Upcoming Events

July 5  1st Tuesday Libertarian Social
@ Jalisco Mexican Cantina in Las Vegas, NV.  6:00 - 9:00 PM.

July 7 Women in Nevada Caucus
@ LP Nevada headquarters from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

July 12 Out for Liberty Caucus Meeting (LGBTQI)
@ The Phoenix Bar & Lounge. 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

July 13-16 FreedomFest
@ Planet Hollywood

We Will Overcome—Stronger Than Ever

On June 24, 1973, the UpStairs Lounge in New Orleans was barred and torched. Thirty-two people died of burning or smoke inhalation. This was the deadliest attack on a gay bar in U.S. history.

Almost 43 years later to the day, on June 12, that horrible record was broken. A psychopath, whose name will not be mentioned in this editorial, opened fire at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando killing 49 people and injuring 53 more. This is now acknowledged to be the single-largest mass shooting by a civilian in our country.

The victims of both of these tragedies were people celebrating life: dancing, singing, and partying. Their final actions exemplify what libertarians fight for every day: individual freedom.

June was LGBTQ Pride Month, making these attacks especially damaging. As a community, we have fought for decades for the rights now enjoyed by most US citizens. We have moved mountains to fight the discriminatory policies instituted by Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. We have fought so well that some of the aforementioned leaders (and their current standard bearer, Hillary Clinton) have “evolved” in their treatment of the Gender & Sexual Minority (GSM) community.

It seems that finally, Republicans and Democrats have come around to where the Libertarian Party has been since 1971. Yet, the fight isn’t; the GSM community has much more work to do and this shooting has reminded all of us of that.

While Republicans and Democrats may jump to politicize this event and use it to strip the GSM community of hard-won liberties (or to push racist immigration policies), Libertarians should constantly remind others that this event is not political, it is personal. This is a tragedy. The LGBTQ community is small, but strong; allies number in the millions.

We will cry, we will mourn, but we will rise above this. We cannot do what religious extremists would have us do: climb back into the closet, refuse to celebrate ourselves and live in fear. We must show love in the face of hate, we must learn to defend ourselves, and we must refuse to be used as political pawns.

By Brandon Ellyson, National Chair of the new GSM advocacy group OUT For Liberty. www.OUTforLiberty.org

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- Get involved with a Caucus and Coalition. See a complete list at www.lpnevada.org/caucuses_coalitions
From the Editor

Readers,

When we started this newsletter in December of last year, we never imagined it would grow to a national readership. The Libertarian Party of Nevada’s newsletter team strives to bring the issues which are most relevant to the forefront. By sharing our publication you have helped us grow our readership and have helped highlight important issues, like taxpayer funded stadiums, corporate subsidies, legalization of marijuana (or decriminalization, as Austin Peterson might distinguish), and ending the warrantless NSA spying on US citizens.

As our readership has grown, so has the team. What began as a handful of contributors has blossomed into a full staff of dedicated people. However, this month’s edition of the newsletter marks my last as editor-in-chief, and Patsy McFadden Choat will be taking over my position. Patsy is passionate about liberty and has great ideas for the newsletter’s continued success. She is an incredible choice as my successor and I know she will lead the newsletter team well.

I will be staying on as a contributor and I look forward to serving the party as the OUT for Liberty vice chairman. Please continue to share this newsletter with your friends and family, especially in Nevada.

Respectfully,
Alexander DiBenedetto

Freedom, Fire, and the First Amendment

A man shouts the word “fire” in a crowded theatre. In a room with over 400 bodies, massive panic ensues as hundreds clamor for the only escape from a nonexistent flame. This is precisely the story of the Italian Hall Disaster of 1913, when over 73 people, including 59 children, were killed when a false announcement of impending threat was heard. ¹

We all know that such speech is not protected by the first amendment. In fact, isn’t falsely calling out “fire” in a crowded theatre a defining example of unprotected speech? Does it not cause “clear and present danger”, which extends beyond the bounds of the citizen’s constitutional right to expression by the first amendment? Many of us would be quite surprised to learn that despite the hype, there is no standing law against such an action.

