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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 7, 2009 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

Yorkland Hotel, 185 Yorkland Blvd, Toronto

Mark this date on your calendar. We have three great speakers lined up. Fred McMahon directs the Centre for Globalization Studies at The Fraser Institute (www.fraserinstitute.org). The Centre publishes *The Economic Freedom of the World: Annual Report* and coordinates the Economic Freedom Network of independent think tanks in over 70 nations and territories. We also have a speaker from Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (www.leap.cc) who will talk about the harm caused by the war on drugs. Gerry Nichols, Canada's Post-partisan pundit and author of *Loyal to the Core: Stephen Harper, Me and the NCC* will be speaking. Read his blog at www.gerrynicholls.blogspot.com.

We will hear reports of Officers and elect two Members at Large and four members to the Ethics Committee. Programs and Registration forms will be mailed in early October.

Libertarian Running in St Paul's By-Election

The Ontario Libertarian Party is pleased to announce the candidacy of long-time member John Kittredge for the September 17th provincial by-election in St. Paul's riding in Toronto.

Originally from Montreal and modestly bilingual, John is 64 and has lived in Toronto with his family for 28 years. Educated at McGill and Western, he is President of a small management consulting firm focusing on business performance improvement and has worked with clients throughout North America, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. John is also an active, internationally competitive, track and field athlete having recently represented Canada in Lahti, Finland in the World Masters Athletics Championships. With this background, John knows that, in both business and sport, performance excellence is required for success. However, as he says, "In my experience, regrettably, government has little interest in either 'performance' or in 'excellence.'"

"Talking to voters in St. Paul's I sense a significant, growing and festering dissatisfaction with government. They share a great concern about what is going to happen to the province down the line when the unanticipated ef-



LIBERTARIAN PUB NIGHTS

KITCHENER-WATERLOO - Thursday September 10 - 7:00 PM

Location: Benny's Lounge, 183 Weber Street, Waterloo (one block south of University Avenue, Phone 519-884-8074). For more information about events in this area, please contact Phil Bender at 905-703-6248 or phil.libertarian@gmail.com. Next Pub Night date (and location) to be determined.

OTTAWA - Saturday Saturday October 3, 3:00 PM

Location: South Side Bar and Grill, 1670 Heron Road, (Heron Gate Mall, Phone 613-526-2192). For more information, please contact Andrew Philips (andrewmp@rogers.com or 613-733-8948).

TORONTO - Wednesday October 14 - 7:00 PM

Location: Scallywag's, 11 St. Clair Ave. W. (on the 3rd floor, phone 416-922-3737). For more information contact Jim McIntosh (cfo@libertarian.on.ca or 416-283-7589). The next Toronto Pub Night will be November 11.

HAMILTON - Sunday October 18 - 7:00 PM

Location: The Bean Bar, 1012 King Street West, Hamilton. Phone 905-524-2326. For more information email Anthony Giles (anthonygiles1976@gmail.com) or phone him at (905) 691-0818. The next Hamilton Pub Night will be November 15.

BARRIE - Tuesday October 20 - 6:30 PM

Location: Mullies Bar & Grill, 17 Mulcaster Street, Barrie, (Phone: 705-719-0466). For more information email PaoloTheBaker@yahoo.ca or call him at (647) 300-8555. The next Barrie Pub Night will be November 17.

STOUFFVILLE - Wednesday October 21, 7:00 PM

Location: Earl of Whitchurch Pub, 6204 Main St., Stouffville (north side of Stouffville Rd/Main St. just east of the GO Train line - Phone 905-642-EARL (3275) www.TheEarlPub.ca) For more information contact Allen Small by email (small4357@rogers.com) or phone (905) 477-4357. The next Stouffville Pub Night will be November 18.

fects of today's big business and big union give-aways, knee-jerk spending initiatives and tax opportunism kick in.

"I am running to make my constituents aware that less government is a real and practical option. It's an option that's not even on the radar for most Canadians and it needs to be added to the debate.

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Tough Times for Statists - by Heath Thomas, Chairman

Two years ago the news in Canada was great: record low unemployment, huge oil revenues, fiscal surpluses, top line economic growth and seemingly unlimited demand for cars. Well, almost in a flick of the switch, times have changed. Now pessimism is rife throughout the land and statists gloat triumphantly over the 'failure of the capitalist system'. Names like AIG, Bear Sterns, Lehman Brothers, GM, CitiGroup, and Chrysler have either disappeared, been nationalized or are in trouble. The media continues to drool over the socialist in the White House who, like McGuinty, is spending unbelievable sums of money to 'save America'. Other governments are doing the same and yet nothing really gets better.

