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The Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts

July 2003

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### WORKSHOP DETAILS

#### Saturday and Sunday - August 2-3, 2003

Saturday, August 2:

Sign In: 8:15 - 8:55 am

Workshop Hours: 9:00 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 3:

Workshop Hours: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Both Saturday and Sunday will have a 90 minute break for lunch

#### Location

Sheraton Framingham Hotel  
1657 Worcester Road (Route 9)  
Framingham, Massachusetts  
Just off Exit 12 of I-90 (Mass. Turnpike)

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## letter from the chair

### 101.2 Miles

That's how many miles [each way] it was between my home in Littleton and the Seacrest Resort and Conference Center in North Falmouth, where town and city clerks from all across Massachusetts held a conference. The reason I was there was because there was meeting of the Training and Education subcommittee of the State Steering Committee for the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA"). Now there's a mouthful!

As you know, I am representing the Massachusetts LP on the steering committee; I am also participating in the Training and Education subcommittee which is trying to address issues with training and education of poll workers and voters, especially in light of HAVA.

But I'm not writing to give you the boring details of the meetings — those ought to be available as a matter of public record for anyone having any trouble sleeping. I'm writing to share some great news.

Town and City elections officers want more people involved in the election process, including Libertarians. They are clamoring for people to work at the polls because they want a fair and legal vote. These clerks made it clear that they would love to have more Libertarians working the polls, and they are especially interested in parties like ours where the membership is generally more astute and savvy.

This is the part where you come in. Go meet your town or city election official — usually the town clerk or city director of elections — and tell them that you want to work the polls during the next election. Write a letter to that effect and hand it to them in person.

The odds are very good that you will be invited to work at the polls during the next election...which is probably the Presidential primary on March 2 next year. The compensation isn't very high, but that isn't the point. You will be helping to ensure fair and proper elections, and you'll be winning the thanks and respect of the town or city clerk. Better still, you will be



**Kamal Jain**

raising the awareness of the Libertarian Party in the minds of the people who make the biggest difference in how Election Day goes.

This isn't a new phenomenon. Any registered voter in a town or city qualifies to be a poll worker. The law requires the town or city to only solicit the 2 parties with the highest number of registered voters. Many

town and city elections officials also contact established town or ward committee, so you can see why it's important for us to setup more of those as well.

So get on down to your town or city hall and sign up to work the polls next March...while you're there, see what elective and appointed positions are available.



## Get Involved! Melanie Mork

### Be Heard, Be Represented

The internet is becoming a strong and growing force to connect with other Libertarians. A stronger network of free-market minded individuals can be a powerful tool of change. Visit Libertarian websites and get connected with the growing movement! Websites worth visiting are [www.libertarian.org](http://www.libertarian.org), [www.free-market.net](http://www.free-market.net), and [www.elibertarian.com](http://www.elibertarian.com).

### Other Events of Libertarian Interest

· · As Hillary Clinton's book is gaining momentum, read the real story in the book "The Rule of Law in the Wake of Clinton", published by the Cato Institute in 2001.

## Libertarian Events

### **Pioneer Valley Libertarians Meeting** Wednesday, July 9, 7:00 P.M.

Pioneer Valley Libertarians meet the second Wednesday of each month at Bickford's on Boston Road in Springfield. For more information, contact Carol McMahon at **(413) 250-6608** or **kilshandra@mindspring.com**.

### **Marlborough Libertarian Association** Sunday, July 13, 7:00 P.M.

Marlborough-area Libertarians gather the second Sunday of each month at the Joy Asia buffet on Route 20 in Marlborough. For more information, contact Jess Bowen at **jbowen@lpma.org** or Stephanie Farrell at **sfarrell@lpma.org** or **(508) 485-3341**.

### **Worcester County Libertarian Association** Sunday, July 20, 6:00 P.M.

The Worcester County Libertarian Association meets on the

third Sunday of each month at Tweed's Pub Restaurant at 231 Grove Street in Worcester. For more information, contact George Phillies at **(508) 754-1859** or **phillies@4liberty.net** or Dean Cook at **(508) 765-5011** or **dcook@lpma.org**, or visit **wcla.tripod.com**.

