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NJLP Candidate for Governor Jeff Pawlowski

Pawlowski Campaign Update

As the NJL goes to press we are within a week of qualifying for matching funds and entry into the debates. The last time I wrote to you, I was urging you to donate to fund a mailing. All donations made helped, and special thanks go out to those that donated over a \$1,000 to make this possible. The 41,000 piece mailing should already be in the hands of the recipients, and we can only wait to see the response.

We now have credit card processing available on the website. Remember that you must still print a donation form, complete the info required, sign it, and return it to the PO Box or the toll-free fax number for your donation to count.

I looked into professional fundraisers. I found one that would telemarket for \$28 / operator / hour, with no guarantee on performance. Another wanted 90% of the funds raised, then balked at the prospect of having to deal with compliance (signature on donation form).

I want to extend an opportunity to Libertarians to earn money to raise donations for Pawlowski For Governor. For donations processed before August 31, the campaign will pay 90% of the qualified donation to the person that raised the funds. I will announce on Sept 2 if the program will continue.

You must pre-register as a paid fundraiser, and you cannot be paid a commission on your own donation. This will be considered earned income and the commission recipient will receive a 1099. This means that you will be liable for any taxes owed on your earnings. You might also consider taking the commission, then donating that back to the campaign. The earnings will be yours to spend in any way you choose.

Visit <http://www.pawlowski2005.org/earn.php>

I can't make it any easier to donate, and I am offering the highest commission possible. We cannot sit back and hope that the mailing raises all the funds. This is a critical time in the campaign. Call your friends and family now. Call a fellow Libertarian and tell them about this program. Call me if there is anything I can do to help you to help Jeff.

I have some extra brochures available. If you could send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the PO Box, I would be happy to send you a few.

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Libertarian Candidate Helen Medwin Dies

Former NJLP Congressional and State Senate candidate Helen Medwin died August 24 at age 49. She had been returning home from work in Cherry Hill where she was employed by Innovative Software Solutions when she pulled to the side of the road and dialed 911 and was shortly thereafter pronounced dead of a heart attack. Helen had had a history of high blood pressure, but no known heart problems

Helen is survived by her husband Al, her daughter Jeanette, and brothers Steve and Tom Leete. She was a Phi Beta Kappa at Rutgers where she graduated in accounting, a Second Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, and was a frequent panelist on Shad Woolley's libertarian TV show, A Third Point of View.

A memorial service was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Lincroft where she was a member. Her brother Steve, a rocket scientist with NASA, sang one of Helen's favorite songs, Imagine by John Lennon.

Helen will be missed by her friends, family, and associates and her four beloved cats.



Minutes of the State Board Meeting of August 21, 2005

Chair Ken Chazotte called the meeting to order in Tumutly's Pub, New Brunswick, at 1:08 pm.

Present in addition to Chazotte were Jay Edgar, Emerson Ellett, Lou Stefanelli; At-large members Virginia Flynn, Bill Hunsicker, Elizabeth Macron, Robert Hull, Len Flynn; County representatives Kevin Ferrizzi (Gloucester), Peggy Hunsicker (Mercer), Pat Bontempo (Ocean); Frank Warren (Somerset). Absent: Dan Iannetti (Camden) and Dan Hurley (Monmouth). Ray Babecki (Middlesex) has resigned. The Camden County Representative position is now vacant due to two absences.

Gubernatorial campaign report. In order to raise \$300,000 by August 31 the Pawlowski campaign has sent out national mailings to 31,000 people on the Libertarian Party list and to 11,000 people on the Marijuana Policy Project list. The 500 word ballot statement is being prepared. The campaign is considering an additional fund raising appeal on a commission basis. Jeff Pawlowski thanked the donors, especially those who dug deep, whose generosity financed the fund raising mailing. He pledged to run an active campaign whether or not sufficient funds are raised to get him into the televised debates.