So, you are no doubt asking, "What does this mean for Ontario?" If you ask our government, they will tell you that the only answer is more of the same that we have had for the last 50 or so years: tax, tax, tax; spend, spend, spend. A quick look at recent numbers tells the tale. The size of Ontario's budget is now approaching \$100 Billion with no end in sight, up from \$40 Billion in 1990. Yes, it has more than doubled since the dark days of Bob Rae!

As anyone with a basic knowledge of finance will tell you, this cannot last. Even if government revenues dramatically increase in an effort to 'save' the economy, the only possible outcome in the end will be economic and fiscal implosion, as more government spending will ultimately hinder economic growth. Taxes will have to rise to pay for this and it is starting to happen – the HST, fee hikes, green taxes and fees on plastic bags.

The good news is that our party will never have a better chance to get the message out, as things deteriorate.

Not surprisingly, the result will be a recession that will go on and on, as no one will want to invest in Ontario, which will still further embolden the politicians of this province who think the government can pick winners and losers. Where will it end? Who knows? It would appear that the public in Ontario does not mind the thievery and plunder, as witnessed by the fact that McGuinty's popularity is still not suffering despite the economic fallout from the auto crisis, the bailouts, the green taxes, and so on.

As the recent threatened downgrade of British debt illustrates, investors will put up with only so much of this nonsense and stop buying government debt, which will make it even more expensive for taxpayers in the long run and no doubt eventually alter the political landscape of the province and the country.

The good news is that our party will never have a better chance to get the message out, as things deteriorate. It is clear that BIG Government does not and never will work. Judging from the interest in our recent Caucus meeting on

May 31, interest is growing in our message. We had a really good turn-out. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came out. I enjoyed meeting all of you and I hope that we will meet again in the future.

Our goal for the next election is 60 candidates and this will take some work. For every one that came and would have come to the meeting, I urge you to recruit at least one other person to run or help us to run in a riding we do not have anyone ready to go in. That will get us there easily. I know we will get there somehow.

The Financial Crisis Explained in Simple Terms

I received the following item in an email, so some of you may already have seen it. However, I thought it was worth repeating.

Heidi is the proprietor of a bar in Berlin. In order to increase sales, she decides to allow her loyal customers - most of whom are unemployed alcoholics - to drink now but pay later. She keeps track of the drinks consumed on a ledger (thereby granting the customers loans).

Word gets around and as a result increasing numbers of customers flood into Heidi's bar. Her sales volume increases massively. Taking advantage of her customers' freedom from immediate payment constraints, Heidi increases her prices for wine and beer, the most-consumed beverages.

A young and dynamic customer service consultant at the local bank recognizes these customer debts as valuable future assets and increases Heidi's borrowing limit. He sees no reason for undue concern since he has the debts of the alcoholics as collateral.

At the bank's corporate headquarters, expert bankers transform these customer assets into DRINKBONDS, ALKBONDS and PUKEBONDS. These securities are then traded on markets worldwide. No one really understands

what these abbreviations mean and how the securities are guaranteed. Nevertheless, as their prices continuously climb, the securities become top-selling items.

One day, although the prices are still climbing, a risk manager (subsequently of course fired due his negativity) of the bank decides that the time has come to demand payment of the debts incurred by the drinkers at Heidi's bar. However they cannot pay back the debts.

Heidi cannot fulfill her loan obligations and claims bankruptcy. DRINKBOND and ALKBOND drop in price by 95%. PUKEBOND performs better, stabilizing in price after dropping by 80%.

The suppliers of Heidi's bar, having granted her generous payment due dates and having invested in the securities are faced with a new situation. Her wine supplier claims bankruptcy, her beer supplier is taken over by a competitor.

The bank is saved by the Government following dramatic round-the-clock consultations by leaders from the governing political parties.

The funds required for this purpose are obtained by a tax levied on the non-drinkers.

Finally an explanation I understand...

It's Never Too Early—By Craig Hodgins, Campaign Director

If you are reading this article, chances are that you are a member of the Ontario Libertarian Party, or are at least interested in libertarian values. You value personal liberty and would like to see Big Government get out of the economy and leave you alone. One of the ways we all can help revive liberty and defeat interventionism is to get the message of libertarian ideals to the masses. And one of the best ways to do this is through spreading our message of liberty at election time.

