

# METRO-DETROIT LIBERTARIAN

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## BALLOT DRIVE IN METRO-DETROIT

As of June 24, Metro-Detroit Libertarians have collected 1879 signatures, as follows: Wayne County, 228; Oakland county, 1340; Macomb County 130; Washtenaw County 181. Statewide, including Metro-Detroit, 2299 signatures have been collected. Emily Salvette, who is assisting Region 10 Ballot Access Chair Chad Colopy in this drive, says there will be special awards for anyone who collects over 500 signatures.

Petitioners Plus are petitioners who collect over 50 signatures per week. MDL petitioners who have made this list include: Wayne County--Evy Warmbier and Ben Bachrach; Oakland County--Brian Wright, Emily Salvette, Judy Shultz, Gerald Comptois and Tim O'Brien; Washtenaw County--David Raaflaub and Bill Krebaum.

Petitioning is a lot easier when it's done in groups. Call your county coordinator to volunteer a few hours of your time to work with your fellow Libertarians for this important cause. Remember, you won't get the chance to vote for a Libertarian candidate if the Party isn't on the November 1988 ballot. If you've pledged signatures, be sure to return your ballots to your county coordinator as soon as possible. County coordinators are:

Wayne	Evy Warmbier	313/ 562-6212
Oakland	Judy Shultz	313/ 656-1139
Macomb	Jim McAbee	313/ 752-4844
Washtenaw	Bill Krebaum	313/ 747-8057

The goal set to cover the cost of paid petitioners to collect 10,000 signatures was \$5,000. To date, \$2,503 has been collected (\$1,155 in the metro Detroit area). To make a donation, send your check to Region 10 Ballot Access Committee, 1994 A Woodward Avenue, Suite 316, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 12-- MDL Picnic--see below

Aug. 2-- State Picnic-- see page 2

Aug. 8-9-- Last weekend to petition for national cash incentive (must collect 20,000 signatures).

Sept. 2-6-- LP Presidential Nom-inating Convention, Seattle Sheraton (Info: P.O. Box 23108, Seattle, WA 98102. 206/ 937-3768.)

Sept. 21-- MDL Supper Club resumes.

## MDL PICNIC

The Supper Club is in recess until September. Enjoy the outdoors with MDL members at Independence Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road on Sunday, July 12, 12:00 Noon to 6:00 P.M. Take Sashabaw north 2.5 miles (past Pine Knob) to the park. Admission is \$3.00 for Oakland County residents and \$5.00 for others. Picnic site is in the beach area. Bring your own picnic and something to pass if you like. Alcoholic beverages must be in plastic or metal containers. No pets are allowed in the beach area. Swimming available. Call park at 625-0877 for information on park facilities and rules in which you are interested. Bring items to contribute to an auction. Proceeds go to the ballot drive.

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## SUPPER CLUB NEWS

Terry Whitman, owner of several Michigan adult bookstores, addressed the MDL Supper Club in May. Whitman gave a dynamic, entertaining presentation of his legal battles - without visual aids - for approximately thirty local libertarians. The supper club is in recess until September when Virginia Cropsey will give a presentation "A Libertarian View of the U.S. Constitution". Other topics and speakers in the works for the next season include the home school movement, deregulating the legal profession, Norma Jean Almadovar, privatizing Michigan prisons, housing shortages and medical care problems caused by government intervention, and Michigan election laws. If you have speaker or restaurant suggestions, call Virginia Cropsey, 977-6628.

## RAAFLAUB WINS ELECTION LAWSUIT

Former Michigan LP Supreme Court candidate David Raaflaub won a major upset victory in Oakland circuit court recently when Alice Gilbert ruled unconstitutional Michigan's 180 day limit for petitioning ballot initiatives. Gilbert said that the 1973 Michigan legislature passed the restriction in violation of Article IV's due process requirements that all bills be in each house five days and

contemplate the same purpose throughout the legislative process. The legislators had been in a hurry to pass the restriction because of an initiative to restrict their pay. Last summer Attorney General Frank Kelley neglected to raise Raaflaub's winning argument when Kelley sought to invalidate the 180 day limit.

Raaflaub and Macomb LP member Virginia Cropsey, who has assisted with research, have given interviews to reporters around the state and each gave Newsmakers on Detroit radio station WXYT. In a May 11 editorial titled "Sit Down, Mr. Kelley", the Detroit News chronicled the litigation and told Kelley to step aside for Raaflaub. Suburban News publications throughout Wayne and Oakland counties noted that Raaflaub and Cropsey are Libertarians. It is to be hoped that the negative publicity for the government will restrain the efforts of those seeking to limit minor party ballot access.

## AUTHORS VISIT MDL

Frances Kendall and Leon Louw, co-authors of the book SOUTH AFRICA: THE SOLUTION and founders of the support group Groundswell, were guests of the Heartland Institute of Chicago at a reception held in Bloomfield Hills at the home of Emily and John Salvette. The husband and wife author team from South Africa told a group of fifty people how they propose solving the apartheid problems that plague their country -- without destroying the nation in the process.

Their solution, which has gained the support of a wide cross section of the South African population, is to develop a system of several semi-autonomous states and, at the same time, establish a central government that has minimal power. Their book details plans for such a system and offers a solution that provides economic and political freedom for all citizens. Kendall and Louw model their program on the Swiss canton style of government.

NOTE: Two copies of the book are still available from Emily Salvette for \$20.00 each. Call Emily at 334-4449 for information.



