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Doug Burn, Editor

David Nolan—RIP

By John Shaw, VP Political Action
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David Nolan, a founder of the U.S. Libertarian party, died suddenly on November 21 at the age of 66. He was driving in Tucson, Arizona when he had a stroke and crashed his car. Nolan spearheaded an eight-member group that formed the Libertarian Party in Colorado Springs, AZ on Dec. 11, 1971 in response to U.S. Republican President Richard Nixon's authoritarian wage and price controls announced in August of that year as well as the immoral war in Vietnam.



As with many Libertarians David was introduced to the libertarian idea by science fiction writer Robert Heinlein and also by Ayn Rand. His objective centred on trying to move the discussion from the arbitrary left and right to one between the libertarian and the authoritarian.

He developed the Nolan Chart, which divided the political landscape into 2 dimensions, to more accurately reflect the complexity of a world that has more dimensions than left and right. This was developed by others into the best known tool for identifying libertarians, but it still retains his name.

From the first small meeting hosted in his house, to the '3rd party' that received over a million votes in the 2010 midterm elections he was a tireless fighter for free markets and free minds.

Annual Liberty Seminar and General Meeting By Jim McIntosh, Treasurer

In the past we have billed it as our Annual General Meeting. I suspect a lot of people aren't interested in attending a "general meeting." But we've always had two or three speakers, so why not call it the Annual Liberty Seminar? It must have helped; we had 43 registrations, a record in at least 15 years. However Stefan Molyneux, our first speaker was likely responsible for at least a dozen of our guests.

Sam Apfelbaum welcomed all of the attendees and provided a brief 'state of the party' presentation. Then Stefan spoke about how libertarians like to promote liberty by talking about the benefits they expect when government is removed from some aspect of our life – the

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LIBERTARIAN PUB NIGHTS

Come on out and meet other like-minded folks from the area in a relaxed, informal, friendly atmosphere. We will discuss whatever is on your mind. Order dinner and/or drinks and pay your own tab.

Wednesday December 8, 7:00 PM—TORONTO

The Granite Brewery and Restaurant 245 Eglinton Ave. E. (at Mount Pleasant). Contact Jim McIntosh (416-283-7589 or cfo@libertarian.on.ca). Next Pub Night is January 12.

Monday December 13 & January 10, 7:00 PM—London

Poacher's Arms, 171 Queens Avenue, (519-432-7888) Contact Zak Young (canadianliberty@hotmail.com)

Thursday December 16, 7:00 PM—K-W

Delaney's Restaurant 930 Woodlawn Rd. West. Guelph (519-822-0070). Contact Phil Bender (phil.libertarian@gmail.com or 905-703-6248). Next Pub Night is January 20 in Guelph.

Pub Nights alternate between Guelph and K-W

Saturday January 8, 2011 3:00 PM—OTTAWA

South Side Bar and Grill, 1670 Heron Road (Heron Gate Mall). Contact Andrew Philips (andrewmp@rogers.com or 613-733-8948). Next meeting is February 5.

January 16, 7:00 PM—HAMILTON

The Snooty Fox, 1011 King Street West, Hamilton (Phone 905-546-0000). Contact Anthony (905-691-0818 or anthonygiles1976@gmail.com).

Tuesday January 18, 7:00 PM—BARRIE

Mullies Bar & Grill, 17 Mulcaster Street, Contact Paolo Fabrizio (PaoloTheBaker@yahoo.ca or 647-300-8555). The next Barrie Pub Night is February 21.

Wednesday January 26, 7:00 PM—STOUFFVILLE

Earl of Whitchurch Pub, 6204 Main St. Contact Allen Small (small4357@rogers.com or 905-477-4357). The next Pub Night is October 27

If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, contact Jim McIntosh at 416-283-7589.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CANADA

CONVENTION

April 30—May 1, 2011

Columbia College

Vancouver, BC

THE PARTY OF CHOICE – Our Vision is communities of freedom, harmony and abundance.

The Mission of the Party is to enable endless possibilities through recognition of, respect for and protection of individual liberty.