The Ontario general election is a mere two years away. Now is the time to start preparing. The other parties are. Your Election Committee has been hard at work planning for the 2011 election, but we need the help of every concerned member to make the next campaign successful.

A few of our goals for the next election include:

- to run at least 60 candidates across the province;
- to double the number of votes received by the party's candidates (to 18,000); and
- to increase media exposure.

To accomplish these goals, we need two things. One of those things is more candidates.

You can help the cause of liberty by volunteering to become a candidate. It does not require a lot of work (unless you want to), and in the past we have had some "paper candidates" who, by simply being on the ballot, help expose libertarian ideas to those looking for an alternative to Big Government. The more candidates we run,

the more votes we get, the more attention we gather, and the more new members we add to our ranks. The Green Party, just another Big Government party, has achieved rapid growth over the last few elections with this strategy. Why can't the Ontario Libertarian Party?

As a candidate you will not be alone. We are planning on helping our candidates prepare to run in the election campaign through various support mechanisms. Our plan is to support new and existing candidates with pamphlets and signs, sample speeches, training sessions, guidelines on how to answer any question from a libertarian viewpoint and a campaign booklet. We hope to be able to help with collecting signatures, and handling government paperwork.

All of this support requires money. Therefore the second thing we need is more contributions. We have an aggressive budget plan to help the party achieve the goals listed above. We encourage all members to consider donating to the party to help in achieving our goals for the next election. If you contribute on a regular basis, would you consider contributing more in the future? If you haven't contributed in the past, would you consider starting now? If not now, when? If not you, who?

More information about our specific plans for the next election will be coming in future Bulletins.

And remember - All that it takes for liberty to die a slow death is for freedom loving people to stand by and do nothing.

Operation Politically Homeless

Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) is a method for identifying libertarians and potential party members. It was developed by the Advocates for Self Government (www.TheAdvocates.org) and uses the World's Smallest Political Quiz.

The Party has been using it for several years. This past March we rented a booth at the Manning Networking Conference and Exhibit in Ottawa. This is a gathering of mostly small-c and big-C conservatives, but several, including a member of the Canadian Parliament and a member of the Ontario legislature, identified themselves as libertarians even before taking the quiz. We got 2 new members and nineteen leads from almost 100 people who took the time to answer our survey question, "Does government do a good job?"

Then in April we rented a booth at the Halton Eco Festival in Oakville. Just over 100 people stopped at the booth and answered our survey question. 58 of them took the quiz and 16 of them provided contact information.

We will have our OPH chart on display at Ezra Levant's talk on Saturday September 26 (see details on page 4) and we expect to get several new leads there.

On Sunday September 27 we will be running OPH at the 20th annual "Word on the Street." (See the article on Page 4.)

WORLD'S SMALLEST POLITICAL QUIZ

Circle Y when you agree, M for maybe or unsure, N for No - Mark score below

Are you a self-governor on PERSONAL issues?

	20	10	0
Government should not control radio, TV or the press (including books)	Y	M	N
Drug laws do more harm than good and should be repealed	Y	M	N
There should be no laws concerning sex between consenting adults	Y	M	N
Private clubs and orgs. should be free to admit or refuse any member	Y	M	N
Govt. should not interfere in arrangements between doctor and patient	Y	M	N

My PERSONAL self-governor score: add 20 for each Y, 10 for each M, 0 for N

Are you a self-governor on ECONOMIC issues?

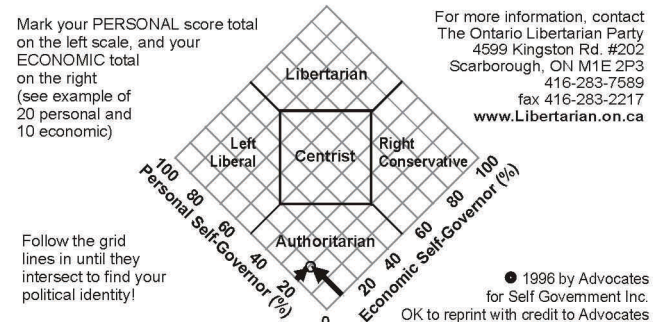
	20	10	0
Business and farms should operate without government subsidies	Y	M	N
People are better off with free trade than with tariffs	Y	M	N
Minimum wages cause unemployment and should be repealed	Y	M	N
Government should not dictate hiring or employment practices	Y	M	N
Union membership should be voluntary, not compulsory	Y	M	N

