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Party Leader—Allen Small

View from the fringe:

*"I won't vote for you, but gosh you made a lot of sense."**

*Comment to me by a voter after my local all-candidates debate. During the run up to the 2011 provincial election the idea of a Libertarian Full Slate was introduced to the party executive by former chairperson Greg Pattinson. He demonstrated that once the Green Party had achieved full slate status, they received more coverage by mainstream media. Of course ongoing environmental issues (like climate change etc.) also helped propel the Greens to greater acceptance as a legitimate player.

That idea of "free" (or any) exposure by mainstream media, plus giving all of Ontario voters a Libertarian option, was enough for me to push for a full slate as our goal in this election. It was always a long shot. How we would do it, while entirely possible in theory, did prove challenging in practice. There is no doubt however, that the party was better prepared for this election, even though it was a "surprise," than any election in our history.

The story of this election affirms Emerson's observation that "life is a journey, not a destination." The fact that we registered 74* candidates, (73* final – a candidate withdrew due to job conflict) and bested our previous best of 51 in 2011, was a triumph of teamwork, determination and perseverance by each of our volunteers. We ran the entire provincial election campaign on a budget that was less than one third of the total budget of just a single candidate from one of the big three parties. We secured fifth place in most ridings, and strengthened our position as the fifth largest party in Ontario out of twenty.

Official statistics were not available as this Bulletin went to press. Unofficially our vote count doubled to just fewer than 39,000 voters in 73 ridings representing 1.17% of the voters in those ridings.

There is also evidence that our candidates made a difference in some close electoral races and became embroiled in controversy in others.

In this election Libertarian candidates participated in more local debates, and received more media exposure than ever before. We reached self-identified libertarians that did not know the party existed prior to this election. As a result, new members

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 this spring. Order dinner and/or drinks and pay your own tab.

Stouffville Pub Night - Wed June 25, 2014 6:00 PM

Location: The Lion of Stouffville: 5917 Main St., Stouffville, ON, 905-642-1344. Allen: small4357@rogers.com or phone 905-477-4357.

Burlington/Halton Pub Night - Friday June 27 7:00 PM

Location: Williams Fresh Cafe, 2050 Appleby Line, Burlington Charles: charleszach@gmail.com or 289-208-6566.

Toronto Pub Night - July 9, 7:00 PM

Location: Granite Brewery and Restaurant, 245 Eglinton Avenue East at Mt. Pleasant Rd. Jim: cfo@libertarian.on.ca or phone 416-283-7589.

Stratford Pub Night - July 9, 7:30 PM Pazzo Pizzeria, 70 Ontario

Street, Stratford. Ben/Amy: benamyby@gmail.com or 226-779-1577

Windsor Pub Night - Thursday July 10, 7:00 PM

The Spitfire & Firkin (11828 Tecumseh Rd E. at 7:00 p.m. Marek: mwojtera@eurobasket.com or 226-798-2470.

Guelph Pub Night - July 11, 7:00 PM

Angel's Diner Wellington St. Guelph at 7:00 p.m. Andrew: ap_donovan@yahoo.ca or 226-798-2470.

Ottawa Meeting - Pub Meeting - Saturday July 12 - 2-4 pm O'Brien's

eatery and Pub, 1145 Heron Road. Neal: darcynealdonnelly@gmail.com or 613-290-3159

Kitchener-Waterloo Pub Night - Thursday July 17, 7:00 PM Shoeless

Joe's. 253 King Street N., Waterloo (NW corner of King & University, 519-208-2884. Paul: paulherriotradio@hotmail.com or 519 208-8379.

Hamilton Pub Night - For more information email Mark Burnison or phone him at 289-213-9711.

Sudbury Pub Night - Contact steve.wilson@libertarian.on.ca for the details on the location or visit the Northern Ontario Libertarians Facebook page to indicate you would like to attend.

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

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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.

This is an introduction to a talk given by Jan Narveson, professor of philosophy emeritus at the University of Waterloo and long time supporter of the Libertarian Parties at the Waterloo Pub night, June 18, 2014.

Economics and Liberty—Jan Narveson

Here's why there's such a close connection between economics and liberty.

