

# Winnipeg South Federal Liberal Association

Winnipeg South Federal Liberal Association Newsletter Fall 2012

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## Message from the President:

The Leadership race is underway and should offer interesting dialogue and debate. I was pleased to see some interesting candidates put their names forward. Please visit the websites and avail yourself of the in-person opportunities to participate in this process. All members and supporters will be able to vote online by preferential ballot. Delegates will be selected to attend the in person convention. Terry Duguid is on the Leadership Committee and can answer any questions you may have.

The membership committee has been hard at work making phone calls. New memberships, renewed memberships and supporters continue to be registered. As of last month, there were 30,000 registered supporters nationwide. Winnipeg South continues to grow but is still just one step behind Winnipeg South Centre in the number of membership and Victory Fund donors. Thanks to you, we remain two of the most active ridings in the country.

The policy event held on November 17 was well attended by Winnipeg South. Thanks to all who participated and thanks to Bob Stokes for his hard work on this committee.

Please mark your calendars for January 17. Winnipeg South and the Aboriginal People's Commission will be co-sponsoring a fun evening at the University of Manitoba's Hub Pub. The evening will feature speakers, prizes and fun entertainment.

You are all invited to a Holiday Gathering on December 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. at 640 Pasadena Avenue. It will be a great time to share our various insights on the leadership race and the hopeful future of the Liberal Party. I hope to see you then!

*--Jacquie Field*

# Manitobans Meet the Candidates



On separate occasions, these candidates have outlined the goals for their candidacies, and their visions for the Liberal Party: Justin Trudeau, David Bertschi, Deborah Coyne, Alex Burton and Jonathan Mousley. Also, Joyce Murray spoke at our Laurier Club. Still expected to visit are: Marc Garneau, Martha Hall-Findlay, and possibly David Takach, David Merner, and Karen McCrimmon.

For more information on the leadership race, see <http://www.liberal.ca/leadership-2013/>



## Justin Trudeau

On October 20, 2012, the Justin Trudeau leadership campaign team held a rally at the Punjab Banquet Hall on Mandalay Drive in MP Kevin Lamoureux's Winnipeg North riding. Trudeau spoke to a crowd of more than 300 who packed the hall.

For more information on this leadership candidate see <http://justin.ca/> or <http://manitobansforjustin.ca/>

*(Photo: Joyce Mazur)*

## Deborah Coyne

Deborah Coyne's visit to Winnipeg, on November 5, had to be planned quickly because of the memorial service for her uncle James Coyne. Thanks to Professor Allen Mills, Deborah was able to meet some of his students in political science – and Dr. Lloyd Axworthy – at the University of Winnipeg. At Molgat Place, Deborah met with Liberals, who were able to engage in lively dialog for over two hours with her. After her return to Ontario, Deborah wrote to thank us for our challenging questions and information about the concerns of Manitobans. For more information see <http://www.deborahcoyne.ca/>



## Jonathan Mousley

Jonathan Mousley arranged a "meet-and-greet" for Winnipeg area Liberals at Molgat Place on Wednesday, November 14th at 6 p.m. The meeting included some short remarks from Jonathan, followed by an extensive question and answer session. Jonathan was particularly interested to hear what needs to be done to win back Winnipeg (and Manitoba) ridings for the Liberals. For more information on the Mousley campaign, please see <http://mousley.ca/or> contact [info@mousley.ca](mailto:info@mousley.ca).

## VICTORY FUND

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## WHAT WE STAND FOR \*

**Liberals stand for equality of opportunity** – The Liberal Party of Canada believes that when individuals and families are given the opportunity to succeed, the economy grows and Canadians become stronger. That's why equality of opportunity is a fundamental Liberal principle.

**Liberals stand for true fiscal responsibility** – Turning deficits into surplus. Growing our economy. Creating good jobs across the country. During difficult economic times, only the Liberal Party of Canada has a proven track record of competent, accountable and successful economic management.

**Liberals stand for a clean environment** – The Liberal Party of Canada believes in the inter-connectedness of environmental and energy concerns and solutions. And we are committed to building a clean energy economy.

**Liberals stand for affordable access to post-secondary education** – The Liberal Party of Canada believes firmly that all Canadians deserve affordable access to education.

**Liberals stand for sustainable universal public health care** – Liberals believe strongly that all Canadians deserve the same level of high quality and timely health care provided by an efficient, accountable, and sustainable public health system.

