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Mini-Full Slate Results

The Ontario Libertarian Party successfully ran a "full slate" of candidates in the five by-elections held on August 1. Here are the results.

Libertarian	Riding	Votes	% of Votes	Rank/# of candidates
Dan Dominato	Windsor-Tecumseh	368	1.6%	5 th of 7
Jean-Serge Brisson	Ottawa South	213	0.6%	5 th of 9
Hans Kunov	Etobicoke-Lakeshore	157	0.5%	5 th of 8
Heath Thomas	Scarborough-Guildwood	118	0.5%	7 th of 11
Geoffrey Serbee	London West	116	0.3%	6 th of 6

Our thanks go to these Libertarians for representing the Party. They were successful in two respects; they achieved good media attention and added to our membership. A dozen people asked for more information about the Party during July and August, and half of them have already joined.

Dan Dominato represented the Party in the 2011 general election. This time he was featured twice in the Windsor Star and has three media interviews on YouTube. It would appear that the media in the smaller markets have more time for the small parties. Dan placed close to 100 lawn signs and distributed about 800 copies of our Platform in Windsor-Tecumseh.

Jean-Serge Brisson has run in Ottawa South, Dalton McGuinty's riding, several times and has some name recognition for his seat-belt and sales tax court cases and as a councilor in Russell Township. He was interviewed twice on CFRA Radio. A video of his closing speech at an All Candidates Meeting is available on Facebook. He was featured in the Ottawa Metro paper on July 24. He and five volunteers (Rob Brooks, Dave Paul, Andrew Phillips, Phillip Richards, and Neal Donnelly) put up 50 lawn signs in one afternoon. They recommended we have much larger signs to be placed on main roads.

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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, including our preparations for the election expected next spring. Order dinner and/or drinks and pay your own tab.

OTTAWA - Saturday September 7, 2:00-4:00 PM

O'Brien's Eatery and Pub 1145 Heron Road. For more information contact Rob Brooks at 819-684-3492 or robbrooksca@gmail.com. Next event is on October 5.

TORONTO - September 11, 7:00 PM

The Granite Brewery & Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Ave. E.. Contact Jim McIntosh at cfo@libertarian.on.ca or 416-283-7589. Next Pub Night is October 9.

WATERLOO - Thurs September 19, 7:00 PM

Mediterraneo Family Restaurant, 425 University Ave. E. (at Bridge St. W.) For more information about events in this area, contact Phil Bender at 905-703-6248 or phil.libertarian@gmail.com. Next event is October 17.

HAMILTON - Friday September 20, 7:00 PM

The Snooty Fox, 1011 King St. W. Contact Glenn Langton at glangton3@cogeco.ca or 905-689-8196. Next Pub Night is October 18.

STOUFFVILLE - Wednesday September 25, 6:00 PM

The Lion of Stouffville: 5917 Main St. For more information contact Allen Small at small4357@rogers.com or 905-477-4357. The next Pub Night is October 23.

BURLINGTON - Friday September 27, 7:00 PM

William's Fresh Café, 2050 Appleby Line. For more information contact Charles Zack at 289-208-6566 or charleszack@sympatico.ca. Next event is October 25.

If you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, contact Jim McIntosh at 416-283-7589 or 1-855-668-5423.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday November 2, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Right Wing Sports Pub, 2497 Yonge St., Toronto

As per our Constitution, we will elect two Members-at-Large and two members to the Ethics Committee. We also need to fill two vacancies, Campaign Manager and Recording Secretary. In addition, we will discuss the Platform. Watch our web site for more details.

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.

VIEW FROM THE FRINGE —Fighting the War of Words—Allen Small, Leader

Hands up anyone reading this *Bulletin* who wants to reduce the size and scope of government, reduce taxes, and increase the choices available to Ontarians with respect to healthcare, education, electricity generation, beer and liquor sales etc.

I'll bet everyone's hand is up.

So why ask an obvious question in a *Bulletin* aimed at libertarians? The simple answer is that libertarians of all stripes often cannot see the trees in front of them for the forest. We tend focus too much on the long-term end goal at the expense of immediate battles.

Most recently for example, you may have heard that the Ontario government is regulating car insurance rates, by lowering premiums up to 15% over the next two years. Most of you will agree with me that this additional intrusion into the insurance business will lead to some sort of unintended consequences that will likely aggravate the situation, not improve it.

Here are two ways for us as a Party to respond to this interference by government.

1. Reiterate the Party's position that governments should not be involved in any form of business enterprise and should only protect us from force or fraud.

Or....

2. State that we think free market competition is the best way to reduce prices, give examples in areas where markets are relatively free, and urge the government to direct its resources to rooting out cases of insurance fraud that impact premiums for everyone.

Certainly #1 is the answer many of us would prefer, and maybe that's the answer you would give. But which of those answers invites a follow-up question when speaking to non-libertarians? Which closes discussion? As libertarians we need to open discussion, cultivate it, persuade people to come closer our position and not push them away. Non-libertarians (most people) don't get the link between the Non-Aggression Principle and government interference in business, so there is little point in discussing it at this stage.



