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Help the Registration Drive... Volunteer at the Freedom Rally!

We need YOU!

Join us on Saturday, September 20th as we host an Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) table at the 14th Annual Mass-Cann Freedom Rally on Boston Common!

Over 40,000 people attend this marijuana legalization event every year. Help us give them the World's Smallest Political Quiz, register voters and pass out fliers.

One of our Libertarian Presidential candidates, Gary Nolan, will be a featured speaker at the event. Additionally, there will be a number of live bands and other speakers.

This is a terrific event, and it's a great day to spend on the Common spreading our Libertarian message and registering new Libertarian voters!

The rally runs from 12:00noon-6:00pm. We need volunteers

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all day, from set-up to clean up. We're scheduling volunteers in shifts from 9:30am until 6:30pm. Available shifts are: 9:30am-12:30pm, 11:30am-2:30pm, 1:30pm-4:30pm, & 3:30pm-6:30pm. If a specific shift doesn't fit your schedule, let us know and we can be flexible. We want you there!

If you've never volunteered at a Freedom Rally before (or never volunteered at all), join us! This is a great chance to get your feet wet, and learn from real pros!

If you're a veteran of previous Freedom Rallies, please join us again! Help us train new volunteers and share our message with tens of thousands of potential Libertarians!

Please let us know which shifts you can volunteer for by contacting Kay Pirrello at kpirrello@lpma.org or (978) 317-0355.



Volunteers administer the World's Smallest Political Quiz and explain the Self-Government Chart to participants at the Mass-Cann Freedom Rally in 2002



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letter from the chair

My Favorite Time of Year

Now is the time when many families return from vacation and most students return to school. And while I am glad I am not still in [government] school, I am glad to be back from a nice European vacation.



Kamal Jain

I'm not going to bore you with photos from my vacation — I'm not even going to tell you much about it other than after spending two weeks in Europe... I am happy to be home in America. England, Amsterdam (in case you're wondering, I did inhale), and Dublin. Lovely places to visit, but not places I'd want to live in.

Why not? High cost of living, high taxes, low wages, but most of all, perhaps... the inconsistencies. They're free in some ways and not so in others. Take Amsterdam for instance. "Soft" drugs are legal to use and there is no war on drugs, yet a law was recently passed that will ban cigarette smoking in many restaurants and bars, even if the owner chooses to permit it. Taxes are high, but wages are low. No, wait...

Back to my original statement: This is my favorite time of year. Why is this my favorite time of year? Because there is a changing from the sunny, relatively safe and calm days of summer to the more unpredictable and less pleasant days of autumn. And autumn brings with it a warning of winter.

Still wondering why I love this time of year? Because it reminds me (and hopefully everyone else out there including you!) that we cannot

play in the summer all the time. Mother Nature won't let us get soft — she throws harsh, treacherous weather at us that could kill us, and it's up to us to rise to the challenge.

As with summertime play, we often grow to enjoy the tasks in autumn, even if they are necessary chores. We look forward to strengthening ourselves by preparing for winter, to feeling a sense of accomplishment

and satisfaction. It is the epitome of life's struggle.

We who have chosen political activism must prepare to strengthen ourselves by volunteering, petitioning, organizing, donating and running. Each fall we participate in a number of elections across the state, and we also gather Libertarian candidates for future races.

So as we perform these chores... we grow stronger. As we grow stronger... we become politically fit. As we become politically fit... we pass Darwin's test.

Now is the time to steel ourselves for winter. This is the season for us to rise to the occasion and change the world. Are you ready?



LPMA Wishes a Sad Farewell to Pat Flynn by Kay Pirrello

Pat Flynn, the upbeat Libertarian activist from Brockton, died unexpectedly on August 6th, at the age of 47. Pat died of unknown causes.

Pat volunteered exhaustively for LPMA and our statewide campaigns. He worked OPH booths, helped in the campaign office collected petition signatures, delivered many petitions, and put up yard signs all over Southeastern Massachusetts. Pat was the kind of activist that would jump up to volunteer, even before he knew what the task was.

