

METRO-DETROIT LIBERTARIANS (MDL)

is a multi-dimensional organization working to cultivate individual liberty as a supreme value. Individual liberty is supported on two grounds: moral and practical.

Morally, all individuals have a right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives and live as they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to do the same. On the practical side, freedom works; voluntary actions between individuals--whether in the economic sphere or the personal sphere-- assure minimum coercion and maximum satisfaction.

Because people differ in so many ways, attempts to violate individual rights--whether in the name of other so-called rights or by majority rule--are contradictions and lies. Consequently, MDL opposes government acts which coerce individuals with respect to their property and peaceful behavior.

People can grow to their full potential only when they are not forced to submit to either the needs or to the beliefs of others. Individuals are ends in themselves, not means to the ends of others. This distinguishes MDL from nonpolitical and political groups of the left, right and middle.

HOW MDL WORKS

MDL as an educational/service organization has three major goals: 1) to educate the public and ourselves on the principles of liberty; 2) to work to reduce and redirect government's activities to their legitimate function of protecting individuals and property against violence by others; and 3) to provide a chance for people with a common interest in freedom to gather socially.

Some of the activities MDL members can participate in are listed inside this brochure. To become involved, please complete and return the volunteer form included. MDL does not collect dues; we operate entirely on the voluntary contributions of our members. When you return your form, please be generous.

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SUGGESTED READING

W. Alan Burris, A LIBERTY PRIMER (Rochester, NY: Society for Individual Liberty, 1981, 1983)

Milton & Rose Friedman, FREE TO CHOOSE (New York: Avon Books, 1979, 1980)

Henry Hazlitt, ECONOMICS IN ONE LESSON (Westport, CT: Arlington House, 1946, 1962, 1979)

Ayn Rand, CAPITALISM: THE UNKNOWN IDEAL (New York: Signet, 1967)

Murray N. Rothbard, FOR A NEW LIBERTY: THE LIBERTARIAN MANIFESTO (New York: Collier Books, 1973, 1978)

(available from LAISSEZ FAIRE BOOKS, 532 Broadway, 7th Floor, N.Y., NY 10012, 1-800-238-2200 ext. 500)

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YES! I volunteer to support

METRO-DETROIT LIBERTARIANS

Please check all activities that interest you:

- Attend Libertarian Supper Club
- Participate in a libertarian study group
- Write articles, letters to editor
- Call in to local radio talk shows
- Monitor letters to editor columns in local newspapers for libertarian ideas
- Write press releases, advertising copy
- Participate in Speakers' Bureau
- Work on MDL quarterly newsletter
- Participate in public events (e.g. tax protest, 4th of July freedom demonstration)
- Participate in community service activities
- Help prepare mailings
- Develop/maintain computer records
- Telephone meeting reminders
- Work on fundraising activities
- Attend MDL Board meetings
- Name placed on mailing list only

----- I would like to contribute \$ _____
to help further the cause of liberty.
(make checks payable to Metro-Detroit Libertarians)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Detach and return to:

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DISCOVERY GROUPS

MDL sponsors a group to present libertarian ideas to non-libertarians using an approach developed by the Advocates For Self-Government. Its goal is to present libertarian ideas in an open atmosphere so participants can hear, understand, and when appropriate, embrace the freedom philosophy. New MDL members may wish to participate in the group. Others may host a group or refer potential libertarians to this program.

SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club meets on the third Monday evening of odd-numbered months at restaurants throughout the metro area. A program, usually featuring a guest speaker, follows the meal. Notices of meeting locations and speakers are sent to all interested individuals ten days before the meeting.

MDL NEWSLETTER

Our quarterly newsletter is sent to all area libertarians. It features information and articles on freedom issues and includes notices of upcoming events. You can help by submitting articles for publication, helping with production, or joining the "stick and lick" crew responsible for its distribution.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

As libertarians, we believe that people acting on their own free will can do a better job at practically anything than a government that uses force. Obviously, our communities can benefit from efficient, compassionate, private charities much more than from the government social service bureaucracy. Libertarians can gain visibility, respectability and credibility by finding some philanthropic activity that the government does poorly and doing it better. Help show the world what libertarians are capable of. Help someone find a job and get off welfare. Help teach an adult victim of the public schools how to read. You'll be helping people in the metro area and proving that freedom does work at the same time.

PRESS COMMITTEE

Help tell the world about libertarian activities. We need people who can write press releases, make follow-up calls to reporters, arrange press conferences or are willing to learn to do these things.

NEWS OUTREACH PROGRAM

The letters to the editor columns of local newspapers often contain libertarian-sounding opinions from area writers. We introduce these people to libertarianism by sending them a packet of material and an invitation to our next meeting. Through this program, we can reach like-minded individuals in the Detroit area who may never have heard of the libertarian alternative before.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Our speakers go to local organizations or schools and introduce these groups to the ideas of libertarianism. MDL members can participate as speakers (training is provided) or they can help arrange speaking engagements.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Tax protest and other freedom-oriented demonstrations are highly visible ways to draw public attention to our ideas. They also provide a chance to have fun with other like-minded people involved in a common cause.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Although MDL is not a political organization (we are not affiliated with the state or national Libertarian Party) we do encourage members to become involved in politics. Contact information for local, state, and national Libertarian Party groups is always available at meetings or by calling MDL's Organizational Coordinator.

MDL BOARD

MDL is managed by a Board that meets 4 times a year. The Board sets the group's objectives, discusses strategies and reviews results of past efforts. Board membership is open to all interested members.