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Your Invitation to the 2011 Caucus Meeting

The Ontario Libertarian Party will hold its annual caucus meeting on Sunday April 17 (see details below). The caucus meeting is open to all members who were candidates in the 2007 election, as well as members who are considering being a candidate in the 2011 election or are willing to help with the campaign. "Paper candidates" are also welcome. Anyone who is not a member can join at the meeting.

The focus of this year's caucus meeting will be on candidate training and planning for the October 6 election. Those who attend will have the opportunity to learn about campaigning tactics from experienced candidates, get ideas on campaign themes and topics, and learn how the party can assist them in their efforts to represent freedom to the people of Ontario.

Our guest speaker will be Gerry Nicholls, one of the five top political minds in Canada.

We will consider possible themes for the fall campaign, such as

- "Who Owns Your Life?"
- Free Markets, not Monopolies
- "We are None Of The Above!"

We plan to provide a booklet for each attendee with details on election goals and strategies, how to take advantage of the free media coverage, arguing from morality rather than effect, how to answer debate questions, sample reading list, etc.

Although the final agenda has not been formalized, here is an outline of what to expect:

- Leader's address
- Review election plans and objectives
- Technical aspects of campaigning (How to...)
- Experiences from the field
- Campaign strategies and tactics

Join your fellow Libertarians for day of discussion, education, and refreshing political talk.

CAUCUS MEETING DETAILS

Sunday April 17, 2011 - 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM

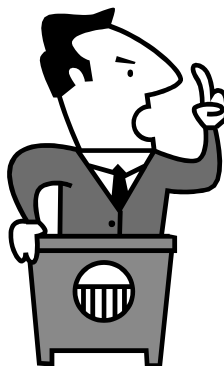
Eastern Sense Chinese Restaurant

200 Marycroft Ave, Woodbridge, ON

Lunch will be provided free for members

Donations accepted

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LIBERTARIAN PUB NIGHTS

Come on out and meet other Libertarians 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.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO - Thursday March 17, 7:00PM

Location: Benny's Lounge, 183 Weber Street, Waterloo
For more information about events in this area, contact Phil Bender (phil.libertarian@gmail.com or 905-703-6248). Next Pub Night is April 21.

LONDON - Monday March 21, 7:00 PM

Palasad/Fiamma Restaurant, Adelaide & Oxford. For more information contact Dave Barnesky (dave.barnesky@gmail.com). Next Pub Night is April 28.

OTTAWA - Saturday April 2, 3:00 PM

South Side Bar and Grill, 1670 Heron Road, (Heron Gate Mall). For more information contact Andrew Philips (andrewmp@rogers.com or 613-733-8948). Next meeting is May 7.

STOUFFVILLE - Wednesday March 23, 7:00 PM

Earl of Whitchurch Pub, 6204 Main St. upstairs room. For more information contact Allen Small (small4357@rogers.com or 905-477-4357). The next Pub Night is April 27.

TORONTO - Wednesday April 13, 7:00 PM

The Granite Brewery & Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Ave. E.. For more information contact Jim McIntosh (416-283-7589 or cfo@libertarian.on.ca). The next Pub Night is May 11.

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

Annual Libertarian BBQ—May 15, 12-4 PM

16812 Humber Station Rd., Caledon Hills—Rain or shine

\$15 per person for burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and dessert

↑ North on Hwy 400 to Hwy 7,

↖ West to Highway 50,

↑ North to Patterson Road,

↖ West to Humber Station Road,

↓ South to 16812 (number posted on white mail box and gate.)



If you get lost, call 416-283-7589 or 905-880-4848 for help.

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so we know how much food and drink to buy

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.

Leader's Report - by Sam Apfelbaum

It is obvious now the international financial crisis will not abate and governments will remain in trouble. Easy ways out are no longer available. For decades, maladies induced by states everywhere have multiplied and grown. They have rarely been squarely faced and continue to be pushed by politicians into the future for someone else to worry about. That is what they have always done to win elections and retain the pleasures of power, but clearly a massive shakeup, long expected in libertarian circles, is imminent and unavoidable. Predictably as well, most people remain baffled by events and continue to look to the state for solutions.

