



Liberty News

Newsletter of the
Libertarian Party of Boulder County

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July 2003

LPBC Annual BBQ JULY 10

Victuals, Voting, Vociferousness, Vegetables,
Vivacity, Vin, and other Valuables

Eva Kosinski

Following our tradition of getting together outside over food to do our voting, on July 10, LPBC will have its annual BBQ at the home of Bo and Betsy Shaffer, and will then elect our Board for 2003-2004. If you have not been able to be there in past years, you've missed a lot of good conversations, and good food. Its also a time when we get to bounce ideas off one another, talk about directions for the coming year, and put the past year in perspective. We are hoping to have a member or two of the State LPCO board dropping by as well.

Bring something you'd like to BBQ and your choice of beverage (there will be some soda pop and salads) Be there at 6:30 pm, for the barbeque and partying, followed by the business meeting/election at 7:00 pm, and the event will last until after the business meeting finishes. The BBQ and the meeting are open to the public, but **voting is restricted to official "voting members" of the LPBC (those who have signed the pledge - see membership form, page 6)**. Copies of the membership form will be available should you wish to convert from non-voting to a voting member. For additional information and directions, contact Bo (see contact information on page 3).

You may mail in your absentee ballot (fill out pages 7 & 8) if you are unable to attend the BBQ, but **remember it needs to reach the LPBC by 5:00 pm on Election Day, July 10, 2003, in order to be counted**. We'd rather see you in person, of course, because these events are always fun, and we don't get too many chances to see one another, but the absentee ballot is an option if you need it.

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the July 10 business meeting, so if you have had your eye on one of the board positions, feel free to have yourself nominated at the meeting, and run for the office of your choice. Obviously, "from the floor" candidates will not be reflected in the absentee ballot. If you have anyone else you would like to nominate, or know someone who is becoming interested in the Libertarian Party, feel free to invite them (and remind them to bring BBQ-ables and any beverage of choice).

If you did not sign up for the booth at the Creek Festival, you have another opportunity. The LPBC will have its booth up for several Fridays of the Louisville Street Fair. Public hours are 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm, but setup starts at 4:00 and takedown starts at 8:30, so allow more time. If you are interested in helping out for even a few hours, please contact board@lpboulder.org

**LPBC Annual Report
Profit and Loss Statement
7/12/02 to 6/19/03**
Greg Woods, Treasurer

Libertarian Party
Boulder County
Agenda for July Meeting

INCOME			
Canopy Rentals		10.00	
Dividend		1.39	
Donations			
Raise the Roof	430.00		
General donations	270.73		
TOTAL DONATIONS		700.73	
Fundraising		0.00	
Membership		538.00	
Newsletter Ads		25.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,275.12	\$1,275.12
EXPENSES			
Bank charges		0.00	
Campaigns		0.00	
Misc*		72.00 *	
Newsletter	Mailing 373.69		
	Printing 389.11		
Total Newsletter		\$762.80	
Outreach			
Canopy	746.86		
Gun Shows	80.00		
Internet	0.00		
uncategorized	284.00		
Total Outreach		1,110.86	
Publicity		279.75	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,225.41	\$2,225.41
PROFIT			\$ -950.29

* mailbox rental

1. Call to Robert's Rules of Order
2. Reading of June's Minutes, corrections
3. Directors Reports and/or Statements
 1. Chair
 2. Secretary
 1. Next meeting
 3. Treasurer
 4. Newsletter
 5. Membership
 6. Publicity (act)
 7. Fund Raising (act)
 8. Outreach (act)
 9. Campaigns (act)
4. Old Business
 1. Louisville Fair
 2. Fundraising
 3. Outreach director
 4. Membership Options
5. Election of Directors
6. New Business
 1. '04 Convention hosts
 2. Open discussion and motions

Bring something to BBQ and your choice of beverage; there will be some sodas, salads and side dishes, but you need to bring the main event. BBQ starts at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.

Letter to the Louisville Times

(was printed by the LTimes, also read at City Council meeting 6/17/03)
Tom Hall

I do not like the general direction that this City Government has taken over the last few years. I have pretty simple views on political things. To me, there are basically two ways that government can operate.

