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Rand Paul fields a question at a town hall in Leitchfield. Photo: Editor

Rand Paul Town Hall in Grayson Co. Attracts International Media Attention

By Christi Gillespie (christi@randpaul2010.com)

Last Monday, with BBC Radio in attendance, Dr. Rand Paul spoke to 40+ Leitchfield residents. Rand spoke about bringing free market solutions to healthcare, a balanced-budget amendment, term limits, and lower taxes. Dr. Paul took questions from the audience for nearly an hour, and then interviewed with the BBC reporters who were there.

BBC's coverage of the event attracted various local media outlets. In addition, other dignitaries were in attendance. Norm Davis, of Take Back Kentucky, and various Lions Club officers attended the event. The event was hosted by Aaron Witten, the campaign coordinator for Grayson County.

HELP WANTED

By Christi Gillespie
(christi@randpaul2010.com)

With 150 days remaining, the Rand Paul campaign is looking for "Precinct Coordinators" and door-to-door walkers.

Here's what to do:

1. Go to <https://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp> to find out the name of your precinct.
2. E-mail Christi Gillespie at christi@randpaul2010.com with the name of your precinct.
3. Go door-to-door in your precinct.



Rand Fans in Lexington begin door-to-door efforts. Photo: Editor.

The “Second Party” System

The role of the Third Party

in history and modern politics.

By Ken Moellman (ken.moellman@lpky.org)

This is the fourth installment of a weekly series about the history of the party system in America, specific to the role of third party politics, from the signing of the Constitution through today.

The implosion of the Democratic-Republican Party, which resulted from the election of 1828, led to a new era in party politics. For the first time, the country saw the rise of more than two parties, some of which successfully obtained significant electoral results at the state and federal levels.

The Jacksonians, to be known as the Democratic Party, were the former Democratic-Republicans who aligned behind President Andrew Jackson.

The National Republicans were former Democratic-Republicans who aligned behind John Quincy Adams, and against Andrew Jackson. The National Republican Party was absorbed by the Whig Party in the mid-1830's.

The Anti-Masonic Party formed in New York in 1828, and was based upon the growing anti-Freemason sentiment in the country. Many feared that the Freemasons were a secret society of power brokers and elitists. Some believed that the Freemasons sought to create a shadow government and murdered political opponents. The party lasted until approximately 1838 and was primarily absorbed into the Whig Party.

The Nullifier Party was formed in South Carolina in 1828, and was based upon state's rights. They supported the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions, and the concept of state nullification of federal laws within the borders of a state. The movement behind the party was fueled by both high taxation and an economic recession which hurt the southern states, and especially South Carolina. The party lasted until the end of the 1830s, when it was absorbed into the Democratic Party.

The Whig Party formed in 1833 of former National Republicans, as well as members of the Anti-Masonic Party. The death of several leaders, including Henry Clay and Daniel Webster, in addition to a growing divide over the policy of slavery, led to the demise of the Whig Party. The Whig Party officially remained a party until 1856, when it was officially declared dead. Whigs that did not join the Republican Party went to the Constitutional Union Party.

The Know-Nothings were a political movement formed in the 1840s, from members of the Whig Party and the Native American Party. It was not successful until the 1850s, when they merged with the American Republican Party and renamed themselves the American Party. They then elected representatives to the House and Senate. Primarily, they were an anti-Catholic and pro-temperance organization. The party was dissolved in 1860, at the beginning of the “Third Party System,” primarily absorbed into the Republican Party.

The Free Soil Party was formed in the late 1840s, and was the second antislavery party during the Second Party System. They took their members from antislavery members of the Democratic Party, the Whig Party, and the Liberty Party. This was a successful party, sending representatives to the House and Senate. They were a single-issue party that folded into the Republican Party around 1854.

The Opposition Party was formed in 1854, and was a shortlived party which attempted to provide a compromise on the growing divisions over slavery. The party was successful in electing 100 members to the House of Representatives. The party essentially ended in 1858. Members were encouraged to join the last member of the Whig Party in the Constitutional Union Party. Some members joined the Conservative Party.