### **LPMA Social: Saturday, July 19th at 4:00pm, Methuen**

The July social will be held at the home of Jim Marshall and Kasia Sokalla. The party will be a pot-luck cookout and the grill will be hot, so bring some tasty grillables and a side dish or desert. BYOB. We'll have soda and yummy snack foods.

It'll be a great day at the home of two very active Libertarians! Don't miss it!

RSVP to: **jmarshall@lpma.org**

## Volunteer Opportunities

City and town elections are happening now — are you running for local office?

### **Candidates Needed**

Cities and towns tend to hold their elections in "off" years. Why don't you consider running for local office? It's a great way to start your political career, build grass root support, and show the Libertarian platform in action. If you're interested in running, contact Kamal Jain at **kjain@lpma.org**.

### **Operation Politically Homeless**

Operation Politically Homeless is a booth set up at events that draw crowds. Volunteers ask event attendees to take the World's Smallest Political Quiz, hand out Libertarian literature, answer questions, and encourage people to register to vote as Libertarians and join the party.

Many fairs and festivals are candidates for OPH booths. Find out if there's one in your area. Running an OPH booth is easy and fun. We can help you plan the event, recruit help, and supply you with an OPH kit. For more information about OPH booths, see **www.discoverliberty.org**.

### **Massachusetts Liberty Needs Reporters**

Do you enjoy writing? Want to help make this newsletter even better? *Massachusetts Liberty* is looking for a few good people to cover Libertarian events around the state. Whether you're willing to travel across the state or prefer to stay near home, your help is needed. We will provide you with the when and where of the event and you provide us with an article and photo (digital if possible!) For more information, contact us at **ma-liberty@lpma.org**.

### **Voter Registration Drive**

The LPMA needs to register 25,000 new libertarians by the end of 2003 to maintain major party status in Massachusetts. There are a variety of jobs that need to be filled by volunteers — from fund raising to running OPH and voter registration booths. To help the LPMA maintain major party status, contact Kay Pirrello at **kpirrello@lpma.org** or Jess Bowen at **jbowen@lpma.org**.

### **Host a Social!**

The LPMA socials are parties held in Massachusetts on a monthly basis for the purpose of getting together with other Libertarians and having fun. Although there is rarely an "activism agenda" at a social, we often have new Libertarians showing up to find out what we're all about, and it's a good way to meet candidates and activists.

To volunteer to host a social, contact the social coordinator at **socials@lpma.org**.

### **How are YOU registered?**

Are you registered as a Libertarian voter? Or are you still registered unenrolled or independent? Might you even be registered in another party? Now's the time to make the change!

Register 25 new Libertarian voters and receive a free ticket to the 2004 state convention! contact Kay Pirrello at **kpirrello@lpma.org** or **(978) 317-0355** for more information!

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## Activists in Action: Kamal Jain

Bob Giramma

Kamal Jain is the Massachusetts Chairman of the Libertarian Party State Committee. Recently, he shared some thoughts on his background, the direction of the party, and his general optimism for the future of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts.

In addition to his role as Party Chair, Kamal serves as the Greater Lowell Regional Chair. He has also helped in various other LPMA positions, committees, and activities. Kamal ran for State Auditor in 2002 and for the State Senate in 2000. He found these very positive experiences that were "a lot more fun than I could ever have imagined." At some point in the future he would like to run again but perhaps for a local office. Kamal has lived almost his entire life in Massachusetts. He has worked in many occupations, from janitor and security guard to computer programmer and high tech operations manager.

Kamal feels he's been a libertarian his whole life, but he didn't know what one was until the 1990s. It was some time around 1991 when Kamal first heard of libertarianism through the Internet. The libertarian interaction on the Internet was interesting, but he found most people at the time seemed "more interested in philosophical debates and being right than in building a political party." So this first contact wasn't really positive in satisfying Kamal's interest in practical applications of libertarian policies. Upon learning of the Libertarian Party in the mid-1990s, Kamal decided to affiliate as a libertarian by joining. He had finally found where he belonged. He later noticed The Cato Institute, which is a well-known libertarian think tank. In 1998, Kamal became active with LPMA.

