



# South Carolina LIBERTARIAN

Newsletter of the South Carolina  
Libertarian Party  
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## State Chairman's Message

The state Executive Committee has made a commitment to the growth of the Libertarian Party statewide. Quarterly planning meetings have been held regionally focusing on recruitment and training of potential candidates for public office. Results are the expected organization of the party clubs in five new counties this summer and about a dozen candidates statewide.

An ongoing effort to organize as many counties as possible in preparation for the 2010 midterm elections has increased our numbers. We also have several candidates preparing for local and state campaigns.

To continue the growth momentum that has been building in our successful Meetups around the state we have been developing an advertising program that includes both radio and print. You can see and hear these ads on the website, [www.sclp.com](http://www.sclp.com). We plan to eventually cover the entire state by rotating the ad campaign to each of four areas, beginning with a "test" in the Midlands area. We have selected a "talk radio" station and a weekly newspaper in Columbia. This test has been budgeted at \$800 a month.

The success of this advertising program, in part, is the ability to be able to run the ads for a sufficient length of time to be effective. The SCLP has limited funds and is asking for support to sustain this outreach program. When there is a dependable source of funding the ad schedule can roll across the state as planned. By joining the Gadsden Society, with a monthly donation of \$20 you can help us "plan ahead". It's easy to join. See the last page of this newsletter for details on monthly, quarterly or annual support. Or you can send your support of any amount to the Treasurer at **PO Box 291383, Columbia, SC 29229**. Your investment in the efforts to keep Liberty alive in this great country is appreciated.

**Michael Carmany, SCLP State Chairman**  
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## ExecComm Notes

- reported that the last election there were 2 ½ times more Libertarian voters in SC than the previous election
- created a radio and print ad campaign with a test to be done in the Columbia area and then expansion across the state.
- passed a resolution commending Governor Mark Sanford for his fiscally responsible stand on federal bailout funds.
- approved the use of a new computer program, LPData to manage membership and election info.
- approved the purchase of three domain names, SCLP.com, SCLP.net and SCLP.org.
- designated July 11<sup>th</sup> as date for organization date for unorganized counties
- established October as the month in which all county organizations must hold their County Convention to give optimum preparation time for the 2010 mid-term elections.
- Next Brainstorming Session to be held in Florence area

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The law will never make men free;  
it is men who have got to make the law free."  
-- Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)

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# COMMENTARY

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## The Future is Not Hopeless

Harry Browne

*Harry Browne is the author of "Why Government Doesn't Work" and the Libertarian presidential candidate in 1996 and 2000. Excerpted from the complete essay found at LewRockwell.com in the "Archives"*

The future of liberty in America can seem pretty dark sometimes. Our outlook isn't helped by pessimistic statements that are uttered – many times by libertarians (such as) "People are too apathetic; they can't be reached."

### The Other Side

....I don't believe these are realistic.... People decide for themselves for themselves what interests them. And given the difficulty of making ends meet in a high-tax society, it's not surprising that some people pay little attention when we talk about the future of America....That's not apathy; it's self-interest.

....Taxes and big government may be the reasons the tasks are so difficult, but most people don't make the connection. It's *our* job to awaken their interest and help them connect the dots...I see no evidence that the American people are hopeless addicts to big government....we should recognize that every human being wants to make his own choices.... If we can appeal to that desire for self-choice, we have a chance to make American a free country again.

....many people ... cling desperately to their favorite federal programs. But, most likely, that's only because they're not offered something better....Very few people realize how much they're paying out of their own pockets for programs they think are bargains. It's our job to show them what they could have if we reduced the federal government to just its constitutional functions.... Talk about offering benefits!

It's our job to describe a better life, a better way, a better America for them. Yes, we should point out what's wrong with foreign wars and domestic boondoggles, but we also should paint a positive picture of the kind of small-government future that's possible for them, their children, and their grandchildren.

### Can We Win?

....The task ahead is a very difficult one. But it isn't an impossible one....While victory isn't assured, it *is* possible.

### Out of Nowhere

....One of the many wonders of the market place is that you don't have to know the way that many things are accomplished in order to benefit from them. ....You rely....on people who have talents, skills, connections, knowledge, and other resources that you don't happen to have... also, many unexpected events occur in the marketplace. Things that can't possibly happen suddenly happen....

