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ACLU to open office in Mankato

The ACLU of Minnesota is excited to announce plans to open an office in Mankato this spring. This will be the second racial justice focused office we have opened and will join our headquarters in St.

Paul to make three offices. Seven years after the opening of the Bemidji office, ACLU volunteers, led by President Wally Hilke, began discussing the need for another office in Greater Minnesota to address the problems of unequal and biased treatment in the all the levels of the criminal justice system from police officers to the judicial branch, which face communities of color throughout Minnesota .

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Contributed by Wally Hilke, President of the ACLU-MN
The Latin phrase "quis custodiet ipsos custodes?" succinctly captures the problem with Minnesota's public charter schools: who will guard the guards? Who is protecting the Bill of Rights when charter school administrators, board members, sponsors and the Department of Education either encourage the promotion of religious doctrine or ignore the problem? I am delighted to report that we now can answer that question.

Civil Libertarians have long been concerned about the risk of religious entanglement in charter schools. The charter framework allows parents and educators with a shared vision to establish a school with an internally selected school board that never stands for public election. A significant percentage of Minnesota charter schools were sponsored by organizations with a religious orientation – primarily Christian. Once formed, it is easy for charter school constituents to quietly recruit like-minded families, students, faculty and staff. Their shared views may include religious perspectives which allow a single set of religious beliefs to permeate the classroom and school activities. Because charter school communities tend to be homogeneous, no one complains about the promotion of religion and public scrutiny is absent.

While oversight of public charter schools rests with the Minnesota Department of Education, the DOE has never been given the resources for meaningful oversight. It candidly admits that it does nothing more than investigate complaints. Which brings us to the Tarek ibn Ziyad Academy which operates two charter schools in the Twin Cities.

The ACLU-MN began investigating TIZA three years ago as the result of an article by conservative columnist Katherine Kersten, suggesting that TIZA

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From the President

Wallace Hilke



Parting thoughts

I probably know three things about you: (1) you are passionate about civil liberties; (2) you loathe one-dimensional discussions about complex issues; and (3) you would share my pride in the ACLU-MN staff and board if you shared my good fortune of working with them for many years.

As I end my two-year term as its president, I can unequivocally state that our board is one of strongest deliberative bodies in Minnesota. No lawsuit is undertaken without careful consideration; no dollar is spent without purpose; and no program is launched without extensive investigation and planning. This is no surprise, because the quality of our board is exceptional. Credentials don't tell the whole story but are indicative of the experience that our board brings to the table. Our board members have served as tribal president, federal judge, managing partner, lobbyist, public defender, PR expert, CPA, prep school president, tribal judge, entrepreneur, and public company board member. It is not surprising that our debates are always rich and often protracted. Every year our board members prepare for and attend dozens of meetings; host house parties; strategize on legislative and PR matters; plan events; staff booths; scrutinize financials and budgets; recruit members; and raise and contribute enormous sums.

Our board's work is leveraged by over 100 volunteers and an exceptional staff, led by our Executive Director Chuck Samuelson, who is widely recognized as the soul of civil liberties in Minnesota. According to the ACLU national office, no affiliate of a state close to our size matches our innovative programs, educational activities, lobbying program, and successful management of high-impact litigation.

This success will continue under the leadership of our incoming board president, Vance Opperman. For decades, Vance has been one of the most influential Minnesotans in both politics and business. He has been a formidable litigator, publisher, radio show host, and public company board member. Vance has researched, written and spoken extensively on civil liberties – perhaps more than any board member in the history of our affiliate. Somehow he combines all of this with a remarkable sense of decency and civility. It is truly hard to imagine anyone better qualified to preside over our board. Best of all, Vance generously contributes all of these talents to the ACLU-MN. Please join me in congratulating Vance and pledging your support to the success of the ACLU-MN under his leadership.