People spend a lot of their lives making arrangements with others: appointments, meetings, exchanges of goods and services. These are done because they want to do the things that the meetings and exchanges make possible. That's their lives.

If you curtail their freedom to do those things, then you curtail their freedom - obviously.

At least it *should* be obvious. But apparently it isn't, to everybody. Not to the 99% of the public who votes in elections for some party or others that trumpets loudly their intention to "do things for us" all of which just happen to impose, usually heavily and at length, on all sorts of people.

Economics is the study of a very large subset of the exchanges we make in life. Those are the ones in which money is involved. Governments are interested in these because they control the currency supply, they want to muscle in on exchanges in order to exact a percentage of the stakes, and of course they want to deprive us of as much as they can get in order to do all these good things they claim they are doing for us.

When we, like Bastiat, point out that everything has its price, we make an elementary point. When we point out that what governments do, like everything else, *has a price*, we simply make one more application of this elementary observation.

But when we point out that politicians tend to suppress this price, and in fact to keep us from even looking in the direction of where the real costs lie, we perform a useful service for those (few, apparently) who will listen.

What has to be appreciated is that not only do government activities cost money, but they cost *involuntary* money - *extracted* money - money that we didn't have any choice about. Except, of course, insofar as having a vote and casting it and maybe, if enough other people do likewise, thereby electing somebody who might - just might - spend a bit less of it or for a slightly less dumb purpose - is any consolation.

Government like everything is "in the market"; but governments aren't into the *free* market. In the free market, the agents have their choice, and when they *spend* their money, as opposed to having it extracted by force, they get things they want, or at least, things they think they want. And they "get" them if their information was good and the people they deal with are honest. Government lacks all three of these important features of the market. Their information is crappy, their motives are suspect [and the suspicions amply confirmed] and they can't be trusted for two steps out of the batters' box.

From the economic point of view, most governments are disasters. But that's a further set of black marks beyond the obvious one - that the way they do things is enough to earn black marks

even before they commit the special kinds of economic malfeasancess for which they are famous.

These special ones are: bamboozling us with false accounting, fiddling with the money supply and the interest rate, and bombarding us with economic nonsense such as "quantitative easing." Some governments have at some times been a lot better than others in those respects. But then there is all that legislation, designed to reduce the level of private prosperity among the hapless citizenry.

Examples of that: spending our money on wind and solar power generation, drug law enforcement, and medical bureaucracy. There is plenty more.

Indeed, just about everything governments do spends somebody's money for things he doesn't want, would rather not have, and wouldn't buy if he had his druthers.

I trust that's enough to show that there's some connection between economics and liberty.

Jan Narveson.

Election Post Mortem Meeting – August 10, 2014

Rob Brooks—Campaign Director.

All members and candidates are invited to attend a meeting to be held on August 10. We will spend the day going over the election that just happened on June 12. We will look at the plan we had, the platform, the candidate materials, how the campaign went, and the results we achieved. We will identify lessons learned and changes that are needed going forward. We will also spend some time and look forward to the party AGM scheduled for November and in particular discuss informally who is interested in taking on roles in the Leadership, Executive and Operations of the party.

Time: 9:30-3:30 with 1 hour for lunch (lunch will be provided by the party) Place: Eastern Sense 200 Marycroft Ave. 905-264-1688

Annual BBQ July 6th —Paolo Fabrizio.

Sunday July 6 is our Thank You BBQ and we want all our candidates to come out and just have a fun time, meet one another and just have a easy going time, I will set up at 8:30 am with coffee and donuts and sweets so come early and enjoy a cup of coffee before we fire up the grill, you can show up anytime you want but come early and get a good parking spot.

Location:

Doctors Mclean District Park , 8100 Islington Ave, Vaughan

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have joined, some offering to run as candidates in the future. Donations to the party have increased, but that is still an ongoing need. Our membership base has grown and the future seems brighter.

All of this has happened while provincial election results indicate that voters rewarded malfeasance, mismanagement, corruption, and cronyism while dismissing any hope of fiscal conservatism in favour of big government. There is still so much to do.