Chair report. Chazotte thanked Ken Kaplan and Pat Bontempo for their service as Interim chair and vice chair respectively. The chair would like to increase membership. One way would be to adopt John Paff's idea to use the Faulkner Act to place initiatives on township ballots. Chazotte urged the importance of attending town and school board meetings. The State Board decided it should take no further action regarding the turmoil of earlier this year.

The treasurer's report was received.

The secretary reported that comments received pertaining to the draft minutes of the July 9 General Meeting have been incorporated, and the minutes have been published in the newsletter.

Assembly candidate reports.

Kevin Ferrizzi, 5th District, will speak at an eminent domain gathering of the Castle Coalition.

Bill Hunsicker and Jason Scheurer, 15th District, are considering radio ads on 101.5 FM.

County organizing. Pat Bontempo volunteered to prepare an article for the newsletter (and the web site) about the process for organizing unorganized counties.

New members. National continues to send us cumbersome 6,000 name dumps. Hull will go through the NJLP database and send Ellett a list of new members. Hull can't use the dump. Dan Karlan, LP national committee member, said he will ask National how state parties can receive useful and timely new member data and also how they can get the names of prospects who contact the national party, for follow up and recruitment.

Financial audit. The audit team will select a date for the audit.

Project Full Slate. Len Flynn is heading up the effort to recruit and support candidates in all 13 Congressional districts in 2006. He will prepare a fund raising letter for mailing following the election this November.

Reimbursement of LNC expenses. Jay Edgar MOVED, (Virginia Flynn seconded) that the NJLP grant \$100 to our LNC representative toward expenses incurred in attending LNC meetings. The motion CARRIED.

Camden County representative. Kevin Ferrizzi, Gloucester/Camden chair, will canvass Camden County for a representative to the State Board.

Federal Election Committee meeting. The chair will ask the LP to send a representative.

Eminent domain. Frank Warren reported that the LP of Central New Jersey is considering Faulkner Act remedies against eminent domain.

Bylaws. Copies of the bylaws dated July 9, 2005 were distributed. Copies are available for \$1 from secretary@njlp.org

Announcements.

The LP of Central New Jersey will meet August 26 at the Lone Star Steakhouse on US 22 in Scotch Plains at 7:30.

Future meetings

September 25, Steering Committee, 1 pm, Stefanelli-Macron residence, Tinton Falls

October 16, State Board, Tumutly's Pub, New Brunswick, 1 pm

November 12, General Meeting, TBD

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Emerson Ellett

Calendar

Steering Committee Meeting,
September 25, 1 pm, Stefanelli-Macron
residence, Tinton Falls

State Board Meeting, October 16, 1
PM, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick

November 12, General Meeting,
Location To Be Determined

GCCLP to Participate in Eminent Domain Rally

The GCCLP met August 15th at the Haddon Township Library in Westmont. More active members showed, taking the committee to 10 active members. The GCCLP has resolved to support the Castle Coalition in its local efforts to fight abuse of the eminent domain laws. A rally is being held by the Coalition in Haddon Township on August 25th. All active members of the GCCLP will be in attendance and Assembly candidate Kevin Ferrizzi is scheduled to speak to a crowd of 30-50 people.

The letter-writing campaign of the GCCLP will continue sending editorials focusing on eminent domain and medical marijuana.

Calling all readers!

The NJLP Lending Library has books you won't find at the public library! Books like Alan Burris' "A Liberty Primer", Gareth Garrett's "The People's Pottage", Robert LeFevre's "The Nature of Man and His Government", Ron Paul's "Freedom Under Siege." We even have a few audio and video tapes such as Milton Friedman's "Free to Choose". The only cost is postage. For a copy of the Library catalog contact Emerson Ellett at secretary@njlp.org. Dear reader, there's no better time than now to broaden your knowledge of our libertarian heritage!