**Liberals stand for open, fair, and strong democratic representation** – The Liberal Party of Canada believes that Parliament should belong to the people instead of the Prime Minister. Liberals are committed to exploring Parliamentary and Electoral reform in order to realign our institutions with democratic principles and to ensure more meaningful and effective representation.

**Liberals stand for an evidence-based crime policy** – The Liberal Party of Canada believes in a smart on crime approach, targeting real criminals instead of our youth, to keep our communities safe. Liberals understand the need to consider ending the prohibition of marijuana and addressing the root causes of crime to see real results.

*\*From the Liberal Party of Canada website. Read on at <http://www.liberal.ca/what-we-stand-for/>*

# Quotable Opinions

## Conservative plan would tie Canada to China in hush-hush elopement

"Eyes-wide-open economic engagement with China clearly is in Canada's interest. But pushing it through in a ferocious hurry, out of the public eye, clearly is not. That something so far-reaching would be imposed, almost entirely without debate, is mind-boggling." **Michael den Tandt**, October 22, 2012, National Post. <http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2012/10/22/michael-den-tandt-conservative-plan-would-tie-canada-to-china-in-hush-hush-elopement/>

## Will Canada's war on science plunge us into a new Dark Age?

"Meanwhile, scientists who still work for the government are not allowed to share information [directly] with the public, even though we pay for that research with our taxes.... Without the kind of vigorous debate and knowledge that comes from having citizens informed by open discussion of science and information, we can't even hope to have a proper democracy." **David Suzuki**, November 12, 2012, The Star. <http://www.thestar.com/opinion/article/1286713--will-canada-s-war-on-science-plunge-us-into-a-new-dark-age>

## The Tories' best bet for re-election goes up in smoke

"It would strike at the heart of their [Conservatives] self-styled competence as fiscal managers if the NDP and Liberals spend the entire campaign reminding the public that Stephen Harper had a majority for a full term and still couldn't get the books back to black." **Matt Gurney**, November 13, National Post. <http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2012/11/13/matt-gurney-the-tories-best-bet-for-re-election-goes-up-in-smoke/>

## Canadian Heritage spends \$1.45-million on one War of 1812 TV ad during Olympics

"The Conservative government has lavished nearly \$8-million since April, 2011, on promoting the War of 1812 anniversary this year, from millions of dollars for costly TV advertising to more than \$1,000 in wine bottle neckties." **Tim Naumetz**, November 20, 2012, The Hill Times (Ottawa). <http://www.hilltimes.com/news/news/2012/11/20/canadian-heritage-department-spends-%24145-million-on-one-war-of-1812-tv-ad-during/32898>

## Aboriginal health programming under siege, critics charge

"Health Canada has also slashed intramural funding for a host of Aboriginal programs, including ones to address diabetes, fetal alcohol syndrome, youth suicide, infectious diseases and maternal and child health. The cuts prompted Thomas Dignan, chair of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeon's Aboriginal Health Advisory Committee ...to decry that "the state of Aboriginal health is a national embarrassment and leadership is needed now more than ever"." **Paul Christopher Webster**, CMAJ October 2, 2012 184:E739-E740.

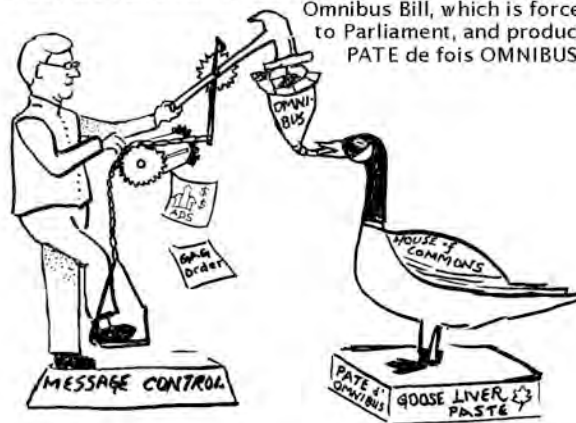
## Kevin Page's battle with Conservatives is fundamental to Parliament

"It speaks to the culture of fear in the capital, this government's predilection to demonize its opponents, and makes a mockery of what is left of its pledge of accountability and transparency." **Tim Harper**, October 24, The Star. <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/politics/article/1276188--tim-harper-kevin-page-s-battle-with-conservatives-is-fundamental-to-parliament#.UIgSsp4G2oR.facebook>