Either you support capitalism, which means you acknowledge the unalienable individual rights held by each and every person by virtue of their humanity and operate government to secure these rights, leaving us free as individuals to chose how we live.

Or, you support socialism, which means you envision some kind of social or public good and empower government to compel people to behave in ways that the government believes is in this public good. This so-called "public good", in reality can never be anything other than the good of some, and when promoted with the force of government it is always obtained at the expense of others.

The willingness of local governments around here, including ours, to facilitate and expand socialized services that pre-empt free market opportunities to provide such services, like recreation centers and single-supplier waste disposal and the willingness to establish arbitrary rules of social conduct like banning smoking in certain places, makes it clear to me that these governments at least partially support socialism.

You can not support both capitalism and socialism at the same time. By ignoring individual rights and promoting some public good, socialist programs declare that citizens rights are not unalienable.

This attacks the very foundation of Capitalism and tends to grow in its scope and power. I want urge the Louisville city government to do government right. To protect the rights of every citizen when you exercise your powers, not just the wishes of the majority of those of us who still have enough faith in this system to actually vote and try to participate

Don't look around at neighboring towns and cities and be content that we're not as bad as they are. We can do better than lemmings.

LIBERTARIAN CONTACT INFORMATION LPCO BOARD FOR 2003-2004

NOTE: SOME PREVIOUSLY FAMILIAR JOBS NOW HAVE NEW NAMES
The names were changed to make it a bit easier to figure out what the job responsibilities are.

position	officeholder	until Convention in:	phone	email
State Chair	Norm Olsen	2005	303.263.4995	norm@rockware.com
Campaigns Director	Michael T. McKinzie	2005	303.384.3393	mtnm@prolynx.com
Outreach Director	Rand Fanshier	2004	303.670.8563	rand@fanshier.com
Publications Director	Steven Gallant	2005	303.384.3979	gallant888@aol.com
Media Director	Desiree Hickson	2005	719.459.0570	desiree@ladiesofliberty.org
Records Director	Bo Shaffer	2004	303.776.3007	bo@deltatech.com
Legislative Director	Paul Tiger	2004	303.774.6383	tigerp@indra.com
Fundraising Director	Michelle Poague	2004	303.690.2907	mcbeth@ecentral.com
Treasurer & Registered Agent	Jeff Oliver	2005	303.670.3995	jjoliver@earthlink.net
	for updates and / or	changes, check the	website at	www.lpcolorado.org

There will be a number of different events over the summer, so make sure to check the State website as well as lpboulder.org. Outreach and Campaigns will both be active and looking for volunteers;

LPBC Board - July 2002 - July 2003

Position	Name	Phone / Email	Address
Chairman	Bo Shaffer	303-776-3007 (h) chairman@lpboulder.org	7411 E County Line Rd Longmont, CO 80504
Secretary	Dan Underkofler	303-665-0939 (h) 303-661-2663 (w) secretary@lpboulder.org	
Newsletter Editor	Eva Kosinski	303-666-5872 (h) newsletter@lpboulder.org	1301 Jackson Court Louisville, CO 80027
Treasurer	Greg Woods	303-666-5872 (h) 303-497-1295 (w) treasurer@lpboulder.org	1301 Jackson Court Louisville, CO 80027
Outreach Director	Open	outreach@lpboulder.org	
Publicity Director	Open	publicity@lpboulder.org	
Fund-Raising Director	Open		
Membership Director (Acting)	Tom Parker	303-665-2150 (h) membership@lpboulder.org	829 Welsh Ct Louisville, CO 80027
Campaigns Director	Open	campaigns@lpboulder.org	

As you probably noticed, a number of positions are still vacant. If you have any interest at all, check with one of the board members to see what's involved. You could make a real contribution, and your efforts would be sincerely appreciated.

