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Aaron Russo

Libertarians across the United States mourn the passing of producer and longtime Libertarian Party activist Aaron Russo. He was 64.

Producer of Academy Award nominated films including "The Rose", Mr. Russo is also credited with bringing Led Zeppelin to the United States. In 2004, he ran for our Party's Presidential nomination. Party Chair George Phillies recalls: "It was my great privilege to work with his 2004 Presidential campaign as his national volunteer coordinator. His wonderful energy and enthusiasm inspired and encouraged so many loyal Libertarians."

Aaron's family has asked that cards be sent via US Post to All Your Freedoms, Inc., P.O. Box #1213, 264 South La Cienega Blvd., Beverly Hills, California 90211.

Bill DiScipio— Libertarian Hero!

Bill DiScipio, Sr. of Wakefield spent this Spring running for Board of Selectman in his home town of Wakefield, Massachusetts. He's a great Libertarian, willing to invest his time and energy in real politics. Bill promised to work to cut spending, reduce taxes, uphold the Constitution, privatize services, get elderly taxpayers off the property rolls, and protect voters. Three Selectmen were elected: Bill finished fourth. Shifting three percentage points of each winner's voters would have elected Bill: Each winner had 28% of the vote; Bill finished with a strong 17%.

State Convention is October 6

The LPMass State Convention is October 6, 2007 at 10:15 AM Where? Someplace inexpensive and reachable. We kept our location of last year: Tweed's Restaurant, 231 Grove Street, Worcester (Map, insert between pages 2 and 3). Admission with lunch:\$29.99.

We will have a fundraiser. Business events:

Presidential Debate: The state party is inviting every Libertarian Presidential candidate, and two perhaps-to-declare candidates:

Platform Debate: At the last state convention, it was noted that the National Party had just made radical changes in its platform. To give our candidates a stable base, the State Committee was ordered to propose at the 2007 Convention a draft platform for LPMass. A draft starts on page 6.

Elections: We will elect a new State Committee of nine members. We will elect delegates to the 2008 National Convention, to be held in Denver Colorado over Memorial Day weekend next year.

Candidates: Nominations are in order for 2008 candidates. We are looking for someone who is willing to run for U.S. Senate.

Bylaws and Constitution Amendments: These must be submitted in writing or electronically to Secretary Mary-Anne Wolf, 10 Kohlrausch, North Billerica MA <mgwmgw@comcast.net> by Friday, September 21.

Convention By-Laws and map: See insert between pages 2 and 3.

Pro-Freedom Initiatives

The Attorney General's Office has announced proposed initiative petitions, for which signatures will be collected **this fall**. You can read the details at <http://www.ago.state.ma.us/sp.cfm?pageid=2144> Some initiatives have names that speak for themselves. The potentially pro-liberty initiatives are:

07-01 Constitutional Amendment to Lower the Voting Age to Sixteen

07-03 and 07-04 Small Government Act to End the Income Tax. The two versions differ in the date on which they take effect. These are from long-time Libertarian Carla Howell and friends, and are a reprise of her 2002 referendum.

07-09 and 07-10 Act Establishing a Sensible Marihuana Policy for the Commonwealth. Sensible? Namely, possession of an ounce or less would no longer be a crime, though if caught you would pay a \$150 fee.

07-11 Motor Vehicle Tax Relief Act of 2008 I gather that this one eliminates the municipal auto excise tax.

07-12 Proposition One - Reducing the Maximum Increase of the Levy Amount in One Fiscal Year in a City or Town From 2.5 Per Cent to One Per Cent

The groups running these, and their contact data per the AG office filings, are: -01 John Dickson, 132 Old Long Pond Road Brewster, MA 02631 03 and 04 Carla Howell, 6 Goodman Lane, Wayland 01778

09 and 10 Committee for Sensible Marijuana Policy, POB 130151 Boston 02113

11, 12, and 13: Greg Hyatt, 20 Prospect St., Amesbury, MA 01913

Massachusetts Liberty

Edited by the LPMass State Committee.