It does not help our cause to advocate the anarcho-capitalist market solution to non-libertarians; no one outside the libertarian community will understand. In present day usage 'anarchy' is a bad word, and 'capitalist' is no better. Fifty years ago Ayn Rand claimed that selfishness was a virtue. Those that agreed with her philosophy understood, but the widely accepted usage of 'selfish' did not help to popularize Rand's philosophy, and today it still remains on the margins.

Likewise claiming that you are an "An-Cap" in the midst of an election, just guarantees that the general public and media will shun you, and you will fall into the rut of speaking only to libertarians. Yes, it's important to keep

libertarian ideas in front of our own people, correcting errors in thought, but that's not what we are about. We are a political party; our purpose is to get our own people elected as Ontario legislators to affect change. We must never lose sight of that.

Our current platform was written in such a way as to hold up our ultimate goals, the radical ideas of libertarianism as they relate to Ontario, but also suggest a path on the long road to get there. Even Rothbard might have approved of this tactic. We hope libertari-

ans will be attracted to vote for us because of our stated ultimate goals, but we must attract others (undiscovered or closet libertarians) by persuading them that our path is the right path for the province.

To do that we need to use a sort of rhetorical camouflage and develop an arsenal of well-chosen words, phrases, and talking points that allows us to infiltrate the political conversation in Ontario without being labeled as kooks. We need to choose our words carefully and thoughtfully, and make certain our active candidates convey a consistent message in tune with our platform.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see the results of a recent victory for our Party. We ran five people in five by-

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This is the second time Hans Kunov has represented the Party in Etobicoke-Lakeshore. He was running against the Deputy Mayor and another councilor from Toronto City Hall, making this a high profile contest for local media. He participated in five All Candidate Meetings, one of which was reported on CP24, Toronto's all-news channel. With over 93% of the ballots going to the three main parties, there was little left for the remaining four candidates. Hans tied for fifth place with the candidate for the Party for People with Special Needs.

Heath has represented the Party in the past two general elections, but this is the first time he has run in his home riding of Scarborough-Guildwood. He and seven of the other nine candidates participated in the only All Candidates Meeting, sponsored by the Professional Engi-

neers Ontario – Scarborough Chapter, starting with breakfast at 7:30 AM! 95% of the ballots went to the three patronage parties leaving scraps for the seven other candidates. Heath was bested by an independent candidate and by a well-spoken vision-impaired representative from the Party for People with Special Needs.

In London West Geoffrey Serbee managed to file his nomination papers on the final day. He participated in one All Candidates Meeting. This was the only one of the five by-elections where we did not beat the other libertarian-oriented party, the Freedom Party of Ontario. Their candidate, Al Gretzky, Wayne's uncle, even beat the Green Party.

Again, thanks to all of you for a job well done. You answered the call when we needed you.

MARILEE HAYLOCK—LIBERTARIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE

Marilee Haylock worked full time for the Party from 1975 to 1979 and organized the petition to collect 10,000 signatures required to register the Party with Elections Ontario. The following memoriam is reproduced from the February-March 1982 issue of Bulletin.

We are very sorry to report the death of a past Chairman of the Party, Marilee Haylock. She died in Toronto of cancer at the end of January, at the age of 39.

Marilee leaves her husband John Haylock, two children, parents in Saskatoon, her sister Lind Pilby in Toronto, and many Libertarian friends across Canada and in the U.S.

A large part of Marilee's later life was spent working for, and running this Party, so her story is that of the Ontario Libertarian Party as well. The positions she held were:

- Bulletin editor from the middle of 1975 to the middle of 1976
- Executive Member-at-large, then Corresponding Secretary (both in 1975)
- Chairman of the Ontario Libertarian Party from June 1976 to June 1979.

During the September 1975 election campaign, Marilee manned Headquarters and a couple of months later became the first full-time worker for any Libertarian group or Party in Canada.

She organized a monthly "Orientation Program" to introduce new people to Libertarianism.

She also organized the 10,000 signature petition drive to enable the Ontario Libertarian Party to be registered. This took place from February to June of 1976 - and Marilee personally gathered over 2,000 signatures.

In the June 1977 election, she ran in Scarborough North and received one of the highest vote percentages of any Libertarian up to that time.

Marilee possessed a solid educational background which enabled her to do a very competent job.



When she was working in New York City as a commercial artist, she was also studying Objectivism in evening lecture courses at the Nathaniel Branden Institute (from 1962 to 1964). Often Ayn Rand would come in for the question-and-answer sessions.

A few years later, Marilee obtained an Honours B.A. degree in history and political science.

Add to this a bright, vivacious, optimistic personality - and it explains why Marilee was able to inspire people to work, make converts, write articles, make successful media appearances, put on conventions and seminars, create pamphlets and do the artwork for them, design the Party logo, design posters, etc. etc.

