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1st Tuesday @ Jalisco Mexican Cantina in Las Vegas, NV. Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 06:00 PM.

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History, Celebrities, & the Libertarian Party

The Libertarian Party of Nevada made history on January 8th, 2016 with several major announcements. At a press conference hosted in the Libertarian Party's Las Vegas office, Brett H. Pojunis, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Nevada (LPN), announced that Assemblyman John Moore, representing District 8, officially changed his party affiliation to the Libertarian Party. Moore is the first Libertarian to hold a state office since New Hampshire in the 1990s.

Following Pojunis' announcement, talk radio personality Richard Hunter announced that Moonlight Bunny Ranch owner Dennis Hof, star of HBO's *Cathouse*, is running for State Senate as a Libertarian in 2016. Speaking on Hof's behalf, Hunter noted, "Once you get past the edgy taboo of the sex industry, Dennis Hof is a small business owner. He knows from experience how high taxation and overregulation strangles enterprise right out of business. He's running on behalf of all Nevada business owners who are struggling from government intervention in our local economy."

Hunter also spoke of a genuine humanitarian concern: "Dennis has seen the unsafe and unsanitary working conditions cre-

ated when the government forces the sex industry underground, not to mention how pimps abuse their employees. By keeping the industry legal, sex workers have legal protection and legal resources. Only politicians, drug cartels, and pimps want vices to be illegal." When asked why Hof is running as a Libertarian, Hunter said, "Dennis doesn't identify with the two parties. He's a libertarian."

The next speaker was tech mogul John McAfee, best known for McAfee Antivirus software, who spoke about the importance of cyber security. "One of the government's few jobs is to protect its citizens from being attacked. America won't be invaded by any large army; it'll be attacked in cyber warfare, and a strong hack can knock out power grids and leave millions without electricity, without refrigeration for their food, and everything from business technology to personal medical devices will go without power. Instead of blackballing all these young computer hackers, the government ought to hire them to protect us!"

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McAfee also had some strong comments about inflation and runaway government spending. “My business can’t write checks if there’s no money in the bank. Yet the government does this, and billions of dollars at a time. It’s fraud, and it’s wrong.”

Also covering the press conference were news crews from Channels 3 and 8, and

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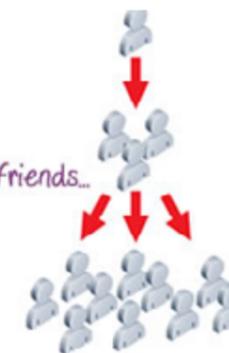
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KXNT News/Talk Radio 840 AM. Later that night, the LPN hosted a celebratory reception at the Foundation Room at Mandalay Bay. Attending both the press conference and the Foundation Room reception were light heavyweight champion Ron Johnson and Playboy’s Miss February 2011, Kylie Johnson, both avid Libertarian supporters.

When asked about the sudden surge of Libertarian activity, LPN Political Director

Jason Weinman wasn’t surprised. “The Libertarian Party is the fastest growing political party in America. We’ve all been working hard to bring big wins like the ones announced today. Honestly though, I’m more proud of how the LPN has been able to build local coalitions and block unconstitutional legislation at the state capital. This is only the beginning.”

By Zach Foster, Contributor



ESAs will be a Blessing to Students and to Public Schools

Opponents of school choice were overjoyed in January when District Judge James Wilson issued an **injunction** against the nation’s most inclusive school choice program, Nevada’s Education Savings Accounts.

“We are thrilled with the ruling,” said Tammy Godley, an attorney who argued on behalf of parents challenging the program. “We think it is so important to the children of Nevada that we maintain our public schools and fund them appropriately,” she told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*.

The reality, however, is that ESAs actually do fund public schools — and significantly. Indeed, public schools are poised to importantly benefit, financially, from Nevada’s broader implementation of school choice.

What choice opponents don’t tell you is that, when a student enrolls for an ESA, only part of the per-student funding departs the school district along with that child. Thousands of dollars for each departing child continue to flow into the school district, raising the per-pupil funding for students still in the system!