Please send material for Massachusetts Liberty to the Mass Liberty Editorial office, c/o George Phillis, 48 Hancock Hill Drive Worcester MA 01609 or phillies@4liberty.net

It's Show Time!

Last year, your new State Committee took office. Our mission was to get things rolling. We did:

The newsletter is now monthly. Socials are regular. LPMass appears at local liberty events. Your State Committee meets regularly. The next State Convention is on time. Party By-Laws have been revamped.

We've had some lucky breaks. No fewer than *five* pro-liberty initiatives have been announced for this Fall. The Republican Party of Massachusetts is a joke, reduced to a handful of state legislators and a few County officials.

Now, however, our tire must meet the road.

Our political party doesn't matter if it doesn't *have candidates and support them*.

Next year, our Libertarian Party of Massachusetts absolutely must place our Presidential candidate on the ballot. We almost certainly have a U.S. Senate candidate. *We need state legislative candidates to run with them!*

To place the Presidential and Senate candidates on the ballot, we need at least 15,000 or more raw signatures. Signatures aren't free. They come from volunteer time and money.

Petitioner costs have gone up. To pay for 15,000 raw signatures, we will need something like \$25,000. We have \$5,000 available.

Candidate support is not free. We can't support if you don't give.

That's where you, our party's members, come in. Your donations and volunteer time will decide: *Will the 2008 Libertarian Presidential candidate be on the ballot? Can we support other candidates?*

It's your call. Please donate generously. Please send your checks, payable "LP Massachusetts" and marked '2008 ballot access', to: Libertarian Party, 30 East Chestnut Street, Sharon MA 02067

State Convention Bylaws

1. The State Committee shall hold a state convention in October of each year. The State Committee is responsible for scheduling, organizing, and publicizing the convention. It may delegate tasks to such persons as it chooses, but remains responsible for the State Convention's conduct.

2. Only persons who are members of the State Party whose dues are current, and who joined the state party at least one month prior to the date of the state convention, are eligible to vote or participate in the business meeting at the state convention. Persons who were dues-paying members of the State Party, or Sustaining Members of the National Party, within the past three years, but whose dues are not current, may renew their membership at the state convention by paying their yearly dues. They may then participate in the business meeting at the State Convention.

3. It shall be out of order to adjourn the State Convention (i) before the new State Committee is elected, (ii) if the national Convention occurs prior to the next State Convention, before at least one delegate to the next National Convention is elected. The State Convention agenda shall include at least fifteen minutes for presentation of Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. All amendments must be presented to the Corresponding Secretary, by paper or electronic mail, at least 14 days prior to the day of the State Convention, must be posted by the Secretary in a publicly-accessible LPMA-controlled electronic forum at least seven days before the day of the state convention, and must be seconded from the convention floor, before they may be considered. Amendments to amendments made from the convention floor must be germane.

4. To elect the new State Committee, the chair asks for nominations from the floor. Self nominations are allowed. Seconds are not required for nominations. Each nominee must accept nomination, or must have submitted to the Recording Secretary a written statement stating that their nomination will be accepted, before their nomination is valid. Nominations for persons ineligible to serve are invalid. When no more nominations are forthcoming from the floor, the Chair invites nominees to speak. Each nominee is allowed up to two minutes to speak. If a nominee is absent, he or she may designate a substitute to speak for them for up to two minutes. Persons eligible to vote are then given one hour to cast their votes. The Convention may recess or engage in other business during this time. If a recess is taken, the time counts toward the hour, but the convention must be back in session at least ten minutes prior to the close of voting. A ballot collector or collectors and location must be specified, and must remain supervised through the voting period. Each person present and eligible to vote at the State Convention may cast a ballot listing up to, but not more than, nine nominees.

5. Votes may also be cast for None of the Above (NOTA). However, a ballot for NOTA may only contain the vote for NOTA, and any names listed on the ballot other than NOTA shall not be counted. Votes for persons other than nominees are not valid. No nominee receiving fewer votes than NOTA shall be elected.