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The ACLU is headed to Mankato

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We are proud of what we have accomplished in Bemidji and hope to be able to replicate some of our results we have achieved. In Bemidji, the percentage of Native American inmates in the Bemidji County jail fell from 80% when we first opened in 2004 to 45% in 2009. In addition, the GMRJP organized the non-profit community to address a number of issues affecting the Native American community; despite the fact that only a few of these issues were traditional civil liberties issues. In the past seven years not only has the incarceration rate of Native Americans decreased, but there are six new sheriffs in the seven counties of the GMRJP area. New judges have been elected and the voting rate is higher than ever. Some of this has been directly caused by the ACLU but much of what has occurred has happened because the ACLU is actively involved in the community and the direct work has been done by others.

In determining where to open our next office we laid out a number of steps. The first was to look at Bemidji and see what cities had similar make-ups. We decided on a few important parameters to ensure a sustainable office. First, the community had to have a four year state university and a population greater than 10,000. Then we looked for areas that had at least 300 members. That cut the list down to seven cities: Duluth, St. Cloud, Moorhead, Marshall, Mankato, Rochester and Winona.

After narrowing the list down to seven, some of our planning committee toured those seven cities. We met with our members in each location. We asked them to tell us the racial justice issues they knew of in their areas.

We then filed Data Practices Requests to obtain arrests by race by the counties in each area. Prior to 2002 that information was easily accessible online, but now the state has added barriers to easily access that information. Finally, a committee of the board reviewed the information and decided that our next efforts should be in Mankato.

We will focus on public education and on citizen education. While we will not primarily be looking for litigation topics, we are the ACLU and are unafraid of litigation. We have posted the data for arrests by race on our website along with census data if you are interested in learning more.

Our goal in Mankato is to accomplish the same changes in that community we have seen happen in Bemidji. Five years from now we hope that because of our presence there will be an improvement in the treatment of racial minorities in Greater Minnesota. In the coming months check our website for updates on when the office will be opening, and if you live in the area we hope you stop in for a visit.



Former ACLU-MN president Therese Marso, Chuck Samuelson and ACLU Member Nancy Cantwell at a recent event in Northfield

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From the Legal Briefcase

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was actually a Muslim charter school. Our initial investigation uncovered troubling evidence of religious entanglement. We asked TIZA to stop activities that promoted religion and we asked the DOE to step up its investigation and enforcement of state law. Nonetheless, the entanglement continued.

Two years ago we commenced a lawsuit, with the ACLU-MN represented by a dream team of volunteer lawyers from the Dorsey & Whitney law firm, led by Peter Lancaster and including Ivan Ludmer, Katie Pfeifer, Chris Amundsen, Mark Wagner and Dustin Adams. The defendants in the suit are TIZA, its senior administrators and board members, the school's sponsor, Islamic Relief USA (which was named for failure to provide legally-mandated school oversight), and the Commissioner of the DOE for failure to enforce constitutional mandates through proper oversight.

The battle has been long and costly. Our volunteer lawyers have already contributed more than \$2 million dollars of time and the ACLU-MN has invested nearly \$200,000 in out-of-pocket costs for everything from copying to expert witnesses to deposition transcripts. This has proven to be a wise investment in civil liberties.

We have settled our claims against both the Department of Education and Islamic Relief. As part of these settlements, these defendants agreed to a stipulated set of facts which details the religious entanglement at TIZA. The stipulation provides a startling glimpse into the religious entanglement that is possible at public charter schools. While the stipulation is currently confidential pursuant to a protective order, at an April 29 hearing we will be asking the court to make the stipulation public. Islamic Relief paid \$267,500 in settlement and agreed that it will not seek to incorporate in Minnesota for five years nor will it challenge the Minnesota law requiring charter school authorizers to be incorporated in our state.

Of greater and lasting importance, these settlements established a powerful charter school oversight mechanism. The DOE has agreed to require every

Minnesota charter school, as part of its annual renewal process, to complete an "assurances" form combined with a questionnaire. The form is signed by school administrators and board members. It requires these school officials to detail the nature of religious entanglement in their schools in such areas as religious ceremonies, calls to prayer, text books, dress codes and even food restrictions. In short, it covers the whole range of entanglement issues that we uncovered at TIZA.

A skeptic (i.e., most ACLU members) might well observe that anyone who is willing to promote religion in a public charter school would be willing conceal it in responding to a questionnaire. But this is a questionnaire with teeth. Minnesota law makes it a felony to provide false information in order to obtain public funds and allows the recovery of treble damages from the guilty party. Any school official who conceals the promotion of religion at their charter school on these questionnaires risks prosecution under the Minnesota False Claims Act.