Nevada’s ESA program works like this: Most parents can qualify for up to 90 percent of the state government’s “guaranteed per-student funding share,” while low-income applicants can qualify for up to 100 percent. This money is then put into a restricted-use savings account for the family to spend on education-related expenses.

That “guaranteed per-student funding

share,” however, is only a portion — between 50 and 70 percent — of the overall revenues school districts receive from local, state and federal sources on a per-student basis. When a student enrolls in an ESA and leaves the public school system, the remaining 30-40 percent of the local and federal funds allocated to educate that child remain with the student’s previous government school.

In short, Nevada’s government schools will continue to receive thousands of dollars for each child that takes advantage of Nevada’s school choice opportunity, without the expense of having to educate that same child.

This means public schools will have more money for capital projects, bond repayments and even teacher pay. Contrary to the falsehoods being spread that ESAs will bankrupt public schools, the schools’ overall per-student funding will actually increase with the implementation of ESAs — to the benefit of the students who remain enrolled in those government schools.

Across Nevada’s public-education establishment, the results should be impressive. For decades the Clark County School District, with some 70 percent of Nevada’s public-school pupils, teachers and administrators, has struggled with overcrowding and huge teacher shortages.

Given that reality and the public education bureaucracy’s perpetual clamor for increased funds, the latter should see school choice as a major step toward tack-

ling some of the current education model’s chronic and systemic failings. That it is not shows, once again, that the militant opposition to education reform is rarely rooted in what is “best for the children.”

Throwing money at a bureaucratic, politically charged, ineffective public school system is not at all “investing” in our children’s education. One-sized factory-model schooling does not fit most children, and parents understand this. They also understand that ESAs allow them to tailor their children’s educational experiences to their children’s actual needs.

The fact that Nevada’s new program will do that while actually increasing the amount of resources public schools can allocate per-student should earn applause from the defenders of government-run education — not disingenuous legal assaults.

For some opponents, however, it’s not about the children, the welfare of dedicated teachers nor intelligent use of education tax dollars. Instead, it’s about preserving an ineffective government monopoly controlling public education, regardless of the cost.

Nevada’s students — and Nevada’s public schools — deserve better.

By Michael Schaus, Communications Director of the Nevada Policy Research Institute, a nonpartisan, free-market think tank.

For more visit <http://npri.org>.

Unplug Monopolies

LIBERTARIANS WORK WITH NEVADANS TO FIGHT AGAINST MONOPOLIES #FIGHTTHEPOWER

The Nevada Utilities Commission is not only a corrupt organization serving interests, but it is also robbing regular Nevada citizens of both their liberties to choose clean energy as well as the jobs of workers presenting alternative options outside of the monopoly.

The Libertarian Party of Nevada deeply opposes these monopolistic interests, for the same reason we oppose heavy-handed government regulation: in short, the Nevada Utilities Commission stifles the free market in Nevada by monopolizing utilities and removing the freedom of citizens to choose the energy sources and business that serve THEM best.

Because the Nevada Utilities Commission owns most all power in the state, they work closely with the government which assigns

them customers. Indeed, the government “issues” you to your respective monopoly, and you cannot seek alternative options; Nevada Utilities Commission is buying out officials and suppressing alternate companies like those in solar and other environmentally friendly sources. Companies like Sun Run, who provide such energy, have been run into the ground and are breaking up due to the crony policies of politicians bought out and appointed via NUC. It’s nice to have choice, isn’t it?

If that weren’t enough, you’re forced to foot the bill for their bad decisions. That’s right, we own their risk. And we pay for it.

The Libertarian Party of Nevada is happy to work with the citizens of Nevada to break up the monopoly that is the Nevada Utilities Commission in order to protect your

Pictured from left to right: Brett H. Pojunis, Mark Ruffalo, Jay Layman, and Scott LaFata.



freedom to choose. And we were fortunate enough to have Mark Ruffalo (The Avengers, Shutter Island) out supporting the cause as well! Like our party, Mark is passionate about fighting monopolistic interests that suppress the energy options of the people.