6. The nominees who receive the most votes, and more votes than NOTA, are elected as the new State Committee. If no nominees are elected, the Chair shall invite fresh nominations, and a fresh vote shall be taken, repeating until at least one person is elected to the State Committee. If the number of nominees for State Committee is no greater than the number to be elected, when all nominees or their designates have spoken, and prior to balloting, the chair shall ask for a vote Yes or No to elect the candidates as a group. If the Ayes carry, no further balloting is performed.

7. Proxy votes are not allowed at the State Convention. However, a person who is in attendance at the State Convention, and who is eligible to vote, may cast a ballot for state committee at any time prior to the close of voting, even if nominations have not yet been completed.

Article VII. Delegates to National Conventions

A. Election at State Convention

Delegates to the Libertarian Party National Convention shall be chosen at the State Convention held immediately prior to the national convention. If elections for State Committee and Convention Delegate happen at the same State Convention, the State Committee is elected first. Persons who will be members of the State Committee at the time of the National Convention are entitled ex officio to be named as delegates or alternates, but

must so request prior to the election of delegates and alternates.

B. Notification

At least thirty days before a State Convention for election of National Convention delegates is held, the State Committee will notify all State Party Members whose dues are current of the date, location, and time of the State and National Conventions. If the timing of the announcement of the national convention makes this schedule impossible, the State Committee will proceed as rapidly as possible to make this notification.

C) Eligibility

1) To be eligible to be elected as a Massachusetts delegate to the National Convention, a person must be:

a) a legal resident of Massachusetts, and

b) a member in good standing of the Massachusetts Party.

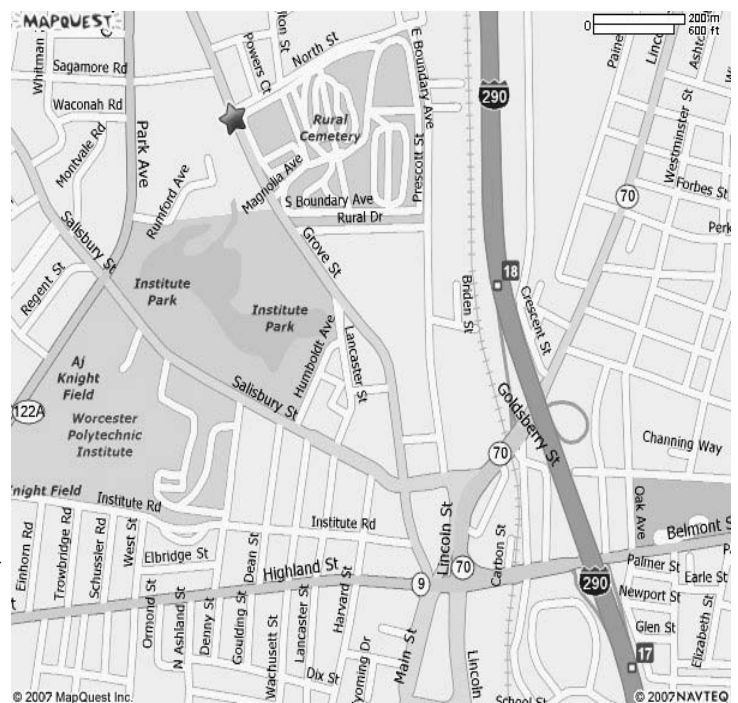
2) A person who had been a member in good standing of the LPMA, within the past three years from the date of the State Convention, but whose membership has expired, may restore their active membership by paying dues prior to being elected.

D. Election of Delegates and Alternates at State Convention:

Delegates are nominated from the floor of the convention. Any person eligible to vote at the State Convention may make up to two nominations. Any person eligible to serve may rise and state that they volunteer to serve as a delegate; volunteering counts as a nomination. Nominations do not require seconds.

Before any votes are taken, each nominee may speak to, and be questioned by the delegates. The time allotted to each delegates for statements and questions shall be set by the chair, to be the same for all delegates and strictly enforced, but not to be less than one minute. After each nominee has spoken, nominations are declared closed. The time between which nominations are closed and ballots are accepted shall be at least two hours.