Pat loved the Libertarian Party, and his family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to LPMA in Pat's name. If you wish to commemorate Pat Flynn, send your donation to: Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, PMB # 276, 203 Washington Street, Salem, MA 01970. Please note that your donation is in memory of Pat Flynn. We will be sending a card to the family letting them know of donations made in Pat's memory.

Pat Flynn will be sadly missed. He was one of our most enthusiastic and active Libertarians.

Libertarian Events

Libertarian Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 P.M.

At George F. Schindler Post 2547, Allen Road and Rockland Street, North Easton. Pizza and soft drinks served. All Welcome. For more information call Gerry Cardillo at **(508) 238-6823**.

Pioneer Valley Libertarians Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 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**.

LPMA Social

Saturday, September 13, 1:00 P.M.

Dean and Michelle Cook are hosting the September Social at their home in Southbridge. Bring food and or drink if you wish. Location: 432 South Street, Southbridge, MA

LPMA Infiltrates Punk Rock Concert!

44% of Punk Rockers Quizzed Score Libertarian!

LPMA held an Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) booth at the Suburban Noise Punk Rock Music Festival on Saturday, August 16th. It was a good event for us — and a loud one!

100 punk rockers took the World's Smallest Political Quiz. This group leaned strongly in the Libertarian or Liberal directions. Of everyone who took the quiz, 37 scored solidly Libertarian, 7 scored on the Libertarian border, 32 scored Liberal, 9 Authoritarian, 3 Conservative and 13 Centrist.

We got a great reaction from the crowd, which liked our "make your own decisions" message. 5 of the attendees we spoke to said they were already registered to vote as Libertarians. Many people took literature about the party, and 10 people



Kay Pirrello sets up the OPH table

Marlborough Libertarian Association

Sunday, September 14, 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 Woiciechowski at **sfarrell@lpma.org** or **(508) 485-3341**.

MassCann Freedom Rally

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asked to be put on our mailing lists.

Our 5-Jar Technique, which asks, "Does the Government Do a Good Job?" overwhelmingly scored "Never." 5 jars are set up with the responses Always, Mostly, Sometimes, Occasionally, and Never, and event attendees are encouraged to vote by dropping coins into the jar they agree with. Some people even voted "Never" with dollar bills!

Many thanks to volunteers Stephanie (and RJ) Woiciechowski, Sharon Netzley, Kasia Sokalla and Jim Marshall, who helped to make the day a success. And an extra thanks to Kasia, who brought the ear plugs! We couldn't have done it without you guys!



RJ Farrell poses in front of the World's Smallest Political Quiz display

No Overnight Success for Liberty

Six months before the General Election, an unknown Libertarian files for public office. He holds a news conference in front of the federal building. His statement catalogs the damage caused by Big Government, declares the importance of individual freedom, and gives compelling reasons for electing him to office. Newspapers, radio, and television carry his message to the voters.

Day after day, for six months, this Libertarian speaks out at civic events, public gatherings, colleges, and the like. He grants newspaper interviews, appears on radio and television talk shows, and goes before endorsement committees.

His message gets through. The voters come to their senses, realize their true interests, and catapult the Libertarian into office.

This scenario is neat, simple, and wrong. It's the Myth of Mushrooms in the Night.

A young boy goes to bed on a warm spring evening. The next morning, he awakens to a front yard covered with legions of mushrooms. Yesterday, the yard was uninterrupted green. Today, without any effort or time, mushrooms have sprung up. Without planning or cause. A touch of magic, a hint of the miraculous have entered his life.

It may be several years before the lad learns the natural causes of mushroom growth. Until then, he sees magic, not science. He believes in the Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy, Elves — and mushrooms that magically spring up in the night.

As the boy matures, he discards these childhood fantasies. Or, rather, most of them. Some otherwise mature adults nourish and cherish a belief in the magical. They cling to the myth of mushrooms in the night.

Everyone has dreamed of becoming an overnight success. Wouldn't it be wonderful to wake up one morning and find you've inherited a million dollars? Or written a best-selling novel? Or become a rock and roll star?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to awaken one morning to discover that you're the first Libertarian Governor or Senator or President?

These dreams of overnight accomplishment can be a pleasant diversion. They can fuel our efforts to make something of our lives.