It’s time to give the citizens options in better energy and move Nevada forward.

By: Jay Layman, Communications Director for the Libertarian Party of Nevada

Editorial: Black History is American History

As February begins, we are reminded that it's now "Black History Month." "Black History Month" is "an annual observance in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom for remembrance of important people and events in the history of the Africa diaspora" (Wikipedia, 1/31/2016). Although I understand the sentiment of having a celebration of black history, I have several problems with denoting February as "Black History Month."

The first problem I have with "Black History Month" is best said by African-American actor **Morgan Freeman**: "I don't want a black history month. Black history is American history." I believe Mr. Freeman's sentiment is a truly libertarian one. Libertarians want all citizens of the United States to have the **same rights, the same opportunities**. Time has shown us that it is the minority that is most persecuted by the restriction of civil liberties, whether one is Catholic, Jewish, African-American, or homosexual. Libertarians are supposed to be the ultimate champion of civil liberties. Libertarians are supposed to fight to protect minorities from the tyranny (or apathy!) of the majority. Therefore, libertarians should have a serious problem with emphasizing black history for one month of the year. African-Americans have made serious contributions to American society, as well as the American economy. Once upon a time, this celebration of African American history may have had its place, but now it is merely an opportunity to reduce black history to 1/12 of a year.

The second problem I have with "Black History Month" is that it continues to reinforce ancient, disproved notions that race exists. Scientifically speaking, there is more genetic variability between members of a particular race than between members of different races (Jorde & Wooding, "Genetic variation, classification, and 'race'"). The constant intermixing of different ethnic groups, separated geographically for thousands of years, is already reducing differences between all members of the human race. If there had been significant genealogical distinctions accounting for all of the different "races" of humans, we would be separated into a further subtype of human. The fact that we live in the 21st century with all of this knowledge, and continue to teach and reinforce 19th century, manifest-destiny, slave-owning ideologies is absurd, and it needs to stop. Not for any moral or social-justice reason, but because in the court of science, no matter how great one's theory, if you're wrong, you're wrong (to paraphrase Richard Feynman).

The final problem with "Black History Month" is with how watered-down it has become. The "cleansed" and "censored" versions "approved" for use in the classroom today distort the ugly reality of much of "black history" in the United States. It also encourages prominent black activists to be heroes while forgetting the individuals who quietly contributed. The civil rights movement was just that--a movement, not a single man or woman. Continuing this

watered-down version of history is the belief that "all of that is behind us, now." Sadly, racism is all too alive today in America. Although it took a heavy beating in the last half of the 20th century, it continues to rear its ugly head today. Whether its the large-scale media portrayals of black activists as "troublemakers" or just apparent lack of coverage, its clear that what is going on today isn't being talked about; there are real issues facing our country that aren't even being addressed. It's time for a change.

To start this change, it's time to end putting down "race" for college applications, job applications, or entire "history months." Race doesn't exist; it never has, and as long as we perpetuate the religion there are different races, some superior, some inferior, we'll never be able to work on the fact that we are one human race. It's time for America to lead the way, and celebrate all human accomplishments as just that - human accomplishments. We need to learn to see each other as people. We're so much more than a gender, a race, or a religion. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wasn't a great "black leader," he was a great civil-rights leader. His dream was that all children, regardless of race, could play together in harmony. That's a dream we can all believe in -let's continue his dream by celebrating, mourning, and studying American history all year long.

By **Alexander DiBenedetto**, Editor-in-Chief, LPNevada Newsletter

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Member of the LGBTQ community? An ally? Then come out for the monthly Out for Liberty Meeting. This month's meeting is being held at the Libertarian Party of Nevada's HQ - 1771 E. Flamingo Ave. Ste. 201a Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

20 LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The LNC will be meeting in Phoenix, Arizona this weekend.

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2016 Libertarian Party National Presidential Nominating Convention

Convention 2016: *Legalize Freedom!*

By J.J. McCURRY

The 2016 Libertarian Party National Convention will be May 27-30 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. You, the membership, decided on a theme: *Legalize Freedom*

We at the Convention Oversight Committee are planning to create the best convention yet. Besides the opening reception, banquet, and presidential debate, we are planning a masquerade/cos-play event and film screening. Dress up as your favorite Libertarian, presidential candidate, or superhero!

