



Gulf Coast Liberty

Defending liberty in southeast Texas in the Spirit of San Jacinto

Summer 2006

We're Off and Running!

by Yvonne Kelly, Liberty Reporter

A week ahead of the Kentucky Derby, the HCLP broke from the gate to launch our '06 campaigns.

Newly elected HCLP Chairman Guy McLendon's first Executive Committee meeting was followed by a candidate/activist meetup and an energized happy/social hour at the Hickory Hollow Restaurant in the Heights on Sunday, April 30. Approximately 35 liberty-loving individuals were in attendance.

Mike Badnarik, the LP's 2004 presidential candidate, highlighted the event. Running in the race for the US House Texas District 10, Mike is way ahead of the pack in organization and fundraising. His opponent is a one-term true neocon who lacks name recognition. Mike's district spans from Austin to west Harris County.

With over \$238,000 raised (no, it's not a typo), Mike is poised to become the very FIRST Libertarian elected to congress. Mike has an office in Austin and he and his staff of six work long hours to win this fight. Folks, how wonderful would it be to have Mike sitting next to Dr. Ron Paul in DC? Your contributions and support are needed to make this a reality. Please visit www.badnarik.org without delay.

Champions of Liberty are packed tightly into Harris County! Our Houston area candidates who also addressed the crowd were:

- Judy Baker, Lt. Governor
- Patrick Warren, U. S. Rep. District 18
- William B. Gray, Jr., State Rep. District 130
- Chris Camero, State Rep. District 133
- Mhair S. Dekmezian, State Rep. District 134
- Matthew Kolar, State Rep. District 144
- Gerald W. "Jerry" LaFleur, State Rep. District 146

McLendon also introduced Robert Mayer the new Brazoria County LP chairman who spoke about his plans. Brazoria County did not have an LP



Michael Badnarik and Kevin Tunstall

organization, but with Robert in the lead, the work has begun to build the party's base there. For further information and to join the effort, please contact Robert at pong_god@yahoo.com.

McLendon addressed the necessity of creating a comprehensive list of all upcoming candidate debates and forums. We have some excellent, professional people running this year and we need your help get them media exposure and public interaction. Candidate Chris Camero volunteered to consolidate candidate forum information, so this info can be provided on the HCLP website.

If you learn of any candidate debate in your town or sub-division, PLEASE relay the details to Chris at: chris_camero@yahoo.com

Because of the success of this lively and powerful event, most future HCLP meetings will be held at area restaurants and will include social/happy hours. Please make plans to come out and celebrate liberty with us at an upcoming event. You will not be disappointed, and your presence will make the event and camaraderie so much better!



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From the HCLP Chair:

My Fellow Libertarians,

Consider _ American history. From 1776 to the mid 20th century, Thomas Jefferson's "Spirit of '76" spread hope throughout the world, and over to the citizens of France. The French then spent years working 450,000 pounds of copper and steel into an international treasure, the Statue of Liberty. At her feet, there's a broken shackle û symbolizing humanity's victory over Kings who presumed to have a divine right to squander our lives and our fortunes.

In 2006, amidst dark days for Liberty, I begin to serve as your Chairman. The LP represents the best part of Jefferson's Spirit. Let us all pledge to never allow the fires of Liberty to perish in our great nation.

Up to a point, it's great to philosophize and dream. However, our mission's success demands potent and immediate action. As we delay taking real action to stop the encroaching tyranny, our children's future grows more desperate with each passing day.

So you ask, what's the plan? Starting in Harris County, let us prepare to become a primary party, get our database capabilities in gear, and recruit Precinct

Chairpersons. Rise above simply exhortations of party dogma, and prepare seriously thought out and viable plans. Those plans shall remain guided by our most cherished beliefs. We should listen to concerns from citizens outside our own party, and realize that even Green Party, Constitution Party and Reform Party activists often make valid points.

Let us then put on our marketing caps. With full respect to our clients, the US electorate, stop referring to our clientele as "sheeple", and learn to respect them. Our candidates are asking the citizenry for a job. When elected, we can not totally disregard their wishes. Realize our oaths to "Preserve, Protect & Defend" the US Constitution has precedence over our party's platform.

So alas, America stands at the edge of an abyss _ If we fail to act decisively, Liberty & prosperity shall die here in the cradle of freedom. Our time here in the LP spent dreaming was nice, but NOW is the time to translate those dreams into potent action. Bold actions taken today shall echo for an eternity.

