



# Pinellas Liberty

Official Activism Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Pinellas County

## Early Action Helps Katrina Victims

**The day before Hurricane Katrina** made landfall on Aug. 29, 2005, news reports were predicting a direct hit on New Orleans of biblical proportions. **Michael Gilson**, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Pinellas County and resident of the hurricane state of Florida, has seen how disastrous a hurricane could be in Florida, but knew it would be far worse in a city below sea level. With only a day before impact, preemptive action was taken and links were added to the Libertarian Party of Pinellas homepage, [www.LPPinellas.org](http://www.LPPinellas.org) to help get aid to the victims of hurricane Katrina. "We wanted to start helping *before* the disaster struck" said Gilson. In addition, "We even have a consumer links page for the local victims of the high gas prices, showing people where to find the lowest gas prices in the Tampa Bay area".

**After Hurricane Katrina's** widespread loss and destruction became apparent, Pinellas Libertarians took further actions days later. **Libertarians** donated blood to the Red Cross on September 4th. St. Petersburg Libertarian **Scott Palacheck** took the initiative to coordinate a September 10th car wash to raise funds for the victims of hurricane Katrina. Palacheck said, "I wanted to help and came up with the car wash idea while brainstorming with friends". Other volunteers for the car wash included, **Julie Chorgo-Gilson**, of the Libertarian Club and **Kira Gilson**. We helped as Libertarian voluntary citizens. Libertarians, believe in voluntary solutions as more responsive than government. Many felt that Hurricane Katrina showed how individual citizens can band together and accomplish far more effective results and more quickly, than government agencies.

The image shows a collage of three items: a screenshot of the Libertarian Party Pinellas County website dated August 28, 2005, which features a 'What's New... CHAIR'S ALERT' section with a link to 'American Red Cross DONATE NOW'; a photograph of Michael Gilson donating blood dated September 4, 2005; and a photograph of Scott Palacheck and Julie Chorgo-Gilson at a car wash for hurricane victims dated September 10, 2005, with a sign that reads 'HURRICANE RELIEF CAR WASH'.

**Pinellas Libertarians Help!** Clockwise (Above) LP Pinellas homepage offers links to help aid hurricane victims, (Top Right) Michael Gilson donating blood for hurricane victims. (Right) Scott Palacheck and Julie Chorgo-Gilson raise cash at a car wash for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

## LPF Convention March 2006, Boca Raton

### Packages

The Libertarian Party of Palm Beach county is the host of the annual Libertarian Party of Florida State Convention and Business Meeting. They are offering discounts on packages pre-paid before December 31, 2005.

**-A Gold Package is \$295.**

It includes ALL meals, all speakers, and a special gift pack.

**-A Banquet Package is \$100.**

**-A Saturday or Sunday Package is \$75** includes meals and speakers at breakfast and lunch only on one day of choice (Saturday OR Sunday).

### Speakers

The intriguing and diverse group of speakers scheduled to speak are:

**Phil Blumell** An elected Libertarian in Palm Beach office and grassroots campaign guru.

**Jim Babka** a Libertarian, activist and writer. **Bob Burg** internationally published author of books on important interpersonal skills necessary for success!

**Robert Podolsky** author of groundbreaking Libertarian philosophy book "**The BORG is Not Your Friend**", a discussion of the Libertarian Ethic concerning the institutions of Business, Organized Religion, and Government.



The 2006 Convention will be at the **Embassy Suites Hotel** 661 Northwest 53rd St. Boca Raton, Florida, 33487 Phone: (561)-994-8200

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