Chairman's Report - By Heath Thomas

"Sometimes the law defends plunder and participates in it. Sometimes the law places the whole apparatus of judges, police, prisons, and gendarmes at the service of the plunderers, and treats the victim - when he defends himself - as a criminal." - Frederic Bastiat

This quote by Bastiat was written well over a century ago, but remains so true in 21st Century Ontario. How many scandals have taxpayers had to endure in Ontario with Dalton's gang of thieves? Too many. McGuinty's government is a walking scandal driving this province to the brink of bankruptcy. David Miller's reign of tax and spend terror was doing the same for the people of Toronto for the last 8 years. Thankfully, the voters of Toronto rejected George "E-Health" Smitherman at the polls and elected Rob Ford on his promise to "Respect Taxpayers". So, maybe there will be some relief in store for the people of Toronto at least. But, we shall see, as much of the Council is more moderate than Rob Ford, which could spell big trouble for his agenda the next 4 years.

As many of you know, I also ran in the election for Council in Ward 44 and received 627 votes, each one hard earned. It was my first run for City Council and while I felt I would do better, I was in a tough race between two other well known candidates. So, the result was still reasonably good and I did better than a lot of candidates for Council in Toronto. I would also like to publicly thank several members of the Party for the valuable roles they played on my election team. I would like to start with Jim McIntosh, who was invaluable as my CFO and Policy Advisor. Elizabeth Horan was powerful as my campaign manager. Also, Ange Liao was helpful on several occasions, as well as Chester Brown who showed me the power of cartoons in an election campaign with his great work. I would also like to thank Nunzio Venuto, Peter Radzio, and Phillip Bender for volunteering for my telephone team. Lastly, I would like to thank Wayne Simmons of the Freedom Party, who was amazing as my Chief Policy advisor. If I missed anyone, I would also like to extend my thanks here as well.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge Jean-Serge Brisson, the Deputy Leader of the OLP, for running for Council in Russell Township. He garnered well over 1,000 votes, but sadly did not win. Also, Paolo Fabrizio, our Vice-Chairman, ran a courageous campaign in Barrie in Ward 9 and was well positioned to win except for the last minute entry of the former Mayor of Innisfill, who stole the election. Paolo also ran in the Vaughn Federal By-Election against Julian Fantino. On the heels of a tough municipal election, he is truly a soldier for the cause and gives everything he has. His work will surely payoff at some point in the future.

Speaking of the future, next year is an election year and we have big plans in store. We want to run at least 60 candidates, which would be a huge breakthrough for the Party. As well, we would like to raise \$60,000 to ensure our message gets out to more people and make a bigger impact than we have in many years. Right now, our bank account is low and in need of replenishment in order to ensure we reach our goals. What this means is

that it will require a much higher level of fundraising and giving from all sources than we have asked for and required in the past.

In order to accomplish this, we have many exciting initiatives brewing. First of all, we are looking to improve our outreach to the people of Ontario. Having multiple media platforms is essential to this effort. In the last year, we have added several new tools to our arsenal including: a Twitter account for the Party under the search name "Ontario Libertarian", a Facebook group for the Ontario Libertarian Party, a Libertarian "meetup" on www.meetup.com, and a Facebook fan page called "The Ontario Libertarian". We hope you will join some or all of these groups to help promote the Party and Libertarianism in Ontario.

Last but most important, I hope to develop and launch two new websites in the next year or so on behalf of the Party: theontarioliberalianfund.ca and ontarioliberalianradio.ca. These sites should go a long way in aiding our efforts to promote the cause of freedom in Ontario in the coming months and years. As the name implies, theontarioliberalianfund.ca will focus entirely on fundraising. This site will allow members to keep track of how we are doing in our fundraising efforts and provide valuable resources to encourage people to give to our great cause.

The other site ontarioliberalianradio.ca is a longer-term project. The Executive has wanted for a long time to have a radio programme to bring our message to the masses. This will be more of a portal at the outset. Once it gets a big enough reach, I hope our Party will become more of a household name in the Province, especially as people tire of the same old stuff from the Establishment parties and begin looking for new solutions to the many intractable problems this province currently faces.

Thanks again for supporting the Ontario Libertarian Party this past year. It has been an honour to be your Chairman and I look forward to a great future for the Party with your help.

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'argument from effects.' But, the benefits are not spread evenly across the population. Some individuals benefit from the government involvement and would suffer if it were to be removed. Stephan explained that a more persuasive case can be made with a moral argument - It is wrong to initiate coercion.

William Gairdner, our second speaker and author of *The Trouble with Canada ... Again!*, posed a number of rhetorical questions. He told about the time his horse was suffering a problem. He called the vet who arrived shortly with a portable X-ray machine and was able to diagnose the problem. Why, he asked, does his horse (and most animals) receive better medical treatment than most humans? Why is the government the only organization allowed to counterfeit? William also explained that Libertarians tend to ignore the fact we are governed, and abide by, the informal rules of civil society most of the time.