During World War 1, two young members of the then Socialist Party in Philadelphia, were accused of disseminating materials urging conscription-age men to not submit to being drafted. They were found to be in violation of the 1917 Espionage Act, and in a Supreme Court appeal, a unanimous decision held that the defendant’s’ speech was not protected by the first amendment of the U.S. constitution, and was indeed punishable by law as sedition. Written by Oliver Wendell Holmes, the court opinion specifically states:

“The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic... The question in every case is whether the words used are used in such circumstances and are of such a nature as to create a clear and present danger that they will bring about the substantive evils that Congress has a right to prevent.” ²

However, the “clear and present danger” standard was later rejected in Brandenburg v. Ohio in 1969 in favor of a standard that drew the limits of legal protection of speech under the First Amendment at clear and provable likelihood of inciting imminent and lawless action. In fact, the ruling in Brandenburg made clear that even calls to violence were not in and of themselves outside the boundaries of protected speech. ³

So as it turns out, the common adage about shouting “fire” in a crowded theatre is actually a bit misleading. The proposition was actually never used as more than a metaphor itself for limits on free speech in a Supreme Court ruling. But moreover the standard the analogy was intended to elucidate has long since been restricted. In fact, despite what common misinformation would have you believe, by the Brandenburg decision, even such a radical action has not been ruled to lie outside the bounds of first amendment protection.

That said, I wouldn’t really recommend it.

By Jay Layman, LP Nevada Communications Director

² Schenck v. United States, 249 U.S. 47, 49-51 (1917)
Forty-nine people died when a lone gunman entered the Pulse Nightclub on June 12th and opened fire. They died as a result of exsanguination (blood-loss), hypoxia by pneumothorax (oxygen-loss by detached lungs), and other ballistic trauma (e.g. injury to the heart and other organs, damage to the brain and central nervous system). Although many news stories have and will continue to focus on the villain in this tragedy, we will not acknowledge his story and instead honor his victims by publishing their names. Out for Liberty: Nevada & the Libertarian Party of Nevada send out our love and hope for peace to the victims’ families.

Irrational, horrible events like these happen all too often. We mourn for the GSM community, a community that has been attacked again and again for over 4,000 years of recorded history.

But our struggles are not only held in the past.

- Today and every day, we mourn for those who live in Russia, where being a homosexual is a crime.
- Today and every day, we mourn for those in the Middle East, where even being suspected of homosexuality is punished by public stoning.
- Today and every day, we mourn for the transgender community in South America where they are regularly discriminated against and beaten by those who are supposed to protect them.

In America, we hold liberty, the right to live your life as you choose, as sacrosanct. And yet, we are so quick to judge—so quick to tell others how they should live their lives. It’s time to take a stand for freedom.

That is why Out for Liberty Nevada is offering FREE Concealed, Carry Weapons (CCW) classes to those who work in LGBTQ nightlife in Nevada. These people can stop gunmen and prevent another national tragedy. Casinos here in Las Vegas have already tested this model and have proven that armed bouncers and private security can deter and stop individuals. As a result, casinos are some of the safest place to be in Las Vegas.

We stand with #Orlando in this difficult time. Our community has faced difficult, tragic times before and persevered. We will rise stronger this time and every time someone threatens our way of life, our pursuit of happiness, or our safety.

By Alexander DiBenedetto, OUT for Liberty Vice-Chairman
Southern Nevada appears to be in a state of mass hypnosis. This misguided phenomenon is rooted in the nation’s love of, and (dare I say) addiction to — yep, you guessed it — football.

By now, the Valley’s residents are aware of ongoing negotiations between the city and several wealthy, private investors which, if successful, would grant Las Vegas its first major professional sports franchise. (Sorry, hockey lovers — I said “major.”) As a true sports fanatic, I recognize the significance behind these efforts, and further acknowledge the communal benefits which might result if the city were provided a proper medium through which to voice a shared sense of culture and pride. (Time and time again, sports franchises have proven themselves worthy of this task; one need only look to the City of Cleveland for the latest example.)

In this respect, if a stadium deal were promised to be 100% privately-funded — as was the case for the $375 million T-Mobile Arena which was completed earlier this year — I would already be saving for season tickets. Unfortunately, that scenario is fiction.

So, hedging my excitement at the prospect for Strip-adjacent football, the economist and the Libertarian within me must ask, “At what cost to the taxpayer?”