Election of National Convention delegates is made by approval voting. Each person in attendance at the State Convention and eligible to vote may cast votes for as many persons as Massachusetts is entitled to send delegates. The nominees who receive the most votes, up to the number of delegates that Massachusetts is entitled to send to the National Convention, are elected. Remaining nominees, up to a number equal to the number of delegates that Massachusetts is entitled to send to the National Convention, are elected as alternates.



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**STEVE
KUBBY**
LIBERTARIAN FOR PRESIDENT

let freedom grow!

In August of 2006, surrounded by leaders of America's drug policy reform movement and speaking to a crowd of 50,000 at Seattle's annual "Hempfest" event, Steve Kubby announced his candidacy for the Libertarian Party's 2008 presidential nomination.

Best known for his key role in the passage of California's Proposition 215, the nation's first "medical marijuana" law, and his subsequent legal ordeal in defense of that law, Kubby credits cannabis as the key to his 32-year survival of a rare form of adrenal cancer which normally kills its victims in 6-12 months.

As director of the American Medical Marijuana Association since 1998, Kubby continues to advocate for the rights of patients and providers. Earlier this year, he led a successful local citizens' effort to force Mendocino County, California to codify voter-approved restrictions on marijuana prosecutions into its county ordinances.

Since announcing his presidential candidacy, Kubby has personally campaigned in Washington, Colorado, Oregon and his home state of California, and has participated in LP conventions by audio or video in Nevada and Tennessee; appeared on various talk radio and "Internet radio" programs individually and in candidate debates; and produced a series of 20 weekly podcasts modeled on the traditional weekly presidential radioaddress. His campaign has commissioned production of its first television commercial from the producers of the Pollie Award winning "South Park" spot

from his 1998 California gubernatorial campaign.

Running on a platform which complements "hardcore libertarian" issues positions with near-term incremental policy goals, Kubby has focused his campaign on getting the US out of its military entanglement in Iraq, enhancing national security by achieving energy independence and opening America's borders to peaceful immigrants, ending government discrimination against non-heterosexuals, and simultaneity in the reduction of taxes, spending and government debt. Naturally, the drug war also plays a central role in his campaign. Says Kubby: "This is no more about marijuana than the Boston Tea Party was about tea. It's about freedom."

In July of 2007, Steve Kubby became the first declared candidate for the LP's presidential nomination to endorse the candidacy of US Representative Ron Paul (R-TX) for the GOP presidential nomination.

Citing polling which shows more than 70% of LP members supporting Paul versus any LP candidate (and Kubby himself second in support among LP members), Kubby announced that he would continue his own campaign for the LP nomination, but stand aside and urge the LP to nominate Paul or "None of the Above" if Paul should secure the Republican nomination.

Kubby's campaign web site is located at www.kubby2008.com.

Libertarian Radical Caucus

[Editor's Note: We continue here with our series of articles on different caucuses within our National Libertarian Party. The role and importance of these caucuses has varied with time, but in a period in which our Platform is in a state of flux, caucuses are likely to be increasingly important.]

The Libertarian Party has a rich tradition of internal caucuses or issues-based groups which advocate for particular direction or emphasis within the Party. One traditionally strong group within the LP has always been the core of libertarian radicals committed to a strategy of clear and consistent advocacy of the basic political value all libertarians agree on: liberty. The most recent incarnation of a formal Radical Caucus is led by a new generation of libertarian activists who support a consistent application of libertarian ideas to pressing political questions. Reluctant to watch the LP move into what they view as a politically expedient but ultimately damaging territory of support for overseas US military adventurism and immigrant-bashing, the Radical Caucus works to strengthen the LP's core dedication to always moving forward toward freedom.

A core principle of the radical approach is expressed in Carla Howell's statement "Small Government plus one exception equals Big Government!" Radicals agree that there really are no areas where you can advocate more government and get less. Radicals believe that libertarians and the LP can only truly succeed at our ultimate goal – political freedom – by remaining strong advocates of the principle of liberty. Each of the LP's issue positions, Radicals believe should be informed by and suffused with an understanding and an unflagging advocacy for the position of individual liberty and responsibility. Radicals not only believe we can remain principled and win; we believe that the only way TO win is through an unflinching dedication to principles.