My ECONOMIC self-governor score: add 20 for each Y, 10 for each M, 0 for N

The Self-Government Compass is adapted from an original idea by David Nolan

How to use the Self-Government Compass

Mark your PERSONAL score total on the left scale, and your ECONOMIC total on the right (see example of 20 personal and 10 economic)



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Ezra Levant to Talk at University of Toronto September 26

Ezra Levant is an author, journalist, lawyer and former publisher of the Western Standard. For 900 days he fought the Human Rights Commission because he published a story about the Danish cartoons of Mohammad. He became the only person in the world to face legal sanction for printing those cartoons. He was eventually acquitted, but was left with \$100,000 in legal fees.



Ezra is coming to Toronto on September 26 to talk about his inquisition and other abuses by the provincial and federal human rights commissions.

As a result of this nightmare, Ezra Levant began investigating other instances in which innocent people have had their freedoms compromised by bureaucrats presuming to protect Canadians' human rights. He discovered some disturbing and even bizarre cases, such as the tribunal ruling that an employee at a McDonald's restaurant in Vancouver did not have to wash her hands at work. And the human rights complaint filed by a Calgary hair stylist against the women at a salon school who called him a "loser." In another case that seemed stranger than fiction, an emotionally unstable transvestite fought for — and won — the right to counsel female rape victims, despite the anguished pleas of those same traumatized victims. Human rights commissions now monitor political opinions, fine people for expressing politically incorrect

viewpoints, censor websites, and even ban people, permanently, from saying certain things.

His book, *Shakedown: How Our Government is Undermining Democracy in the Name of Human Rights* is a result of Levant's ordeal and the research it inspired. It shows how our concept of human rights has morphed into something dangerous and drastically different from its original meaning. *Shakedown* is a convincing plea to Canadians to reclaim their basic liberties. It will be on sale at the venue and Ezra will be available for a short time after his presentation to autograph his book.

Saturday, September 26, 2009, 6:30-8:30 PM
University of Toronto, St. George Campus
Bahen Centre Information Tech, Room 1130
40 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario

Price	Student *	Non-Student
Early Bird	\$10.00	\$25.00
After Sept 18	\$12.00	\$30.00

* Students must show ID card at the door

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Space is limited, so order your tickets today.

Word on the Street and Operation Politically Homeless—by Allen Small

One of the major issues that I noticed during my run in the October 2008 Federal election was our lack of party name recognition. Very few people had heard of the Libertarian Party and fewer still knew what the party stood for. Even today, among my friends and acquaintances, few know of the political philosophy underpinning libertarianism, despite my rants. That of course is not true for any of the major political parties, their political philosophy is.....umm.....well, getting re-elected, health care, you know, stuff like that.

The Green Party, a minor party, has huge name recognition which translated to significant voter support in the last election because we all know they are out to save the planet. Who can argue with that? As for the rest of their political philosophy, it's a little murky but not that different from the big guys.

This leaves Libertarians with the problem of name recognition and a sexy issue in which to wrap ourselves. It may happen someday that limiting government growth will become sexy, but in the meantime, we need to get our name out and cultivate support.

On Sunday September 27th an annual book and magazine festival will occur at Queen's Park in Toronto, called **Word on the Street**. For the past 20 years Word has attracted thousands of educated, affluent, professionally

influential individuals from across Toronto and the GTA — mostly women (71%). Is it possible that among this group some may support the libertarian cause? That's what we are attempting to find out.

Under the banner of the Ontario Libertarian Party a group of volunteers will supervise a small booth at Word, giving out our literature (like this Newsletter), selling some books and presenting the World's Smallest Political Quiz to worthy candidates under Operation Politically Homeless. We can still use some volunteers, especially women, and if you are not busy that day your moral support would be appreciated. Who knows, you might even pick up a good book, cheap!

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"I am running in the faint hope of limiting government and leaving Ontario a better place for all our grandchildren."

The Ontario Libertarian Party will fight corporate hand-outs, the harmonized sales tax, unfocused spending initiatives, land transfer taxes and the relentless ballooning of the Queen's Park bureaucracy. Government is the problem, not the solution.

If you can help, call John Kittredge at 416-421-2903.