As it stands now, the current proposal promises $500 million in public funds towards the stadium’s construction — revised down from an initial $750 million — through the issuance of a room tax-contingent bond. This investment would account for about one-third of the 65,000 seat stadium’s $1.5 billion price tag. (Ironically, Forbes valued the Oakland Raiders just below the stadium’s projected cost at $1.43 billion, ranking them next-to-last among the NFL’s 32 teams for 2015.) Proponents to bring the notorious “Silver and Black” to Las Vegas, in-sync with past similar attempts throughout the American urban landscape, repeatedly invoke the same three “talking points.” Their rhetoric seeks to legitimize their plans to funnel public monies away from the taxpayers’ stronger interests. But upon further analysis, such arguments are revealed to be fallacies, and they are sourced more deeply in misinformation and blind optimism than in economic reality.

Fallacy #1
Clark County visitors — not the county’s residents — will assume the taxpayers’ share of stadium funding.
Claims that visitors will assume the entirety of this massive financial burden are misleading. Certainly, the very nature of a room tax increase suggests visiting hotel guests will themselves generate this cash flow. However, by framing the issue in such terms, stadium advocates ignore the most obvious macroeconomic implications — broadly, that visitors will spend less if they are taxed more.
This is not novel economics. Yet stadium advocates choose not to acknowledge these certain — and potentially substantial — impacts upon local business under any such plan.

Fallacy #2
A major stadium will naturally benefit the local economy.
To say the least, these claims don’t hold much weight. Studies consistently fail to identify any measurable, broad-scale benefits to the local economy. Any observed effect can usually be characterized as a product of wealth redistribution rather than capital creation (e.g., some local businesses may boom while others suffer).

The American Enterprise Institute authored the most comprehensive report I’ve seen on this topic. I’ll refer you to its 2008 report entitled “A Closer Look at Stadium Subsidies.”

Fallacy #3
If public monies aren’t offered, the team will go elsewhere, and the city will lose its only opportunity to secure a football franchise.
Admittedly, there is some truth to this statement — the Raiders may pass on Las Vegas if the city refuses to play ball (pun intended). But to think this is the city’s one and only chance to secure a team is lunacy.
Historically, the backdrop of gambling has prevented the city from acquiring a major franchise, but these concerns have largely subsided over recent years. Whether it’s the Oakland Raiders or somebody else, I’d be shocked if Las Vegas wasn’t playing football by 2020.
Anyway, wouldn’t we prefer an owner who wanted to move here so badly that he was willing to pay for it? Don’t let the billionaires fool you. And don’t let them off the hook. They can afford it.

By Daniel Honchariw, Contributor
With the overwhelming disapproval of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, the Libertarian Party and Gary Johnson have received an astounding number of hits by voters of all kinds on all sites and social media. Even so, there are many who are curious about Libertarianism that still haven’t found their way out of the dark either due to fear tactics, intimidation, or simply the lack of belief that there really is a real solution out there. The growing number of Americans looking for answers is increasing by the day. Now is the best time, since the beginning of the Libertarian Party, to educate yourself on Libertarianism, join, become active, and vote. For the first time in history, the Libertarian choice will be on the ballot in all 50 states. If you are a registered Libertarian, always help educate others on the Libertarian stance. Let them know there is another choice and a real chance. And be sure to vote - voting is paramount. If you are not a registered Libertarian, you are probably a Libertarian in belief but just don’t know it yet. Please do your research. Look up Libertarianism. Look up the Libertarian sites and social media. Look up memes on Gary Johnson and the Libertarian Party. Look up Gary Johnson and other Libertarian Party member interviews on Youtube and other video media. You will find all the information you need to make an informative choice. Or, if you’d like to go direct, go to www.isidewith.com and take the test to see which candidate you side with the most, regardless of political party. You’ll be amazed at just how Libertarian you are - the fact that you are reading this article right now is proof that you have at least begun the path to Libertarianism. If you find you are a Libertarian, please register and vote.

All those who are either Libertarian or wish to become Libertarian activists - contributors and/or volunteers - please contact your state's Libertarian Party office. Many people don’t think they have the time or the money to be an activist. Everyone can. If you share a meme or an article on Facebook or Twitter, if you speak to others in the waiting room at the doctor’s office about Libertarianism, if you have a “Vote Gary Johnson” sticker on your car, that is activism. If you contribute $5 a month to the party or to Gary, that is a contribution. If you bring a dish to a meeting, write an article for the newsletter, or run the booth for four hours at a festival, that is volunteering.

Finding out if you are Libertarian is simple. Do your research or take the test. Registering at the DMV or online and voting is simple. Activism, contributing, and/or volunteering can even be simple. Just do what you can. It’s worth it. If you find you just can’t go on with the other parties, you have another choice, another chance and another party home. Join now. Now is the time.

