



Wayne County Libertarian

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March Guest Speaker from The Don't Trash Michigan Campaign

Our March guest speaker will be Brad Van Gelder, from the Ecology Center, one of dozens of environmental groups organized to try and stop Canadian imports of trash. The trash issue here in Wayne County intensified this year when the city of Toronto began sending ALL of their garbage to a landfill in Huron Township. Libertarians have always supported free trade between all people and all nations. However is it wise to send hundreds of heavy trucks filled with who know what across the bridge during a time of heightened national security? This issue is gaining momentum across the state and Canada and is a very interesting topic for Libertarians to address.

Bill Shotey Memorial Service

A memorial service for libertarian activist Bill Shotey has been scheduled for March 2nd at the Michigan LP Headquarters in Hazel Park. Bill passed away suddenly on November 20th at the age of 70 while visiting his family in Arizona.

Services for Bill were held in Arizona, but there has been no memorial held here in Michigan.

It's important for many of us here to have a ceremony to help bring closure to the sudden death of this great man. This ceremony will serve as a celebration of his life and everybody is welcome to share their memories of Bill. If you have any photos of Bill from various functions, please bring them along to the service.

The memorial will begin at 7:00. Bill served as Wayne County Vice-Chair for years and was a 2000 Defender of Liberty award winner.

For more information, contact Wayne County Chair, Greg Stempfle (313) 359-3240

Wayne LP Seeking Candidates for Local Office

One of the areas that Libertarians have had success in recent years is electing people to local municipal offices in Michigan. This coming year will offer the Wayne County LP an excellent opportunity of increasing its number of elected officials. Almost every city in the county will be holding city council, mayoral, or school board elections. Enclosed in this newsletter is a list of cities and school districts which will be holding local elections in 2003. Cities and school boards are nonpartisan while township races have party labels attached to them.

As a county organization, we are committed this year to putting our resources into getting a Libertarian elected to one of these offices. We have a lot of hard working, experienced activists here in Wayne County itching to work on a campaign and get someone elected. Two years ago, we came up 80 votes shy of electing Craig Hodges to the Harper Woods City Council. Oakland County now has four members of their affiliate on city councils and several more have been appointed to various boards.

Contact you city clerk to see which positions will be on the ballot and how to get your name placed on it. For most offices, the only requirement to get on the ballot is to gather a reasonable number of signatures from registered voters within the city. The first step is to start going to you council meetings to learn the issues. Try to find a libertarian issue that can resonate with the voters, such as property taxes or privatizing municipal services. With most cities facing deficits, cutting government waste takes on a whole new urgency. Please go over the enclosed list to see if your community is holding elections this year. If you become interested in being elected to you city council, please contact Greg Stempfle or Tim O'Brien for more information on how the LP can assist your efforts.

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Calendar of Events

March 2, 2003

Bill Shotey Memorial Service

LPM Party Headquarters 7:00pm

619 E. Nine Mile, Hazel Park

March 6, 2003

LP of Wayne County Meeting

Speaker- Brad VanGelder – Ecology Center

Nomination of County Officers

City Tavern, 14316 Michigan Ave. Dearborn

Dinner 6:30pm Program 7:30pm

April 3, 2003

LP of Wayne County Meeting

County Caucus

Election of County Officers

City Tavern, 14316 Michigan Ave. Dearborn

Dinner 6:30pm Program 7:30pm

April 5, 2003

LPM State Convention

Eagle Crest Conference Resort

Ypsilanti

Receive E-mail Updates

Periodically, the Wayne County LP sends out meeting notices and other news on e-mail. If you would like to be included on our e-mail list, please send an e-mail message to Greg Stempfle.

WAYNE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN

The Wayne County Libertarian is published quarterly as the official newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Wayne County (Michigan).

Opinions expressed in this newsletter represent those of the editor or author.

The Libertarian Party of Wayne County meets on the first Tuesday of each month at

City Tavern Restaurant,

14316 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn

between Schaefer and Greenfield.

Dinner orders will be taken at 6:30pm. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call Greg Stempfle 313-359-3240.

New County Membership Plan

Several changes have been made involving membership at a county level this year. The first change is we have decided to drop the county membership dues in favor of relying on donations. There was a lot of confusion amongst the membership as well as with our record keepers as to who was a LP of Wayne County newsletter subscriber and who was a member of the state party living in Wayne County. Instead, all LP members living in the county will receive the county newsletter. This will require us to solicit donations for county activities rather than seek membership dues. Many people were not aware that a separate county membership existed. This should enable us to communicate better with all LP members within the county.

The other change to our county structure is the addition of Monroe County members to our affiliate. The state party assigned to each active affiliate a "sub affiliate" in order to keep members in unaffiliated areas better up to date on local activities with the eventual goal of organizing these areas.

Wayne County Caucus April 3

Volunteers Sought for Leadership Positions

The Wayne Co LP will be electing new officers during their County Caucus on April 3rd. Positions up for election will be Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and three At-Large positions which perform various other functions. Nominations will officially begin in March and will continue up until voting begins in April. Many people in the party have great ideas on what direction we should take and what activities we should be involving ourselves in. This April, you will have the opportunity to take an active role in what direction we should be taking.

A lot of our members have great ideas such as more outreach, increasing membership, publishing a more informative newsletter, attracting better speakers, sending out press releases, etc.... All of these are all great ideas. However, it's important to keep in mind that the Libertarian Party is a volunteer organization. We have no employees. We receive no government funds. We must rely on the hard work of dedicated volunteers and donors. We would like all of our members to think about dedicating some of their time to help achieve our goal of a stronger party.