Allen Small

Election Results: These are still unofficial results:

The results are the best in the party's history, both for number of candidates and total votes.

The vote total is more than double last election's total.

The Libertarian vote is more than all of the other smaller parties and independents combined.

Alex Lindsay	523	John Kittredge	413
Alexander Bussmann	521	Judi Falardeau	550
Allan deRoo	706	Kal Ghory	917
Allan R. Dettweiler	605	Karl Boelling	1384
Allen Small	444	Kyle Stewart	301
Andrea J. Murik	450	Levko Iwanusiw	781
Andrew Echevarria	729	Lindsay Forbes	554
Andrew K. Falby	340	Luis Chacin	932
Austin Williams	115	Mark Burnison	676
Blair Smythe	168	Mark Wrzesniewski	345
Bruce A. Faulkner	832	Matt Willson	213
Caleb Voskamp	188	Matthew Brooks	338
Charles Zach	368	Max Maister	323
Christopher Jewell	892	Nicholas Dushko	220
Conner Toye	620	Nunzio Venuto	252
Coreen Corcoran	955	Paolo Fabrizio	1277
Daniel Kowalewski	540	Patrick Bernier	557
Darcy Neal Donnelly	426	Patrick Boyd	338
Darren Roskam	366	Phillip Richard	330
David Clement	393	Ralph Panucci	560
David Schumm	1041	Redmond Weissenberger	191
David Walach	348	Richard Hadidian	464
Derek Elliott	365	Richard Kerr	476
Devin Wright	364	Richard Levesque	1053
Douglas McLarty	514	Rob Ferguson	374
Gene Balfour	578	Scott Hoefig	590
Gerry Bourdeau	512	Scott Marshall	411
Glenn Langton	418	Shawn McRae	608
Hans Wienhold	375	Stefanos Karatopis	998
Harold Gabriel	476	Steve Wilson	242
Igor Bily	549	Tamara Johnson	922
James Judson	355	Thomas Armstrong	501
James Schulz	468	Tim Harnick	386
Jason Cousineau	1104	Timothy Joel Marshall	688
Jason Jenkins	579	Tyler Rose	328
Jean-Serge Brisson	273	Wallace, Craig	417
Joe Talarico	546	Brad Mottashed	N/A

2014 General Election – Reflections on the Campaign by Rob Brooks, Campaign Director

The Ontario General Election took place with voting day June 12, 2014. The Ontario Libertarian Party planned for and achieved its highest ever results in a general election. A total of 74 candidates were nominated out of 107 ridings and vote totals ranging from around 100 to over 1,000 were achieved in various ridings. Our candidates took the message of choice to voters in every corner of Ontario. We firmly established our party as the 5th place party in Ontario – out of the 20 registered parties in the Province.

We had a plan that had been the works for over 2 years. The main credit goes to Jeff McLarty, who was the party Campaign Director until his term ended last year, and Leader Allen Small. These two spear-headed the drafting of a platform – called the Choice Book, along with input from members and prospective candidates. This Choice Book is a slick summary of general libertarian ideas – designed to create awareness of our ideas and party to more and new people.

Fundraising took place, and money was set aside and saved leading up to the campaign. This allowed us to have signs and booklets ready when the election began. Although our budget was modest compared to the 4 parties bigger than us – we squeezed every penny out of it and we were prepared to take full advantage of what we had to work with. Additional fundraising during the election period allowed us to do advertising and to obtain even more signs. Our party is not in debt at the end of the election and we are ready to go forward to build.

As members, we owe a very large debt of gratitude to all of our candidates. It isn't easy to be a candidate and without candidates there is no way to get the message out to people. Candidates put their life on hold for over a month. They wear a suit to debates and then quickly change and wear jeans to pound sign posts into the ground. They get ignored, insulted, scorned, and very occasionally thanked. Well we will do nothing but thank them.

It looks like it will be 4 years until the next election. The next 2 years will be spent consolidating the gains we have made and continuing to bring our message to people via outreach activities. We will keep growing. We will be even bigger and stronger when we gear up again for the next general election.

Can't wait!

Comments from the Candidates

If I wanted Ontario to fail, I'd create a political party system with three major parties that proclaim their differences, but are cut from the same cloth.

