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## Message from Campaign Director Rob Brooks

At our AGM, I was elected Campaign Director, taking over and continuing the great work done by Jeff McLarty. Our objective for the upcoming general election is to run a full slate – meaning a candidate in every riding. To accomplish this is HUGE – if we pull it off. With everyone's help, we think we can. We know this will be a challenge, but we have a plan.

For each of eleven regions in Ontario we have a Regional Coordinator (1 vacancy) who will work with members in the region to make it as easy as possible to stand as a candidate. We have streamlined the process so being a candidate can be as easy as signing three forms. For those willing to do more, we have booklets already printed and a sign design ready for production. We have approved a budget for the election and we have most of the funds needed in the bank today.

We still need more help to be ready – in three ways.

- 1) **We need patrons who will donate funds** to the party. The tax code provides for a 75% refundable tax credit for the first \$372 of donations to Ontario provincial parties (with lower percentages on additional amounts). If there is any way you can either donate or top up your donation to \$372 before the end of the year, it will only cost you \$93 after getting your tax credit. If you can donate more, we can use it – this is the time when it will really help the most!
- 2) **We really need activists that will stand as candidates or help candidates** during the campaign to collect signatures, distribute pamphlets and put up signs. A candidate can do as much or as little as they are willing. We don't expect every candidate to have lots of time for campaigning – many will have full time jobs – but even just getting on the ballot is a great help. The closer we get to 107 candidates – the number we need for a full slate – the more media will pay attention to our party. This will give our Leader, Allen Small, more opportunities to explain our ideas to more people in Ontario. Collecting signatures takes about 4 hours and putting up signs also takes about 4 hours. The only skill needed to be an activist is confidence. Anyone can do it.
- 3) **We need volunteers.** The party operations will require some volunteer time to get things done during

## 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.

### STRATFORD - Wednesday December 4, 7:30 PM

Pazzo Pizzeria, 70 Ontario Street. For more information contact Amy Eby at [benamyby@gmail.com](mailto:benamyby@gmail.com) or 226-779-1577. Next Pub Night is February 5, 2014

### TORONTO - December 11, 7:00 PM

The Granite Brewery & Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Ave. E.. Contact Jim McIntosh at [cfo@libertarian.on.ca](mailto:cfo@libertarian.on.ca) or 416-283-7589. Next Pub Night is January 11, 2014.

### OTTAWA - Saturday December 14, 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 [robbrookscs@gmail.com](mailto:robbrookscs@gmail.com). Next event is on January 11.

### WATERLOO - Thurs December 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](mailto:phil.libertarian@gmail.com). Next event is January 16.

### BURLINGTON - Friday December 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](mailto:charleszack@sympatico.ca). Next event is January 31.

### HAMILTON - Friday January 17, 7:00 PM

The Snooty Fox, 1011 King St. W. Contact Glenn Langton at [glangton3@cogeco.ca](mailto:glangton3@cogeco.ca) or 905-689-8196. Next Pub Night is February 21.

### STOUFFVILLE - Wednesday January 22, 6:00 PM

The Lion of Stouffville: 5917 Main St. For more information contact Allen Small at [small4357@rogers.com](mailto:small4357@rogers.com) or 905-477-4357. The next Pub Night is February 26.

**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.**

the election campaign. There will be a need for some help to organize candidate paperwork. This is roughly three weeks of work – two weeks during the writ period and one week after. Also, the party will need help

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**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: The Season for Liberty - Allen Small

Fall has become the season of liberty in Ontario because of the concentration of annual events attended by libertarians, and this year was bigger than ever.

The kick-off event was October 26, with the Second Annual Liberty Now (LN13), an event that I am intimately involved. This year with the assistance of Shawn Bevins of the National Firearms Association, and Mises Canada, we were able to bring Cody R. Wilson of Texas to speak at our plenary session. Cody is the founder and director of Defense Distributed, a non-profit organization that developed and published some of the world's first open source gun designs suitable for 3-D printing. His presentation and Shawn's were inspirational.



But Liberty Now was much more than that. Topics ranged from Climate Change and the cost of your Hydro Bill, to Bitcoin, popularizing liberty, electoral reform, and philosophy. Visit the website for more information ([libertynow.ca](http://libertynow.ca)) and consider attending next year, I'm already working on it.

