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Update for Week of 9/12

September 12, 2010 by [Casey Given](#)

The following is an email update sent to [the club's listserv](#) on Sunday, September 12th:

Friends of Freedom,

Our club had a very stimulating discussion about immigration last Wednesday. Unfortunately, we ran out of time before most people were satisfied with ending the conversation. But fear not! We have remedied this situation: from now on, our meetings will last until 8:30, giving us an extra half hour to adequately explore our discussion topic. Naturally, everyone is free to come and go as they please. Thus, if you can't stay for the extra time, you can leave whenever you wish. Unlike the government, our club runs non-coercively!

We have yet another exciting week planned, with our first speaker event of the semester happening. Here's a look at our upcoming events:

1. Troy Dayton Speaker Event: "The Entrepreneurship of Legal Marijuana" (9/15)
2. Proposition 19 Debate (9/22)
3. Students For Liberty's Northern California Regional Conference (11/09)
4. The Seasteading Institute's "Sink or Swim Contest"

1. TROY DAYTON SPEAKER EVENT (9/15)

Our first speaker event of the semester will be held this WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH from 7-8 PM in 242 DWINELLE HALL— the same time and place as our regular meetings. As CEO of the only entrepreneurial cannabis group in the country, Troy Dayton will speak to the club about the tremendous business opportunity legalized marijuana presents to market-minded individuals in a talk titled, "The Entrepreneurship of Legal Marijuana."

Fortunately, everyone in the club will have the opportunity to chat with Mr. Dayton before the event. Our club has a tradition of taking our speakers out to dinner before the event, and we will be doing so with Mr. Dayton. If you are interested, feel free to meet us at NAAN 'N CURRY on Telegraph Avenue at 5:30 PM. Come for great Indian food and intellectual discussion!

Also, be sure to RSVP to the Facebook Event for the talk and invite all your Berkeley friends:

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=111116342277999&ref=ts>

2. PROPOSITION 19 DEBATE (9/22)

The Tax & Regulate Cannabis campaign will be hosting a debate on their ballot initiative on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND at an event co-sponsored by our club and Students for Sensible Drug Policy. The debate will feature representative from both sides of the issue, making it an objective exploration of an important proposition that will be on the ballot this November. Unfortunately, they have not managed to reserve a room yet, but we will keep you posted when one is finally assigned.

3. STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY'S NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE (11/09)

If we mentioned at our last meeting, Students For Liberty (the national organization) will be hosting their Northern California Regional Conference at our very own UC Berkeley this fall! The conference will take place on Saturday, November 6th and will feature dozens of students from pro-liberty organizations around the Bay Area and an all-star lineup libertarian speakers. Speakers include:

- David Boaz, Vice President of the Cato Institute
- John Dennis, Congressional Candidate for San Francisco District 8
- Patri Friedman, Executive Director of the Seasteading Institute
- Anthony Gregory, Editor-in-Chief of Campaign for Liberty
- Allison Gibbs, Executive Director of the Ladies of Liberty Alliance
- Jeff Hummel, Professor of Economics at San Jose State University

The best part of the conference is that it's ABSOLUTELY FREE. No registration fee is required, and the event includes THREE FREE MEALS. All you need to be to register is a student interested in liberty— hence, every one of you qualifies. The conference is going to be definitely worth attending— I know, because I'm personally organizing it myself!

Thus, I encourage everyone to register for this FREE action-packed day of liberty at the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RZH8MNS>

Also, for more information, find out more at the conference's official Facebook Event:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/event.php?eid=135988089753023&ref=ts>

4. THE SEASTEADING INSTITUTE'S "SINK OR SWIM CONTEST"

Our friends at the Seasteading Institute, the libertarian-leaning organization seeking to build autonomous communities on the ocean, would like to announce that they are holding a competition in which thousands of dollars of prizes will be given away! Participants in their "Sink or Swim Competition" are asked to submit a business model for a seastead. Entries will be judged by a panel of entrepreneurial experts, and several money prizes will be rewarded. First place will get \$2,500!

So, if you are interested in participating in the competition, you should check out the official webpage of the competition at:

<http://seasteading.org/community/contests/sinkorswim-2010>

And that's about it for this week's update! As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me. I hope to see you at our first speaker event this Wednesday!

Cheers to liberty,
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