

LPM STATE CONVENTION A BIG SUCCESS

Over 160 people attended the Libertarian Party of Michigan's 1988 State Nominating Convention held in Romulus during the third weekend in May. The Party nominated almost 50 candidates for spots on the November ballot, changed the state Party leadership for the coming year and gained insight from excellent speakers from both inside and outside the libertarian movement.

The convention opened Friday night with almost 120 people attending a speech by Libertarian Party presidential candidate, Ron Paul. State Representative Margaret O'Connor, Libertarian Party National Committeeman Don Ernsberger, and WXYT radio talk show host John McCulloch were dynamic speakers on the waste of big government and the practical benefits individual freedom brings to society. John McCulloch ended his Sunday luncheon speech titled "I Am Not a Libertarian" by saying, in effect, that the only difference between him and Libertarians is that he hasn't paid his membership dues.

Party business was transacted Saturday morning when, although no substantial changes were made to the Party bylaws, the state Party platform was abolished. It was felt the platform, adopted in 1986, was already outdated and the national LP platform was a sufficient foundation for campaigns and public relations.

Saturday afternoon, candidates for public office were elected. Candidates on the State-wide ballot are: Dick Jacobs, U.S. Senate; Donald Warmbier, Michigan Supreme Court; James Clifton and Virginia Cropsey, State Board of Education; Jack Freeman and Randy Szabla, WSU Board of Governors, James Hudler and John Salvette, UofM Board of Regents; Diane Szabla, MSU Board of Trustees. Please see the insert for our other fine candidates.

Sunday morning produced the most dramatic change for the LPM with the election of an all new executive committee. Incumbent LPM chair, Joe Overton, was defeated in his re-election bid by Dick Whitelock of Ionia. None of the other incumbent executive committee members (Bill Hall, Emily Salvette and Ben Bachrach) chose to run for re-election. Virginia Cropsey of Sterling Heights was elected Vice Chair, James Hudler of Chelsea was elected Secretary, and Jeff Hampton of Northville was elected Treasurer. The Central Committee (LCC), made up of one representative from each county, has five new members.

The weekend was certainly inspiring and productive. The "Freedomworks" produced a slate of fine candidates for the November election and an enthusiastic new state Party leadership. Due to the fine planning and hard work of the convention committee and convention volunteers, an impression of professionalism was conveyed to LPM members and the many non-libertarians who attended the convention as participants and guests. And best news of all, the convention generated an operating profit of over \$1,200 for the Party's coffers. Not bad for a weekend's work!

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AUGUST 6TH LIBERTARIAN DAY AT TIGER STADIUM!

Join us on Saturday afternoon, August 6 to see the Detroit Tigers play the Boston Red Sox. You can enjoy a great afternoon for only \$4.50 per ticket (it's bargain day). At that price, make sure to bring your family and friends, too. Game time is 2:20 p.m. MDL has purchased a block of upper deck reserved tickets which we will sell on a first come, first served basis. To get your tickets, call Emily Salvette at 313/332-7834. Remember, baseball doesn't necessarily have to be your sport to enjoy the afternoon. Why not go for a change of scenery and discuss the abolishment of the Federal Reserve in the sunshine. Better yet, discuss the inefficiency of public funding of sports facilities with the Save Tiger Stadium pickets outside! See you at the game.

NEW CONTACT INFO FOR LPM

The new address...

Libertarian Party of Michigan
11700 Merriman Road
Livonia, MI 48150



New Member Information Only**
1-800-343-1364

** For other LPM business, call the appropriate State Officer or
James Huder, Secretary 313/475-9792

LPM STATE CONVENTION

Metro-area candidates for **U.S. Congress** are:

David Raaflaub	- 2nd District	Robert Roddis	- 14th District
Tony Wright	- 6th District	Eric Blankenburg	- 15th District
Keith Edwards	- 12th District	Charles Hahn	- 17th District
Alan Harris	- 13th District	Tim O'Brien	- 18th District

Metro-area candidates for the **Michigan House of Representatives** are:

David Hunt	- 22nd District	Rose Wright	- 65th District
Ron Burcham	- 25th District	Stan Gentry	- 70th District
Dave Weidner	- 26th District	David Gravlin	- 71st District
John Tatar	- 34th District	Rudy Zornick	- 72nd District
Jeff Hampton	- 36th District	Paul Kaiser	- 73rd District
Doreen Wright	- 61st District	Jim McAbee	- 75th District
Gerald Comptois	- 63rd District	Brett Bellmore	- 84th District
Marc Smith	- 64th District		

Metro-area candidates for **local office** include Bob Gale for Wayne County Sheriff, Gary Bonus for Macomb County Sheriff, and Jack Elder for Oakland County Commissioner.