But some people forget that "the overnight success" is a myth, and begin to treat it as a real possibility. They rationalize and cultivate it as "a long shot."

In the Libertarian Party, a few individuals subscribe to the Myth of Mushrooms in the Night.

Perhaps they were captivated by "Atlas Shrugged." They may remember John Galt's three hour radio speech — and the effect it had on the millions who heard it.

They may have been influenced by libertarian science fiction. Robert Heinlein. Eric Frank Russell. F. Paul Wilson. James P. Hogan. Or "The Matador Series" by Steve Perry.

Some libertarians were "overnight converts." On the basis of a conversation or a book, these individuals joined the libertarian movement. These rare ones may assume that there are thousands more like them.

Individuals act on the basis of their beliefs and assumptions.

If a libertarian harbors a belief in overnight success, in the Myth of Mushrooms in the Night. . .and if he decides to run for office,

what will he do?

He'll predict massive public support and high vote totals. He'll beg and borrow as much money as he can get his hands on — to pay for brochures, fliers, and TV, radio, and newspaper advertisements. He'll harass Libertarians to give as much time and money as he has.

He may even take out a second mortgage on his home to get another \$25,000 or \$50,000 for his campaign. Or spend his life savings. He may take a six week unpaid leave of absence from his job to campaign full-time.

He'll answer every candidate questionnaire he can. Speak at every open public event he can. Seek as much "free media" as possible.

He will believe, truly believe that he can win this important office. On Election Night, one thing will be clear: He "failed." He fell embarrassingly short of his predictions and promises.

So he rationalizes. Explains. Justifies. Blames and excuses.

In his wake, we find the burnt-out passions of new activists and donors, the mutilated hopes of idealists, and the mortgaged futures of those who thought they were investing in libertarian victory.

The American Revolution of 1776 was sold out slowly. Not overnight. It won't be brought back with a quick fix.

Restoring liberty will take planning, effort, and time. A permanent freedom must begin in the hearts and minds of informed and committed Libertarians.

We must Recruit, Educate, and Activate new members. We must locate and enroll those who already agree with us. We must persuade and bring in others. We must enroll and involve these men and women in the Libertarian Party.

Most of these new Libertarians will be eager to learn the implications and applications of libertarianism. The impact and value of liberty.

Because of their zeal and libertarian education, these new Libertarian Party members will be ready and able and willing to Recruit, Educate, and Activate more new Libertarians.

It is not enough to join and learn and tell.

We must act to achieve liberty. And that requires bright, well-trained Libertarian activists. We must equip them with the tools and training necessary to boldly advance the libertarian cause. We must teach them how to powerfully and persuasively present libertarianism. How to invite and involve volunteers.

How to organize ballot initiatives to dramatically roll back taxes. How to raise funds for these projects — and how to promote them.

How to organize and run a Libertarian political campaign. How to be an overachieving Libertarian candidate. And much, much more.

One well-trained Libertarian activist can have a greater impact than a hundred Big Government mediocrities.

As we Recruit, Educate, and Activate, we are sowing the seeds of long-term Libertarian success. Not the spores of mushrooms.

Rather the seeds of oaks and redwoods. They take longer to mature. But their forests last for generations.

Maximum Impact Libertarian Speaking

More than 40 people representing twelve states turned out for the Maximum Impact Libertarian Speaking seminar presented by Michael Cloud August 2nd and 3rd. The seminar taught candidates and Libertarian activists why good public speaking is important to the future of the party and how to be a good public speaker.

Included in the seminar were:

- * Secrets of making audiences hungry for your Libertarian message
- * 4 lightening-fast ways you can transform your "fear of public speaking" into Dynamic Excitement
- * How and why your 20 minute Public Speech can have 10 Times the Impact of 20 minute private conversations with each member of the audience.
- * How to virtually guarantee that your speech is dramatically better than 99 out of 100 speeches.
- * Get your audience to 'Suspend Disbelief', truly open their minds — and carefully consider your Libertarian message
- * The "Boiling Point" principle for Maximum Impact Public Speaking
- * How the "Personal Ad" Speech Technique delivers powerful results
- * Enjoyable, easy, effective ways to master your speech in mere hours

The seminar was very interactive — with plenty of opportunities for the audience to ask questions and to practice the techniques being taught through "homework" assigned throughout the weekend. In one assignment, participants were asked to give a one minute speech about their most unforgettable Libertarian moment in order to elicit an emotional response from their listener. Sharon Netzley spoke to the group about how she was inspired by meeting Michael Cloud at a convention while Rich Aucoin spoke of a book by Peter McWilliams. In another assignment the group brainstormed possible speech topics using a technique called clustering to generate a speech for a particular audience.

