

VA TEA PARTY PATRIOTS

LOBBY DAY at the Capitol

Monday, January 21, 2013

AGENDA for the day!

Lobby Representatives at the General Assembly Building, 910 Capitol Square, Richmond VA 23219 (9th & Broad)

You will be required to go through a security check to enter the building. Pick up a "Capitol Connections" 2013 guide to Legislator's room numbers at the information desk in the main lobby. Advance appointments are recommended. CoLA lobbying materials will be available in conference room 3 EAST at 9:30am. (COFFEE / FOOD - 6th floor cafeteria)

8:30-10:00

Meet up and "Relax by the Fireplace".

Tobacco Co Restaurant, 'Victorian Lounge' in historic Shockoe Slip.
1201 East Cary St, Richmond VA 23219 (12th & Cary St)

Connect with friends, have complimentary coffee by the fireplace then hop the "Grassroots Taxi" to the Capitol. CoLA Lobbying materials available. Sponsored by Central Virginia Tea Party and 912 Richmond.

9:30 - 10:30

Patriot Hospitality Conference Room: Room 3 EAST

(3rd Floor) in the General Assembly Building (GAB). 910 Capitol Square (9th & Broad).

Your base for operations and CoLA Lobbying materials. Legislators who are sponsoring CoLA legislation will be dropping by. Sponsored by Senator Tom Garrett.

9:30 (repeated at 10:15) GAB Conference room 3 EAST.

CoLA 2013 legislation review / Q & A. Carol Stopps

11:00am or 12:00 noon (TBD)

General Assembly session begins.

Watch live from the Capitol galleries or on closed circuit TV in the General Assembly Building.

Senate: GAB, Senate room B, 1st floor (West end of the building)

House: GAB, House room D, 1st floor (East end of the building)

11:30 - 2:00

Patriot lunch special, Sam Miller's Restaurant 1210 East Cary St (12th & Cary)

\$9.50 including tax and tip.

Select 2 from: Soup, ½ sandwich, ½ salad. Nonalcoholic beverage and small desert are included.

Going back to the Capitol after lunch? Take the "Grassroots Taxi" between the restaurant & 9th Grace St.

(Available until 3pm)

11:30 - 2:30 CoLA WORKSHOP (includes LUNCH BUFFET)

"GRASSROOTS LOBBYING" and "The Real Nature of Politics".

Sam Miller's Restaurant, 1210 E. Cary. (12th & Cary St)

Sponsored by The Leadership Institute. Presentation by Christopher Doss.

There's more to being a Tea Party than just being heard. By honing our skills, we will be heeded. The more knowledgeable and sophisticated we are in our political work, the more likely we are to influence the political process. Each year hundreds of citizen activists spend thousands of hours on political causes; and, yet, they often see little in the way of real results. Your time is valuable. You need to be sure that your activism will be optimally effective. Christopher has prepared a tailored version of *The Real Nature of Politics* for us and a presentation called *Grassroots Lobbying*. We'll learn the difference between gaining access to politicians versus wielding power with them. Hear about holding elected officials accountable throughout the year through local organizing and activities. Chris will provide us some homework assignments to keep us at the top of our game.

\$10 advance registration required. Buffet Lunch included. Limited seating. Check in begins 11:30. Buffet served 11:45 to 12:10. Seminar begins promptly at 12:10. Because of the logistics of the venue, no late arrivals will be admitted. Register: <http://www.leadershipinstitute.org/training/School.cfm?SchoolID=22298>

3:00 - 5:00

Legislators Meet & Greet Reception. 1210 E. Cary St (12th & Cary)

Legislators are invited to stop by to chat with constituents. Please, personally invite your Delegate and Senator to join us. Ask them to RSVP to Carol Stopps at stopcarol@gmail.com
Complimentary car service to and from the Capitol available for Legislators. (Details can found in their invitation) Light hors d' oeuvres. Cash Bar. Happy hour begins at 2:00.

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**Notes:**

Martin Luther King Day is a Federal holiday. **Parking meters are FREE!**  
FREE "Grassroots Taxi" between 12<sup>th</sup> & Cary St. and 9<sup>th</sup> & Grace St. - 9am to 3pm.  
(Tips appreciated to defray expenses. Thanks, CVTP)

The Monday, General Assembly standing committee meeting schedule will be available in all Patriot Hospitality rooms.  
**VCDL will NOT be having a rally at the Bell Tower on Lobby Day 2013.**