I have no expectation of an overnight conversion whereby libertarianism will become the dominant ideology in Ontario, or Canada for that matter. Change for the better will only arrive when there has been sufficient cultural change. People get rulers who are consistent with the cultural propensities of the societies in which they live. Right now the cultural propensity in Canada is on the side of authoritarianism, with all that implies for our future. As it must be, the more the state has grown, the more respect or concern for individual liberty has diminished, to the point where people hardly understand the meaning of the word "liberty". While the state decrees their incandescent light bulbs illegal and commands them to use a state approved



type, they dimly believe they are free. They believe the state is necessary and indispensable. They respect it, and look to it for care, sustenance and satisfaction of their wants and needs. If the state seems incompetent or fails them, for these people it is simply necessary to replace those in charge to correct matters.



Contrast the above with a culture which does not trust the state, does not like it, does not want anything from it, does not respect it, wants to get rid of it in every possible way as quickly as possible and, having done so, wants to get rid of it some more until ultimately the dangerous, unnecessary and chaotic institution completely disappears. The sooner we experience this sort of thinking in significant numbers, the sooner we will see an end to the obstructions of the state and a concomitant liberation of human potential.

An Ontario election will be held in October this year. It is important to do all we can to promote the libertarian message during this window of opportunity. We have an enthusiastic group of volunteers and big plans. We need your financial support to be able to run a good campaign and support our candidates. Please go to our recently revamped web site at www.libertarian.on.ca for further information about making a donation. It has never been more important than now to take action.

Libertarian Party of Canada Convention — April 30 - May 1 — Vancouver

The convention of the Libertarian Party of Canada will be held April 30 - May 1st in Vancouver at Columbia College. This is a chance to listen to well known libertarian speakers and to elect a new board and Leader for the Party. We are very pleased to present the featured speakers which include Jan Narveson, Pierre Lemieux, and Walter Block.

Ramada Inn (on Pender) is offering a group rate of \$75 per night for April dates. Cost to attend the convention is \$60. Proxy Fee for those eligible to vote but not able to attend is \$25. Written invites will be mailed shortly to members and supporters. For those not on that list copies of the registration form will be posted on the website as made available to the webmaster, or contact info@libertarian.ca.

While voting and discussions from the floor is restricted to registered delegates (voting members in good standing at least 90 days prior to the convention who have also signed the registration form and paid the fee), the convention is open to all new members, former members who have not renewed, and observers.



Jan Narveson:

Distinguished Professor Emeritus (retired) at the University of Waterloo (Ontario), Jan's research interests include Ethical and Political Theory and Applied Ethics. Jan received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1961. Jan is currently on the Ethics Committee of the Ontario Libertarian Party and is a past member of the board of directors of the Libertarian Party of Canada.

Pierre Lemieux

Pierre holds graduate degrees in economics from the University of Toronto (Canada), and in Philosophy from University of Sherbrooke (Canada). His research interests and fields of publication straddle economic and political theory, public choice, public finance, and public policy.

Walter Block

Walter Block earned his PhD in Economics at Columbia University. He has written more than 500 articles for various non-refereed journals, magazines and newspapers, and is a contributor to such journals as *The Review of Austrian Economics*, *Journal of Libertarian Studies*, *The Journal of Labour Economics*, *Cultural Dynamics*, and the *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*. Walter is currently a professor and chair of economics, college of business administration, at Loyola University.

The Ozone Scare: A Retrospective - By Rod Rojas

Remember when the thinning of the ozone layer was going to cause us all to die of malignant melanoma, just a few years ago? The ozone scare seems to have dropped off the radar entirely.

As you might remember, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were the evil du jour, playing the same role carbon dioxide (CO₂) plays today in the global-warming scare. Environmentalists claimed that CFCs would somehow travel 40 miles up above the surface of the earth, despite the fact that CFCs are about five times heavier than air. A common case of floating bricks, no doubt.

By banning CFCs in 1989, the 196 countries who signed the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer lost a cheap, safe, nontoxic, chemically inert, noncorrosive, and nonflammable source of refrigerants, propellants, and fire-control-system components.

As with most regulations, the CFC ban hit the poor with a vengeance. Millions of perfectly functioning refrigerators could no longer be recharged with Freon, so everyone was forced to purchase new CFC-free appliances. This, of course, was especially difficult for those with low incomes.