In February, the Court heard arguments on TIZA's Motion for Summary Judgment. While the Court has yet to rule on the motion, the judge indicated from the bench that the parties should assume that the case will be going to trial, most likely in June. That same week, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments in an appeal filed by a group of TIZA parents who are seeking to intervene in the case. A decision on the appeal has not yet been issued.

Since the case began in January 2009, attorneys for the ACLU-MN have obtained a substantial amount of evidence that we believe bolsters our Establishment Clause claims. For example, we learned that the Muslim American Society of Minnesota paid TIZA teachers to teach Islamic Studies to students during TIZA teacher contract time. We also learned that TIZA used an Arabic language curriculum that was marketed by the bookseller as "offering a very strong focus on Qu'ran, Haddith and Islamic values," and our Arabic expert identified numerous instances of impermissible religious content in the Arabic curriculum. While the case file is too voluminous to fully present in this forum, many of the court documents are available on our website.

From the Legal Briefcase

Contributed by Teresa Nelson

Demuth et. al v. Fletcher

Literature seizure case

On February 16, 2011, U.S. District Court Judge Tunheim heard cross motions for summary judgment in our challenge to former Ramsey County Sheriff Fletcher's pre Republican National Convention seizure of massive amounts of constitutionally protected literature. Last July, the ACLU-MN filed a partial motion for summary judgment on behalf of the Plaintiffs, asking the court to rule in our favor on all of the Plaintiffs' claims except for the issue of damages which we want to be decided in a trial. The Defendants also filed a motion for summary judgment asking the court to dismiss all of the Plaintiffs' claims.

The lawsuit was originally filed in September, 2008 against Sheriff Fletcher and others under his direction, for conducting the unlawful seizure of vast amounts of constitutionally protected literature while executing several search warrants in the days leading up to the 2008 Republican National Convention. Police seized multiple copies of hundreds of different First Amendment protected publications, including books, pamphlets, leaflets, posters, stickers and buttons, despite the fact that they were intended to be distributed peacefully. Our lawsuit argues that the seizure of First Amendment materials violated our clients' free speech and due process rights guaranteed under the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

Attorneys in the case include ACLU-MN volunteer attorney Albert Goins, Goins Law office and National Lawyer's Guild volunteer attorney Geneva Finn and ACLU-MN Legal Counsel Teresa Nelson.

State v. Crawley

False reporting of police misconduct

Last autumn, the Minnesota Court of Appeals held that Minnesota's law criminalizing false reports of police misconduct violates the right to free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment. The ACLU-MN submitted an *amicus curiae* brief in an appeal of a criminal defendant, Melissa Crawley, who was prosecuted in Winona County for allegedly making knowingly false report of police misconduct. We joined Ms. Crawley in arguing that the law was

unconstitutional because, although the state may criminalize knowingly false speech, it cannot select one viewpoint – false statements of police misconduct – and single it out for harsher punishment while not equally punishing false statements that tend to exonerate an officer accused of misconduct. The Court of Appeals agreed and held the law unconstitutional. The County petitioned the Minnesota Supreme Court for review of the decision and the Court agreed to hear the case. We will again participate as *amicus curiae*. Our brief will be due in late March.

Volunteer attorneys on the case include Abigail Richey-Allen, Sarah Riskin, Rachel Bowe and Nadege Souvenir from Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand.

Red Wing

Rental inspections

On March 4, 2011, the ACLU-MN filed an *amicus curiae* brief in this privacy challenge to a rental inspection ordinance in the City of Red Wing. The case was filed by the Minnesota Chapter of the Institute for Justice on behalf of a group of landlords and tenants who argue that the inspection ordinance requires unreasonable searches in violation of the Fourth Amendment. The lawsuit urges the court to hold that the Minnesota constitutional protection against unreasonable searches and seizures requires individualized probable cause to believe that housing code violations will be found before the city can obtain an administrative search warrant to inspect rental properties. Both the District Court and the Court of appeals held that the landlords and tenants lacked standing to maintain an action for declaratory judgment because the city had not yet undertaken any inspections of their properties. The ACLU-MN argued in its brief that the Court of Appeals erred in its narrow reading of the state declaratory judgments act and that the purpose of the law was to allow for courts to hear cases where, as here, there are "ripening seeds of a controversy." We pointed out the difficulty that civil rights litigants will face in the future if the restrictive Court of Appeals ruling is allowed to stand.