### It Can Happen

....the best example.... (ending of) the Cold War....something occurred – a miracle! - ....the Hungarian government opened its borders, allowing East Germans to escape into Austria. When word got back to East Germany, the trickle of escapees became a tidal wave. And three months later the Berlin Wall came down. A year later the Soviet Union fell apart. The Cold War was over. The impossible had happened.

### The Reality

....The fact that something isn't possible doesn't mean it will happen. And I can't promise you anything.

But this I know:

- The desire to control one's own life is as basic a human instinct as is the will to live and the urge to procreate.
- Only by organizing society along libertarian principles can the desire to control one's own life be satisfied widely and securely. Unfortunately, most people don't recognize how big government limits their personal control

- But when people are shown the benefits to them personally of smaller government, most of them come around to the libertarian position over time.
- Because we have so much more to offer, it would take are less in resources to build an avalanche to public opinion that cold force politicians to reduce government, despite their fondest wished to increase it – far less in resources that it takes to maintain fidelity to big government.
- There are people in this country who could profit greatly from smaller government and who have the resources to go a long way toward creating that avalanche of public opinion. They simply lack a few pieces of the intellectual puzzle, and so haven't yet recognized either the need to bring about smaller government or the power they have to make it happen.
- There already are enough libertarians to be able to reach such people and, over time, move them far enough in our direction to finally nudge them over the line to action.

How can they be reached? What message will touch them most and move them to action? I can't say. But I wouldn't dare interfere with anyone who is trying to enlist more people in our cause.

### **Are You the One?**

E.B. White, the author of children's books, once said (slightly paraphrased), "As long as there is one honest man, as long as there is one upright woman, the future is not hopeless, because the contagion may spread."

If you're that honest man or that upright woman, the future isn't hopeless, because your example may inspire others. If you speak up when you have the chance – calling into radio shows, writing letters to the editor, participating in Internet forums, just talking with friends or business associates without sacrificing your position – the future isn't hopeless, because you never know who will hear or read your words.

You may say just the right thing to finally bring around someone who's close to crossing the line to active libertarianism – someone with fare more resources, far more talent, far more skills, or far more influence than you have – someone who has the ability to multiply your efforts a hundred or a thousand times over, just because of who he is. No, you can't change America all by yourself. Neither can you do so just by wishing for it. But you might be the one who inspires one or more people who *can* make an enormous difference.

**Are you that honest man, that upright woman? If you are, the future is not hopeless.**

Editor Comment: Invest in our advertising campaign. Fight that nagging hopeless feeling!

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Freedom is like taking a bath -- you have to keep doing it every day!"  
-- Florynce Kennedy

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### **Don't Just Grumble -- Visit your local group**

#### **Libertarian Club of York County Meetup**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm  
Go to: <http://libertarian.meetup.com/339/>

#### **Central Midlands Libertarian Meetup**

4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm  
Carolina Wings & Rib House  
600 Gervais St., Columbia  
Go to: <http://libertarian.meetup.com/338/>

#### **Low Country Libertarian Meetup (Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester)**

Go to: <http://libertarian.meetup.com/352/>

#### **Upstate Libertarian Society**

2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm  
Augusta Road Public Library  
Go to: [www.aclp.us](http://www.aclp.us)

#### **SCLP Executive Committee**

1st Saturday of each month at 1:30 pm  
Ocean View Seafood Restaurant  
1904 Broad River Rd, Columbia  
Go to: [www.SCLP.com](http://www.SCLP.com)

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# The Gadsden Society

Marge Wakefield, Coordinator



"Individually the rattlesnake's rattles produce no sound, but united they can be heard by all; and while it does not attack unless provoked, it can be deadly to step on one."

**The Gadsden Society funds those activities of the South Carolina Libertarian Party that assure our "rattles" for Liberty can be heard by all.**

**- Membership Outreach - County Organizing - Educational Seminars -**

**Members are those that contribute a minimum of \$240 annually to the SCLP. The contribution can be divided into monthly-\$20.00, quarterly-\$60.00, semi-annual-\$120.00, or as an annual payment of \$240.00.**

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