The audience left energized and excited to try the techniques presented. One workshop participant gave a speech to 92 people just 6 days after the workshop. He used three Maximum Impact Techniques — and more than tripled his audience sign-up.

The entire registration fee from each participant went to help fund 'Permanent Ballot Status' for the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts. Over \$6500 was raised from this seminar to help maintain the Libertarian Party's ballot status as a major party in Massachusetts.



Michael Cloud presents Maximum Impact Libertarian Speaking



Carla Howell provided feedback to participants



The audience applies what they've learned during "homework" sessions



Sharon Netzley presents her unforgettable Libertarian moment



Cisse Spragins (from Minnesota), Duane MacLennan, and Tristan Lewis practice speeches in front of the audience



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.

WCTJ Files Signatures to Reduce City Spending

On August 27th, Waltham City Council candidate Rich Aucoin turned in nearly 4,000 signatures to the city clerk, in a bid by the Waltham Citizens for Taxpayer Justice (WCTJ) to reduce city spending by 25 percent.

Since May 3rd, Aucoin and his group have been seen across the city collecting signatures for a local property tax reduction, which, if approved by voters on November 4th, will give back \$1,000 average to the city's single-family homeowners. Every year. The reduction would also reduce the pressure on landlords to increase rents on their business and residential tenants.

The bold spending reduction is in response to recent city spending increases that have seen city spending skyrocket by 90 percent - from \$82 million in 1990 to a whopping \$155 million this year - while the level of city services has remained relatively the same. The taxpayer group seeks to reduce city spending by 25 percent.

"This measure serves two vital functions for Waltham's taxpayers and renters," said Aucoin. "First, it will require city officials to account for their extreme spending increases of the last decade. And second, it will give folks an opportunity to

get back at least some of their money, if officials fail to justify their sharp increases," he said.

Aucoin says that for too long hardworking taxpayers and renters have been shut out of the political process, due to a lack of choices at the polls. Most candidates who run for political office, he says, do so to forward some political agenda that involves spending the people's money, while very few candidates run on a platform of protecting the people from unfair or unjustifiable government overspending.

"It's no wonder that Waltham's struggling taxpayers and renters are so delighted by our reduction measure," said Aucoin. "A measure like this doesn't come along every day."

Aucoin says his run for Councilor At-Large is an integral part of his tax reduction.

"Sure, it's important to vote for desperately needed tax relief, but voters also need the option of voting for at least one true libertarian councilor who will live and breathe for them all year round," he said.

"If voters want a true spending watchdog on the council, then I'm clearly the candidate for them."

Get Involved!

Congress and the Bush Administration are pushing new legislation that further threatens our right to assemble and erodes protections against search and seizure under the guise of the Drug War. A controversial bill (the Ecstasy Awareness Act) could allow non-violent drug offenders to be punished as terrorists. Contact your representatives letting them know you opposed the Ecstasy Awareness Act. The Drug Policy Alliance has set up an on-line form to make it easier to contact your representative at <http://actioncenter.drugpolicy.org/ctt.asp?u=27578&l=4336>.

Cheryl Miller lived with multiple sclerosis for 32 years, fighting state and federal laws for her right to use medical marijuana to treat the symptoms of her condition. Cheryl openly defied current medical marijuana laws and advocated H.R. 2233, the States' Rights to Medical Marijuana Act. Sadly, Cheryl passed away this past June. Please write to Congress supporting this bill. The Medical Marijuana Policy Project has set up a pre-written letter supporting this bill on their web site in Cheryl's memory at http://www.mpp.org/Remember_Cheryl.

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