What’s ahead in 2016?

Here’s a preview of the road to Election Day this year.

January 2016
- Register to Vote as a Libertarian
- Sign up on www.LPNevada.org/join to get regular updates on events and news
- Become a dues-paying member for LPNevada and the national LP
- January 15, 2016 is the LAST DAY to have all judicial candidates submitted to the Secretary of State

February 2016
- Volunteer & Convention Training in Las Vegas, Nevada

March 2016
- LPNevada’s State Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada
- March 18, 2016 is the LAST DAY to have all non-judicial candidates submitted to the Secretary of State

April 2016
- Candidate Training

May 2016
- May 24, 2016 is absolute last day to register to vote for primary elections
- LP National Convention from May 27 – 30, 2016 in Orlando, Florida

June, July, & August 2016
- June 14, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION for all non-partisan contests.
- Campaigning & Events

October 2016
- October 18, 2016 is absolute last day to register to vote for general elections

November 8, 2016
General Election

Election Day will be upon us before you know it. Please make sure you have taken the opportunity to see how you can help the Libertarian Party make a difference this year. Some great ideas can be found on the next page, like becoming a dues-paying member, helping with a voter registration drive, or inviting your friends to come to our events.

YOU can HELP the LIBERTARIAN PARTY of NEVADA LOWER BUSINESS TAXES, STOP CORRUPTION, and FIGHT BIG GOVERNMENT
Imagine twice as many Libertarian Party Members, Voters, Volunteers, Donors, Candidates & Activists.

You can be a part of history we create!

How You Can Help

We invested in amazing, cutting-edge technology to enable YOU to use social media and YOUR contacts to spread the word about the Libertarian Party. Once you join, you will get your own campaign page with a recruiter link that you can share.

This can earn you credit for referring others to join. Then, promote your page to your friends, family, and other liberty-minded people via email, social media and more!

You are a key component to the success of this campaign. If you are tired of the Democrats and Republicans trying to tell you how to run your life, your business, your bedroom, and your personal life choices, then you are a Libertarian and you should join us today!

Now is the time to act! Now is the time to come together for our common goal of protecting our natural and individual rights! Help us by getting started today! Anyone referred through your personal tracking link or through the buttons below will be credited to you. Visit www.DoubleTheLP.com and sign up for your free account now!
LOL What? Ted Cruz as the Candidate for Liberty?

There are no libertarians currently running for the Republican or Democratic nomination. Not Paul, not Sanders, and certainly not Ted Cruz. Cruz is a social conservative, yet this eccentric good ol’ boy from Canada has somehow managed to paint himself as the “pro-liberty anti-establishment hero.” This couldn’t be further from the truth.

Ted Cruz is a neo-con hack. He is also a strong religious radical. This makes Ted Cruz the only candidate running for the Republican presidential nomination that could be grouped in with the two largest establishments within the Republican Party. In other words, Ted Cruz is more establishment than anyone else currently seeking the nomination.

Yet the Canadian raised Texas Senator has a large following of libertarian conservatives. Many of these so-called “libertarians” claim that Cruz is our best hope for shrinking the government. Many pro-liberty news outlets, from Reason to Rare, have praised him, painting him as a libertarian fighting against the establishment to secure our rights. How has Ted Cruz accomplished this?

Two main factors need to be considered. Ted Cruz started attracting libertarian conservatives by flip flopping back and forth on privacy rights and foreign policy. Cruz opposed the patriot act before supporting the freedom act. Ted Cruz spoke out against conservative foreign policy in 2014, only to scream biblically at America that he would “carpet bomb ISIS into oblivion.” The quote continues: “I don’t know if sand can glow in the dark, but we’re going to find out,” insinuating nuclear war upon civilian populations. Even the mainstream neo-cons aren’t that hawkish.

