



The moving crew: from the left Vice-Chair Michael Donahue, Secretary Miles Holden, volunteers Ashley Rittenhouse, Sayre Holden, David Friese, Noelle Rittenhouse, At-large Representative Sarah Rittenhouse and Treasurer Jim Culbertson. Photo M. Wilson

The month of October was moving month for the LPWA. The office on Lake City Way has been vacated and the supplies have been placed in an easily accessible storage center until we can find a facility that fits our needs. Our thanks to the crew who volunteered their time and muscles to make this happen.

Finding a new location is just one of the challenges we face this year. It is an election year and we have a convention coming up. We expect to have the candidates seeking the Libertarian nomination into speak.

**Have you considered running for office? Are you willing to help a candidate with their campaign?**

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The Cascade Liberty Summit is coming soon!

The Libertarian Party of Washington invites you to join us at the annual convention, The Cascade Liberty Summit, on Saturday, March 17th and Sunday, March 18th, 2012, at the Best Western Plus River's Edge, 1509 W. Valley Hwy., Tukwila, WA

Saturday will feature a full day of programming with a Presidential Candidates debate, straw poll, lunch and speakers on medicine, State legislative issues, a small business panel and others.

Sunday will feature various other speakers on selected additional topics. Lunch will be followed by Presidential Candidate statements and a Q&A. The convention will end with an LPWA Business Meeting. (Membership in the Party will be required of anyone intending to vote at the Business Meeting.)

Special room rates to be announced. The hotel has free 24-hour SeaTac Airport shuttle.

Admission to the convention is as follows:  
Washington Pass: Both days and meals. Early Pre-registration until 12-31-11 is \$50. Students with satisfactory ID receive 50% off. Pre-registration after 1-1-12 is \$75. Registration at the door is \$100.  
Chinook Pass: Sunday only, including Business Meeting, is \$20 for Early Pre-registration until 12-31-11. Pre-registration after 1-1-12 is \$25. Registration at the door is \$50.  
Satus Pass: Sunday afternoon LPWA Business Meeting only. There is no charge but we ask you to consider a \$10 - \$15 donation to help defray costs of facilities. Please register for the Business Meeting so we can have an accurate head count, make name tags etc.

Registration will be on the LPWA website (lpwa.org) soon and on DonorTownSquare.com &

Paypal. If paying by check, send to LPWA, Suite C4-229, 4957 Lakemont Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA 98006-7801. Note which Pass you are purchasing and include names of attendees, full address, email and phone number. For Early Pre-registration we will contact you concerning your lunch choices.

Remember that to be a voting member you need to sign the Pledge and pay dues of \$25 or more during a calendar year.

Updates on further details will be sent to you as plans are firmed up. Stay tuned!

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY. YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVISM IS WHAT IT TAKES TO BUILD A SOCIETY BASED ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND FREE MARKETS. You can renew at the national party's website at [www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org) or at our state party's site at [lpwa.org/Home\\_Page.php](http://lpwa.org/Home_Page.php) in order to accomplish this.

With Sincere Libertarian Best Wishes,  
Larry Nicholas, Chairman, LPWA

*"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."*

**Jimi Hendrix**

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# In a Free Country, Who Decides?

By Jim Culbertson; Treasurer LPWA

To many long-time members of the Libertarian Party of Washington the phrase “In a free country, who decides?” may be recognizable and meaningful. This phrase is the current tag line for the state party and as such, should convey, in as few words as possible, what we represent. As a recent member of the party I find the tag line tells me next to nothing about what we represent. It is a question rather than a statement. As such, it is open to being answered in various ways by people with different philosophies. Do we stand for all possible answers to the question? Is there one answer that should be obvious? I find this hopelessly obscure and that may be because I am missing some key piece of LPWA history that would make the phrase more meaningful. Regardless, a tag line should not be a secret passphrase, understandable only to those with the appropriate history – it should be a concise statement of what we stand for targeted at the potential new member.

I have recently checked the websites of all 50 state libertarian parties and the national party. The following is what appeared to me to be the number of states having the various tag lines on their websites:

19 states have no tag line (LPWA is currently one of these)

8 states use “*The Party of Principle*”

6 states use “*Smaller Government, Lower Taxes, More Freedom*” or, in one case “*Less Government, Lower Taxes, More Freedom*”

5 states use “*Minimum Government, Maximum Freedom*” which is also used by LP national

3 states use “*Individual Liberty, Personal Responsibility*” if you include West Virginia who adds “*Freedom for West Virginians*”

1 state uses each of these:

“*Economic Freedom, Individual Liberty*”

“*Self Ownership, Non-aggression*”

“*Freedom, Security, Community*”

“*Freedom, Opportunity and Peace*”

“*Free People, Free Markets*”

“*Individual Liberty, Personal Responsibility*”

“*Less Government, More Liberty*”

“*Ending Coercion, Promoting Free Agency, Self Reliance and Peace*”

“*Liberty Works!*”

In view of the above, I would like to propose that we rethink our tag line, ditch the question and come up with a short statement like those used elsewhere. If you care about this, contact me at [treasurer@LPWA.org](mailto:treasurer@LPWA.org) and tell me what you think our tag line should be and why.

Editor’s note: don’t hesitate to use the envelope that is enclosed to send a comment. They will also be read. We appreciate your comments and look forward to reading what you suggest. Thank you.