Kamal is very optimistic about the LPMA, although he recognizes these are difficult times and there is a lot of hard work ahead to get past them. The slow economy, especially in high tech, has affected many Massachusetts party members. But spirits are very high among LPMA members, and that is the best sign that the LPMA is in great shape. Most entrepreneurs believe the best businesses are started in lean times. This is when the seeds are planted for the future. Similarly, the LPMA can position itself well by taking advantage of the current slowdown to focus on what is needed to grow in the future. Kamal is confident this will make LPMA very strong when things pick up again. He sees lots of new people getting involved in the LPMA — more than Kamal has seen in the past. This will further add strength and new ideas to the LPMA.

Kamal believes the LPMA needs to refocus on a finite set of opportunities. The main focus is to retain the LPMA's ballot status as a major party. But there are many other things members should be doing. Kamal encourages party members to get active in their local communities by doing whatever will resonate with the voters. A good example is the Proposition 2-1/2 override effort being led by Rich Aucoin in Waltham. On tax issues in particular we can show how libertarians are the voice of reason, as opposed to being radicals as some see us. By getting appointed to different boards and committees, participating in town meetings and public hearings, and running for public office, libertarians can present their views in a favorable light at the grassroots level. Many of the local government positions are easily won. Knocking on some doors, handing out flyers, and talking to people is often all it takes. Local offices are non-partisan, so a libertarian has just as much chance as a member of one of the major parties. Get involved!

Kamal cited the example of libertarian Ben Rivard-Raposa, an eighteen year old high school student who was elected as a Dartmouth town meeting member. He also led a successful effort to stop the town's plan to require paintball gun permits. One person made a difference and attracted a lot of attention. Getting involved at home allows libertarians to focus on the local issues that are of greatest interest to the voters. Some libertarians may be more interested in drug laws or gun rights, so Kamal urges them to join the groups who focus on these policies. This helps educate people, who will then look for the party that supports these values. There are many ways to represent libertarian values, and it's important to be active. But the greatest measure of success for the party, according to Kamal, is electing candidates and getting measures getting passed into law. By working up from the grassroots, libertarians can succeed.

At the local level, people are concerned about the ever-rising cost of local government. These local voters are often very receptive to the libertarian message of low taxes and small government. Kamal sees this in people from a broad swath of the political spectrum -- not just libertarians. Blue collar workers, the elderly, parents, and many other demographic groups are receptive to the libertarian message on taxes. "All politics is local," as the saying goes. Working at the grass roots level, libertarians can get experience and exposure, which can lead to the higher-profile statewide offices. According to Kamal, the party needs to build its base at the local level, then transform that to success in providing smaller government, greater freedom, and personal responsibility.

Kamal notes that the LPMA is part of the unified membership program with the national LP, but it's otherwise a loose relationship in comparison with how the two major political parties operate. The national LP best supports LPMA by driving membership. So the LPMA is run by its state and local members, and it therefore focuses on different issues than the national LP.

Kamal describes an interesting observation coming from various state parties who find that small business owners are a natural constituency for the Libertarian Party. There is a great deal of support for small government among small business owners, who are "tired of being beaten up by government regulations." They're trying to achieve success, which will have positive results such as creating jobs. Small business is the backbone of the country as far as generating new jobs and growing the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Small businesses are also more accountable to their communities than the giant corporations.

Kamal believes the biggest policy issue for the LPMA is taxes. There's a state government effort to undermine Proposition 2-1/2 by giving cities and towns additional taxing power. This is a backdoor method of increasing taxes by reducing state aid to cities and towns, without cutting state taxes, and getting the cities and towns to increase their local taxes and fees. Education and drugs are always important libertarian issues. Another issue is gun control, given that MA has possibly the toughest gun laws in the country.