Each party had its own issues. Some parties were single-issue parties, or single-issue splinters from other parties. With the increased competition, innovations in the political landscape came as a result of the multiple parties during this time in our history, most notably the concept of the nominating convention,

Also significant was the greater extent of endorsement and cross-nomination of a single candidate by multiple parties, a practice also known as “fusion.” Fusion still exists in a select few instances today, such as in New York. Fusion will play a role in party politics until it is outlawed in most states at the turn of the 20th century, during the Fourth Party System. Officially ending in 1854, the second party system saw radical changes in policy and priorities in the country, as the country was headed to its bloodiest internal battle in its history.

Ken Moellman is the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Kentucky and is also a founding member of NKY Choice, a pro-business coalition that opposes smoking ban expansion in Northern Kentucky.

CAMPAIGNING FOR RAND

Photo Gallery



<-- Aaron Yates and Christi Gillespie hit the Lexington 'burbs for Rand



Rand Fans brave the cold to show off their shirts-->



<--Rand speaks in Leitchfield.

BBC Radio reporters interview a town hall attendee in Leitchfield. -->



Community Calendar

Put These Events in Your Planner

Calendar Legend--All times ET, unless noted (CT)

- I--Join Rand when he files for office; Dec. 30; 2 p.m.; Kentucky State Capitol; 700 Capitol Ave.; Frankfort; A press conference at the RPK HQ located at 105 West Third Street Frankfort will immediately follow the filing of papers.
- C--LPKY District 6; January 05, 2010 @ 7:00p.m.; The Inn on Broadway, 1301 South Broadway; Lexington
- D--LPKY/Louisville - Business; January 06, 2010 @ 7 p.m.; Tumbleweed/Riverfront, 1201 River Rd.
- J--Rand Paul Meet & Greet; Shoney's; Jan. 7; 6:30 p.m. CT; 100 Cavalry Drive; Glasgow
- K--Rand Paul Town Hall; Jan. 8; 6:30 p.m.; Flatwoods City Building Council Chambers; 2513 Reed St.; Flatwoods
- L--Rand Paul Town Hall; Jan. 9; 3 p.m.; Lewis Co. High School; 79 Lions Ln.; Vanceburg
- M--Rand speaks at Mason, Robertson, Carter & Lewis Co. Lincoln Day Dinner; Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.; Maysville Conference Center on East Second St.; Maysville; **tickets are \$20.**
- A--CPKY Executive Committee meeting; January 10, 2010 @ 2:30p.m.; Perkins on Richmond Rd.; Lexington
- N--Rand Paul in Brownsville; Jan. 12; 6:30 p.m. CT; Edmonson Co. Public Library; 280 Ferguson St.; Brownsville
- B--C4L Meeting; January 12, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.; Perkins on Richmond Rd.; Lexington
- E--LPKY District 1; January 19, 2010 @ 6:30pm CT; Southern Pride Restaurant, 7052 Benton Rd; Paducah
- F--LPKY District 2 - TBD; January 20, 2010 @ 7:00pm; To Be Decided; Check LPKY.org/events
- G--LPKY District 4 - Northern KY; January 21, 2010 @ 6:30p.m.; Chez Nora, 530 Main St; Covington
- H--LPKY/Louisville - Book Club; January 30, 2010 @ 2p.m.; Heine Brothers Gardiner Ln, 3060 Bardstown Rd

Deadlines Approaching:

*****Last Day to Register "R" for Rand to be able to vote in May 18, 2010, GOP primary: Dec. 31*****

*****Last Day to Register in a Party to run for office: Dec. 31*****

December/January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20	21	22	23-Noon Submission Deadline	24-Publish Date	25-Merry Christmas!	26
27	28	29	30 I	31-Last day to register "R" for Rand!	1	2
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**Where's your group
or campaign?**

send submissions to :

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The Rumor Mill

From the campaign trail: Confusion took hold of the Rand Campaign briefly after YouTubeGate resurfaced. The allegations led to the resignation of Chris Hightower, alternately known as the "campaign coordinator" and treasurer. These latest attacks seem strangely similar to the erroneous attacks on Ron Paul in 2008, which focused on a racist newsletter now widely ascribed to Lew Rockwell.