The second and more important factor is that Cruz has the best senior campaign team of any candidate running. Cruz went from severe underdog to trailing just behind Rubio as the candidate most likely to get the nod. He is running one of the most impressive campaigns this country has ever seen. Paul, Cruz’s primary liberty rival, has instead run one of the most ineffective campaigns, despite having the most impressive youth effort the GOP has seen since Reagan. While Paul was busy putting his most effective people in charge of his student campaign, Cruz was busy winning over everyone over the age of 30, usurping Paul as the Tea Party candidate. This highlights the importance of effective strategies. Like Reagan, Cruz has been able to appeal to the entire conservative field. Convincing people who share none of his stances that he is their guy. Like Reagan, the original neo-con and the man who invented the religious right, Cruz has created an illusion of being the small government guy. All of this was made possible by utilizing individuals with good judgment. Meanwhile, the actual anti-establishment, conservative Rand Paul has continued to fall behind.

We will soon find out if the second-largest social conservative fraud can carry his confused libertarian supporters all the way to the primary. The only thing we can clearly know from this election cycle thus far is that the liberty vote is becoming more and more important. Libertarianism is on the rise, and we can’t afford conservatives to flip-flop into convincing the liberty-minded vote that they are the last, best chance to protect freedom.

By: Liberty Pug, Contributor to LPNevada

News from the North

It’s the end of the year. The sun rises later and sets earlier, the ground is either barren or covered in snow, the temperatures consistently dive below freezing when they can be bothered to stay above freezing at all. Ice covers our windshields, pipes occasionally freeze and crack, the passes out of town occasionally close. Though it all sounds depressing and bleak - and, sometimes, it is - it’s also a necessary step toward renewal and new life. Winter brings us fresh snow, without which we don’t have water for summer. Winter also kills the bugs, which is welcome once they the few stragglers from autumn stop wandering into our homes.

Winter is an excellent time for reflection.

In Northern Nevada, there’s quite a bit to reflect upon, politically speaking. The Washoe County School District, after battling a hiring process in violation of Open Meeting law, started a rigorous eight month long interview process. This led to the interview of precisely one person, Traci Davis, who was promptly hired as the new superintendent for the paltry sum of $311,000, including a $11,300 “longevity bonus” for serving the school district for an impressive five months. When her pay package was examined by the local press, the school board replied with the level of professionalism, tact, and decorum we’ve come to expect around here and sent a press release explaining how the hire saved the school district money. It should be noted that only two members of the Board of Trustees - Nick Smith and Veronica Frenkel – voted against Davis’ contract, and both of them will remain in office until 2018; every trustee whose term expires in 2016 voted in favor of her hiring and compensation package.

Meanwhile, Tesla received an ample tax abatement package from the State of Nevada - an abatement package that was then replicated on a smaller scale for Faraday to build a similar production facility in Las Vegas. So far, what Tesla has brought Reno is higher rents and housing costs; whether those will be paid for by new, better paying jobs remains to be seen. Though we’re certainly optimistic – Apple, Switch, Koch Industries, eBay, Amazon, and others have recently set up shop in Reno as well - their promise so far appears much stronger than their performance.

Additionally, the Southeast Corridor - a project that’s been planned since at least the early 1980’s, if not earlier, as the “Tahoe-Pyramid Link” - has finally faced its final court challenge and is formally under construction. That it took over 30 years of court battles to go from planning to construction came as a surprise to no one - the freeway to Carson City took over 50 years to make the same journey, after all.

Do you have any other examples of government dysfunction that you’d like to share? Then stop by our next event at Mi Casa Too on 4th Street in Reno on Saturday, January 9th, at 4 PM and tell us all about it.

By David Colborne, Northern Nevada Regional Representative, LPNevada

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Events January 2016

3 Sunday Football Week 17
Come out for ice cold, discounted beers and some great football at Loose Caboose in Las Vegas, NV. Starts at 1 pm.

5 First Tuesday Libertarian Social
Our monthly 1st Tuesday get together at Jalisco Mexican Cantina in Las Vegas, NV. Free food and great conversation, 6-9 pm.