By Candy Nickens, Outreach Director
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@ LP Nevada headquarters from 10 AM-12 PM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
@ LP Nevada headquarters from 1-3PM

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Libertarian Dream Team Surging In Recent Polls

According to the Wall St. Journal, “deep dislike for the two leading presidential candidates is creating an opening for third-party hopefuls.” Based on recent polling, and assuming the rules are not changed at the convention, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are the two most unfavorable candidates to get their party’s respective nominations. A NBC/Wall St. Journal poll showed that even a majority of Mr. Trump’s own party’s is not satisfied with him as their nominee. And Bloomberg polling reveals that only 55% of Bernie Sanders supporters are planning to vote for Hillary in the general election. And best of all - Gary Johnson is already polling higher in some states among certain demographics than Trump or Hillary.

But it’s not just hatred of Trump/Clinton that’s generating enthusiasm for the Johnson/Weld campaign. As motivated as people are to stop Trump and Clinton, it’s not enough to explain the magnitude of support people are committing to the effort to stop them. Nate Silver predicts a realistic chance for the Libertarian Party to receive electoral votes. In fact, he is predicting a greater than 80% chance to get 9% or more of the popular vote.

These kinds of results will have dramatic effects on the political landscape immediately. It’s almost certain to beat the margin of victory between Trump and Clinton, so the winner would have no clear mandate. The minority party in Congress will be in a position to form a coalition with at-risk members of the majority to prevent illiberal reforms, or even to advance pro-liberty legislation from either the left or right, as the case may be. In fact, many legislators—the smart ones—would view such a massive advance for the LP as clear mandate for libertarian reform. Those kinds of results would be enough to swing two-way down ticket races in the LP’s favor. The establishment would have to move in a libertarian direction. But none of this compares to the long term effects.

If the LP receives 9% of the popular vote, it will reach a crucial tipping point for the Libertarian Party going forward. A result better than 5% will trigger matching funds for the 2020 election cycle. That would give the LP sufficient funds to run a presidential campaign that can compete with the GOP and Democrats. It would also maintain ballot access in the overwhelming majority of states, which has been the focus of more than half of LP fundraising and expenses in the past. The few states in which the LP wouldn’t have automatic ballot access would be hard pressed to justify their extreme and out of line requirements. The media coverage and shift in public opinion—even without the electoral votes—will usher in a new paradigm in American politics. As a major party, the LP will compete to win on the state legislative and congressional levels in 2018 and will be in a position to begin to reverse the damage the unchecked expansion of government has done over the past eight decades.

This is the best opportunity the LP has ever had. In order to turn that 80% chance into a certainty, Johnson and Weld needs your help. Please visit https://johnsonweld.com to sign up as a volunteer for social media, petitioning, or ground game, and to donate to the campaign.

By Jason Weinman, Contributor
Muhammad Ali is dead; but more than boxing has suffered the loss. The United States of America has suffered, and not because Ali was so good at befuddling opponents in the ring. Ali will be remembered as a champion, but not all people think he was the best heavyweight boxer. Let us talk about Ali, the libertarian. No, not politically… we have so many people who identify with a political party, I wouldn’t dream of lumping such a man in with a political party. When I say Ali was a libertarian, I mean he was an individual that used his talents, ambitions, charisma, and will to be the very best at what he did. He did so without worrying about what other people thought. We decry individualism in America now, because it is called “greed”, “selfish”, and some even say “you didn’t build that” to tear down individuals; but the fact is, Ali’s greatness made America better. Greatness; however, is not a one way street.

Only in the great country can a man proclaim that he is the greatest fighter in the world, then prove it, and then tell this country that he won’t fight for something he doesn’t believe in, and then hold to his convictions because he owns himself and nobody else does. Great individuals makes the United States of America great, and to “Make America great again” means we must allow individuals to be the best they can be without holding them back and forcing them to carry someone else’s weight. This is why most honor and revere Muhammad Ali. He showed why being great means being the best you can be, and in doing so make other people compete and improve themselves. Stripping Ali of the title and exiling him didn’t make Frazier better, you don’t get better by removing competition. Quarry didn’t beat the best to become champion.