Trey Grayson took a cheap shot at Rand over the episode, insinuating that Rand is a racist. The Rumor Mill thinks that if Grayson were really concerned about Rand's holding such oddball views, Secretary Grayson should immediately stop plagiarizing Rand's speeches and positions. Perhaps Trey could just focus on getting his own "Lasik Anecdote," and leave commentary on opponents to the professionals.

Bill Johnson's Flag Team: Mr. Heft, designer of the 50-star U.S. flag, passed away recently. While our condolences are with his family, we wonder how Bill Johnson's campaign will ever get out of debt now that it can't sell autographed flags anymore to fund Johnson's campaign.

Keep an eye on your calendar!

If you want to register to vote for Rand Paul, you have until Dec. 31 to reregister as a Republican, so you can vote in the May 18 primary.

If you want to run for office as an independent or third-party candidate, you have to be registered as such by Dec. 31.

Sound Familiar?

by Frank Harris (fran_frank_lexky@yahoo.com)

For those of you who haven't been blessed with the experience of watching Daniel Hannan, MEP - Member of the European Parliament - of the European Union representing Great Britain. An MEP would be, I think, equivalent to a Congressman, maybe a Senator, in the United States. Mr. Hannan is the British equivalent of our own Ron Paul of Texas - eloquent, knowledgeable of history, a true statesman, and a staunch defender of individual freedoms, conservative financial and moral values, and one of the lone voices against the creeping accumulation of powers wherever those powers are not explicitly granted. Mr. Hannan mixes cutting, insightful commentary about laws, rules, and regulations with things ranging from Shakespeare to very dry British humor ala Monty Python. In one of his more famous speeches, he uses Margaret Thatcher's famous quote about "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money" to mock Gordon Brown, head of the EU Parliament, for spending England into outrageous debt which will greatly weaken its sovereignty. Sound familiar to anyone?

It appears that the EU is having the same problems as the United States in many ways. Just as the Federal government has usurped powers from the states, the EU has begun assuming powers never granted to them by their sovereign member countries. The mechanism, which Mr. Hannan so eloquently rails against in many of his speeches, has to do with the fact that the EU makes 75% of its laws from committees of people who were never elected by the member countries at all. Not only does the EU not have the power to assume domain of the individual countries, the committees of un-elected officials shouldn't have such unregulated powers within the EU itself. An interesting phenomena.

Mr. Hannan is trying to wake up the citizenry as to how their sovereignty is being assumed by the EU Parliament just as Ron Paul, and now many others, are trying to awaken our own citizens to the fact that our federal government has already done just that, and continues to try to grab more and more power all of the time. Thankfully, many states are now trying to reassert the states' rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution. At the same time, the Federal government is going to try to enslave the states through the usual methods - debt, and force. For example, in Kentucky, a state that is struggling with budget problems to the tune of \$100-\$200 million, is now in debt to the Federal government for \$477 million and growing, according to the Lexington

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The Spin Zone

Editorial

Campaigning for Liberty

By Aaron Yates (aaronyates@gmail.com)

Last Saturday, despite the UK basketball game being on and the cold temperatures, four dedicated "Rand Fans"; Josh Koch, Aaron Yates, Patrick Kelly, and Christi Gillespie bundled up and took to the streets, knocking out an entire precinct in Lexington. It took approximately 3.5 hours to visit over two hundred houses.

The reception we received was outstanding! We even stopped and visited with Mrs. Gray, who was already displaying a yard sign and a bumper sticker. Her teenage son, Nolan, is a "Rand Fan" at Henry Clay High School.

With the primary coming up in less than six months, the number of weekends available for going door to door is rapidly decreasing. There are literally thousands of precincts throughout Kentucky that still haven't been touched, and we need as many volunteers as possible. This becomes increasingly important when reaching out to independents who literally have only 14 days to register Republican for the primary.