Libertarian Party of Boulder County

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July/Aug Activities Calendar

Be sure to check the website at www.lpboulder.org for late-breaking event information

July/Aug 2003	day	time	event description	location
07/07/03	Monday	12:00	Weekly lunch	Jin Chan - Boulder
07/10/03	Thursday	6:30/7:00 pm	LPBC Annual BBQ/Board Mtg	Bo Shaffer's House, Longmont
07/11/03	Friday	4:00 - 9:00 pm	Louisville Street Fair *	Front St., Louisville
07/14/03	Monday	12:00	Weekly lunch	Jin Chan - Boulder
07/21/03	Monday	12:00	Weekly lunch	Jin Chan - Boulder
07/28/03	Monday	12:00	Weekly lunch	Jin Chan - Boulder
08/04/03	Monday	12:00	Weekly lunch	Jin Chan - Boulder
08/11/03	Monday	12:00	Weekly lunch	Jin Chan - Boulder
08/14/03	Thursday	7:00 pm	LPBC Board Meeting	Cheng's Garden - L'ville
08/18/03	Monday	12:00	Weekly lunch	Jin Chan - Boulder
08/25/03	Monday	12:00	Weekly lunch	Jin Chan - Boulder

* LPBC is currently signed up for Jul 11, but the Street Fair is EVERY Friday from June 20 through August 29, 2003. Anyone interested in manning a booth any given Friday should contact Bo. We can add dates when we need to and just pay the \$10 booth fee when we set up. Setup is at 4:00, takedown begins at 8:30. The first Friday (20th) there were hundreds of people there, and it promises to be well-attended (maybe it's the beer pavilion (wink))... We have received a donation to help with booth fees, but we still need to find the bodies to man it. It's a great outreach opportunity to talk to people about Libertarian ideas.

PUBLIC OFFICE OPENINGS IN BOULDER COUNTY

Eva Kosinski

Two of the three County Commissioner positions will expire in November of 2004. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, check for residency (one position may be At-Large) and candidate paperwork requirements with the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder. County Commissioners deal with issues of private property rights vs. "the common good." A candidate for County Commissioner with a Libertarian view could help to bring out property right issues in a very public way. If you have the skills, please consider running. The County District Attorney post is also up for election in Nov. 2004.

LPBC Meeting Minutes, June 12th 2003

Cheng's Garden, Louisville
Minutes submitted by Dan Underkofler

[Ed. Note: minutes are approved at the next board meeting, so these should be considered a draft]

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM. Present were Bo Shaffer, Tom Parker, Dan Underkofler, and Eva Kosinski.

May board meeting minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Directors' Reports
Chairman's Report:

Liberty News

Bo secured \$60 from the LPCO for canopy rental. 1 canopy sandbag is in need of repair. Bo has "thousands" of tabloids now.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Written report submitted by Eva. \$182.86 total. \$55 income, \$71 expenses.

Publicity Director: No director, no report.

Fund Raising Director: No director, no report.

Bo has CO list of registered voters on CD. Suggested reaching out to registered Libertarians for \$ and help. Discussion on other ways to use list and make contacts. Tom suggested looking periodically for new Libertarians in the area.

Eva may be willing to donate a painting for us to sell or auction. Event would have to be "right."

Bo will try to contact Grange on 95th street as a possible event and/or meeting location.

Newsletter Editor:

Eva submitted a printed newsletter report detailing printing and distribution. Report will henceforth be in spreadsheet form. Next issue needs to have a copy of the LPBC ballot. Eva will write an article hyping the annual meeting as a BBQ and social event.

Outreach Director: No director, no report.

Bo mentioned that we need to continue to get tabloids, buttons, bumper stickers, etc. "out there".

Campaigns:

Bo will chat with Nancy Jo next week. 2 Boulder County commissioners and DA are only positions

opening up this fall. We badly need a Campaigns director. Voter education on mail in ballots will be needed. Ballots will require copy of picture ID.

Membership Director:

Currently have 48 members, down from 51 due to expirations.

Old Business:

Boulder Creek Festival:

\$35 in donations received.

11 voter registrations and 11 information requests.

“Good results, lots of talking”

Discussion on a complaint by a parent that an LP member had advocated marijuana use to his daughter. We are confident this was a mis-quote or mis-translation. Discussion on having a policy to avoid close contact or deep discussions with minors. Need to caution volunteers. We should develop a booth guideline sheet. Eva suggested booth training session(s).

Louisville Fair: Fridays 5:00-8:30PM: June 20,27, July 11,18,25, Aug 1,8,15,22,29

We are signed up for July 11th. Decision was made to see how this goes before signing up for additional date(s). Need volunteers to man the booth.