Project Full Slate

The purpose of Project Full Slate will be to gain 13 candidates on the ballot for the New Jersey Libertarian Party for the 2006 campaign for Congress. A full slate means every voter in the state will have a Libertarian alternative running for Congress in 2006. Enhanced party recognition and more prominent ballot position are additional benefits of a full slate.

In this effort we anticipate using paid petitioners as needed for difficult Congressional districts, that is districts where the NJLP has rarely or never had a candidate. If necessary, we shall recruit NJLP members in difficult districts to be "trademark" candidates without further campaign obligations. These "name only" candidates will have other people do their petitioning plus handle campaign responsibilities.

Question to NJLP members: Would you contribute to the NJLP Federal Fund to assist in this project?

How will the money be spent?

Money will first be used for petitioning as needed, then the funds will be used for campaign support and generic "vote Libertarian" advertising which supports all candidates. Finally, remaining funds, if any, would be used on a case-by-case basis for promising candidates ("impact" and "challenge"). The concept for use of the Federal Fund money collected through Project Full Slate would be that it is used first to benefit all candidates.

A draft plan for Project Full Slate will be prepared for consideration by the membership at the November 2005 General Meeting after the 2005 campaigns are completed. For a benchmark for fundraising there would be 150 signatures needed per candidate and 13 Congressional districts or 1,950 signatures needed on nominating petitions. At one dollar per signature less than \$2,000 could be budgeted for the project.

Please contact me with comments or suggestions.

In Liberty,

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Libertarians In Print

Our talented and prolific Mark Richards writes: "Dear Deb, Here is my latest letter. The Trends and AIM both ran it (Trends owns AIM), published two days apart, under different headings. I guess I've become their "Resident Libertarian" writer!"

July 15, 2005 – AIM West Milford

The core issue no one wants to face

By Mark Richards,
Guest Contributor

Kal Wagenheim ("Why don't Americans trust Bush on SSI?") in the June 26 issue of Suburban Trends evidently accepts the premise that people are too stupid to plan their own retirement and therefore the government should do it for them.

Wagenheim seems to make light of those legislators who 70 years ago warned that Social Security was a hoax and would lead to more centralized power

for the federal government. Those legislators who spoke up and resisted Roosevelt's plans to regiment and collectivize our country have been proven correct over time.

Just because other nations have embraced semi-socialist or outright socialist ideas doesn't mean we should. People immigrated to America from the Old World to get away from government controls over their lives and property. Government at any level can't give anybody anything that it first doesn't take from you or someone else. Politicians (like Wagenheim's hero Roosevelt) and other government bureaucrats are the last people to trust handling your economic future.

As for the current occupant of the White House, his plans for Social Security "reform" are too little and don't go far enough. If Bush and his fellow "compassionate conservatives" were truly defenders of individual liberty and free choice, they would at the very least have proposed that participation in the Social Security system be totally voluntary.

You see, that's the core issue that no one wants to face – namely

that Social Security like other welfare state schemes is based on compulsory participation and state imposed force.

This kind of thinking is totally at odds with America's Libertarian tradition of individualism and free choice. Sadly, most people don't give a damn about their freedom being eroded by subtle means such as Social security.

Although the late US Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis was a person who took positions that I would sometimes have disagreed with, he was correct when he said, "Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to Liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning, but without understanding."

The government was set to protect man from criminals –
and the Constitution was written to protect man from the
government. – Ayn Rand

The only difference between a taxman and a taxidermist is
that the taxidermist leaves the skin. – Mark Twain

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.
– Edward Langley

Liberty in our Lifetime Free State Project

What is the Project About?

The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to the state of New Hampshire and work within its political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

The Project will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation; reform state and local laws; opt out of federal mandates; and press for the restoration of constitutional federalism.

The Free State Project will show the world what liberty can accomplish!

Liberty in Our Lifetime

We don't want to wait decades for most citizens in the US to realize that the nanny state is an insult to their dignity. For those of us who already understand the debilitating effects of a government bent on reducing liberty rather than increasing it, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state.