**Are you in a business that is related to political activity in some way? Would you be interested in purchasing space in the Washington Libertarian? If so send queries and information about your business to [michaelhwilson@q.com](mailto:michaelhwilson@q.com).**

*“I am for the First Amendment from the first word to the last. I believe it means what it says.”*

Justice Hugo L. Black

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### **The Chair Tours Eastern Washington**

The end of October, the NFIB/Washington held their Small Business Summit in Spokane at the Davenport Hotel. As a member of the Leadership Council I needed to go. In my planning I decided to extend my trip to visit a friend in Kennewick so I could hold 2 LPWA Meetups.

I left on a rainy Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> and stopped by the storage unit for supplies of T-shirts, books, bumper stickers etc. for the meetups. Driving over the Cascades in the fall is quite an experience, the rain stopped over the pass, the trees had turned color of oranges, golds, yellow etc. It was warm & sunny in Ellensburg when I stopped for a late lunch. Then Driving through Yakima, it took me another 2 hours to get to Kennewick.

Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> I held a meetup at the Sage Port Grille, 3 young ladies had driven the 1 ½ hours from Yakima to attend. I handed out goodies and we had a good meeting about the party, upcoming state convention and how we can get a group formed in the Yakima/ Ellensburg area.

I had a very nice drive up US395 to Ritzville then to Spokane. I've never been up that part of 395, there is a lot of very large farms and also very dry desert. In Spokane I stayed at the Red Lion River Inn right on the Spokane river. That evening I went to the Davenport for the NFIB reception. I'd love to be able to host a reception like that for the LPWA convention, free drinks, big spread of food including salmon.

Monday I was at the NFIB Small Biz Summit all day. State Senator Baumgartner, who is running for US Senator, spoke to us at lunch and I sat with one of his staff who told me he had gone to the Republican National Convention for Ron Paul. Dinner at Luna Restaurant was very good. Tuesday afternoon, after the last NFIB session, I walked from my hotel exploring the old Expo '74 site (Riverfront Park), I hadn't been there since I was a Boy Scout for the Expo. I also explored the Red

Lion at the Park, looks like a great facility for a National Libertarian Convention some time. Walking back to my hotel I went through the Gonzaga Campus, very nice in fall colors.

Tuesday evening David Wordinger & I had a Spokane Area Libertarian Meetup at the Perkins on Division. Chris Cargill from the Washington Policy Center gave us a great presentation of current state & Spokane issues. Again, more free handouts and some donations. Hope to get this group more active.

The next day I drove back home on US2 stopping in Leavenworth for couple boxes of apples and dinner. When I arrived home, I had driven 850 miles for Liberty in 6 days. It turned out to be a productive week with good contacts made, educational time and some relaxation.

If you missed out, let me know and we'll be sure to keep you informed of my next Tour of Eastern Washington. Meanwhile there is the Spokane meetup group and a new Tri-Cities/ Walla Walla group.

Larry Nicholas; LPWA Chairman.

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### **Back to school: It's all about Respect**

It has been a long time since I was inside a classroom and on November 18<sup>th</sup> it was to speak for about an hour to two classes of students studying political science at Woodrow Wilson High School in Tacoma.

I have not had an opportunity to speak to students before and was not sure how this would go, but I did receive a nice compliment from the teacher who invited us. I gave out copies of the book *Libertarianism in One Lesson* authored by David Bergland, the Libertarian Party's 1984 presidential candidate to each student. Mr. Bergland was kind enough to send me extra copies so that all the students had one. Along with the book each student received other pamphlets to help explain the Libertarian Party and the party's stand on various issues. I began by pointing out that the Libertarian philosophy was fairly simple. It is all about respect and from that point addressed a number of different issues. All in all it was a pleasant experience with a fine group of young people who asked intelligent questions.

Michael Wilson: editor

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Please check if you would like to be a  candidate, \_\_\_ Volunteer to help the party. \_\_\_

Thank you, The Libertarian Party of Washington State

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Are you new to the Libertarian Party or maybe an old hand who is interested in some reading material? May we suggest a few books?

*Libertarianism in One Lesson* by David Bergland, *Libertarianism: A Primer* by David Boaz, *Libertarianism A to Z* by Jeffery Miron PhD, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia* by Robert Nozick, *Free to Choose* by Milton Friedman, *From Mutual Aid to the Welfare State* by David Beito *The Voluntary City* by Beito, Gordon & Taborrok & *The God of the Machine* by Isabel Paterson



Let us know about your group so we can post it on the web site and in the news letter.

**Vancouver area Libertarians:** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month: For location see [lpclarkwa.org](http://lpclarkwa.org) for information.

**Bellingham area Libertarians:** meet 4th Friday, 1pm @ Grand Ave Ale House <http://www.meetup.com/NW-Washington-State-Libertarian-Meetup-Group/>

**Spokane area Libertarians:** for dates and times see; <http://www.meetup.com/Spokane-Libertarians/>

**In Olympia** contact Michael Wilson at [michaelwilson@q.com](mailto:michaelwilson@q.com) if you are interested in meeting.

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## **March 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>** **Convention details inside**

### State Membership

The Libertarian Party of Washington State is an affiliate of the Libertarian Party of the United States. Non-voting membership requires only that you sign up for our mailing list. A voting membership in the State Party, which entitles you to vote at our annual state convention, requires that you 1) sign our pledge, 2) be a resident of the State of Washington, and 3) pay dues of \$25 per year any time prior to February 28th in the year preceding the state convention.

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