May God Restore Liberty
in these united States,
Guy McLendon
HCLP Chairman

Stan's the Man

Yvonne Kelly, Liberty Reporter

On May 3, Texas LP chairman, Pat Dixon appointed Stan Norred the new Galveston County LP Chairman, succeeding Michelle Fraps who resigned from the position. Although he is a long-time Libertarian voter, Stan

burst onto the LP scene during the '06 nomination process. It became clearly evident that the LP needed Stan in a leadership position.

Stan's political vision and activism stop at nothing less than this: To return the US to constitutionally limited government. He says: "The purist Libertarian philosophy is an

admirable goal and we should all keep it near and dear to our hearts as an eventual goal. However, many of the tenets of that lofty philosophy do not agree with our founding documents such as our Constitution. If we are to sell our beliefs in personal liberty and accountability to the people, who are the ones we wish to represent, we cannot do as the 'Big Two'

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please contact Robert for details, schedule or directions.

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Speaking of his new responsibilities as county chairman, Robert said: "I'm looking forward to getting to know more Libertarians and other liberty-minded folks around Brazoria County. I hope to be able to use my skills as a computer professional to enhance our communication and organizing capabilities." To accomplish this, Robert has already begun to create the first Brazoria County LP website. He is compiling a database and email distribution list to grow the strength and presence of the Brazoria County LP in the Gulf Coast region and state. Contact Robert today, and ask how you can help! Brazoria County is Ron Paul territory, so it is certainly fertile ground within which the message of Liberty can grow. Stay tuned for more updates and upcoming events..

Please join us in congratulating and thanking Robert for assuming the leadership role in Brazoria County!

Three new LP county chairmen & families attended the libertarian movie "V for Vendetta". Flashing the victory sign, from left to right: Marilee & Stan Norred (Galveston), Robert & Elaine Mayer (Brazoria), Kevin & Jasmina Cassidy, and Guy McLendon (Harris).

does and flagrantly usurp the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. To be trusted with the soul of our nation we must earn that trust. To earn that trust we must understand what the people hold near and dear to their heart. That would be their Constitution. Universally Americans love their Constitution and to tell them forthrightly that we are no different than the 'Big Two' and plan on violating that principle so many hearts are wedded to is virtual political suicide. This is true regardless of the lofty principles ascribed to. To be a successful party it is imperative

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Bring It On, Brazoria!

Yvonne Kelly, Liberty Reporter

It's official! Robert Mayer, an IT consultant from Pearland, is the new Brazoria County LP Chairman.

Robert is working together with other Libertarian county officers to build a database, plan and organize. Past county chairman George Harper and other Brazoria activists currently meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at Chili's in Angleton. Robert plans to join them on May 15th to introduce himself, and to discuss future plans for libertarian activism. Everyone is welcome -

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Opportunities for Activism in Summer 2006

June 10-11 (Sat/Sun) Texas State Convention.
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Houston IAH,
15747 JFK Blvd.

June 24, (Sat 8:45-11 PM) Houston Pride
Parade. Contact: JeffDaiell@yahoo.com, tel
713-777-1776.

July 1-2, National Convention. Location:
Portland, Oregon

August 19 (Sat 1-4 PM) Ron Paul's Birthday
Bash. Contact: Guy@McLendon.net, tel 832-
372-8131.

Sept 29-Oct 1 (Fri 4-9PM/Sat 9-9/Sun 11-9),
Fort Bend County Fair. Location: Rosenberg,
Texas. Contact: Danny Sessums,
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More current event details are available via <http://www.lptexas.org/harris>

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that we support the Constitution, and return the nation to constitutionally limited government with checks and balances. The first order of business should be to determine how our government went so awry and institute new controls on government to prevent it from ever happening again. Once achieved, we can then offer our loftier ideals to the people and garner their approval to advance to an ever more Libertarian Society within the functional

guidelines of our Constitution."

To beef-up communications and increase activism in the region, Stan is already developing the GCLP's website. He also plans to launch a Gulf Coast discussion yahoo group similar to the HCLP version which is very useful and successful. And, to build camaraderie and grow the activist ranks, he plans to hold informal social gatherings in locations around the county. And that's just for starters. To volunteer your help, keep informed and be part of the action, please email Stan and ask to get

on his distribution list.

Stan Norred

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Stan resides in the community of Arcadia and is employed at the BP Chemical Plant in Texas City. In his new capacity as county chairman, he, with his true warrior spirit, is a huge boost to the LP's Gulf Coast team and to the cause of liberty everywhere. Please congratulate Stan, and thank him for taking the reigns in Galveston County!