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We have set some very special pre-earlybird package discounts, only through Dec. 31, to encourage you to register early, and to help us plan the very best convention experience.

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Convention Packages

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We are pleased to be inviting to the 2016 convention some of the most prominent and experienced libertarian leaders and activists to inspire you. Stay tuned as our exciting speaker lineup takes shape.

There is much more work to do! We seek support volunteers for the National Convention. Those interested in volunteering should contact Vicki Kirkland.

We also still have slots for speakers. Those who are interested or have suggestions should contact Daniel Hayes.

For general questions and sponsorship opportunities, contact BetteRose Ryan.

See you in Orlando in May!

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Caucus Spotlight! Women in Nevada

A CAUCUS TO REPRESENT WOMEN IN NEVADA AND PROMOTE PRO-WOMAN LEGISLATION

Hello Everyone! Just a quick note from W.I.N.- Women in Nevada- the women's caucus for the Libertarian Party of Nevada... I am proud to announce we are in full swing and gaining momentum- gathering members, speaking with women's organizations, lining up volunteers, scheduling meetings, and, of course, looking for potential female candidates to run on the Libertarian ticket.

I have been looking into the stats, and as I wrote in my article in this newsletter, it is paramount that we increase the number of

women running for office tremendously if we want to see a more even balance in the ratio of women to men in office in Nevada. Women win almost as often as men. The problem is getting women to run. This has got to change. It's very simple, we have to gain candidates in order to gain seats.

In order to do this, we will be holding fundraising events- dinners, luncheons, etc. with the Libertarian Party, as well as discussing women's issues in Nevada and discussing potential candidates. We will also start meeting every month at the Libertarian Party of Nevada Headquarters to discuss these things as well as strategies to bring this all into fruition. I also plan to find a venue and meet on a regular basis with women in the northern half of Nevada to get them involved and find

out about potential candidates there as well. We are looking forward to a successful election year and would love to see YOU get involved. There is so much potential in this state. We can do this.. If you are in a women's organization, interested in running for office on the Libertarian ticket, or simply would like to meet with us and/or join W.I.N., please contact me at candy.nickens@lpnevada.org.

Join us. Let's make this election year a year to remember in Nevada. Let's W.I.N. Thank you.

**By Candy Nickens Pratter,
Women in Nevada Chair**

News from Northern Nevada

"Why Goldfield?"

It all started with a bag of coffee. Last summer, I purchased some bags of freshly roasted coffee from a gentleman in Goldfield during Goldfield Days. They were a little pricey compared to my usual pre-ground proletarian blend, but, when I got home and brewed some up, I realized there truly was a difference between fast coffee and good coffee. Strong coffee, it turns out, does not need to taste like battery acid. Good coffee, it turns out, has a gentle oiliness to it, which adds a velvety texture. When you drink good coffee, it doesn't just taste like you're drinking something - it feels like you're drinking something. This was revelatory.

Then I ran out. I emailed the roaster and asked if I could order some more.

"Are you the same David Colborne that keeps sending me emails about events in Reno?"

I quickly promised that, no, I swear to the deity of the roaster's choice, I did not add his email address into our system surreptitiously, I don't know how his email address got in there, and if he'd like it removed, I'd be happy to accommodate that. I also stressed that I really, truly hoped this potential and accidental breach in trust didn't prevent me from reordering some more coffee. It's important to have priorities.

"Oh, I'm a libertarian! I've been on your mailing list for years. I'm going to be in Reno in a few weeks - I'll bring your order then."

This happened a few months ago. We talked politics, he brought coffee, I brought currency, we promised to stay in touch. After a while, it was time for yet another order of good, velvety, delicious coffee, roasted fresh in the Nevada desert - this time, however, it was my turn to go to his place. It seemed silly to drive all the way to Goldfield, pick up a few bags of coffee, and go home, so I decided I'd stay the night and do some sightseeing - and if I was going to do that...