Attorneys on the case include ACLU-MN Legal Fellow Jessica Arck and ACLU-MN Legal Counsel Teresa Nelson.

Annual Meeting

The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota will hold its 2011 Annual Meeting of the members on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Hamline University, in Sorin Hall Room A/B; 1498 Englewood Avenue Saint Paul, Minnesota for the purposes of electing directors and any other appropriate business. All members in good standing are welcome to attend.

BYLAW INFORMATION

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Current voting members have the right to nominate directors by mailing such nominations to the President. Nominations must be accompanied by:

- a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) voting members for each individual nominated;
- a statement by the nominee that she/he is willing to serve as a director; and
- an accurate, written biographical statement of the nominee no more than eight (8) typed lines of no more than sixty (60) characters per line.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE MEMBERSHIP

An ACLU-MN member may, at his or her own expense, have a designated commercial mailing house mail information to all or some of the Voting Members. Communications to the membership must be conducted by a blind mailing. There will be no censorship of the mailing piece either by the board or staff of the ACLU-MN

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Both the Board of Directors and the Voting Members shall have the power to amend these Bylaws as follows:

Amendment by the Board. The power of the Board of Directors shall be subject to the power of the members with voting rights under Section 8.1.4 to adopt, amend or repeal Bylaws adopted, amended or repealed by the Board. The Board of Directors may amend the Bylaws by adopting a resolution setting forth the amendment by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the entire Board of Directors then in office. The Board of Directors may not adopt, amend, or repeal a bylaw fixing a quorum for meetings of members, prescribing procedures for removing directors or filling vacancies in the Board of Directors, or fixing the number of directors or their classifications, qualifications, or terms of office.

Proposal by the Board. The Board of Directors may also propose an amendment to the Bylaws by adopting a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted for adoption at a meeting of the members.

Proposal by Minority of the Board. An amendment to the Bylaws may also be proposed upon the (a) written resolution signed by any five (5) members of the Board or (b) written resolution signed by any two (2) members of the Board accompanied by the written endorsement of one hundred (100) Voting Members, and delivered to the Secretary.

Voting Member Proposal. An amendment to the Bylaws may also be proposed by written resolution by a Voting Member accompanied by the written endorsement of at least 150 Voting Members and delivered to the Secretary.

2011 Board of Directors : New Nominees

Al Goins, is a civil rights and criminal defense attorney with the law firm of Goins law offices. He has represented the ACLU-MN as a volunteer attorney in a number of important cases and has previously served on the board.

New nominees continued

Nicole Moen, is an attorney at Fredrickson & Byron PA, a Minneapolis law firm, specializing in health litigation, white collar and regulatory defense, and business and commercial litigation. She received the Hennepin County Bar Association's 2010 *Pro Bono Publico Award* for an Attorney in the Private Sector.

Rebecca Rand, has long been an advocate of expanded First Amendment rights and a longtime supporter of the ACLU of Minnesota. She currently serves as the delegate to the national board, and has previously served on the ACLU-MN board.

Cris Stainbrook, a Lakota, is the President of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation. He was a founder of Native Americans in Philanthropy and served on the board of directors for 11 years. Cris has previously served on the ACLU-MN board.

Returning Board Members

Melanie Benjamin is an enrolled member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and lives on the Mille Lacs Reservation. Ms. Benjamin was elected to serve as the Chief Executive for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe for three four-year terms: 2000, 2004 and 2008. Currently, Ms. Benjamin is a treasurer and consultant to Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations.

Chief Judge Anita Fineday, Chief Judge for the White Earth Band of Ojibwe and an Associate Judge for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Chief Judge Anita has served on the board since 2008.