Another role for Kamal is serving on the state steering committee for the Help America Vote Act. This federal measure was signed into law last year by President Bush to address the voting problems from the 2000 election. States must be

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# Maximum Impact Libertarian Speaking

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\* Everything you need to know to put together and deliver Maximum Impact Libertarian Speeches

You'll get the tools and training you need to win the hearts and minds of hundreds of people to libertarianism. Your speeches will enroll people into the libertarian movement, get them involved... and they will say "Thank You!" for introducing them to libertarianism.

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He has delivered over 1,120 speeches to live audiences ranging from 9 to 40,000 people. Michael Cloud won the "Thomas Paine Award" in 2000 for Best Libertarian Communicator in America. He's the creator of "The Essence of Political Persuasion" libertarian training tapes — offered exclusively by Advocates for Self-Government. He writes the "Persuasion Power Points" column for the Liberator Online and Libertarian Communicator. He has over 58,000 readers in 101 countries.

## What Does it Cost to Register for the Workshop?

Here's the kicker: Michael Cloud is doing this workshop for free. As a benefit. Your whole registration payment will help fund 'Permanent Ballot Status' for the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts.

Registration is just 3 easy monthly credit card payments of \$65 — or — 1 simple check or credit card payment of \$195.

## Activist Kamal Jain

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compliant with federal law by the primary elections of 2004. Massachusetts is in good shape overall, but there are still over 400 precincts around the state that have systems or equipment not in compliance. The federal government has provided a pool of funds to help the states achieve compliance with the Help America Vote Act. Secretary of State Galvin, as the chief election officer in Massachusetts, must submit a plan to the federal government developed by the steering committee on which Kamal serves. Kamal is opposed to this kind of federal mandate, but if the federal government is going to impose a law on the states then they should fund it and it should be applied fairly. Kamal is representing the LPMA to present the party favorably to the many

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We've negotiated reduced room rates for our workshop participants. The normal room rate is \$139 a night. You pay only \$89 (plus tax). We only have 20 rooms left for \$89, so be sure to book your hotel room right away. When you register with the hotel, tell them you're there for the Libertarian Party Event. To book your room with the Sheraton Framingham Hotel, call: **(800) 325-3535** or **(508) 879-7200**.

## Don't Get Left Out!

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city and town clerks who constitute most of the committee members. This brings a lot of good will to the party and makes important contacts, so Kamal is happy to support it. Kamal has learned that most of the cities and towns are very anxious to get competent poll workers for election day. It would be great if libertarians would go to their town clerks and volunteer for this. It's just another way libertarians can get involved in the political process by meeting people and making contacts.

So Kamal Jain, the LPMA Chair, has a vision and is working hard for the party. By getting involved in party and government activities, he is a living example of the type of activism he recommends for all party members. His efforts and optimism will serve the party well.

## This Month in History

Melanie Mork

This month we celebrate the 91st birthday of Milton Friedman! Friedman was born on July 31st, 1912 in Brooklyn New York. After graduating from Rutgers University in 1932, Friedman continued his education at the University of Chicago, home of many renowned free market economists. It was at the University of Chicago that he met and married fellow economics student Rose Director. Since then, both Milton and Rose Friedman have dedicated themselves to the pursuit of freedom and liberty. Their strong belief in the "improvement in the quality of the education available to children of all income and social classes in this nation, whether that education is provided in government or private schools or at home" has led them to create the Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation to support school choice. To learn more, please visit the foundation's website at [www.friedmanfoundation.org](http://www.friedmanfoundation.org). Happy Birthday Milton from the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts!

Over the past few decades, a new concept in law has evolved that would have been foreign to our founding fathers. I call this the concept of "contaminated property". There are two different applications of this legal concept. First there are illegal materials which if found in a person's possession will not only be confiscated, but will get the person arrested and facing possible fines and imprisonment. Secondly, in a more recent application of the contaminated property principle, a possession (e.g. a house, car, etc.) that was used while conducting criminal activity, or an expensive item that is thought to have been purchased with ill-gotten currency, or the currency itself, may be confiscated.