"Hey, should we hold an LP event in Goldfield?"

"I'll get a key to the community center. Send me fliers and bring hot dogs and hamburgers."

So I did.

Holding an event in Goldfield was, quite frankly, overdue. Esmeralda County has consistently outperformed the rest of Nevada whenever a Libertarian is placed on the ballot. Gary Johnson received 3% of the vote there - triple what he averaged in the rest of Nevada - and Louis Wedge received almost 10% there in 2014, double

what he received from the rest of Assembly District 34. Additionally, over 98% of Esmeralda County's land is owned by the federal government - this is more than any other county in Nevada. Additionally, Esmeralda County is the only county represented by three political parties - a Republican, a Democrat, and a member of the Independent American Party - in its county commission. In short, the people of Esmeralda County are sympathetic to our cause and aren't afraid to vote their conscience.

Thanks to some coffee, a local volunteer, and an email, we made it happen. That's all it takes.

**By David Colborne, Northern Nevada
Regional Representative**



Breaking up is Hard to Do

The Clark County School District has over 300,000 students; it is the fifth largest school district in the nation. There is a proposal that would break up the district into 7 precincts with superintendents and advisory councils responsible to local communities for the financial budget decisions as well as education standards for each precinct. Logistically, it makes each precinct more accessible to parents who want to stay involved in their children's education and breaks up the enormity of CCSD bureaucracy into more manageable local entities with more flexibility to respond to the concerns and issues affecting the community directly. However, we can't forget to ask ourselves if a more efficient and locally controlled education system is worth the risk that comes with trusting communities and localities to do what is in their best interest. The biggest questions posed so far have been, "Will the funding be equal?", "Who will be hurt?", and "Will this be socioeconomically equal?" I can't help but wonder if these are the questions that need answers.

First, let us discuss the equal funding part. Clark County School District has over 3000 non-teaching "administrators" making six figure salaries with benefits and pensions. Each district should inherit 425 of these employees. Breaking up the district means they may have to travel from their gated communities to a school they are not necessarily close to. If a precinct wants to discuss funding, I am all for starting here. Perhaps if these administrators' salaries and benefits were in line with the efficiency and effectiveness of their work, each district could save some of the \$42,500,000 (yes...forty two MILLION dollars) a year they pay school officials who don't even teach. There is a good chunk of change that can go right to student needs. I wonder if Gene Collins of Al Sharpton's National Action Network was referring to this waste and abuse as part of the "loose

ends" that were mentioned? If all 7 precincts had a meeting with all of these "administrators", some of the \$300,000,000 a year could actually help pull Nevada from the last spot in the nation for education. There are more questions, however, this issue of fair funding should be answered by the communities and their willingness to make hard decisions regarding hundreds of well-kept bureaucrats vs. the needs for funding their community has. If it is more important to keep those who are failing our kids in the lap of luxury, then yes, your district may have less funding available for teaching and preparing the next generation for success. The main reason for this proposal is to improve the schools...so the argument that we have to protect the status quo should be met with resounding contempt and refusal; but that is each community's responsibility. There is actually a court case holding up the implementation of school choice over 4100 children of parents who wish to utilize the \$5000 annual public expenditure per student on a school of the parent's choosing, which would lighten the burden on public school size and make it easier to focus on helping those students who wish to remain in the public school system. Problem is...the schools want that money because they know that getting that money is more important than actually accomplishing the goal of educating any of those kids. Now...if there was a consequence to failure; say...competition from private schools, maybe the public school administration would take their roles more serious.