If you are interested in helping, there is no time like the present. We will be meeting at 2321 Fortune Drive this [Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 10:30 a.m.](#) to go door-to-door in Lexington. Doughnuts will be provided.

Contact christi@randpaul2010.com for details. Hope to see you along the campaign trail! We will be going door-to-door almost every Saturday between now and the May 18th primary.

Aaron Yates is an intern with Rand Paul's Campaign and a student at ECU.

[See "Help Wanted" on pg. 1 to see how you can volunteer to be a "Precinct Coordinator" for Rand in your precinct.-Editor]

Letter to the Editor

Prior to Jan 1, 2006, the Secretary of State marked all non-D, non-R registrants as 'O'ther.

Pursuant to 31KAR4:150 they must now track a handful of 3rd parties, as well as 'I'ndependent.

However, many county clerks have failed to comply with the law.

I am looking for volunteers to re-register as one of the following, by marking the Other box, and writing in any of the following:

Constitution
Independent
Green
Libertarian
Reform
Socialist

Make a copy of the form, and submit the original. Then, make a copy of your copy to redact your SS#, and send the redacted version to me, and/or let me know. Our address is: The Libertarian Party of Kentucky, PO Box 432, Independence, KY 41051. Be sure to keep your copy, too.

This is a big deal, and on a deadline (Dec 30). I know many of you are registered for other purposes, but if you don't have another purpose, can you help us in the 3rd parties? Please?

Thank you,
Ken Moellman
Chair, LPKY

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Herald-Leader for extended unemployment benefits. Any idea what might happen? My guess would be that Kentucky will soon be unable to repay this debt, and, as all Federal money comes with strings, will then be financially beholden to the Feds and roll over for whatever programs the Feds want to enact.

It's an interesting, and very scary, race that we are in. Most people don't even know that a race is indeed going on. In my mind, it's a race to see what will happen first: whether the Feds will put a leash around the necks of the individual states, or whether the states will wake up in time, make the tough decisions to refuse Federal "help", and escape with our state sovereignty. How will the Feds react when states like Montana, and possibly Wyoming, New Hampshire, and (in my dreams) Kentucky rise up to re-assert their sovereignty? Somehow, I doubt that it will be pretty. Financial threats, and first, and then more physical threats, if history, and observing how the US treats break-away nations is any clue. The states have been subjugated for so long, we no longer even realize what we've lost. I hope that I see, in my lifetime, the dreams of Thomas Jefferson realized: a nation of individual states, each free to make their own decisions, and their own mistakes, so that we can become stronger as individuals.

Frank Harris volunteers with Campaign for Liberty in Lexington. A Ron Paul alumnus, he also helps Rand's Campaign as a volunteer.

Editor's Note: We are still seeking sponsors and advertisers so we can upgrade our format and assembly procedures. Please let us know if your freedom-minded business, campaign, or organization is interested. Due to time constraints resulting from the current software, I am debating decreasing the publication to fortnightly instead of weekly. If this service matters to you, please consider becoming a sponsor.

Thanks for all your support and help. A special "thank you" to all the organizations who submitted for our sixth edition. We can't do it without you! We are only publishing one more edition before New Year's. If you have items to publish this year, get them in next week's edition.



Caitlin (Christi Gillespie's daughter), and Josh Koch door-knocking for Rand. Photo: Editor



Register "R" for Rand

By Christi Gillespie

The deadline to change party affiliation to vote in the primary is fast approaching. Two weeks from today, the door will close for those who are registered as an independent or as a 3rd party to change affiliation to vote in the May primary. This is critical for Libertarians and Constitution Party members who wish to vote for Rand Paul in the May 18th GOP primary. After December 31st, you cannot decide to switch parties and be allowed to vote in the primary. You will be denied access to the primary ballot unless you are registered as a Republican by the Dec. 31st deadline. As a 16 year old back in 1996, I witnessed a GOP primary for the 6th district Congressional seat be decided by 4 votes. Your one vote can make the difference this May in giving KY voters the choice to vote for a constitutional conservative in November or having once again to choose between the "lesser of two evils."