The Radical Caucus is engaged in advocating for strong principled declarations on current issues within the Party. The Caucus is also forming a political action committee in order to support Libertarian Party candidates at the local and national levels. A third emphasis is on developing and distributing a clear and consistent body of libertarian publications which will strengthen dedication to freedom among Party members as well

as inspire a new love and hope for freedom among those discovering the LP for the first time. The Radical Caucus' website is lpradicals.org and the lead contact person is Susan Hogarth, who can be reached by email at Hogarth@gmail.com or by telephone at 919-906-2106.

...Susan Hogarth <http://www.colliething.com>

Letters

The September showdown on Iraq is fast approaching. Congress will soon be center stage again, with the majority Democrats offering up various "antiwar" resolutions that everyone recognizes as being utterly toothless. And then both parties will get on with the business of funding the occupation anew - with the obligatory regrets, of course.

Unless we act fast, the filibuster option will once again be hushed up. The majority Democrats will get away, again, with pretending they are somehow required to give King George everything he asks for.

That is a lie. They can tell Bush to take a hike if they want.

Please help us notify the American people NOW about the Democrats' secret weapon to take down Bush IIIF they want to.

http://filibusterforpeace.org/_wsn/page2.html

...Rich Aucoin richardaucoin@comcast.net

Springfield Elections

Robert Underwood for Springfield City Council

Thus far there are 20 candidates for 9 seats. According to the charter if there are more than 18 a primary election is to be held. The City Council has passed a petition for home rule that would cancel the primary. But the measure would require approval of the legislature and the Senate is not expected to support it. Candidates have until 5PM August 16 to decide to not run. If two people drop out, there will be no need for a primary.

I needed 200 signatures to get on the ballot. The signatures were gathered largely through my efforts and that of Leroy and Bessie Crenshaw. Getting help from traditional Libertarian "sympathizers,"

Van's Warped Tour Booth is Big Success!

Gun owners groups, gay groups, anti-tax groups, and civil liberty groups continues to be an exercise in frustration. On the other hand it is generally accepted that Hispanics have low rate of participation in elections. 90% of the names on my form are in Spanish, essentially Puerto Rican Democrats have once again put me on the ballot, a group that most Libertarians do not reach out to.

My signature gathering effort was plagued by bad weather, It has been a rainy summer. I did not want to risk smudging the forms. I also think fewer people are registered to vote this year. The minor parties do not have enough members to put anyone on the ballot. The people who are the least likely to sign a form are Young people, Un-enrolled voters, and Afro-Americans (though more of them seem to be signing this time). The best group are working class Hispanics, followed by Italians.

Once again I concentrated on the 9th Hampden House district, with an eye toward another run for the House. I have electronic records of who signed my form. I now know which streets are more productive. The only problem is that in the case of housing projects the whole population can be gone in a year. But in my area the houses are close enough together than one can collect signatures on foot.

...Bob Underwood <rjunderwood2000@yahoo.com>

Below I have listed the breakdown of my signatures by party, and some statistics on Springfield voters.

Party_Name	Number of Signatures	
Democratic	138	63%
Unenrolled	63	29%
Republican	12	6%
Libertarian	3	1%
Reform Party	2	1%
Total	218	

Springfield Voters by Party

Democratic	31806
Unenrolled	21519
Republican	5921
Libertarian	194
Green -Rainbow	43
Interdependent 3rd Party	19
Green Party USA	15
Working Families	13
Reform Party	11
Socialist	3
Conservative Party	3



Arthur Torrey and a band of volunteers marched off to Tweeter Center and the Van's Warped Tour live concert. They distributed Libertarian Literature and ran an Operation Politically Homeless booth, collecting hundreds of responses and more than 50 names and addresses of contacts. Art writes of the event:

I went with Dave Blau (aka "Flickboy" on the Forums) and Dick Clark, along with several thousand screaming music fans (you had to scream otherwise nobody could hear you...) We set up in the "Community Action" tent, and ran from about Noon to 6:00 - We gave several hundred quizzes with the vast majority scoring in the Liberal/Centrist/Libertarian area, we had virtually nobody on the right, very few authoritarians, and very few "hard core" leftists

Aside from the long drive to / from the event, it was not bad. We also had a long wait to get in and set up, apparently because a lot of the vehicles from the tour were delayed, including the guy with the armbands

The people watching was interesting, lots of "scenic views" though it was also amusing to speculate on how much trouble it would cause to run the crowd through a metal detector...

I think the event was a great success for us overall, I feel like we got much more attention than we did at the Pride Rally or the Hemp fests we've been to.

Build LPMass!

Now you can help build our Libertarian Party across Massachusetts by volunteering for an LPMass Working Group. Instead of talking about membership recruitment, outreach, electronic campaigns, or fundraising, you can join an LPMass Working Group and make it happen. To join, contact any State Committee Member (see page 7) and put your time to good use building a stronger party. The Working Groups are:

Local Organization—build local groups

Elections—recruit and elect candidates

Political Action—all manner of other political acts

Newsletter—help us do better than we are doing now

Web Support—improve and enhance LPMASS.ORG

Outreach—advertise to the public

Membership—bring more Libertarian friends into our party

Fundraising—because money is the oxygen of politics

Convention—Coming in October.

Big Activism Opportunities Ahead

The MassCann Boston Freedom Rally is on **September 15, 2007** on the Boston Common. Libertarians have consistently had a booth at the rally, and this year is no different. As a practical matter, the effectiveness of an outreach booth rises exponentially with the number of people working it. More volunteers will make a real difference.

This Fall is the LPMA Annual State Convention.

The National Party convention is next Memorial Day in Denver, so we will be electing National Convention delegates, not to mention a new State Committee. We are inviting Libertarians from all across New England: We hope to lure most of the Libertarian Presidential candidates (there are about 17 declared candidates at the moment) to appear and make their pitches to a Libertarian audience. A good convention needs an effective committee. Please volunteer and help build Liberty across Massachusetts.

**To volunteer, Please contact LPMA Political Facilitator Carol McMahan
413 267 9339**

Platform Committee Report

The previous state convention called for us to create a new set of platform planks, so that the National Party could not change our platform on us again. This motion does not change the Statement of Principles. The Platform Committee proposals are divided between the general directions in which we want to go and the specific steps in those directions.

The intended rule at the State Convention is that we will first go through the planks, identify all those planks on which there is no objection that would force the objector to vote against them, and bring those to a vote first. We then return to numerical order.

General Intentions:

- 1) The Libertarian Party stands for Peace, Freedom, and Prosperity.
 - 2) The Libertarian Party stands for equality before the law and justice for every person.
 - 3) The Libertarian Party stands for lower taxes, less government spending, and less government intrusion into your private life.
 - 4) The Libertarian Party supports and defends individual liberties as provided for in the Federal and State Constitutions and the remainder of the Law of the Land, and also those other individual liberties less clearly identified in those documents.
- ### **Specific Cases:**
- 5) The Libertarian Party condemns illegal warrantless wiretaps of electronic communications across the United States, and calls for the criminal prosecution of every government employee and every private citizen co-conspirator who participated in these crimes against our Constitution.
 - 6) The Libertarian Party calls for the repeal of the Massachusetts compulsory health insurance law.
 - 7) We urge the repeal of all laws that discriminate against people because of their sexual orientation or marital arrangements.
 - 8) We urge the repeal of laws, judicial decisions, and government policies that discriminate against people because of their religion or that interfere with their ability to raise their children within their faith.
 - 9) The Libertarian party endorses the new pro-freedom initiatives being brought to the voters and urges Libertarians across Massachusetts to support their passage.
 - 10) In the case of a divorce with children, there should be a refutable presumption that child custody is shared equally between both parents.

