



The Leader

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Message from our State Chair

Fellow Illinois Libertarians,

I am honored to be your new State Chair and look forward to working with you to grow the Libertarian Party across Illinois.

My thanks to the state-wide candidates who stepped up and were nominated at the recent LP Illinois annual business meeting: **Lex Green** for Governor, **Ed Rutledge** for Lt. Governor, **Julie Fox** for Comptroller, **Josh Hanson** for Secretary of State, and **Mike Labno** for US Senate.

I spent time with each of these candidates at the LP Illinois convention and attest to their readiness and ability to run strong campaigns. They will need all of our support, to get on the ballot and win.

Do we have a shot at winning? Yes we do and yes we can. A recent poll for Governor showed the Libertarian Party with 21% of the vote. With smaller parties and independents taking 10% of the vote, a win may be achieved with just 31% of the vote. But even if we don't win, even 5% of the vote will gain the LP Illinois established party status, making it significantly easier to get Libertarians on the ballot next time.

Election law requires us to fill the State Slate with 2 additional candidates: Attorney General and State Treasurer. If you or anyone you know would be a great fit for these positions, email our Campaign Director, Crystal Jurczynski (campaign@LPillinois.org).

Next, we must collect 50,000 petition signatures to put our candidates on the ballot. If you are interested in volunteering for the ballot drive or for the campaigns, contact our Campaign Director. Donations to fund the petition drive are also very much appreciated and can be made on the Donate page of our website, LPillinois.org.

I express my thanks also to all our Party Officers--those who are retiring, continuing, and new. It takes a great team to make our Party run and our officers are ready to jump in and move our Party forward. I want to thank our 2008-2009 Officers who served State Chair Dave Brady, Fundraising Chair John Howell, Webmaster Francine Brady, and retiring at the 2009 Convention State Chair Val Vetter, and one of our longest serving Treasurers Debra Aaron. Val will be a part of our 2010 Convention Committee thank you for your continued service to our Party. I also, want us to give Crystal Jurczynski a special thanks for taking on Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, and while serving as Secretary for the last few months. Damon Dillon for serving as Membership Chair (Director) for being very organized, and helping new Chapters to Develop. Kent McMillen for serving as Public Relations Chair (Director) keeping us in the Public Eye. Damon and Kent were the only two officers not retiring or switching positions.



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Your 2009-2010 Libertarian Party of Illinois Officers is:

- **Michael Fogelsanger**: Activism Director
- **Crystal Jurczynski**: Campaign Director
- *OPEN*: Fundraising Director
- **David Davies**: Legislative Director
- **Damon Dillon**: Membership Director
- **Carol Kruzek**: Newsletter Director
- **Kent McMillen**: Public Relations Director
- **Daniel Kamerling**: Secretary
- **Steven Kruzek**: Technology Director
- **Charles Silas**: Treasurer
- **Lupe Diaz**: State Chair

The great 2009 LP Illinois Convention has just ended and the planning has begun for the next one scheduled for September 2010 in Springfield. Please, Thank our 2009 LP Illinois Convention Committee for a well planned Convention **Debra Aaron, Dave Brady, Francine Brady, Jennifer Hawk, Steve Hellin, Jeff Jones, Kent McMillen, Don Stover, Jan Stover,** and **Val Vetter**. My thanks in advance goes to **Jan Stover**, our 2010 Convention Chair, as well as 2010 Convention Committee Members: **Michael Gale, Jeff Jones, Kellean Kramer, Steven Kruzek, Ken Prazak, Don Stover, Karin Vermillion, and Val Vetter**.

An extra thanks to **Ken Prazak** for volunteering to serve on the Judicial Committee for 3 additional years. He joins **Dan O'Connell, Fran Holt, David Hughes,** and **David Kelley** in serving on this vital committee. In addition to these state-wide Libertarian leaders, there are Libertarians across our state organizing local chapters and campus organizations, forging alliances with other liberty groups, and communicating the benefits of freedom to their friends and neighbors. With each of them I am proud to stand in liberty and I hope you will as well. We have a lot of work ahead of us and each and every Libertarian contribution builds towards our success. Feel free to contact me or any LP Illinois officer if you have any questions.

Please take note of our mailing address: Libertarian Party of Illinois, PO Box 6, Bloomington, IL, 61702-0006.

We are looking for a Fundraising Director, if you or someone you know is a good fundraiser, please call or e-mail me with the info.

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Candidate Meet and Greet

On Saturday December 5, 2009 we have a full day of meet and greets with our candidates.

We will start in Schaumburg at ten AM at the Old Bridges Restaurant 1935 W. Golf Rd.

The next event will be in Naperville at one PM. We will be at the Texas Roadhouse 2856 Patriots Lane Naperville. This is on North Aurora Rd. just east of IL 59.

Our next event will be in Aurora at Nikarry's Restaurant 1055 N. Lake St. at three thirty PM. Nickarry's is on Il Route 31 just south of Indian



L to R: Mike Labno, Ed Rutledge, Julie Fox, Lex Green and Josh Hanson

Trail (next to McDonalds).

Please plan on arriving about a half hour early because we will start on time as we do have a full schedule.

We will have Lex Green our Governor candidate, Lt. Governor: Ed Rutledge, Secretary of State: Josh Hanson, US Senate: Mike Labno.

All will make a ten minute presentation followed by five minutes of direct questions. Once

all candidates have finished we will open the floor for general questions as time permits.

Michael Fogelsanger will make a short presentation for Julie Fox as she cannot attend (unless we have another volunteer)

Please spread this to any and all groups you may think are interested. We need to make sure to contact the press in these areas to get some coverage.