What do we mean by liberty? We believe that being free and independent is a great way to live, and that government's maximum role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

Where & Why?

The state where we will move was decided by a vote of the FSP membership after we reached 5,000 commitments. Population was the critical factor. Our research so far indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about a 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle. New Hampshire met the population criterion, and its distaste for big government and a generally welcoming attitude toward the Free State Project were pluses.

Get Involved!



Join the Free State Project and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing liberty in our lifetime. To learn more, you're invited to visit our website at www.freestateproject.org. Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and visit our articles sections which contain more detailed information about the project. Whether you wish to become a full-fledged member or are sympathetic but unable to relocate, the Free State Project wants you!

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Help Wanted – County Organizer

In order to encourage the formation of county committees, the NJLP is seeking to establish the position of County Organizer. The volunteer who fills this position will:

A. Work with NJLP members who have contacted the State Party and expressed an interest in organizing their counties, and

B. Take his or her own initiative to contact members in an unorganized county to develop a functioning county organization.

There can be a number of County Organizers, each working on only one or two counties. To learn more about the duties please contact State Chair Ken Chazotte at chair@njlp.org.

If you are a member residing in a county that is not organized, and you would like to help start a committee for your county, please contact Ken Chazotte to learn how to get started.

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Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, and occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Political contributions are not tax deductible.

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☐ Please send me a Voter Declaration of Party Affiliation Form

Membership Level: ☐ \$40 - Both National LP & NJLP ☐ \$25 - National LP only ☐ \$15 - New Jersey LP only

Newsletter subscription(s) are included with your membership(s).

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Donation

☐ Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$ _____ to help the NJLP in its efforts to expand individual liberty.

Send to a Friend

☐ I have a friend who might be interested in the NJLP. Please send a complimentary copy of the *New Jersey Libertarian* to:

Links of Interest



In addition to a professional, attractive, informative site, PACLEANSWEEP.com's site offers the following:.

Discussion Group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pacleansweep/>

News Library:

http://www.pacleansweep.com/cgi-bin/library.cgi?sort_on=0

Victory Strategy:

<http://www.pacleansweep.com/strategy.html>

This site reminded me of the old lawyer joke... "What do you call 1,000 lawyers at the bottom of the ocean? A good start!"

PACLEANSWEEP.COM isn't a libertarian organization or site, but it's a great start. Throughout the country, the "clean sweep" strategy - ousting all incumbents from office - has gathered more grass-roots interest than many other attempts at reforming government.

PACLEANSWEEP.COM is devoted to kicking every incumbent out of the State's General Assembly. Their outrageous pay raise shenanigans were the final straw for Founder Russ Diamond, whose site is one of the best we've seen. His FAQ list alone is worth a read, and I was particularly pleased by this question and answer:

Q: Should I be worried about replacing experienced legislators with novices and/or political neophytes?

A: No. The legislature doesn't run the state. Various agencies, departments and commissions perform the day-to-day duties of the Commonwealth. Even if the new legislators do absolutely nothing all year besides approve a budget on time, Pennsylvanians would be better off than they

are with the current crop of lawmakers, who have allowed the General Assembly to become a corrupt institution. Political neophytes would be much preferable to career politicians.

For a non-partisan web site, PACLEANSWEEP.COM often rings with libertarian truths. In his "Founders Statement" Diamond writes (of the PA General Assembly): "They have convinced many poor souls that the terms Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Constitution, Green and others are more important than anything else. They could not be further from the truth. There comes a time in every person's life when they simply need to stop and say enough is enough. For this one individual, that time has come. Many citizens across Pennsylvania apparently share this opinion..." Writing about the rights encroached upon by government, Diamond says "I am aware that the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does not grant me any rights, but instead merely enumerates some of the inherent rights I own as an individual", which could be right out of a libertarian primer.