## Op Ed: Omnibus bills, prorogation chip away at democracy

"Members on the government side, in particular, have come to see themselves as dispensers of public funds, rather than watchdogs over them." **Andrew Coyne**, October 20, 2012, Edmonton Journal. <http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/Omnibus+ bills+prorogation+chip+away+democracy/7420727/story.html#ixzz29y98mOsP>

The Prime Taxidermist hides his anti-Nature agenda in an Omnibus Bill, which is force-fed to Parliament, and produces PATE de fois OMNIBUS.



## Quotable Opinions...continued

### Bill C-377: An invasion of privacy and attack on dissent

"From slashing funding to women's groups, to suppressing dissenters in the federal bureaucracy, to attacking environmental charities as "foreign-funded radicals," this government has shown an unprecedented willingness to come down on groups who either actively or passively oppose its agenda." Josh Mandryk, October 18, The Star. <http://m.thestar.com/opinion/editorialopinion/article/1273935--bill-c-377-an-invasion-of-privacy-and-attack-on-dissent>

### Conservatives' Economic Action Plan: Millions Spent On Ads As Ottawa Cuts Programs

"In all, the federal cabinet has already approved more than \$64 million in ad spending for 2012-13 — seemingly well on its way to matching the \$83.3 million they spent in 2010-11, the last year for which complete numbers are available." Bruce Cheadle, October 10, 2012, Huffington Post. [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2012/10/10/conservatives-economic-action-plan-ads-cuts\\_n\\_1955798.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=canada-politics](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2012/10/10/conservatives-economic-action-plan-ads-cuts_n_1955798.html?utm_hp_ref=canada-politics)

### In defence of reason

"...we discovered that effective solutions can only be generated when they correspond to an accurate understanding of the problems they are designed to solve. Evidence, facts and reason form the *sine qua non* of not only good policy, but good government." Alan Gregg, October 8, 2012 The Star. <http://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorialopinion/article/1267765--in-defence-of-reason>

### Earthquake shakes faith in Pipeline Project

"For Enbridge, the [Haida Gwaii earthquake] event came just two weeks after an official admitted the company can't 100-percent guarantee its Northern Gateway pipeline would survive a major quake without an oil spill." Michael Smyth, October 30, The Province (Vancouver). <http://www.theprovince.com/news/bc/Earthquake+shakes+faith+pipeline+project/7468031/story.html>

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## In Memoriam

We are very sad to report that Avrum Katz, Terry Duguid's official agent in three elections, passed away suddenly in late August, 2012. He was a wonderful and selfless volunteer that was liked and admired by everyone on our Winnipeg South team during the last election. As a relative newcomer to politics he became a keen student of campaign strategy and really enjoyed being an important part of the election process. His terrific and understated sense of humour always helped to keep perspective during some very tense moments

Avrum was deeply respected for his work as partner at the accounting firm BDO and was a dedicated community volunteer. At his funeral service his daughter summarized his essence. He was a wonderful husband, father, colleague and community-minded individual. He truly was a "mensch".

Our deepest sympathies to his wife Lois and his children Steven and Lauren.

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## Winnipeg South Hosts Wonderful Wednesday

More than 50 people came and went during the multicultural Wonderful Wednesday hosted by Winnipeg South at Molgat Place (635 Broadway) on November 7 from 5-7 p.m. There were rave reviews of the Indian, Chinese and Filipino finger food, supplemented by tasty desserts and liquid refreshments from around the world. Along with lively conversations, the evening included a silent auction, a 50/50 draw and several door prizes. Thank you to the East India Company, North Garden and Salakot Restaurant for the delicious food and to all the volunteers who helped to put on this very successful event.

# Manitoba Matters II

The Liberal Party of Canada (Manitoba) held its second annual policy discussion session, Manitoba Matters II in Oak Bluff, Manitoba on November 17, 2012. Open to the public, the meeting was moderated by Wendy Menzies, chair of the LPC(M) Policy Committee. Opening remarks by LPC(M) President Stan Tataryn were followed by Session I, presented by Gail Watson, CEO of Taking Charge. Speaking on the subject of non-profit and women's support groups, she questioned the government's priorities. While Minister Jason Kenney spend \$750,000 to monitor what ethnic media were saying about him, the budget was cut from disabled, immigrant, Aboriginal and women's research and educational programs, including the Prairie Women's Centre. Other areas of concern included moving immigrant health and settlement services to one office in Calgary and cutting funding to the National Research Council (NRC).