Another group that still suffers greatly are asthma patients. The substitutes for CFC inhalers are the HFA (hydro-fluoroalkane) inhalers, which many doctors report to be of marginal effectiveness compared to the CFC version, which provided faster and longer-lasting relief from the agony of suffocation. Many patients have found that, whereas one puff used to be sufficient to reopen the airways, the new product requires two or even three puffs to work. This raises the cost of the medication due to the increased dosage. And to add insult to injury, because of their recent introduction, HFA inhalers are protected by patent law, whereas CFC inhalers were already generic. Prices per inhaler have increased from the \$5–\$25 range to the \$30–\$60 range in the United States.

Needless to say, taxpayers are still funding research into this bogus field, and the CFC ban is still alive and well. As always, regulations and funding are very easily put in place — especially when the public is manipulated with scare tactics — but they are very hard to roll back; in fact, regulations are hardly ever repealed, and the institutions in charge of enforcing them are only occasionally dismantled.

It is important to recognize the behavioral pattern of governments, NGOs, and scientists by looking at similar scares, such as acid rain, Y2K, mad-cow disease, H1N1, and now climate change and terrorism. Fear and guilt are the usual tools used to rob citizens of their liberty and money. These scares foster the centralized masterminding of our choices and allow ever-greater transfers of power and wealth toward the government.

Environmental scares are particularly effective because they combine the fear and the guilt effects. Such "man-against-nature" scenarios will provide endless possibilities

for loss of liberty unless power is taken away from governments altogether.

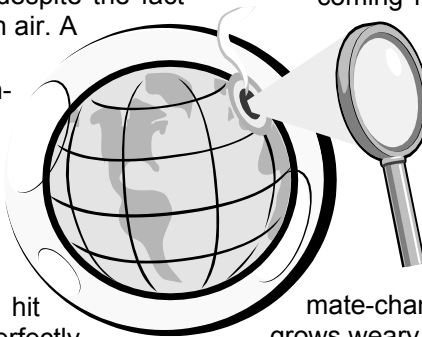
Unless we realize that man and nature are one and the same, there will be no degree of underdevelopment low enough for the ecofanatics: the so-called philosopher poet of the ecological movement, Derrick Jensen, wrote that "civilization is not and can never be sustainable." We should not underestimate this type of statement, especially

coming from a man like Jensen, who has a wide audience and has repeatedly defended

the use of militant violence to achieve environmental goals. We must be wary, not so much because of the possibility of Jensen's own violent actions, but because of government's talent for harvesting such ideas and using them to its advantage.

Watch for a new scare just as the climate-change myth loses steam and the population grows weary of antiterrorism.

Rod Rojas is a holder of the Canadian Securities Course designation and performs as a financial adviser in personal, corporate, and public-policy matters. He is a proud member of the Ontario Libertarian Party. This article was published on the Ludwig von Mises Institute web site, mises.org, and is reprinted with the author's permission.



Ontario Libertarian Party's New Web Site

If you haven't done so already, visit the party's new web site at libertarian.on.ca. The first thing you will notice is the new logo. Our home page also includes a donation button and a thermometer to display our progress towards our financial goal. Our Vision, Mission and Values are presented to give new visitors a better idea of our political objectives.

Across the top are tabs to allow you to quickly find what you want. The "About" tab will take you to our Statement of Principles and Ultimate Goals, Marilee Haylock's 1977 essay on *What is Libertarianism*, a list of our Executive Committee, and our Constitution and Bylaws.

The next tabs are "News" and "Platform." Under "Take Action" visitors can make a donation, request more information, join the party, read why they should be a candidate, or find out how they could volunteer to help the Party.

Brand new for the Party are the blog and the forum under the "Community" tab. We encourage you to browse and comment online. You can also see the schedule for Pub Nights in various towns and cities, or sign up for our monthly email newsletter.

"Resources" includes back issues of this Newsletter, riding contacts, reading list and links to other web sites of interest to libertarians.

Use the "Contact" page to let us know how you like it.