If I wanted Ontario to fail, I'd start with the Liberals, and electricity. I'd empower unelected bureaucrats to make energy decisions that belong in the hands of consumers, and when those decisions result in the poor placement of a gas powered generation plant or two, I'd spend a billion dollars trying to cover up my mistake. With a criminal investigation pending, and public outrage at its peak, I'd delete relevant emails and use taxpayer dollars to hire lawyers. And when all of this finally came crumbling down, I'd mildly apologize as if I had nothing to do with it, even though I was in the room when the decision was made.

If I wanted Ontario to fail, I'd move to the Conservatives and a million jobs plan that is so riddled with botched numbers it belongs on "Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?" When analysts and the media called out my botched numbers, I'd pump out anti-labour rhetoric so inflammatory that it ignites class warfare and conflict. I'd pit teachers against government, when in reality we should be talking about students. I'd talk about how we need to limit the size of government, but when asked about government agencies like LCBO, I'd affirm the status quo stating that the sale of alcohol is a core function of government.

If I wanted Ontario to fail, I'd move to the NDP. I'd come out against government corruption and propose a solution that involves even more government, hopelessly pretending that others don't notice that I can't diagnose the problem. I'd ridicule the Liberal party and their corporate bail-outs, and when I propose the exact same policy, I'd call it "a strategic investment." I'd talk about students, and freezing OSAP interest rates, and when the numbers came out showing it would cost the government over \$350 million, I'd shrug my shoulders as if I too just realized my mistake.

Fortunately I don't want Ontario to fail. I'd like an Ontario that revitalizes manufacturing, without spending millions in corporate welfare schemes. I want an Ontario that has a dynamic school system, held up by innovation, not held down by bureaucracy. I want an Ontario that realizes that governments can't create jobs; but can facilitate job creation by getting out of the way.

This is the political climate of the day in Ontario, and you can vote to change it or not. Join us, and Vote Libertarian. *David Clement*, Libertarian Candidate - Oakville.

Yesterday, while "planting" OLP signs in my riding to in-

ject new life into this election's discussions, we revisited a site at Clarke and Bathurst in Thornhill where Rick Kerr and I had erected signs a few days ago. Two of our signs were not visible from a distance, so I suspected that the wind must have blown them over and they needed some TLC from the OLP. As I approached the sites, it became clear that vandals had destroyed them and they could not be re-used. So much for public respect for our "property rights" :-(

Gene Balfour— Candidate Thornhill

Libertarianism In The Age of Social Media - Maureen Dance

Congratulations to the OLP for running a full slate of candidates in the recent Provincial election. A good showing was made but we could have gotten the message out so much wider with the full use of social media. We need to get TUF. That's Twitter, U-Tube, (okay, it's Youtube, but that's not good for the acronym.) and Facebook.

We have a great tool at hand, one we've never had before. It's time to learn how to best use it.

The Party has a Facebook page, but each candidate should have one, as well. Everything you're doing, every thought you have on the issues can be put out instantly. Make sure to 'friend' as many Party members as you can find. These members, in turn, should 'share' all your posts. On Facebook, sharing is good.

Twitter, like Facebook, is represented by a Party account. 'Tweets' are limited to 140 characters, and I realize it's hard for a politician to keep it under 140 characters. Just post links, and use a lot of hashtags. For those over 40 years old, a hashtag is the # sign, immediately followed by a keyword.. A few good tags are #yourname, #Libertarian, #election, #theissue, to name a few. Followers can retweet your posts, reaching a potentially broad audience.

Finally, my favourite, Youtube. This is like free advertising. In two ways. Free, as in, there's no cost for an account, and free, as in limited only by your time and materials. I have seen very impressive candidate spots which were no more than one person strolling about a room, talking to a hand held video camera. While this particular media tends to garner more interest in rock stars and kit-tens, it's easy to post a good 10 minute video. And again, don't forget the tags.

There are many more sites that can be helpful, but I'm personally not familiar with them. Linkedin, Myspace, maybe even Pinterest. Go on line, and use your imagination. But, maybe stay away from dating sites, though.