The new LCC appears below.

Executive Officers:

Dick Whitelock	Chair	616/527-9263
Virginia Cropsey	Vice Chair	313/977-6628
James Hudler	Secretary	313/475-9792
Jeff Hampton	Treasurer	313/348-2718

County Representatives

Gary Bradley	Clinton	517/224-4784
Mike Miller	Eaton	517/351-0514
Dave Gillie	Genesee	313/686-1200
Dave Dobberstein	Ingham	517/394-4479
Jeff Grund	Jackson	313/455-6062
Bill Johnson	Livingston	313/632-7321
Ron Burcham	Macomb	313/573-9473
Denise Kline	Menominee	517/351-4720
Joe Overton	Midland	517/832-8080
David Raaflaub	Monroe	313/769-2645
Tony Wright	Oakland	313/674-2523
Dick Jacobs	Ottawa	616/399-3430
Bill Krebaum	Washtenaw	313/747-8057
Bill Shotey	Wayne	313/561-0379

Please Join Us

Barbecue ~ Fundraiser for Tony Wright
Candidate for U.S. Congress 6th District

Saturday, July 30th
5:00 P.M.

332 Millington, Bloomfield Hills
(South of Square Lk. Road, East of Woodward)

••Bring Your Friends••

R.S.V.P.
332-7834 or 674-0053

A ten dollar donation is suggested...

"DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE" COMMITTEE

Several libertarians in the Metro area are forming a committee to develop and fund libertarian radio ads for use during the final weeks of the '88 campaign. Tim O'Brien and Brian Wright have written and produced for 60 second spots that present the libertarian view on economic freedom, personal freedom, a non-interventionist foreign policy, and the importance of not wasting your vote (from which the committee takes its name). Each spot can be "tagged" at the end with any candidate's name.

Mass marketing the libertarian message to voters right before the election was the idea of Tim O'Brien, an advertising professional from Madison Heights. He used it as a theme in his unsuccessful bid against Dick Jacobs for the Libertarian nomination for U.S. Senate. Tim feels \$20,000 is needed to effectively air our spots on major radio stations (e.g. WJR, WXYT, WWJ, etc.) for the two weeks prior to the election. This effort would increase the visibility of all Libertarian candidates dramatically and, if the Ron Paul for President tag was used, would gain votes essential to maintaining the LP's ballot status for the 1990 elections.

Emily Salvette is the third member of the "Don't Waste Your Vote" team. She will handle the operational details of fundraising, committee publicity and tape distribution. The committee's address will be 322 Millington, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013 and its phone 313/332-7834.

If you are interested in contributing to this effort or would like a copy of the four spots on audio cassette for \$10.00 (\$5.00 for candidates), contact the Don't Waste Your Vote Committee at the above address or phone.

SUPPER CLUB NEWS

The next Metro-Detroit Libertarians Supper Club meeting will be held on July 18 at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 6850 North Telegraph, Dearborn Heights (located just south of Warren Avenue). Dinner and drinks ordered from the regular menu will be on separate checks with a 15% gratuity added. The featured speaker will be WCAR radio talk show host Don Kostyu. He will be speaking about the monetary system and the role of capitalism in free society. Please call 313/334-4449 by July 15 to make reservations.

TAX PROTEST

Thanks to everyone who came out to take a stand against taxes on Friday night, April 15. That evening, 25 MDL members, non-libertarian income tax protesters, and one young victim of Michigan's "kiddie tax" participated in demonstrations at metro-area post offices. Jeff Hampton of Northville was interviewed by NBC affiliate, Channel 4 for their 11 o'clock newscast. Our thanks to Jim McAbee who coordinated the state-wide effort.

DISCOVER THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM!

Metro-Detroit Libertarians will be starting a Discovery Group this summer. Small groups will gather to learn more about libertarian positions on salient issues. Beginning in July, Mark Sellers will meet with a group one night a week for six weeks. Attendees will view tapes provided by the Cato Institute in Washington D.C. as well as other libertarian materials. Mark lives in Utica and will schedule the group for the day/time most convenient to all. Please fill out the registration form below or call Mark at 247-4257 for more information.

Send to: Mark Sellers
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Utica, MI 48087

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