organization had gone over to the dark side.

Well, it was a mistake that the article was printed, but maybe it served a useful purpose by measuring the paltry impact of the *LPH News*. It is time to change that. I know Hawaii libertarians have a hearty discussion on line, but maybe we can encourage such deliberations in these pages as well. I’ll start by challenging the points raised in that silly essay by John Gray last month.

The essay gives the impression that the government is the source of all things good that we take for granted: clean air, water & food, union pay and medical benefits, unemployment and social security insurance, affordable public transport, bank deposit insurance, government education and student loans, and rural electrification. In short, government should be adored!

To begin, all countries of the world have governments but few countries enjoy the high standard of living that exists in American. The basis of this standard of living starts with freedom and wealth creation. Wealth is not created by governments, but by free, productive, and accountable men and women in the market.

The more people are free, both with rewards for success and penalties for failure, the more wealth there is. The problem with politicians and government officials throughout the world and throughout history is that they too often stand in the way of rewards for success and penalties for failure.

The Fraser Institute of Canada issues the Economic Freedom of the World Index that demonstrates quite vividly the correlation of economic freedom to economic growth, per capita economic growth, the elimination of poverty, low infant mortality, high literacy,

cleaner air and water, greater democratic participation, less censorship, less corruption, and lower rates of child labor.

In future issues, I'll address each of the particular so-called "benefits of government" to explain how free markets are, or can be, better at providing such benefits and more. I encourage our readers to do the same. And for a good read on the effects of absolute government, try "A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," by Aleksander Solzhenitsyn.

## Space Available for the 2010 National Libertarian Party Convention

The 2010 LP National Convention will be held in St. Louis, MO over the Memorial Day weekend--May 28 to 31, at the St. Louis Renaissance Grand Hotel. Hawaii has four delegate slots available and I am confirmed as a delegate. It would be great if LPH members can fill the three remaining slots.

There are three packages, ranging in price from \$49 to \$299. These packages cost \$50 more if you do not spend at least two nights at the host hotel. I will be paying \$99 for a basic package since I will be staying with relatives in St. Louis. Complete details of the convention are available at lp.org.

David Hudson

### LIBERTARIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN 2010 TEA PARTY

By Tracy Ryan

An annual protest scheduled for each April 15<sup>th</sup> has grown into a whale of a movement nationally. Many loyal LPers will remember the days when Roger Taylor used to organize a bunch of us in tri-cornered hats to go out that night and hand out flyers and "million dollar" bills to folks dropping off their income taxes. Lately some concerns have been raised that the event had been taken over by Republicans and used to advance careers and agendas not always in step with our libertarian ideals. There is certainly something to be said for this argument as conservatives have piled into these rallies to protest national health care and runaway spending. Many fiscally conservative Republicans want to use Tea Party backed candidates to force out GOP incumbents who have taken part in the Bush year's spending spree. Well fine for them.

Our Hawaii Tea Party is a grassroots movement not affiliated with any political party. It is not associated with the Tea Party Convention in Tennessee that championed Sarah Palin. I have volunteered my time to help with the planning of the 2010 Hawaii event. The committee has already discussed a true make over from last year's event when many of the speakers were local Republican office holders. The operational plan this year is to not have any elected official or candidate speak from the podium. They will be welcome in the audience and some may be named for good or bad records on tax and spending issues, but the main thrust is that this event is one wherein the people speak and the politicians listen.

Booths will be available for various entities. With a crowd that could be anywhere from 1500 to 4000 it will be a great opportunity for the LPH to set up a table and solicit supporters. The GOP will be there in force as will other political oriented groups and candidates. Let's make sure our presence is worthwhile.

### **ISIL: Globalizing Libertarian Ideas**

At its Winter Retreat in Phoenix, January 8-10, the International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) named Mary J. Ruwart as Chairman of its Board. Dr. Ruwart is well known to Libertarians as author of the popular libertarian classic *Healing Our World* (<http://www.ruwart.com/Healing/>), as well as her column with The Advocates for Self-

Government and related book *Short Answers to the Tough Questions*. Dr. Ruwart is currently a member-at-large of the Libertarian National Committee.