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Your Party Needs You - By Jim McIntosh, Treasurer

To make an old sentence politically correct, "Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of the party."

In the 2007 general election, the Party ran 25 candidates, received about 9,000 votes and very modest media attention. Since then we've run candidates in 2 provincial by-elections. We've had booths at the Manning Conference in Ottawa and at Word On The Street in Toronto, to increase our visibility and obtain leads for more members. Members have organized monthly Pub Nights in 7 cities. We are increasing our presence on the Internet through Facebook, Twitter and Meetup. We are in the process of implementing a new web site which we hope to have operational by the end of the year.

In order to keep the momentum going, we plan to run 60 or more candidates in the October 6, 2011 provincial election. This should increase our visibility with the media and hopefully result in more coverage of the Party and our platform. As a result, more people will discover the Libertarian Party and some of them will join us. We are already attracting a number of disillusioned conservatives.

First, we need people. Let us know if you're interested in being a candidate for the Party. Not only will you be helping the cause, but you will be ensuring you have someone to vote for. You decide how much effort you want to put into your campaign. It takes only a few hours to get your name on the ballot, along with the Party name.

A 'paper' candidate does very little after that, possibly one or two media interviews. We expect half will be paper candidates. If you want to be more active, you can participate in All Candidate meetings, distribute pamphlets, put up signs and knock on doors. We hope that at least half a dozen candidates will be very active. Whether you plan to be a paper candidate or active, now is the time to ask for donations from friends, neighbours, and even family!

The Party will provide training, pamphlets, signs, buttons and advice. This will take money. We estimate we will need \$30,000 just to support 60 candidates. For another \$15,000 we should be able to run radio ad campaigns in smaller markets like Barrie-Simcoe and Kitchener-Waterloo-Guelph if we have candidates in all or most of the ridings in that market.

Elections are an excellent opportunity to get our message out. While the term "libertarian" is heard more often, there are still lots of people who don't know we exist or what the term means. We need your help to change this. Please use the enclosed envelope to send us \$500, \$300, \$200, or whatever you can afford. Or go to our web site and donate online through PayPal. Do it now, to ensure you take advantage of the refundable Political Tax Credit. You will get back 75% of the first \$372 contributed in a year and 50% of the next \$1,240.

Time-of-Use Billing and Green Energy—Letter to the Editor by Allen Small, Member-at-Large

Like many in Markham, I received the form letter from Power Stream, our electrical utility, that starts like this: "*The Government of Ontario, as part of its plan to create a culture of conservation.....*" Yes, a culture of conservation; Dalton McGuinty's Liberals have struck again, in yet another effort to legislate our behaviour and to create some ill-conceived utopia.

Rather than creating a culture of competition and free enterprise, where citizens of Ontario are given more choice in electricity suppliers at lower cost with less government interference, we get the opposite.

In the area of electrical production, where the Ontario government has a monopoly through Ontario Power Generation, McGuinty has sworn to shut-down low cost coal burning power plants and replace them with high cost solar and wind power generators that work only intermittently.

McGuinty has been convinced that the evil fossil-fuel burning power plants, will somehow harm the planet, so in the best interests of your great grandchildren (maybe) we will now be given the option to pay twice as much for our peak power usage or choose to do our laundry late at night or on weekends. How that helps the planet I'm not sure.

The problem is really not the price of electricity, because these prices are in line with the neighbouring States of Michigan and New York. The problem is that McGuinty has committed Ontario to long-term deals for alternative

energy at outrageously high prices through the Green Energy Act.

The Ontario government will need greater revenues to fulfill contracts with companies like Samsung and its sweetheart deal with the province. Electricity costs will rise, so much so, that residents of the coldest parts of Ontario may experience "fuel poverty" as five million British citizens who are on welfare do now. The additional fuel costs will hit poor and fixed income individuals hardest. For the rest of us, these ill-considered obligations will act like yet another tax during a very fragile economic recovery.

The Green Energy Act needs to be repealed and electrical production needs to be privatized. The next opportunity to fix the problem is less than one year away.