If it wasn’t for Muhammad Ali, George Foreman would be considered the greatest for defeating Frazier twice… but we know what Ali did to Foreman. To be the greatest, you must face the greatest. Ali did that, and won. Liberty is not just a selfish dream of introverts and greedy individuals. Liberty is the greatest sharpening tool for greatness. In order for America to be the greatest, we must be free to pursue our individual greatness so that we make others better. This means energy, education, housing, as well as environment, business and even charity must be industries and endeavors where people are allowed to innovate, profit and even dominate for a time. Nothing would make me happier, as an environmentalist, to see a young entrepreneur create sustainable and clean energy sources that will make him richer than Warren Buffet. Once that genie is out of the bottle, competition and innovation will have every house and vehicle in America running clean, less expensive and readily more available to every person, but government mandates and subsidies and other tools of force will not sharpen the edge it takes to create this, it will only delay and repel the greatest force in the world… the individual will. It is that which made Ali what he was—one of the greatest.

The Greatest

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

After the polls closed for the primaries on June 14, a party was hosted at the Nu Yalk Pizza in Reno, Nevada to watch the primary results and find out who would be running for State Senate District 15. There were over two dozen supporters from around the area including Brandon Jacobs, the Libertarian Party’s candidate for Nevada State Senate District 13, and Gennady Stolyarov, who represented the Nevada Transhumanist Party. There we learned the Republican Party’s primary voters chose establishment Republicans in both of the regional races Libertarians are participating in; this, needless to say, makes it almost too easy to draw an effective contrast between us and our opponents. In both State Senate races, Libertarians are the only ones:

- Openly opposing the Commerce Tax.
- Openly supporting increased school choice.
- Openly supporting significant criminal justice reform.
- Openly fighting excessive occupational licensing.

To get the word out, I visited a Conservative Talk Luncheon in mid-June, a Western Industrial Nevada networking breakfast, and a Women’s Council of Realtors event, all since the primaries ended. With help from several volunteers, my campaign has also knocked on over two-hundred doors to distribute literature and introduce people in Reno to the Libertarian Party and my campaign for State Senate. There are also dozens of yard signs expressing support for the campaign throughout the area, and I can confidently announce that the unconventional color scheme and intentionally horrific graphic design choices are building name recognition throughout the community with a fraction of the budget available to my Republican and Democratic opponents.

Excitingly, at the Libertarian Party of Nevada’s Executive Committee meeting in June, a motion was passed authorizing Washoe County to hold an organizing convention the weekend of November 12, just after Election Day! At the conclusion of this convention, the Washoe County Libertarian Party shall have local leadership, direction, and a capacity to support and run local candidates in 2018 and beyond. In addition, volunteers from Carson City and Douglas County have also expressed recent interest in hosting organized conventions for local Libertarian Party affiliates in their area. Thank you, readers and volunteers in Northern Nevada, for your continued support for my campaign, the groundswell of activity for the Libertarian Party, and our steady growth over the past few months. I look forward to working with all of you to create the best county affiliate in LPNevada! We have AWAKENED!

By David Colborne, Northern Regional Representative & Candidate for Senate District 15

Jonathan Friedrich
Senate District 3
www.friedrichforsd3.com

Jonathan Friedrich has lived in Las Vegas for over thirteen years and seen many promises made by politicians in the Republican and Democrat parties. While serving on various boards and commissions here in the State of Nevada, he has had an opportunity to see the needs of this state firsthand. As a libertarian, he is not bound to the crony capitalism or good-ole-boy politics of the major parties; Jonathan has his own personal code and his loyalty lies with the citizens of Senate District 3. He believes in protecting our citizens from organizations and monopolies that infringe on our liberties and financial well-being. Some of his goals include repealing the commerce/margin taxes, stopping common core from ruining our classrooms, and restoring constitutional rights to homeowners.

Ed Uehling
Assembly District 16

Governments in America are creations of the People for one purpose: to protect our liberties against those who would destroy them. As such, governments are the de facto leaders of our society. The last thing any of us want are leaders who would violate the rules of common sense or the laws intended to protect our freedoms. Sadly, not only do our current leaders trample on both, but they actually work to structure our government such that they are instruments of plunder (and even murder!) against us. Either we rid ourselves of these self-serving liars and criminals, or we let them destroy us, our society, and everything we hold dear! For over seventy-three years I have been working in Nevada (and the world) to eliminate the choke hold government has on our own lives and freedoms. That’s why I’m running for Assembly District 16. Elect me, Ed Uehling, to Assembly District 16, and I will help take down the corruption from the inside.
Meet Our Candidates

Dennis Hoff
Assembly District 36
www.DennisHof.com

Dennis is a Nevada business owner with a passion for helping people. Dennis has fought sex trafficking in Nevada and the United States for decades and is uniquely qualified to work with the legislature and law enforcement to prosecute the criminals and provide a safe haven for their victims. Dennis is committed to repealing the commerce tax that is burdening local, small businesses. His opponent voted for the tax and continues to defend his decision. Dennis knows that increasing the size of government and raising taxes is never the answer.