9 Northern Nevada Meet & Greet
An exciting chance to get together in North Nevada. This month’s topic is Government Dysfunction. 4 pm at Mi Casa Too in Reno, NV.

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In May of 2015, the Libertarian Party of Nevada expressed interest in starting a caucus for LGBT Nevadans. I stepped up immediately, contacting the national chair for the LGBT libertarian group “Outright Libertarians”, Mike Shipley. Mike and I had some great conversations and the pieces of the puzzle came together to get a new group started, titled “OUT For Liberty”. In May of 2015, the Libertarian Party of Nevada expressed interest in starting a caucus for LGBT Nevadans. I stepped up to be a part of a party that has fought for equal rights and personal freedom for all people since its inception. I’m proud that we have been on the right side of history, even when it wasn’t politically viable to do so. I’m glad that we stood up for what was right, even when Hillary Clinton, Michelle Bachman, and Ted Cruz were speaking adamantly about their intent to codify discrimination against LGBT people into law. We are happy that Democrats have joined us in supporting personal liberty (at least on this issue), and we will openly embrace Republicans when they inevitably do the same. We have a long way to go, but we are making huge leaps forward, and will continue to do so. If you are at the Libertarian Party National Convention in Orlando in May, please vote for me for national chair of Outright Libertarians, so I can continue to keep our party and community moving forward.

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Acting County Chair, Clark County Libertarian Party
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The Libertarian Lean

We have all seen and heard the term “libertarian” in the news, either out of the mouth of a politician trying to pander to a certain group, or maybe said by a news pundit to deride or snidely call someone “not viable”; but it is now almost a daily occurrence to hear “libertarian” as a description. But what does it mean? Is it a code word for insidiers? Is it a password to get into an exclusive club? How does one “earn” libertarian? Clearly, the root is “liberty”, of which nobody is against. We all love liberty, it means we set off fireworks in July, we get to braig that we are living in the land of the free, and best of all we get to say “It’s a free country” as a reto from an authority figure warning us of our possibly risky behavior. But is that what it means to lean libertarian?

Anyone who follows politics has heard some “conservative” members of Congress describing themselves as the “libertarian wing” of the GOP. But then, why are they not in the Libertarian Party? Would the Libertarian Party have them? If you have watched the news, you’ve probably heard someone describe a small-government politi-

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ly in order to make sure they can save up for their future. It would be unfair to coerce these people into bailing out AIG, the Jones’ or anyone else. What they will do, is donate clothing and help out with charity; and they don’t need the force of law over their heads to do

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ed or downright sad. Abortion, marriage equality, drug use. There are many sides to these issues. As long as you are not infringing on the rights of others...well...Live Free. And stand up for Liberty...be proud of it. You don’t need to lean.

By: Jason G Smith, Vice-Chairperson, LPNevada

Nazi Germany’s War On Terrorism

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ate perverse incentives, driving exempt industries to lobby in favor of punitive tax hikes to further their impede potential competi-
tion. The mining tax cap has demonstrably had exactly that effect.

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Unless there is some reason to imagine that all of the involved resources—including labor—are unused as a result of something other than regulatory impediments, all of the imagined economic gains from the Faraday deal must necessarily be diverted from other segments of the economy. So far, I have heard no claims regarding why these resources would be left unused. If they can be profitably employed, we would expect someone to employ them. Instead, the Nevada Legislature and media relied on reports from Applied Analysis and Brookings to sell the Faraday deal to themselves and the public. These reports use static, input/output modeling, which as a rule count all of the benefits and none of the costs of any particular program. In essence, no adjustments are made for opportunity costs, and the estimates, assumptions and multipliers are all back fit on the basis of unrelated economic observations. IMPLAN (IMpact Analysis for PLANNING), is software into which you put these assumptions, which runs them through an algorithm, and reports how much economic activity would be created if the alternative were to leave all involved resources entirely unused. The available evidence indicates that this form of modeling fails badly, almost always by dramatically overesti-
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Libertarian Skeptics Network: New LP National Caucus Formed