The next excuse for not fixing the worst education system in the nation is "who will be hurt?" Obviously the point of asking this question is to take all the focus away from "who is being hurt?" If the leviathan is broken up, there will be some losers. Poor performing schools will stand out more because they will not be able to hide in a smaller precinct. As any good manager

of a company will tell you, it is easy to say there is a problem, the skill is when you can identify what the problem is and then effectively bring solutions to fix them. If we do nothing, it is clear the problem stays hidden. If we break up the district, there is then opportunity to identify the problems and make corrections. Will some people get fired? I sure hope so, for the kids' sake. But even if the axe doesn't fall, private education opportunities will more easily be able to offer solutions to public school failures. The last legislative session did open up the county to offer more school choice to parents who are currently being forced to use a failing system. But even this offer of more choice to parents has met with legal hurdles stemming from parents and unions who don't want anyone pointing out who is failing. Remember what the question is, because the only people I see being hurt here are those who are failing our kids who no longer are able to hide.

The last question has already been addressed; the "socioeconomic equality" that many people love to use as a reason to stay the course, is tantamount to a lover saying they will hurt themselves if you leave. Frankly, it is exactly what is wrong with the relationship between the education industry and those they serve. Do you want to be with someone who doesn't care enough to keep them healthy and productive in a relationship? If you are relying on me to pay your bills and you think you are entitled to leach off of me, then even if I can't find someone better, I'm still better off without you. We want what is best for our kids, and that means we need to break up. It's not us Clark County School District, it's you.

**By Jason Smith, Vice-Chairman of the
Libertarian Party of Nevada**

Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 | 10:00am - 11:30am



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The Libertarian Party of Nevada participated in National School Choice week. Education and parental-choice is very important to us. Get involved in the fight for education choice today by signing up at www.LPNevada.org/join_now

January Gun & Ammo Expo @ SportsCenter in Las Vegas

Many people spend their weekends catching up on errands, or seeing the latest Ben Affleck disappointment on the big screen. However some enjoy testing out the latest AR-15 front grip or going home with new Glock 23 dual flashlight/laser mount.

At this weekend's Gun Show at the Las Vegas Sports Center, LPNevada was happy to see more of the latter. Over a hundred small business owners from seven different states converged to offer their latest goods: guns, tools, and accoutrements. Everything from rifle modification, pain relievers, beef jerky and even the latest "Hillary For Prison 2016" T-shirt, were peddled by local shops and occasionally out of someone's basement. At the center of it all

sat the Libertarian Party of Nevada's table, adorned with purple and highlighted by our massive banner to help educate people on our principles. Though we were squeezed between the Trump and GOP tables, people came from all walks of life to hear about the fastest growing party in the country. To be sure most were just curious and uncertain about who we were. "Libertarian? Aren't you guys like the Tea Party?" inquired a suspicious couple after eating the free donuts we used to lure po-

tential voters. But most people, after it was explained, were relieved to hear about a potential 3rd party candidate in this race. A democratic husband and his republican wife felt that going "purple" was a good way to bridge their political differences. Yet surprisingly, Americans were not the only ones excited to see us. As this gun show was across from the famous "Shot Show" the international community was out in force. Several Australians from the self proclaimed "outback" said that they too

were tired of government restrictions in their lives, and even went home with a Libertarian T-shirt to show their support. A German gun manufacturer lamented his country's brutal control over his citizenry.

"Wow, I guess I AM a libertarian!" was a common sentiment shared by visitors coming to explore our platforms. As a state party, we were thrilled to gain support even from citizens from other states, and even from those living on the other side of the world. We're happy to see our message of freedom is one that extends well beyond state, and even national borders.

So next time you're in Las Vegas, come check us out. You may just find out you're a libertarian, too!

By William Moffat, Volunteer Director for the Libertarian Party of Nevada

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Pictured from left to right: Jay Layman, William Moffat, and Alexander DiBenedetto. To help out at a gun show, sign up as a volunteer at www.LPNevada.org/volunteer

Thousands Rally for School Choice

January 25 – 29 marks National School Choice Week, with over 16,000 pro-school-choice events happening across America. Over 139 education and family-themed events are planned in Nevada alone. Yesterday, thousands of Nevada residents flocked to the Cashman Center in Las Vegas to rally for school choice.