2010 Financial Report (Unaudited)—by Jim McIntosh, Treasurer

INCOME	2009	2010	Notes	Difference		
Donations - Cash/Cheques	10,868.64	12,380.36	1	1511.72		
Goods & Services	5,592.43	5,244.22	2	(348.21)		
By-Election Donations	300.00	-	3	(300.00)		
General Coll'ns (Sched 4)	130.00	21.00	4	(109.00)		
Interest Income	153.39	47.97	5	(105.42)		
Other Income	-	130.00	6	130.00		
Nomination Deposits refunded	200.00	-	7	(200.00)		
TOTAL INCOME	17,244.46	17,823.55		579.09		
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EXPENSES	2009	2010	Notes	Difference	Cash Budget	
					2010	2011
Accounting & Audit	2,656.00	2,656.00	11	0.00		
Advertising	3,131.05	1,232.94	12	1,898.11	2,050	1,000
Bank Charges	409.33	530.42	13	(121.09)	500	400
Brochures, Newsletter	2,020.41	789.39	14	1,231.02	1,500	500
By-Election Transfers Paid	448.34	942.09	15	(493.75)	600	
Fund Raising Expenses	-	-	16	0.00	400	800
Insurance & Utilities	1,188.00	1,235.52	17	(47.52)	1,300	1,300
Meetings Hosted	3,053.92	4,188.64	18	(1,134.72)	3,500	3,000
Office & Equipment Rental	139.92	138.60	19	1.32	150	150
Office Supplies	1,058.24	871.54	20	186.70	1,000	1,000
Postage & Courier	1,626.31	1,182.98	21	443.33	1,600	1,700
Professional Fees	1,965.00	1,956.00	22	9.00	2,000	2,000
Telephone	982.77	949.03	23	33.74	950	1,000
Travel Expenses	3,444.33	2,533.00	24	911.33		
Web and Internet	423.51	333.78	25	89.73	400	400
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,547.13	19,539.93		3,007.20	15,950	13,250
INCOME - EXPENSES	(5,302.67)	(1,716.38)		3,586.29		
Bank Balance January 1	16,181.57	10,878.90		(5,302.67)		
Accounts Payable at January 1	(2,656.00)	(2,656.00)				
Accounts Payable at December 31	2,656.00	2,656.00				
Bank Balance at December 31	10,878.90	9,162.52		(1,716.38)		

**NOTES**

- 2 Audit and most travel expenses are Contributed Goods and Services
- 11 Annual Audit Fee is \$4,000 less Elections Ontario Subsidy which increased in 2009 to \$1488 from \$1344. Audit Fee is shown as an expense (and Accounts Payable) in the current year but not paid until the following year.
- 12 2010 Budget includes \$700 for Manning Conference and \$300 approved for a "Libertarian" banner (Jan 10/10). A booth at the Freedom Fest (May 7) is free if we provide a speaker.
- 13 2010 includes \$161.25 for PayPal (3.63% of \$4,442) and \$225 for VISA (15.5% on \$1,450) 2011 Budget allows for additional contributions for election campaign.
- 14 2011 Budget includes \$500 for 1,400 Bulletins.
- 15 No By-elections expected in 2011. Entire Election Budget will be 'Transfers'. 2010 expenses were for Toronto Centre and Leeds Grenville by-elections.
- 16 4 fundraising letters to 330 names @ \$0.60 plus postage (Note 21)
- 18 2011 Budget includes AGM (\$1,600), Caucus Meeting (\$500) and Executive Meetings (\$900) Motion at Sept 19/10 meeting to add \$500 for a meeting on Crown Land Patent Grants. 2010 includes \$80 for meeting with Rob Lavigne, and \$150 (contributed G&S) for J Narveson mtg in Hamilton.
- 21 2010 includes \$907 for Bulletin. 2011 assumes \$750 for *Bulletin* (20% emailed), plus \$300 miscellaneous, plus \$650 for fundraising letters.
- 22 2011 Budget includes \$600 for folding and mailing Bulletin, \$1,400 for (contributed) Web Site services
- 24 2010 Expenses include \$1,130.97 for Manning Conference for 2 executive members.
- 25 2011 Budget includes Web Site (\$200) and Meetup subscription charges (\$200).

Items not covered in this budget must be approved by the Executive under separate motions.