The weekend after LN13, November 2, was our Party's AGM (discussed elsewhere in this issue), and the Second Toronto Austrian Scholars Conference (TASC),

organized by our friends at Mises Canada ([mises.ca](http://mises.ca)). TASC had a number of well-known speakers and was of interest to all libertarians with knowledge in Austrian Economics.

But the weekend gathering of November 16 at the University of Toronto was the one that was most encouraging to me. It was the first Regional Conference of Students for Liberty to be held in Canada. Students for Liberty (SFL) is a relatively new organization that has invaded at least seven local Ontario University Campuses. It has only been active for 5 years, but in that time SFL ([studentsforliberty.org](http://studentsforliberty.org)) has managed to spread its influence around the world and is beginning to change the tenor of university discussion.

My own recollection of university life was of wide-open discussion, protest and picketing. Today, in my opinion, university campuses have become politically correct wastelands of collectivist thought and conformity. It's an unhealthy situation for society. My hope is that SFL can change that by nurturing our future leaders and fulfill its mission statement: "to provide a unified, student-driven forum of support for students and student organizations dedicated to liberty." The future looks brighter.

## From Bulletin #1 - January 1975

For the historical record, the Ontario Libertarian Party (OLP) was founded on July 24th, 1974 at the home of Terry Coughlin in Whitby, Ontario. The following were elected as officers of the Party:

Chairman	Paul Mollon
Vice-Chairman	Bob Sproule
Secretary	Bruce Evoy
Recording Secretary	Anne Mollon
Treasurer	Vince Miller

Terry Coughlin was elected Ontario Leader by the Ontario Caucus at the federal convention in London in May.

At the second meeting of the OLP Brian Seymour of Guelph was elected Deputy Leader while Micheal Blake and Ken Freeman were elected At-Large Members.

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updating the website to get candidate profiles loaded.

This is roughly 4 weeks of part time work during the campaign period. We also have one Regional Coordinator vacancy for Northern Region.

We aren't sure when the campaign will happen, but it sure feels like it will happen in Winter or Spring 2014 so we need to get everything ready now. We've been planning for this since 2011. We have stayed focused and we have prepared. We know we are close and we need everyone to stretch themselves just a bit to make it happen.

Think about and please do the 3 things I outlined above if you can. If you only do one thing – this is what we need most – we need candidates! Even if you can only commit to lending your name to place on the ballot and you don't have any time or willingness or experience

This first issue also included an article by Paul Mollon setting an objective of running candidates in all 117 ridings to set the Party apart from the other "fringe" parties. The Party had only 60 members at the time.

Other news included a visit by Bob LeBer who informed the Chairman and Secretary that "... there is a group of approximately 20 libertarians in the nation's capital who are attempting to become organized as a kind of resource group to co-ordinate campaign activities for libertarians running in civic, provincial, or federal elections." Vaidotas (Vay) Jonynas chaired a meeting in London that featured speakers Steve Jarvis (past Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Canada), Phil Spicer and Siegfried Pedde. This issue also promoted a fund-raising luncheon in the Bronze Room of the Lord Simcoe Hotel on Sunday February 16.

to campaign – it doesn't matter, please offer because even an inactive candidate is better than no candidate – if we are going to reach a full slate. Of course we will try to find the best fit for everyone and if we are lucky enough to have more than one option you may not be needed – but as of now we think we need everyone to offer to be a candidate that possibly can.

Also, please send us a donation before December 31 and preferably by December 15 so we can do the paperwork. Online donations work great - or a cheque is fine - whatever is easier for you. If we all do a little it adds up to a lot.

If you have questions or are willing to volunteer, please contact me, Rob Brooks, 819-684-3492 or [robbrooksca@gmail.com](mailto:robbrooksca@gmail.com)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, November 2, 2013

The AGM was held at the Right Wing Sports Pub on Yonge Street, a few blocks north of Eglinton Ave. Eighteen delegates and five guests attended.