If you are interested in one of these positions, please come to one of our next two meetings or let one of our board members know.

Other Wayne County News

Michael Donahue was elected as affiliate vice-chair in December. Michael was one of the LPM Supreme Court candidates in 2002 and served on the Wayne County board. He will be replacing the late Bill Shotey who passed away of a heart attack in November. Loel Gnadt was elected in as the new board member.

The State House passed Resolution 622 honoring LP member Timothy Beck of Detroit for his many outstanding years making life better for the people of the city of Detroit.

Wayne County Chair Greg Stempfle has been appointed to chair the State Bylaws Committee at the state convention. The Bylaws Committee will meet that morning to make recommendation to the convention body about proposed bylaw changes. LPM Vice-Chair Jerry Bloom has been named Platform Chair

Bill Shotey

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Bill Shotey

Bill Shotey, long-time Libertarian activist, passed away on November 20, 2002 at the age of 70 in Phoenix, AZ where he had gone to spend the winter with family.

Although his first involvement with the LP was in California, Bill really became a major force in the party after he returned to his home state of Michigan in 1987.

He immediately got involved in his Wayne County affiliate, serving as vice chair of the LPM's second largest affil-

iate for more than a decade. Bill took primary responsibility for organizing monthly Wayne County meetings and was especially adept at bringing in an impressive list of guest speakers, including such libertarian movement notables as Reason Magazine editor, Bob Poole, and local celebrities such as WWJ talk show host, David Newman, as well as numerous, national LP figures such as Karl Hess, Dr. Ron Paul and Harry Browne.

In addition to his Wayne County involvement Bill also dedicated himself to the LPM, becoming the party's first media liaison, obtaining numerous television and radio appearances and newspaper interviews, for dozens of LP candidates and activists.

Bill was also the LPM's premier fund-raiser — a key player in many efforts including the Michigan 16-5 committee in 1996 that successfully led the top of ticket campaign for Harry Browne that resulted in retention of our ballot status.

He also used his talents for lobbying, becoming chairman of the LPM lobbying committee that successfully achieved a change in Michigan's ballot access retention law.

In 2000, he received the LPM Defender of Liberty Award.

Most recently, Bill joined with three other long-time party members to form an independent political action committee called the Small Government Alliance that within six months had already raised and spent more than \$30,000 for, among other causes, the reelection campaign of state representative Leon Drolet (an LPM member who was elected as a Republican) and the defeat of the Proposal K arts tax.

After attending the election night party at the LPM HQ celebrating both victories, Bill flew with his mother to his brother's home in Arizona for some much deserved R&R in sunnier climes. Sadly, he was taken ill the next day with heart-related problems and rushed to the Phoenix VA hospital (he was also a veteran) where he passed away two weeks later.

In addition to his mother and brother Bill is also survived by a sister. Bill's loss is a great tragedy, not only for his family, but for the Libertarian Party and the entire cause of freedom. He will be sorely missed.

2003 CITY ELECTION SCHEDULE

AUGUST 5TH - PRIMARY (*LDTFP 5/13)

Garden City	Grosse Pointe Park
Gibraltar	Melvindale
Grosse Pointe Farms	Plymouth

SEPTEMBER 9TH - PRIMARY (*LDTFP 6/17)

Allen Park	Hamtramck	Lincoln Park	Trenton
Dearborn Heights	Harper Woods	Livonia	Wayne
Ecorse	Highland Park	Riverview	Westland
Flat Rock	Inkster	Southgate	

CITIES WITHOUT PRIMARIES

(By Charter)

Belleville (LDTFP 9/16)
 Grosse Pointe (LDTFP 9/22)
 Grosse Pointe Woods (LDTFP 9/8)
 Northville (LDTFP 10/1)
 Woodhaven (LDTFP 9/20)

CITIES WITHOUT ELECTIONS

Dearborn
 Detroit
 Rockwood
 Romulus
 Taylor
 Wyandotte

SPRING ELECTIONS

Grosse Pointe Shores (LDTFP 4/1)
 River Rouge (LDTFP 2/10)

PRI. GEN.

5/20
 4/7

NOVEMBER 4TH - GENERAL ELECTION

Allen Park	Garden City	Grosse Pointe Woods	Lincoln Park	Riverview	Woodhaven
Belleville	Gibraltar	Hamtramck	Livonia	Southgate	
Dearborn Heights	Grosse Pointe	Harper Woods	Melvindale	Trenton	
Ecorse	Grosse Pointe Farms	Highland Park	Northville	Wayne	
Flat Rock	Grosse Pointe Park	Inkster	Plymouth	Westland	

2003 SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

JUNE 9TH ANNUAL - LDTFP (4/7)

Allen Park	Highland Park	Northville	Southgate	Van Buren
Crestwood	Inkster	Redford Union	South Redford	Wayne-Westland
Garden City	Livonia	Romulus	Taylor	Woodhaven
Gibraltar	Plymouth-Canton	Schoolcraft C.C.	Trenton	Wyandotte
Grosse Pointe				

NOVEMBER 4TH ELECTION-LDTFP (8/12)

Dearborn 9/8	Hamtramck 9/15
Dearborn Heights 9/8	Lincoln Park 9/8

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHOUT ELECTIONS

Detroit
 Wayne County C.C.

PRIMARIES WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED PROVIDING THE STATUTORY NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FILE FOR EACH OFFICE