The new year brings with it a new effort inside America’s third-largest political party. Seeking to connect the principles of liberty to their Enlightenment heritage, and defending the Libertarian Party from entanglement in disreputable fringe issues, dozens of activists and candidates from around the nation have come together to form a new caucus: the Libertarian Skeptics Network. Taking their cue from Voltaire, L.S.N. has adopted as its motto: “Those who can make you believe absurdities, can make you commit atrocities.”

A five-member provisional board has been constituted, consisting of Andy Craig (LP-WI); Andrew Lea (LP-NV); Pearce Holland Barnum (LP-TX); Mike Warren (LP-IN); and Jason Weinman (LP-NV). State chapters are also being chartered, with a rapidly growing list of dozens of states already represented in the organization.

“Our provisional board will lay the groundwork for our first real meeting and election of officers, to be held at the Libertarian National Convention in Orlando, May 26-30,” says provisional chair Andy Craig, “We intend to make L.S.N. a regular presence at every national convention going forward, and in all 50 state parties.”

Joshua Katz, an elected Libertarian officeholder in Connecticut and member of the party’s national committee, says skepticism is integral to being a Libertarian, and that he defines the term as “one who seeks freedom from aggression, undue control, ignorance, and misinformation.” According to Andrew Lea, Youth Director for the Libertarian Party of Nevada, “The Libertarian Party has always been the party of innovation and market driven technological advancement. We are the party of science.”

There are, of course, security experts say, letting people vote through their phones or computers could have disastrous consequences.

“I think it’s a terrible idea,” said Barbara Simons, a former I.B.M. researcher and co-author of the book “Broken Ballots: Will Your Vote Count?”

“It’s a national security issue,” Ms. Simons said. “We really don’t want our enemies to be able to determine our government for us — or even our friends for that matter.”

Of course, many of those concerns make sense. None of us want some evil autocrat picking the next president.

But other countries allow citizens to vote via the Internet, or are experimenting with that method. For example, Estonia started testing an online voting system this year. It has since registered more than a million voters who now can cast their ballots online. A recent study finds that online voting systems are presented with the same security issues as typical paper ballots.

“Voting by mail, which some cite as an option, lets people avoid the lines, but it is not so easy on the vote counters. In states where this is allowed, envelopes have to be opened and ballots sorted into precincts. Then the signatures need to be matched with that on the voter registration card. None of this is terribly efficient.”

So in 10, 20 or 100 years, when our cars have been replaced with self-flying spaceships, robots take our children to school, and our smartphones are chips in our heads, will we still be using a pen and paper to choose our president? I sure hope not.

After Hurricane Sandy disabled power and transportation for many in New Jersey, the state announced that some people would be allowed to vote by e-mail. The entire operation was pulled together in three days. Although there were problems, the system worked for most.

Digital voting could drive Americans to the polls. According to a report released by the Census Bureau this year, nearly 50 million Americans didn’t vote in the 2008 election. Millions of people said this was because they were out of town, had transportation problems or were too busy to get to the polls. Internet voting could let millions more people take part.

There are, as the security experts point out, lots of issues to confront before this happens, but it’s impossible.

2016 Internship Opportunities

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Respectfully,

Alexander M. DiBenedetto
Editor-in-Chief, LPNevada

FUN FACT:

The Liberty Cocktail is a simple and sweet drink. While it may sound like the typical fruity/candy cocktail, this baby is almost straight alcohol. There’s nothing light about the Liberty!

Recipe:

2 ounces of Calvados apple brandy
1 ounce of light rum
1/4 ounce of simple syrup
Squeeze of lime (optional)

Shake with ice and strain into a chilled martini glass. Flair with lime wedge. Enjoy!