Dennis is also dedicated to realizing a brighter future for our state’s youth. The incumbent candidate had his chance and FAILED. Dennis will not waste an opportunity to enrich the educational opportunities for our children. Dennis believes our veterans and seniors deserve the best quality care possible, and Dennis is devoted to making sure that those who have sacrificed so much for future generations have localized resources that are both modern and convenient. Our children, parents, and grandparents will have a tireless advocate in Dennis as a State Assemblyman.

Troy Warren
Assembly District 12

Troy is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada and Assembly District 12. He is a husband, son, uncle, and a father of two daughters. He is a mechanic and has been in this career for over thirty years.

Troy is determined to win Assembly District 12 - for you! Are you fed up with the current state of bickering politics? Are you tired of our school system constantly making excuses as to why they are unable to educate our children? Are you tired of being told “no more taxes” and then getting billions of dollars in taxes shoved down your throat? If you answered yes to any of those, Troy Warren is your guy! He is NOT a politician; instead, he is a hard-working, tax-paying, blue-collar American who is fed up. Troy is throwing his hat in the ring to change things for the better. Please vote Troy Ethan Warren for Nevada State Assembly District 12!

David Colborne
Senate District 15
www.ElectDavidC.com

In Senate District 15, the Establishment Party candidates are a professional politician (Heidi Gansert), a small business owner (Eugene Hoover), and a professional labor lobbyist (Devon Reese). What’s missing? How about the rest of us? How about those of us with jobs, who only have one customer for our labor, and if that customer decides they don’t derive sufficient profit from our labor anymore, we lose our house, our power, our food, and everything else we need to survive? How about those of us with children in Nevada’s schools, who witness firsthand the effects of our state’s legislation on education whenever we attend a parent-teacher conference? How about those of us that aren’t independently wealthy?

In short, how about the vast majority of Nevadans? Who represents them?

My name is David Colborne, and I look forward to earning the support of the vast majority of Nevadans in Senate District 15.
Planting Libertarian Seeds in the People’s Republic of California

Good Libertarians bloom where they’re planted. No matter where a person goes, someone else is open to hearing the message of liberty. This is true even in areas where one would think otherwise. This is the case here in the mountains of Santa Cruz County, northern California. Even though I’m deep in the mountains and have to drive to town just to get cellular service, let’s just say Bernie Sanders OWNS this area.

I have the privilege of working at a Boy Scout camp up here, deep within the redwood forests. It’s breathtaking and looks like a forest fit for the elves of Middle Earth. My position here is twofold. First, I’m teaching Scouts how to shoot rifles. This includes educating them about their Second Amendment rights as well as reminding them of the power of firearms and the value of human life. The other part of my job here will have long term effects: my business partner and I are trying to turn around a failing business and turn it into a profitable enterprise.

Most of the folks in this area are far-left, but this is still a healthy environment to grow the Libertarian Party. After all, I’ve already made some local friends in the mountain town of Boulder Creek just by talking about LGBT rights and marijuana. Furthermore, even on the far left, lots of hardworking people really don’t like Trump or Hillary. For many of them, it’s Trump AND Hillary, not either/or. They know the two-party choice is a false one.

I’ve been here less than one week and already have recruited a volunteer and co-founder for the nascent Libertarian Party of Santa Cruz County. I took a night off from the job and joined this fellow to meet with the chairman of the San Mateo County LP. I LOVE when Libertarians can get together and make actual plans for growing the party. No room for debating philosophy or political theory here! We all walked away from this meeting with quantifiable, attainable goals we agreed on.

Building the Santa Cruz County Party means giving the San Mateo party a shot in the arm, helping them grow as well. This is perfectly fine, since neighboring county parties should be working together and helping each other succeed. The best part is that Santa Cruz will be doing things the way LP Nevada does things: don’t fight, work hard, and LEAD THE WAY for growing and sustaining a healthy Libertarian Party.

By Zach Foster, Senior Contributor