Scot J. Milchman, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for Key Surgical, Inc in Eden Prairie. Scot has served on the board since 2008.

From the National ACLU



From the National Board President Susan Herman

Our recent National Board meeting on January 22-23 included a wonderful reception at the Roosevelt House that drew more than 100 attendees to view the ACLU's 90th Anniversary exhibit and to hear about the ACLU's history from NYU Law Professor (and one of my ACLU presidential predecessors) Norman Dorsen, as well as Gara LaMarche. And, finally the event included a moving presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom that was originally presented to ACLU Founder Roger Baldwin 30 years ago. ACLU Executive Director, Anthony Romero, accepted the Medal on behalf of the ACLU; it was presented by Bill Butler (founding member of the NYCLU and former ACLU Legal Counsel) and Ambassador William vanden Heuvel.

At the Board meeting itself, in addition to updating our policy on electronic voting, we also spent several hours in small groups to provide our hardworking and thought-provoking Governance Committee with a concrete list of suggestions for their consideration as they now start the process of drafting a set of proposals regarding structural and procedural reforms to guide the organization into the future. The committee's latest report to the Board described the history of Board governance. The report noted that our board structure and governance processes have not been reviewed or altered for more than 40 years, making this examination all the more important. The committee will be reporting back in the coming months.

Finally, the board had the opportunity to hear a lively and inspiring report from the new ACLU Center for Liberty. (In October we heard from the Center on Justice.)

News from up North

Contributed by Audrey Thayer & Gina Walters

The Greater Minnesota Racial Justice program continues to carry out its mission: to ensure equal treatment under the law for all residents of greater Minnesota no matter what their race. In looking at examples in day to day life in Northern Minnesota the disparities become clearer. Let's consider a traffic stop to highlight those disparities.

About three weeks ago, our Executive Director was stopped in Maple Grove Minnesota. He was picking up his daughter at a friend's house at 1:30 a.m. six blocks away. She was watching a movie and it was late. He had to drive by a bar where there were three police cars parked.

After he drove past the bar, one of the police cars pulled him over. He had a tail light out. When he was pulled over the police officer stuck his head in the car and sniffed to see if he could smell alcohol or some other substance. He didn't and the officer released him without a ticket.

In Northern Minnesota the story runs a bit differently – at least when the drivers are brown skinned. In that case, the traffic stop would include an automatic breath test for alcohol use. In addition, people in the car would be searched and the car would be searched. That does not usually happen when the drivers are white, unless the police truly have probable cause.

The result of this behavior is that there are many more Native Americans than Whites who have interactions with the police. The results of these interactions are higher arrest rates and more time spent in custody.

My question to society is what part of this story can we change? Each day, the GMRJP educates on the constitution and how it affects all of us.

The GMRJP is the only program we are aware of in the United States that focuses specifically on racial justice for American Indians. Thank-you to the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota for being a front runner in raising awareness of the American Indian issues which has created change in the

amount of Indians in county jails.

A parting thought; as taxpayers, we want the increasing costs of public safety to decrease. In order to actively assist with this task, we ask you to continue supporting our project which is making changes.

Office Updates

The Greater MN Racial Justice Project is hosting seven Bemidji State University interns this semester, and one Leech Lake Tribal Education Work trainee. Our full time intern, Shawna Kramer, is a Criminal Justice and Sociology student. In addition to regular office duties, intake complaint service work, and court monitoring, Shawna is working on a court data study that examines DWI and alcohol-related charges in Beltrami County. Dustin Stensland, a part-time Sociology intern is observing Beltrami County court proceedings, and working on a study that examines one month of courtroom activity in Cass County. Geoffrey McIver, a part time political science intern, is observing Beltrami county's DWI court, and jury trials. Rustam Anshba, also a part time Political Science intern, is observing regular criminal court proceedings and helping with our spring event, "Art From Within". Social Work majors, Jessica Ray, Dinah Brundin, and Kristina Clausen also monitor court sessions and help out with projects. Angela White joins us for a twelve-week work training experience from the Leech Lake Tribal program. She is learning office skills, court monitoring, and helping with special projects.