New Business:

Annual Meeting/Election:

Meeting will be Thursday, July 10th at Bo's house. 6:30 BBQ, 7:00 meeting.

Bring your own BBQ and/or booze. Soda, juice, and salad will be supplied. Eva will call some members to urge their attendance. Tom has ballot up on the website.

Discussion on desire of LPCO to have their meeting in conjunction with our annual meeting. Board decided this would not be a good idea. LPCO members are welcome to attend as guests or members. Bo will communicate this to them.

Discussion on the future of the LPBC. What is critical mass? When can't we continue?

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06PM.

From the Chair

The LPBC Annual Meeting is around the corner. This will be an excellent time for any and all Boulder County Libertarians to come together and talk about the condition of Liberty in our Country today. Not only County, but even State Libertarians will be there. The Fight for Freedom goes on at many levels. One of the highlights will be the State of the Party Address given by Yours Truly. The numbers won't be pretty, and there are trends that appear ominous, but there is satisfaction in little things like going to a restaurant and giving the waiter a World's smallest Quiz.....and he comes back and asks for more for the rest of the staff. Having people come up to you in the street and saying they really like your bumper sticker.

The truth of the matter is, regardless of the actual numbers, the Spirit of the Party can still be found burning bright inside each and every lover of Liberty. Whether you choose to show it, or not.....the Libertarian Ideal lives on in every one who stands up and makes a difference. Every time government gets a little smaller, every time an individual's right to choose gets exercised, every time a Letter to the Editor points out the lack of Liberty in everyday life.....Libertarianism lives! Every time one of the seeds planted since the Party began, bears fruit, and someone realizes the true nature of Liberty..... Libertarianism shines through. If you stop and think about Libertarianism, just considering the basic tenets of Harmless Choice for All and Freedom with Responsibility.....what True American isn't a Libertarian at heart?

So, come on, all you Libertarians and libertarians. Come together! Listen to stories that made a difference. Put in your two cents worth and you can make a difference.

July, 2003
Bo Shaffer
LPBC Chairman

In the Category "The more things change, the more they stay the same:"

WE KNOW THE GOOD, WE APPREHEND IT CLEARLY,
BUT WE CAN'T BRING IT TO ACHIEVEMENT.
EURIPEDES, HIPPOLYTUS, 428 BC

For quotes about Libertarian concepts, check out "1,000 Quotes" at the Boulder LP website: www.lpboulder.org

LPBC Absentee Ballot
Follow instructions on page 8
Current as of: 06/23/03

Office	Candidates
Chairman	Bo Shaffer (incumbent)
WRITE IN	
	NOTA (None of the Above)
Secretary	Dan Underkofler (incumbent)
WRITE IN	
	NOTA
Treasurer	Greg Woods (incumbent)
WRITE IN	
	NOTA
Membership Director	[No announced candidates at this time]
WRITE IN	
	NOTA
Publicity Director	[No announced candidates at this time]
WRITE IN	
	NOTA
Newsletter Editor	Eva Kosinski (incumbent)
WRITE IN	
	NOTA
Outreach Director	[No announced candidates at this time]
WRITE IN	
	NOTA
Campaigns Director	[No announced candidates at this time]
WRITE IN	
	NOTA
Fund-Raising Director	[No announced candidates at this time]
WRITE IN	
	NOTA

Voting Information

Instructions:

To use this as an absentee ballot you must:

1. Be a voting member of the LPBC
2. Sign here: _____
3. Date here: _____
4. Circle your choices (or enter a write-in)
5. Either:
 1. Give the ballot to someone who is attending the meeting in person, or
 2. Mail the ballot to:

Libertarian Party of Boulder County
2525 Arapahoe Ave, Suite E4, PMB 427
Boulder, CO 80302

so that it arrives before 5 pm on election day, Thursday 7/10/03.

IMPORTANT: If you are not currently a voting member, but are a member in good standing whose membership has not expired, and you wish to vote in this election, please include with your absentee ballot, a completed copy of the signed pledge on the membership form on page 6. If you complete the information and sign the pledge on this form, you can change from a Contributing (non-voting) Member to a Voting Member.