One charter bus after another rolled up in front of the convention center's main entrance, and out poured throngs of children, parents, and educators joined together to celebrate the pursuit of happiness and the freedom to choose. The Libertarian Party of Nevada was at the rally, registering new Libertarians and reaching out to liberty-

minded people who want the government out of their backyard when it comes to educating their children.

"ESA's are a great idea because it gives taxpayer dollars back to the taxpayers and lets families decide how and where their kids should be educated, not some districting board with arbitrary authority," said LPN Political Director Jason Weinman.

This rally was phenomenally important to the thousands of children, teachers, and parents who showed up to loudly support Education Savings Accounts and school choice in Nevada. It included speeches, musical performances by several K-12

musical ensembles, and dozens of display booths where people could network and find education options customized for the needs of the child or family.

Republican governor Brian Sandoval publicly supports school choice and the ESA's in Nevada. LPN State Chairman Brett H. Pojunis commented, "While we agree with him on that point, let's not forget that Governor Sandoval's administration presided over a new \$1.2 billion education tax—the biggest tax hike in the history of Nevada."

By Zach Foster, Contributor

Pictured from left to right: Brett H. Pojunis, Jason Weinman, William Moffat, and a curious student. Libertarian Party of Nevada was a huge supporter of school choice week this year, and continues to fight for school choice going forward.



Brett H. Pojunis giving his keynote address to the SoCal LP Regional Conference in Santa Fe Springs, California.

SoCal LP Regional Conference

On January 23rd, 2016 Libertarian Party Chairman Brett H. Pojunis and I attended the annual SoCal LP Regional Conference in Santa Fe Springs, California, where Brett was the keynote speaker. This event was attended by Libertarian leaders and activists from all over southern California. The event was a major success -- the room was packed with an almost overflow-- while a great line of speakers took their turns educating informing. This year's speakers also included Jeff Hewitt, Ted Brown, Boomer Shannon, Brandy Vaughan, Jonathan Hall, and Patrick Moore. All of these people are great lovers of liberty who had a lot of great things to share and express.

After the lunch break, Brett H. Pojunis was called up to the podium to deliver his speech. Due to the recent successes and accomplishments of the Libertarian Party

of Nevada, the room was eager to hear what Brett had to say--everyone crowded in. Brett immediately dived into what has been happening in Nevada the last few months, from the wonderful announcement of John Moore switching from the Republican Party to the Libertarian Party, to celebrity and businessman Dennis Hof running as a Libertarian in northern Nevada. Brett also spoke highly of the Libertarian Party of Nevada members and their active roles, explaining how we do things and how we are getting things done. From our new divisional structure to coalitions to our alliances, Brett expanded on a lot of ground.

When Brett finished his speech, the room thundered with applause. Brett then broke into a question and answer session that did not seem to want to end--the

questions did not stop--but due to time constraints, finally came to a close. Before he left the stage, Brett called me up to introduce me to the room, which I followed up with a quick speech on events and membership. At the end of the conference, a lot of people stuck around and approached Brett and I asking for advice and guidance, while also wanting to get to know us. We met a lot of new people and got to catch up with a lot of old friends. The conference was a wonderful experience of like-minded people trying to work together for liberty; we will be attending next year's conference and I invite all of you to join us!

By Miles Dunn, Membership Director for the Libertarian Party of Nevada



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Hosting at **high-class** dinners,

Contributing to the **Newsletter & Blog**,

Joining the **Social Media Army**,

Working on the **website**,

and much, much, more!

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We look forward to hearing from you soon. Be sure to stop by one of our social events or the main office during business hours so we can meet you in person.

Very Respectfully,

William Moffat

Volunteer Director



FUN FACT:

The term *libertarian* was first used by late-Enlightenment freethinkers to refer to the metaphysical belief in free will, as opposed to determinism.

Obviously, the term has evolved a lot since then! Today, it refers to a political philosophy that upholds liberty as its principal objective.

Libertarians seek to maximize autonomy and freedom of choice, emphasizing political freedom, voluntary association, and the primacy of individual judgment (Wikipedia 1/31/2016).



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