Leader Allen Small kicked off the proceedings by welcoming all and giving a summary of accomplishments since the last AGM. This included the creating an eight-page glossy Platform covering five issues, sending out Media Releases on each of these issues and posting them on our Facebook page. The Party used paid advertising on Facebook to help us reach up to 150,000 friends and friends of friends with our message. We ran candidates in all five by-elections held August 1. While the early date caught us by surprise, we were ready with our pamphlets and distributed hundreds of them as well as lawn signs to our candidates. We have 30,000 Platforms printed and ready for a possible spring election, when we plan to run a full slate of candidates.

Deputy Leader Paolo Fabrizio writes a weekly column for the Barrie Examiner and conducts a weekly internet radio call-in show.

Rob Brooks, Vice-Chair, has assisted with preparation of meeting agendas and chaired meetings when Jean-Serge was not available.

Jeffrey McLarty, Campaign Director, had to resign from the Executive as a result of the policies of his new employer in the finance industry. He still plans on helping the Party where he can. Jeff, with assistance from Allen, developed and designed our new Platform.

Treasurer Jim McIntosh distributed copies of the Financial report for the first nine months of the year. He reported that our bank balance was \$9,669 as of October 31. Total expenses for the by-elections were \$2,550 while donations received during the campaign were \$2,648.

Secretary Phil Bender reported that the Waterloo Pub Night is still going strong, and he helped organize a pub Night in Kingston this spring. Since then new Pub Nights have been organized in Belleville, Burlington and Stratford.

Lunch was served in the Pub's main dining room and attendees ordered from the menu.

After lunch, the delegates broke into working groups to draft positions on a variety of topics. The intent is to provide candidates (and all members) with libertarian answers to as many political issues as possible. These will be added to the issues already posted on our web site.

Jim McIntosh took the chair for the elections. Three delegates left prior to the elections, leaving 15 delegates to vote.

### Campaign Director

Nominated	by	Votes
Rob Brooks	Allen Small	15
NOTA		0

Rob resigned as Vice-Chair.

### Vice-Chair

Nominated	by	Votes
Phillip Richard	Phil Bender	15
NOTA		0

### Recording Secretary

Matt Belanger, our Recording Secretary, resigned from the Executive due to a heavy work load.

Nominated	by	Votes
John White	Jean-Serge Brisson	15
NOTA		0

### Members-at-Large—2 to be elected

Nominated	by	Votes
Dan Dominato	Jeffrey McLarty	15
Jason Jenkins	Paolo Fabrizio	15
NOTA		0

### Ethics Committee—3 to be elected

George Dance and Chester Brown have served their 3-year term. Mark Tordai resigned.

Nominated	by	Votes
George Dance	Jim McIntosh	15
Chester Brown	Phil Bender	15
Greg Janisse	Paolo Fabrizio	15
NOTA		0

Our **Executive Committee** now consists of the following members:

Leader—Allen Small  
 Deputy Leader—Paolo Fabrizio  
 Chair—Jean-Serge Brisson  
 Vice-Chair—Phillip Richard  
 Secretary—Phil Bender  
 Recording Secretary—John White  
 Treasurer—Jim McIntosh

Member-at-Large—Dan Dominato, Jason Jenkins

Our **Ethics Committee** consists of the following members in order of seniority;

Nunzio Venuto; Sam Apfelbaum, John Shaw, George Dance, Chester Brown, Greg Janisse.

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treated as a commodity by pointing out that dogs and cats are commodities, but no one considers their pet to be a 'commodity.' As a counter to the argument that poor people would be more incited to do it for the money than the rich, make a rule that only people with an income above a certain level could sell their kidney.

There were several other speakers;

- Pierre Desrochers, University of Toronto, who spoke about the Locavore's Dilemma;
- Stephan Molyneux, Freedom Radio, who examined the true cost of war; and
- Evening Keynote Speaker, Lawrence Reed from the Foundation for Economic Freedom who offered 7 principles of sound public policy.