When it was learned in January of 1981 that Marilee was ill with cancer (an operation three years previously was thought to have cured the problem), her friends in the Party raised over \$5,000 to send her to Dr. Nieper's clinic in Hanover. Although she was very ill when she left for Germany, upon her return she started to get better and was making a remarkable recovery. She was taking maintenance doses of medicine which was sent from Germany.

The postal strike temporarily stopped her supply, and in the fall of 1981 the cancer returned. She took a sharp turn for the worse in the winter and died in Scarborough General Hospital.

Marilee will be remembered a long time for her gargantuan contribution to us.

A full-size outline of her stands on the floor of the federal government building at 4900 Yonge St (across the street from our old Headquarters at 4866 Yonge St.) as part of the art decorations.

Across it is written, "Atlas is Shrugging."

What better memorial to her, other than us working hard for liberty?

Operation Politically Homeless at Word On The Street - September 22, 2013

The Ontario Libertarian Party has a booth reserved at [Word on the Street](#) (WOTS) in Toronto. This will be our fifth year at WOTS representing the Party. For 24 years WOTS 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.

A small group of Libertarian volunteers will supervise the booth, presenting the World's Smallest Political Quiz as part of Operation Politically Homeless and giving out

our Platform. We would appreciate it if you could help, especially if you plan to be an active candidate.

Contact: info@libertarian.on.ca or call 416-283-7589 or Toll Free 1-855-ONT-LIBerty (1-855-668-5423).

Who knows, you might even pick up a good book, cheap! Our booth is located at St. Joseph's St. and Queen's Park Cres. Taking transit is a good idea.

The Word On The Street Exhibits will be located on Queen's Park North and is open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. During festival hours the site will be closed to all vehicular traffic.

Students for Liberty—Canadian Regional Conference—Saturday November 16

Canadian Regional Conference

University of Toronto - 11/16/2013
studentsforliberty.org/regional-conferences



Join Students For Liberty at the University of Toronto on Saturday, November 16th for the first ever Students For Liberty Canadian Regional Conference. The student movement for liberty has seen incredible growth lately, especially in Canada. This conference will for the first time bring together young activists from all over the region for an incredible event.

By attending the conference, you will hear from top speakers in the libertarian movement, network with other pro-liberty students, discover countless opportunities for jobs, internships, conferences and seminars, and have a lot of fun with other students. This day-long event will feature tremendous speakers, panels, and breakout sessions on the ideas behind a free society and the actions necessary to implement them. In addition, three free meals and drinks at our evening social are included with your **FREE registration**. Don't miss out on your chance to become part of the student movement for liberty! Register <http://studentsforliberty.org/event/canadian-regional-conference/>, **Non-students are welcome as well.**

- **Location:** Muzzo Alumni Hall, 121 St. Joseph Street Toronto, ON, Canada
- **Conference:** 9am – 8pm **Social:** 8pm – 10pm
- **Cost:** FREE of Charge

Keynote Speaker – [Lawrence W. Reed](#), President of the [Foundation for Economic Education](#)

Keynote Speaker – [Tom G. Palmer](#), VP of the Atlas Network & [Cato](#) Senior Fellow

Other speakers include

[Jan Narveson](#), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Waterloo

[Pierre Desrochers](#), Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Toronto at Mississauga

[John Carpay](#), founder and president of the [Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms](#)

[Peter Jaworski](#), Visiting Instructor teaching Business Ethics at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. He is also a Director with the [Institute for Liberal Studies](#)

[Stefan Molyneux](#), host of [Freedomain Radio](#)

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elections this past summer; that was our victory. We have set the precedent for a more difficult challenge, a candidate in every riding, a full slate. For the electorate, the media and our own members to take us seriously we must rise to the challenge.

We are guaranteed an election soon in Ontario (likely no later than spring 2014) because of the minority govern-

ment. Each election is a rare opportunity when we are briefly given a podium and an audience to present the Libertarian argument. Every one of you can do something to help. You can donate your time as a candidate or as an organizer/helper behind the scenes, and you can donate money, even small amounts. Just understand this, the more people involved on our side, the greater the impact we will make. It's your choice.

LIBERTY NOW 2013

Saturday October 26, 2013, 9 AM—5 PM
Victoria College, University of Toronto
91 Charles Street West, Toronto

Liberty Now is a festival promoting freedom, liberty and individual rights.

Ideas are the most powerful forces in our society. Restoring true individual freedom means to restore peace, prosperity and stability. Sound money, free markets, nonaggression and the downsizing of government are the first steps in this direction.



Speakers include:

- Prof. Emeritus Jan Narveson, University of Waterloo;
- Stefan Molyneux, host of Freedomain Radio;
- Gerry Nicholls, Canada's Post Partisan Pundit;
- Parker Gallant, Financial Post columnist;
- Donna Laframboise, Author;
- Jesse Kline, National Post columnist,
- Anthony Di Iorio, Bitcoin Alliance.ca;
- and others.

Visit: fb.me/LibertyNow.ca for more information.

Go to: www.libertynow.ca to register.