**LIBERTARIAN ACTS**

During May, Tim O'Brien made libertarian presentations to students at Wayne State University. About 50 students, members of Freshman and Junior level writing classes, attended. For some, it was their first exposure to libertarianism! O'Brien, who has made several classroom presentations, had a great closing to this year's presentation -- he had the students sign his ballot access petition.

Spread the word -- the libertarian word, that is, was the message Marshall Fritz delivered to several MDL's at a June 1 reception at the home of Don and Evy Warmbier. Fritz, founder and current head of Advocates for Self Government, stressed the importance of personal contact -- small communication circles -- in getting people to "think" libertarian. He emphasized the need to get speakers out to various groups. These speakers, he explained, can collect the names of interested listeners, contact them and get groups of four to six people together to study and discuss libertarian ideals . . . Advocates for Self Government can help get you started. Contact them for background information, prepared speeches, or other communication tools you can purchase. Write to: Marshall Fritz, Advocates for Self Government, Inc., 5533 East Swift, Fresno, CA 93727

*REMINDER: Let us know what you're doing to help the Libertarian Party. Call Virginia Cropsey (313) 977-6628 to report speeches, parties or other Libertarian activities.*

**STATE PICNIC TO BE HELD IN IONIA**

Libertarians from all parts of Michigan will have an opportunity to get together at the State Picnic on August 2. The picnic will be held in Ionia, sun or rain, the afternoon of Sunday, August 2, and will feature lawn games, good food, videotapes, plus lots of good fun and conversation. Anyone collecting over 20 signatures for ballot access during the month of July will get \$5.00 off the admission/food ticket price of \$20.00 per adult. A mailing with more information will be sent during July or call Janet Tlapek at 616/ 374-8416.

**MDL BUDGET**

9/30/86		
CASH BALANCE		186.92
10/1/86-6/17/87		
CASH IN:		
Donations	1394.50	
Interest	<u>13.22</u>	
Total Cash In:	1407.72	
EXPENSES:	<u>-1146.30</u>	
NET CASH GAIN:		<u>261.42</u>
6/17/87 CASH BALANCE		<u>448.34</u>

**MICHIGAN L.P. CONVENTION**

By T. O'Brien

The annual Michigan Libertarian convention was held in Midland on the weekend of May 8, 9 and 10. The convention was well attended and featured appearances by Russell Means -- founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and leader of the Indian occupation of Wounded Knee, SD and Dr. Ron Paul --ex-Republican and four-term U.S. Congressman from Texas. Both men are seeking the LP's nomination as our candidate for the office of President of the United States.

Dr. Paul addressed the convention at a Saturday luncheon detailing some of his frustration as a member of the Republican party and underscoring his commitment to libertarian ideals. Mr. Means spoke at the Saturday dinner expressing his lifelong belief in the concept of libertarianism and calling for an aggressive campaign to take our ideas to the streets of America.

The By-Laws committee, chaired by Mark Sellers, met Saturday morning and made amendments such that delegates to the LCC would henceforth represent counties rather than the more unwieldy congressional districts. Minor procedural decisions concerning standing committees and election of delegates were also made.

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The Platform Committee, chaired by Gary Bradley, also met Saturday morning but made no revisions of the existing State platform.

The Business Session, chaired by Chad Colopy, was held Saturday afternoon. Joe Overton was elected State Chair on the first ballot. William Hall was elected State Vice Chair on the second ballot. Emily Salvette and Benjamin Bachrach were elected State Secretary and State Treasurer respectively -- both by acclamation. The meeting then broke into county caucuses for selection of LCC members with the following results:

<b>Allegan</b>	Bruce Smith
<b>Clinton</b>	Gary Bradley
<b>Ingham</b>	Gwendoline Stillwell
<b>Ionia</b>	Dick Whitelock
<b>Isabella</b>	Charles Congdon
<b>Jackson</b>	Jeff Grund
<b>Kent</b>	Charles Seven
<b>Macomb</b>	Virginia Cropsey
<b>Menominee</b>	Denise Kline
<b>Midland</b>	Janet Parkes
<b>Oakland</b>	Tim O'Brien
<b>Washtenaw</b>	Bill Krebaum
<b>Wayne</b>	Bill Shotey

The Nomination Committee convened to decide who would attend the National Convention to be held in Seattle in September. Winners are denoted by "\*"

*Emily Salvette	*Mark Sellers
*Virginia Cropsey	*Charles Congdon
*Brian Wright	Gary Bradley
David Hunt	Bruce Smith
Dave Gillie	Denise Kline
Evy Warmbier	*Janet Parkes
Don Warmbier	Dick Whitelock
*Benjamin Bachrach	Mike Miller
*Joe Overton	Bill Krebaum
William Hall	*Tim O'Brien
*Chad Colopy	*Jim McAbee
Karen Colopy	

Two other motions were then passed, the first authorizing delegates to the national convention to select from among the general membership for their own alternates and the second to fill possible expansion delegate openings based on ballot access petition signatures collected.

The Business Session ended with a surprise appearance by Andre Marrou -- one time Alaska State Representative (and the man who added an "L" to the list of D's and R's in that State's legislature) currently seeking the LP nomination for the office of Vice President of the United States -- who delighted the convention and, perhaps, set the tone for the rest of the campaign with his observation that "the time has come to go beyond our perennial debate over how many libertarians can dance on the head of a tax collector!"

By all accounts the State Convention was a tremendous success with everyone looking forward to the National Convention this fall.

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