



# Macomb Liberty

## NEWSLETTER OF LIBERTARIANS OF MACOMB COUNTY

November-December, 2001

### Drolet to Speak November 14

State Representative Leon Drolet, the libertarian Republican will speak at the monthly meeting of Libertarians of Macomb County on November 14 at Miles World Restaurant in Fraser. His topic will be "The Proper Functions of Government."

Drolet, who moved up earlier this year from county commissioner, has already voted against several spending bills, stalled passage of the internet tax and has sponsored legislation to eliminate the "top of ticket" rule that knocked the Libertarian Party of Michigan off the ballot. This rule states that the vote of the candidate whose name appears at the top of the party on the ballot (the "principal candidate") is the one whose vote determines whether the party remains on the ballot or, if it does, whether it becomes a major party. Drolet's bill would change this so that the principal candidate would be the party candidate with the most votes. Had this been the case in 2000, we would have retained ballot status.

In addition to his main topic, Leon is expected to answer questions on various Lansing issues.

The LMC meets on the second Wednesday of the month to cover party business as well as to discuss libertarian principles and their relation to current issues. Recent topics have included the nature of rights, foreign policy, the environment and the war on terrorism.

In December, the meeting will feature a general discussion, with no business conducted, just fun.

All members and their guests are welcome. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:30.

### Ballot Access Petitions Filed: Titran Is Tops

On October 29, the Libertarian Party of Michigan filed 46,258 ballot access petition signatures with the State Elections Bureau. This was 16,000 more than the number of valid signatures required to regain ballot status, leaving a comfortable margin above invalid signatures. The Ballot Access Restoration Committee is confident this is sufficient and that we will be back on the ballot for 2002.

Al Titran of Libertarians of Macomb County was the top signature-getter with 2,436 points! Points were awarded for a combination of signatures gathered plus dollars donated to the drive, but Al did it the hard way, focusing on signatures. Leonard Schwartz of the Oakland County LP was second at 2,345, some 800 points ahead of the third place finisher. The two ran a neck and neck race for much of the drive and both are to be congratulated.

Al won a "Gold" package to the 2002 national convention next summer that will give him full access to every event and function. Leonard will receive a full package to the state convention next spring.

Great job, Al and Len!

### LMC Welcomes New Members

Libertarians of Macomb County are pleased to welcome four new members this month, John Bonnell, Clark Hartzel, Doug MacDonald and Jeanne Plumley. John teaches at Macomb Community College. Doug was the LPM Campaign Research Chair and just moved to Macomb County. Jeanne used to live in Warren, but resides in Cincinnati, Ohio. Welcome!



## Macomb Liberty

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Membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (except December) at Miles' World Restaurant, 17689 Masonic (just east of Groesbeck) in Fraser. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is at 7:30. All members are welcome as well as guests.

For further information, call the Chair.

[www.mi.lp.org/lmc](http://www.mi.lp.org/lmc)

## Local Representatives

Local Representatives are appointed by the Chair for the various municipalities in Macomb County. Their duties include finding which public offices are up for election each year and the dates of elections, recruiting candidates, and helping with literature drops and if possible, locating potential precinct delegates. Representatives are encouraged to attend local council meetings to determine what are the hot issues and perhaps speak on them from a libertarian perspective!

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## College Libertarian Clubs

We encourage the formation of college libertarian clubs. If you have a son or daughter in college, you might encourage them to start such a club. This age group will be voting for the next 60 years!

Each school has its own policies and rules regarding clubs. Check your school's rules (you may need a faculty advisor.) We have speakers available. Contact us if interested.



## Parents Can Just Say No to Ritalin

By Diane Barnes

When parents drop their children off at the schoolhouse door, all parental rights are suspended. That's why I applaud the state legislature for passing House Bills 5087, 5083, and 5085. These bills restrict teachers from recommending psychotropic drugs like Ritalin for school age children and leaves the recommendation to medicate up to parents. As a parent of a spirited child, I can tell you why.

The legislation is a result of letters and phone calls from angry parents who feel intimidated and pressured by school officials to place their children on Ritalin. Some parents across the country have been charged with child abuse for refusing to administer Ritalin to their children. If your child has difficulty paying attention, he is a prime target for Ritalin.

Michigan ranks third in the nation for the prescribing of the drug to school children for treatment of ADHD or ADD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disease.) Although there is little real scientific medical evidence that the disorder exists, psychiatrists list symptoms of the "disease" including difficulty paying attention, easily distracted, fidgeting, inability to stay seated, or misplacing belongings. Could it be that kids are bored, creative non-conformists?

I've often wondered whose attention disorder Ritalin is really treating since it has never been shown to have a positive effect on academic achievement. The only reason the drug seems to "work" is because it produces zombie-like obedient students. Stressed-out teachers who have no power to enforce consistent classroom discipline want an easy fix.

Hopefully, the legislation may raise awareness of the dangers of Ritalin use and empower parents to look for alternatives to the drug. It's a step in the right direction.

To find out more about Ritalin on the web, go to [www.breggin.com](http://www.breggin.com). To read the text of HB 5087, 5083 and 5085, see [www.michiganvotes.org](http://www.michiganvotes.org).

## Erin Stahl Finishes Fifth

LMC Secretary Erin Stahl finished fifth in a six-way race for the St. Clair Shores City Council. In her first run for public office, Erin polled 2,512 votes, just 158 behind the fourth place candidate, but 588 ahead of the tail-end. The three incumbents were reelected.

Erin campaigned on eliminating excess budget spending, avoiding city business ventures that cost more money than they bring in, and reconsidering outdated city ordinances, permits and taxes.

## Calendar

November 14, 2001 – Regular meeting of Libertarians of Macomb County at Miles World Restaurant, 17689 Masonic, just east of Groesbeck. Dinner is at 6:30 P.M., meeting at 7:30. Speaker is State Representative Leon Drolet.

December 12, 2001 – Regular meeting of LMC at Miles World. No business, just a fun evening with lively discussion.

January 9, 2002 - Regular meeting of LMC at Miles World. Plans for 2002 will be discussed.

February 13, 2002 – Regular meeting of LMC at Miles World. Speaker to be announced.

March 13, 2002 – Regular meeting of LMC at Miles World. Election of Officers for 2002-03.

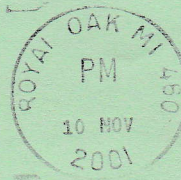


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