As a good parent, you would not allow your child to possess certain items (guns, alcohol, cigarettes, etc.). You would confiscate the material, ask a lot of questions and probably punish the child and/or anyone responsible. If you saw your child with a lot of money or with an expensive item you would do the same. If you built your child a tree house and then caught him or her smoking cigarettes and drinking beer in the tree house, you might "confiscate" or tear down the tree house in addition to the other measures mentioned above. That is good parenting.

The government, on the other hand, is not your parent. As an adult, you ought to have the right to engage in any activity that does not harm anyone else. One of the primary roles of good government is to regulate (not control) the behavior of its citizens by addressing situations where a citizen causes real harm to another citizen. These are crimes of violence against persons or crimes of theft or vandalism against property. The government must not have enough of those sorts of crimes to keep itself busy, since it has devoted so much of its time and resources into policing activities that do not directly harm others.

The laws against prostitution are a good example of government overstepping its bounds and involving itself in a moral issue between consenting adults. Government often enforces these laws when neighbors complain about streetwalkers and the ensuing riff raff that accompanies them. Ironically, if there were no laws against prostitution, then there would be no need for streetwalkers.

Laws against certain mind-altering substances are another example, where government insults your intelligence by attempting to protect you from yourself. This thinking was at one time extended to alcohol. Anyone who agrees with the war on drugs should study the Prohibition Era. Banning alcohol produced rampant crime, corruption of police and elected officials, and disrespect for the law. Incidentally, alcohol consumption is believed to have increased under Prohibition.

The war on drugs has produced an outbreak of laws threatening our basic freedoms. Say your teenage son gets caught with some marijuana in your house or car. Overzealous police and prosecutors could confiscate your car or your house, because the laws are on the books. No matter that those laws were first intended for drug kingpins, there is quite a bit of latitude in how they are applied. You also must be careful these days about carrying a lot of cash or making any large transaction that your bank or federal investigators might consider suspicious. Laws designed to target drug kingpins by "follow-

ing the money" have also put innocent citizens at risk, simply by the way they handle their hard earned money.

In New York City, if you are stopped for DUI, they confiscate your vehicle. Again, it might be a teenager driving his or her parents' vehicle, but it is still confiscated. Apparently it is such a hassle to get your vehicle back, that a lot of vehicles remain the property of NYC and are sold at auction. This amounts to a very arbitrary and capricious fine, imposed by the police rather than a judge.

Many people would be surprised to learn that gold bullion was at one time (and could be once again) one of the contaminated properties. This was not because people can cause harm to themselves or others with gold. Gold is not a hazardous material. It's hard to imagine a more innocent thing to have in your possession than a few gold coins. Yet the fine for possessing them was 10 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. Why was the government so serious about this? Quite simply because they "needed" the money. In 1933, they fixed the price of gold at \$20 per ounce when the actual free market value was much more. Then they said that if you own any of this gold you must sell it all to us at this (bogus) price.... or else.

There are many other contaminated properties that can be confiscated and get you arrested, simply because you possess or appear to be in possession of them. Some of these are: unlicensed or illegal firearms, various weapons and explosives, fireworks, pornography (not just child pornography, but anything that violates the standards of obscenity in your community), and the list is growing. If a person wanted to set someone up all they would have to do is plant some contaminated property in their house, car or luggage and then report them anonymously.

In a free Republic, you are a sovereign individual and the government is not your mommy and daddy.

## Marijuana Reform

The Joint Committee on Criminal Justice of the Great and General Court held hearings on S. 207 and H. 2392 (both end arrest for less than an ounce if over 17 and decrim possession of any amount) and H. 1061 (ends arrest for possession of any amount, imposes civil fine and splits fine between state and municipality in which the offense occurs) and H. 1062 (ends arrest for possession of any amount and imposes civil fine).

PLEASE take two minutes of your time to write your state legislators, your local newspapers to tell them how important it is that they support marijuana law reform. We have it on good authority that few on Beacon Hill read their e-mail so please send your letter via the United States Postal Service and/or use the telephone.

For sample letters go to:  
<http://capwiz.com/norm12/issues/alert/?alertid=1365946>

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