## Campaign Lessons Learned in Windsor—Dan Dominato

Libertarianism isn't easy. We don't believe in it because it's easy, and we certainly don't get involved in politics because it's easy. However, what isn't easy offers the greatest rewards. The August 2013 provincial by-election was my second time running for the Libertarian Party in Windsor-Tecumseh, and arguably my first campaign. My first time around, I was a paper candidate that got on the ballot on the last day of the nominations with the help of our wonderfully dedicated party staff. I did no interviews, had no articles, no TV spots, no signs and took about 1.2% of the vote running against then Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

This time, I was far more determined. The encouragement I received from attending party meetings, pub nights and making connections with other Libertarians convinced me that these ideas are worth growing and taking action on. I stepped out into my riding, got my nomination signatures and talked to people out on the street. The hardest part to kicking off the campaign was stepping through the insecurity and just talking to people. Most people were polite if indifferent, those who showed some interest had no idea what a Libertarian was. The vast majority showed little political knowledge or interest whatsoever. Most admired that I would take the initiative to run for office to try and make a difference, whatever it would be. This showed me that most people want to be led and have a confident leader. The ideals are almost secondary to most. It is important we take leadership and stand in confidence.

Knocking on doors was a good way to get face time and hand out The Choice Book, which hopefully people would read, but our small group of volunteers wasn't able to find many takers for signs by asking strangers. We did manage to put out the majority of them with friends, acquaintances, people who contacted us in the community who wanted to show support and some in public places.

The real booster in this campaign was media coverage. A by-election in the heat of the slow news summer months ensured the calls for interviews kept rolling in. The Windsor Star had two features on me. One was somewhat ill informed and adversarial, while the other was a terrifically detailed column that showed me as a person in a good light, and also brought positive attention to the Libertarian

Party. I also had several radio spots on rotation on local radio stations, did a CBC News TV interview and did numerous video interviews for news outlet web sites. Because of this attention, many Libertarians in the community were able to reach out and contact me to offer support, donations and volunteering. Enough cannot be said for the volunteers. We had a core group of about 5 people, some party members, some not. If work, family life and school commitments would have allowed it, I would liked to have spent more time on the campaign to increase our visibility, but volunteers helped out with this a lot.

All of this culminated on election day, which was interesting. With notably poor voter turnout (I understand somewhere in the 25% range) we increased our percentage of the vote to 1.7%. This increase was in spite of additional competition from two additional parties that I did not compete against prior, one being the Freedom Party who certainly split some of the Liberty vote. Our victory party was at a local pub where we watched the results as they came in. At some point during the evening, a young woman came over from a crowded table and introduced herself as a fan. She had apparently been following my campaign and was very impressed with how I had done. Her and her friends wanted to buy me a drink and chat. As I soon found out, their table was in fact crowded with Liberal Party members. They were pleasant, with the obligatory jabs at the underdog, but there was something strange about this. I asked why they were not at their candidate's victory party. They showed me pictures of a nearly empty banquet hall plastered with Jeewen Gill signs. These were apparently Duncan's Liberals. Two of the local riding captains were also impressed with my campaign and tried to recruit me to run for the Liberal Party in the next election. Of course I turned them down, but they seemed convinced our political ideas didn't really clash at all. I surmised that the differences must lie in the practice.

Later that night, Dwight Duncan arrived and we were introduced. Our conversation was light, but he did have some words of wisdom, "It's important that you stand up for what you believe in". However hollow the statement was coming from him, he's right. And that's what we're going to do.

## Students for Liberty Canadian Regional Conference

Students for Liberty started in 2008 with about 20 people and has spread to many countries. SFL is in 6 Canadian universities. Representatives from Queens, Laurier and Calgary participated on a Student Activision Panel.

Jan Narveson raised the question, "When may society use force or coercion against it's members?" He illustrated the complexity of the issue with a scenario of six steps starting with a person purchasing a gun, to laying in wait to ambush someone. Are we justified in using force against him before he pulls the trigger?

Micheal Kennedy of the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms spoke about free speech on campus. Universities are expected to be all about expression of ideas, but often their Speech Codes censor free speech.

Key Note speaker Dr. Tom Palmer, Senior Fellow at Cato Institute, pointed out that most people behave as libertarians every day. They do not use force or coercion to get their way. He observed that cronyism has replaced socialism as the alternative to liberty and Libertarianism. Dr. Palmer displayed a number of charts based on the Freedom of the World Index that show how the jurisdictions with the most freedom are so much better off than the countries with the least freedom.

Peter Jaworski presented an interesting case for allowing a market in kidneys. He asks if it's okay to offer your kidney for free, why is it wrong to offer it for money? He refuted the argument this would cause kidneys to be

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