



Libertarian Party of Oakland County

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NEXT LPOC MEETING

Friday, April 7, 1989

Zim's Spirits & Eatery

4880 S. Baldwin Rd. (just north of I-75)

Cocktails 6:00, Dinner 6:30, Meeting 8:00

This meeting is our county convention. We will elect officers and adopt bylaws. Note: You must be a current LPM member in order to vote for county officers, and may register as late as immediately prior to the meeting. If you have other new business that you want on the agenda, call Joe Coté (646-6560) or Doreen Wright (674-0053).

LIBERTARIAN PHILOSOPHY DISCUSSIONS

In order to better understand and to communicate effectively to others the principles of libertarianism, your knowledge of theory and practice are important. This is true of current members, but we especially want to extend an invitation to those of you who, at some time, requested information, but are as yet unsure about their agreement with libertarian philosophy. The discussion groups meet weekly for 5 consecutive weeks and are moderated by long-time activists and/or trained leaders. Pete Hendrickson (244-9031) is coordinating this effort, or contact the leader nearest you from the list below.

Joe Coté	Birmingham	646-6560
Jack Elder	Rochester	651-5250
Bill Hollander	Orchard Lake	682-2763
(Brian Wright)		
Steve Silver	Huntington Wds	544-8992
Tony Wright	Clarkston	674-0053

In addition, for those who can't commit to regular groups, Charles Hahn (548-5865) joins our group leaders in agreeing to accept individual questions and discussions.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Our own Joe Coté made a valiant effort to gain a seat on the Bingham Farms Village Council. The two incumbents easily kept their seats, but, of 422 votes cast, Joe lost the third seat by only 16 votes. We wonder if Council President-elect Kathryn Hagaman will recommend Joe to fill her vacancy on the council, since he did finish fourth for the three open seats.

Doreen Wright is gathering the necessary 21 petition signatures in order to get on the June 12 school election ballot in Clarkston. It's time to bring responsible leadership and libertarian philosophy into the government-monopolized public schools.

Have you checked with your local clerk or school board office to get your campaign's filing requirements?

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ON!

Those in the thick of it are competing in the LPM-sponsored contest running between February 1 and April 1. Prizes will be awarded at the state convention Saturday night banquet. If you couldn't get up the energy to compete, we still need your help. Our goal is to at least double Oakland County's membership this year. Members, photocopy the enclosed membership app and encourage your libertarian friends and family to become Libertarians. Non-members, complete the enclosed membership app and bring to the April meeting or mail it to the indicated address.

SHORT TAKES

Since it's that time of year again, we'll have "IRS screw" pins on sale at the April meeting. \$5 each, or \$20/5 pins for those who would like to give some measure of satisfaction to friends and associates.

With the state convention taking place in Southfield this year, Joe Coté indicated to LPM that Oakland would assist in hosting the event. Please see Joe at the meeting or call him (646-6560) to volunteer to staff the registration and sale tables or to perform other small, but important, functions that weekend.

Speakers and suggestions for speakers, films, & activities are requested for future LPOC meetings. Call 674-0053.

Information is needed regarding local fairs, parades, and other public events where we may enlighten people about the Libertarian Party. Our goal is to gain acceptance through increased visibility and to point out that most rational people are libertarians.

U.S. Rep. Conyers is introducing legislation to ease ballot access restrictions for third parties. Contact your representative and encourage him/her to co-sponsor this bill.

In order to have voting privileges at the convention in May, new members must have joined LPM by April 5, 1989. Lapsed memberships may be renewed up to the convention, but it is requested that members renew earlier to avoid confusion at the convention.

Advertisements in the LPOC Newsletter are sure to bring results. Contact Doreen Wright (674-0053) for rates.

COMING EVENTS

April 7: LPOC meeting. See page 1.

April 17: Tax Protest. Metro-Detroit Libertarians are coordinating demonstrations at area post offices, including Oakland County locations. In view of the fact that this comprises public awareness and education, LPOC defers to MDL on this one, but encourages substantial participation from our group, particularly at Oakland locations. Contact Ken Morris (446-3135 days) or Stan Gentry (757-5085 evenings).

(Coming Events, cont'd)

May 5-7: State LP Convention, Ramada Inn, Southfield. Watch for your convention brochure and registration materials in the mail in the next few days. For more information or if you don't receive the packet, call Virginia Cropsey (977-6628).

Aug 31-Sept 3: National LP Convention, Philadelphia.

Oct 15-21: Libertarian Week. David Littman to speak at banquet.

FINAL NOTE

Many of you on the Oakland County mailing list are not LPM members, nor do you choose to participate. Our future mailing list for LPOC Newsletter will include current LPM members and those individuals who (1) have contributed through return of purple sheets, or (2) have returned the form below, or (3) contribute time/talent.

This is to register me as a subscriber to the LPOC Newsletter. I have enclosed \$3.00 for 6 issues, as well as an additional contribution of \$_____.

Name _____

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Mail to: Libertarian Party of Oakland County
4475 Pelton
Drayton Plains, MI 48020.

Don't Throw Away Your Vote!

Remember: The purpose of casting your vote is to influence government policy. If enough votes are cast for Libertarians, it will tell whomever is elected — Libertarian, Democrat or Republican — that there are a lot of people who want the kind of reforms Libertarians are talking about. If you vote for a Democrat or Republican, you're just telling them, "You're doing a wonderful job; keep giving us more of the same." That's wasting your vote.

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