ISIL ([www.isil.org](http://www.isil.org)) is an international networking organization that is spreading the liberty message globally through Laissez Faire Books (LFB), Liberty English Camps, international conferences, web offerings, as well as the translation, publication, and distribution of libertarian materials. The Winter Retreat featured an appearance by Dr. Nathaniel Branden, whose book, *The Vision of Ayn Rand*, was just released by LFB.

Other well-known libertarians were appointed to executive positions as well. Acting President Ken Schoolland is the author of *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free Market Odyssey*, a libertarian satire that has been published in 46 languages, and the animated Philosophy of Liberty, available in 36 languages at <http://www.jonathangullible.com/>. Schoolland is leading the search for a permanent successor for the irreplaceable ISIL founder Vince Miller, who passed away suddenly in the summer of 2008. Vince Miller is the Canadian LP activist who founded Libertarian International in 1980.

Jim Elwood, the long-time ISIL administrator, was appointed Executive Director of ISIL, headquartered in Phoenix. Jim Peron remains executive director of LFB ([www.lfb.org](http://www.lfb.org)). Joe Cobb, former economic counsel to Congressman Ron Paul, is the new Chief Operations Officer and Secretary/Treasurer. Other reelected board members include Dr. Jim Lark, LNC member and former LP national chair; Dave Walter, former LP national chair; Lobo Tiggre, editor with Doug Casey's investment advisory publications; and Christian Michel, president of Europe's Libertarian International.

Since 1982, ISIL has held international conferences throughout the world. To help educate prospective young libertarian leaders, ISIL provides student scholarships to its conferences. ISIL sponsors Liberty Camps that teach Libertarian ideas and entrepreneurship to overseas high school and university students in a summer camp environment, in addition to improving their English skills. In 2010, new Liberty Camps are planned in Azerbaijan, Germany, and Ukraine.

ISIL has sponsored the translation of introductory libertarian books in Eastern European languages, including Mary Ruwart's *Healing Our World*, Karl Hess's *Capitalism for Kids*, and Frances Kendall's *Super Parents, Super Children*. One of ISIL's proudest achievements was the publishing of several of Ayn Rand's works in her native Russia!

ISIL took over Laissez Faire Books ([www.lfb.org](http://www.lfb.org)) in late 2007 and now boasts over 900 book and DVD titles. LFB's publishing arm, Cobden Press, recently produced Henry Hazlitt's 50th-anniversary edition of *Economics in One Lesson*, a 40th-anniversary facsimile edition of Morris and Linda Tannehill's *Market for Liberty*, and, just recently, Nathaniel Branden's *The Vision of Ayn Rand*, a compilation of his NBI lectures from the 1960s.

Over 4 million of ISIL's pamphlets were distributed through outreach and educational efforts by LP and other liberty-minded groups across America. The text of all 39 English titles and 18 Spanish translations are on-line in the Intellectual Resources section at ISIL's website.

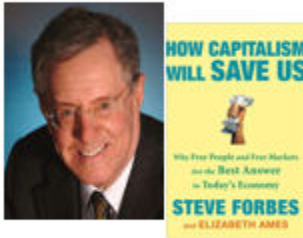
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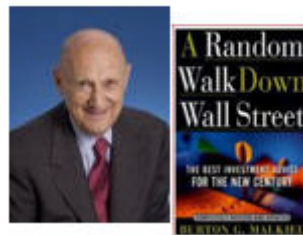
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## **Don't Miss the Early Bird Registration**

Sign up early and save \$100 per person/\$200 per couple on the registration fee. Normally the cost is \$495 per person/\$795 per couple, but if you register before April 15, you pay only \$395 per person or \$595 per couple. Special rates at Bally's are only \$97 per night. Plus the first 100 to sign up this year receive a free 2010 American eagle silver dollar, the symbol of FreedomFest. Hurry, these coins go fast.

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or you can register at [www.freedomfest.com](http://www.freedomfest.com)**

I love this quote from last year, "My friends and I thought your event was the best we have ever attended and can't wait for next year. It was a Picasso, an absolute masterwork."

I look forward to seeing you all again in Vegas as we "Declare Our Own Independence!"

In Liberty,

Tami Holland  
Conference Coordinator