Upcoming Events

This spring the GMRJP is sponsoring an event called "Art From Within". It is a show featuring a collection of artwork submitted by people who are, or have been, directly or indirectly affected by incarceration or the criminal justice system. The show is in its second year, and is made possible this year by a grant from the Two Feathers Endowment St. Paul Foundation. Opening reception is the evening of Friday April 1, and the art will remain on display for the month of April in the Rail River Folk School. This wonderful space is located in the same building as the GMRJP offices at 303 Railroad St. SW in Bemidji.

News from the Capitol

Our biggest issue at the Legislature so far in 2011 has been fighting voter ID. Requiring a photo ID to vote: At first blush, requiring a photo ID to vote seems like a common sense idea. It polls very well. However, when you look at who is negatively impacted by a voter ID, the issue gets a lot messier.

Voting is a fundamental constitutional right, not a privilege. Driving, buying alcohol and cigarettes and banking are privileges.

We do not require photo IDs for other fundamental constitutional rights, like religious worship, running for elected office, testifying before the Legislature, entering the courthouse or publishing an opinion. Furthermore, while requiring a photo ID to vote is a minor requirement for a majority of citizens, it is a severe burden on a minority of citizens, such as the homeless, poor, students, elderly or disabled who do not have a current Minnesota photo ID.

We are working with the Voting Rights Coalition to defeat voter ID. Your letters to legislators and to the editors of your local newspapers can help. The basis of the Bill of Rights is that a vote of the majority cannot take away the rights of a minority, and voter ID is a perfect example of that concept in action. But, as liberty cannot protect itself, the ACLU-MN is working hard to protect the right to vote.

In addition to voter ID, we have testified against a number of bills: The Public Safety Committee heard bills which would remove intent from the fake ID statute, add *ex post facto* punishment for sex offenders, prosecute 10 year-olds as adults, and allow DNA database searches to extend to family members of convicted felons. We testified on the constitutional issues raised by each of these bills. Ironically, the practical effect of these bills would be to decrease public safety as well as violating constitutional rights.

We also testified against a school voucher bill which would allow state funding of private school tuition. Again, studies have questioned the effectiveness of this kind of bill: this type of state funding of religious education in other jurisdictions does not improve student performance.

Event Photos



Tim Branson, Chuck Samuelson & Wally Hilke presenting Tim Branson with the Earl Larson Award.



Senator Scot Dibble, Chuck Samuelson, Paul Figlmiller & Bob Sykora at an ACLU House Party hosted by Bob & Paul.

Development Update

Contributed by Doris Rubenstein

The end of 2010 saw an unprecedented campaign for the ACLU-MN Foundation. A generous member of our Board of Directors offered to donate \$200 for each individual gift of \$1,000 or more. As a result, the ACLU-MN Foundation's war chest is now \$65,000 heavier! Thanks to all who participated in this successful effort.

Large contributions give a boost to the bottom line and allow the ACLU-MN to set our sights high when it comes to defending the Bill of Rights. But we're not forgetting those who provide the bread and butter to fuel our ongoing programs. Of our 8,500 supporters, there are nearly 500 households that have been consistent members and donors for more than twenty years – never missing a year without a dues payment or a donation.

This coming August 8, the ACLU-MN will be honoring those amazingly loyal members during an event featuring ACLU National Legal Director Steve Shapiro, emcee Dudley Riggs, and entertainment with guitarist Leo Kottke. We know that this will be an inspirational occasion. What a landmark event to have so many like-minded civil libertarians together in one place!

We already have a committee of ACLU members working to make sure that these dedicated supporters of freedom will receive the recognition they so richly deserve. Have *you* been an ACLU member for more than twenty years? Do you have friends in that category? Watch your mailbox in mid-summer for an invitation. All friends of the ACLU are welcome. Whether you've been giving for twenty years or for two, we appreciate your generosity and your encouragement to keep fighting for freedom. So please mark August 8 on your calendars; we hope you can join us for this fabulous event!

While our records are pretty good, we know that we are bound to have some information missing or in error. If you are sure that you have never missed an annual gift or dues since 1991, please let me know (drubenstein@aclu-mn.org or 651-645-4097 x 126) so that you can be properly recognized.

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