In Session 2, Tom Tessier (University of Manitoba) and Jonathan Mousley (Liberal leadership candidate) spoke on Ethics and Privacy. The purpose of Bill C-30 was to remove the need for a search warrant for authorities' monitoring Internet usage. Personal information on the Internet is not subject to clear rules on what is tracked, shared, or stored. Although both the US and EU have regulations related to tracking and enforcement, Canada is seriously behind. The Liberal Party wants to see legislation that clarifies rules while protecting privacy.

In the next session, Liberal MP John McCallum discussed Taxation Equity and Economic Disparity. Increasing income disparity is plaguing the western world, with the top 1% greatly increasing their income while poverty reaches new depths. Meanwhile, student job opportunities, mobility between classes, and access to education and affordable housing are all decreasing.

McCallum pointed out that, to date, the Liberal Party has not communicated its policy plans effectively. We must put a price on carbon (cap and trade, as per Obama, Harper as the opposition and the NDP), as Alberta and BC already have. We need to close tax loopholes and develop strong policies to support the middle class. Deals such as Nexxen need conditions to protect Canadians.

Next, Stewart Wells, of Friends of CWB and Penny Lane of Organic Farms started the conversation on the Canadian Wheat Board and Agriculture Policy. They noted that programs for risk management and crop insurance are being terminated by the Conservative government, with the number of farms down from 90,000 to 5000.

MP Wayne Easter added that PEI is down from 690 hog producers to 90 and that beef production is down by 40%. Producers were made to pay back fees without waiting for the BSE crisis prices to correct, as promised.

The last discussion session covered OAS and Pensions. Coupled with poor market performance for private investing, these changes will be hardest on low income earners, those with little education, and manual labourers, with a net loss of \$30,000. The NDP proposes to double the CPP payments but this is very hard on the small businesses. One option is renewing the development of co-ops, with those on EIA, seniors, immigrants and the disabled living in one housing unit to provide support and combat social isolation.

The day concluded with a recap on Liberal policy moving forward: We need to ensure we contrast Liberal and Conservative policy. Conservatives concentrate power and ignore evidence, while Liberals believe in participatory democracy and evidence-based policy. We need to link people's day-to-day concerns with the government, addressing issues such as basic personal exemptions; decreasing red tape for small businesses; supporting post-secondary education; and child care policies. We need to concentrate on the fact that the country is going in the wrong direction. We need to get it across that the "Liberals listen."

(With thanks to Dr. M.J. Willard for her report.)

# Coming Events - Print this page!

## Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesday is a social get together for Liberals held every Wednesday of the month. It is an opportunity to visit with friends and informally talk about politics. This Wonderful Wednesday will be the annual Anniversary Celebration for the LPC(M). David Johnson invites everyone for cake!

**DATE & TIME:** December 5, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Molgat Place, 635 Broadway.

## Other Events

**December 16** (3 – 5 p.m.) Winnipeg South Federal Liberal Association Holiday Get-Together at 640 Pasadena Ave.

**January 15, 2013** (6:15 – 8:30 p.m.) Executive at Large Meeting at Pembina Trails Library – Open to all

**January 17, 2013** – Aboriginal People's Commission is hosting a fun evening for Liberals and Supporters at the University of Manitoba's Hub Pub. This is being sponsored by Winnipeg South Federal Liberal Association. More information will be coming. Frank Deer and Christine Hanlon are our representatives on the organizing committee. Chad Cowie is the representative from the APC.

**February 2, 2013** – Leadership candidates' debate in Winnipeg. Details TBA.

## Did you know...

...that, of 11 potential or already-registered LPC leadership candidates, at least six have recently spoken to Liberals in Manitoba?

...that a Leadership Candidate's Debate will be held in Winnipeg on February 2, 2013?

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Sometimes the executive receives information of interest to members in Winnipeg South, information that might not be widely distributed to the Federal Liberal Membership.

If you would like to receive timely updates and information, please email [chanlon@mts.net](mailto:chanlon@mts.net), indicating in the subject line: "Add me to the List!"

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