11) The Libertarian Party condemns the Bush Administration's war of aggression against Iraq and calls for its immediate end.

12) The Libertarian Party calls for the end to government deficit spending, and calls for the progressive discharge of all government debt.

13) The Libertarian Party calls for an end to Federal involvement in education in the 50 states. No Child Left Behind should be repealed. Federal spending on education should be limited to the District of Columbia and the schooling of dependents of military and foreign service personnel.

14) The Libertarian Party condemns medical care 'cost transfers' mandated by Federal Law, the de facto Federal tax that increases your health insurance costs by a third, and calls for the immediate repeal of Federal laws that mandate them.

15) The cold war ended quite some time ago, and the military should be reduced to a size proportionate to our actual defensive needs.

16) In accord with existing Federal Law, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should move vigorously to replace its National Guard with a State Defense Force whose service is limited to the boundaries of the Commonwealth.

17) The United States cannot long endure a huge underclass of people whose civil liberties and civil rights have been lost to the war on drugs. There should be a general pardon of all persons who have violated Federal or State drug laws.

18) The legal doctrine 'civil forfeiture' is a medieval abomination that should be repealed.

19) Laws requiring the use of personal protective equipment intended primarily to protect the user, such as Motorcycle Helmets and Automobile Seatbelts, should be repealed, because protecting people from their own actions is not a fundamental purpose of government.

20) Mindful of the rights clearly provided for in the Bill of Rights, the Libertarian Party calls for the repeal of all permit laws and other restrictions on the right of law-abiding adults to keep and bear firearms and other weapons.

21) So long as household internet service is a monopoly or near monopoly, suppliers of household internet service should be chartered as common carriers obliged to provide equal access to all users.

22) Prohibition did not work last time, and it is not working this time either. The war on marijuana is an appallingly expensive failure that should be ended.

23) The Libertarian Party condemns so-called "states' rights" doctrines under which people can be denied their freedom when it is done one state at a time.

24) Abortion is a strictly private issue in which government should play absolutely no role.

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Committee on the Platform: Art Torrey George Phillies

Contact the Party itself:

LPMA, 30 East Chestnut Street, Sharon MA 02067

AdWords Campaign Update

Your State Committee's AdWords campaign is now live, reaching out to people across Massachusetts with short, pithy messages spurring Massachusetts residents to support our Party and its stands. So far, our campaign has generated more than 400,000 reader exposures for a cost just over \$400

Your donations can build a stronger outreach campaign. For more information on donating to our own LPMA, see the advertising flier at the front of this issue, or send your check to Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, 30 East Chestnut Street, Sharon MA. Donations are not tax-deductible. State and Federal law require us to ask the occupation and employer of anyone donating \$200 or more to the LPMA.

Join the Libertarians and Party!

September/October Libertarian Parties

September

12 Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association, Hu Ke Lau Restaurant, Memorial Drive in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Dinner and work session, 6:30 PM.

15 Boston Common. 11 AM—6PM Boston Freedom Rally for ending Prohibition. LPMass has a booth.

16 6PM Worcester County Libertarian Association. Tweed's Restaurant Grove Street Worcester.

22 1 PM LPMass State Committee Meeting. 3 PM Social at the home of Steve Drobnis, Stoughton. RSVP for directions to steve@mrd.net

25 8 PM Lowell Area Liberty Association, Outback Steak-

house, Lowell. **RSVP Mandatory. No RSVPs**, no event. arthur_torrey@comcast.net 978-663-0241

October

6 Libertarian Party State Convention, Tweed's Restaurant on Grove Street, Worcester

10 Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association, Hu Ke Lau Restaurant, Memorial Drive in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Dinner and work session, 6:30 PM.

22 6PM Worcester County Libertarian Association. Tweed's Restaurant Grove Street Worcester.

23 1 PM LPMass State Committee Meeting. 3 PM Social. at the home of Carol McMahon, 231 Bumstead Road, Monson.

25 8 PM Lowell Area Liberty Association, Outback Steakhouse, Lowell. **RSVP Mandatory. No RSVPs**, no event.

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