Your Executive Committee

Leader	Sam Apfelbaum
Deputy-Leader	Jean-Serge Brisson
Chairman	Heath Thomas
Vice-Chairman	Paolo Fabrizio
Secretary	Phil Bender
Recording Secretary	Peter Radzio
Treasurer	Jim McIntosh
Campaign Director	Craig Hodgins
Members at Large	Allen Small, Matt Belanger

Ethics Committee: Chester Brown, George Dance, Anthony Giles, Jan Narveson, John Shaw, Nunzio Venuto

Endless Homelessness—By Rod Rojas

During the recent mayoral campaign in Toronto, debates over homelessness were highlighted by the particular case of a downtown 40-bed homeless shelter being built at a cost of \$11.5 million. The original estimate for the entire project was \$5.5 million. According to the Toronto Real Estate Board, the average price for a condominium apartment in Toronto was \$279,000.

The outrageous \$287,500 per-bed price tag reflected only the payment to the building contractors. Let us not forget that any act of government carries with it a huge handling cost. This includes the tax dollars collected to pay the civil servants and politicians and the maintenance of a huge government infrastructure BEFORE the money is disbursed. In most governments this amounts to several dollars of government overhead for every dollar spent, which implies that the real cost of each bed is a multiple of the above mentioned figure. Once the facility is finished, we need to add the cost of running the entire project with generously paid civil servants.

The unseen costs of this, and every other government expenditure, are the effects they have on taxpayers. Let us not forget that every dollar consumed by government is a dollar not consumed, saved, nor invested by private citizens. Every unproductive government job is a productive job lost in the general economy.

In regards to the cost of this new shelter, Phil Brown, the General Manager of the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration for the city of Toronto said: "Is it worth \$11.5 million to be able to serve the downtown homeless folks who are some of the most vulnerable in the city? I'd say yes."

As irrational as Mr. Brown's declaration may seem, we must remember what the incentives a person in his position would have. To begin with, he is spending someone else's money. Then, he runs the department in charge of the shelter, so any acknowledgment of overspending

would be an admission of his own ineptitude. We should also point out that any increase in funding and responsibilities for his office increases his job security and power. And, in the future, when something bad happens to a homeless person, he will look like a hero who fights for the rights of the "most vulnerable". On the flip side, if he opposed the project due to its cost, he would be the bad guy of the story, having to defend himself while not saving a penny for himself or advancing his best interests.

Lastly, all types of welfare are open-ended expenses, meaning there is no end to how much money we can spend in better shelters, more nutritious meals, more counseling etc. This is the danger of unrestrained government; they use other people's money for open-ended expenses, so there is no rationing mechanism.

For 2007 government expenditures on the homeless in Canada, not including government overhead, was conservatively estimated by Gordon Laird to be between \$20,000 and \$40,000 per homeless person and rising, while the number of homeless people also keeps increasing. For example in Toronto, according to Tarasuk and Kirkpatrick in *"Managing" Homeless Youth in Toronto: Mismanaging Food and Access & Nutritional Well-being* (2006), the number of homeless persons rose by 21% between 1990 and 2003. The explanation for this phenomenon is very simple: when the price of a good or service is lowered, demand for it will increase. In other words, homeless help is actually a homeless subsidy, we are encouraging homelessness, and the demand for free accommodation and meals is virtually endless. We will have as many homeless as our politicians and civil servants want to pay for.

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After a buffet lunch, Mr. Justice Marvin Morten, representing Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), talked about his experience on the bench, deciding on bail for young girls involved in prostitution and hooked on drugs, sending them back to the street. He pointed out that incarcerating drug addicts is far more expensive than treating them early. He claimed that the new jail being built in Brampton ("Club McMurtry") has lots of support from people in the area who look forward to new jobs as guards, caterers, and linen service. He recommended the Portland Housing Society in Vancouver as a model that provides sustainable housing for "hard to house" individuals.

Craig Hodgins, our Campaign Director, described the support we plan to provide candidates (training, signs, pamphlets, answers to tough questions). He also described some techniques for dealing with questions. He recommended candidates take advantage of the free media opportunities; interviews on radio, TV and newspapers.

He presented several possible themes for the election: "Fight crime. Cut government"; SOS (Stop Over Spending); "Where's my bailout;" and Protest vote (we are "None of the above").

Having completed the "Annual Liberty Seminar," we held elections as the General Meeting portion.

2 members at large – 1 year term

Allen Small – nominated by Paolo Fabrizio – 14 votes – ELECTED

Mathew Belanger – nominated by Jim McIntosh – 14 votes – ELECTED

NOTA – 0 votes

2 Ethics Committee members – 3 year term

George Dance – nominated by Jim McIntosh – 16 votes – ELECTED

Chester Brown – nominated by Jim McIntosh – 16 votes – ELECTED

NOTA – 0 votes

Jim McIntosh moved that we destroy ballots 30 days after publication of results. CARRIED - 16-0