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★ ★ Including News and Listings for the Libertarian Party of Jackson County ★ ★

CALENDAR

Note: The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County meets at 7:00 pm every Thursday at Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe Street, Ann Arbor, unless specified below. Contact College Libertarians directly for further information about their additional events not listed here.

Thursday, March 9	Speech: "Libertarianism and <i>The Michigan Review</i> ," by editor Jacob Oslick. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:00 pm; speech, 7:30. <i>N.B. This meeting marks our return to Dominick's, our regular weekly site.</i>
Thursday, March 16	Speech: "Eco-Libertarianism," by Tim Maul, U-M graduate student and LPWC activist. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:00 pm; speech, 7:30.
Thursday, March 23	Video Night, featuring Ayn Rand, John Stossel, David Kelley and more. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:00 pm; videos, 7:30.
Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26	Gun Show: The LP of Jackson County needs help staffing its outreach booth at this event, which will be held at the County Fairgrounds in downtown Jackson, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. To volunteer, call Al McCallum (517-857-2531).
Thursday, March 30	Speech: "What is Brass Roots?" plus a libertarian defense of the Second Amendment, by Michael Carson, Executive Director of Brass Roots. Also: planning for Hash Bash. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:00 pm; speech, 7:30.
Saturday, April 1	Hash Bash, Ann Arbor's annual hemp advocacy festival. LPWC will have a booth at Dominick's Restaurant, beginning at noon. Contact Richard Birkett (734-971-7525).
Monday, April 3	LP of Jackson County Meeting. Tom's Restaurant, 3705 Ann Arbor Road, on the east side of Jackson, 7:00 pm. Contact James Hudler (734-47509792).
Thursday, April 6	LPWC Business Meeting. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:00 pm; meeting, 7:30.
Thursday, April 13	Tax Protest Planning Session. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:00 pm; meeting, 7:30.
Thursday, April 20	Speech. Michael Corlis, declared LPM candidate for U.S. Senate, is scheduled to speak. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner 7:00 pm; speech, 7:30.
Thursday, April 27	Audio Speech. Hear Roy Childs, libertarian scholar and activist, on "The History of Libertarianism, 1930-1980." Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:30 pm; meeting, 7:00.

CALENDAR, Continued

Monday, May 1, 2000	LP of Jackson County Meeting. Tom's Restaurant, 3705 Ann Arbor Road, on the east side of Jackson, 7:00 pm.
Thursday, May 4	LPWC Business Meeting. Planning the LPM State Convention and Friday night party. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:00 pm; meeting, 7:00.
Thursday, May 11	Convention Planning, including the quiz game for the Friday night party. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:00 pm; discussion, 7:30.
Thursday, May 18	Work Session. We need your help stuffing packets for the LPM Convention! Contact Emily Salvette (734-668-2607). Dominick's Restaurant; dinner, 7:00 pm; work, 7:30.
Friday, May 19–Sunday, May 21	LPM State Convention. We need volunteers to help host the Friday night party, including our "Libertarian Jeopardy Contest." Contact Emily Salvette (734-668-2607). <i>Please consider being a LP candidate for office.</i> To find out how to prepare your candidate forms, contact James Hudler (734-475-9792). The Convention will be held at Best Western Executive Plaza Hotel, 2900 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor.
Thursday, May 25	LPWC Meeting. Topic to be announced. Dominick's Restaurant, 7:00 pm.

Harry Browne Declares Bid for LP Nomination

From a media release by Bill Shotey

HARRY BROWNE, 1996 LIBERTARIAN PARTY candidate for President of the United States has formally announced his bid for the party's nomination for this year's presidential election. "I am running for President because it's obvious that no Democrat or Republican is going to stop the relentless growth of the federal government," the 66-year-old investment advisor and best-selling author said. "No one but a Libertarian will reduce your taxes dramatically, allow you to live your life as a free American, and restrict the federal government to its Constitutional limits."

"I am running for President because you shouldn't be forced to put 15% of your income into a bankrupt Social Security system. I believe you are better able than any politician to plan for your future, and you certainly care more about it."

"I am running for President because I want to bring peace to your city and your neighborhood by ending the nightmare of drug Prohibition. The insane War on Drugs has caused the worst crime wave since alcohol Prohibition of the 1920s."

"I am running for President," he concluded, "because the federal government has stuck its nose into virtually every area of your life, with no Constitutional authority. It has made a mess of our health care system, of education, of welfare, and of law enforcement."

Mr. Browne will be appearing at the Libertarian Party of Michigan convention in Ann Arbor on May 20th. □

From the Chair

By James Hudler

NOVEMBER 2000 ELECTIONS are coming fast! Please consider being a Libertarian Party candidate for public office—we need your participation! We also need your support and volunteerism on a number of projects: circulating medical marijuana petitions, staffing our Hash Bash booth, hosting the LPM Convention. I invoke the names of Ayn Rand, Thomas Jefferson, Ludwig von Mises, Murray Rothbard, of the Declaration of Independence, and of Freedom itself; and I ask you to please phone me, James Hudler (734-475-9792) to fight with us in the restoration of freedom in Washtenaw County. Thank you! □

Convention Help Needed

By Emily Salvette

THE LPWC IS PROUD to be hosting the Libertarian Party of Michigan state Convention on May 19–21 at the Best Western Executive Plaza in Ann Arbor. We need your help to make the convention a success. At our Thursday, May 18 meeting at Dominick's, we will need all hands to help stuff the registration packets for the next day. Then, on Friday and Saturday, we'll need people to work two-hour shifts at the registration table. We need drivers to pick up and drop off our speakers at Metro Airport, and people to help with set-up/clean-up. If you can help, please contact Emily Salvette (Salvette@aol.com). □

Liberty Enlightening the New Millennium LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN CONVENTION 2000

At the Best Western Executive Plaza (formerly the Clarion Hotel) in Ann Arbor, Michigan



FRIDAY, MAY 19

- Convention Registration
- Bylaws Committee Meeting
- Platform Committee Meeting
- Welcome party and Libertarian Trivia Contest sponsored by the Washtenaw County LP.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- Convention Registration
- Keynote Address: "Personal Responsibility is the Price of Liberty" by Michael Cloud
- Luncheon Speech: "Urban Sprawl and the Michigan Landscape" by Dr. Samuel Staley
- Official Business
 - Candidate Nominations
 - National Delegate elections
 - LPM Officer elections
 - Bylaws and Platform
- Classes on Libertarianism
 - "Intro to Libertarianism" - Keith Edwards
 - "Gun Control" - Jon Coon
 - "Environmental Protection" - Brett Cashman
 - "Affirmative Action" - Dr. Anna Ebeling
 - "Education Reform" - Diane Barnes
- Student Libertarian lunch meeting with **NEW!** Jim Lark, National LP Campus Outreach Coordinator (*lunch provided*)
- Student Pool & Pizza party (*bring your suits*)
- Cocktail party
- Banquet and Presidential Forum with Libertarian Party candidates including Harry Browne **NEW!** and Don Gorman.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- Official Business (if needed)
- Brunch: "Private Sector Solutions to Social Problems" by Prof. Richard Ebeling, Hillsdale College
- Workshop: "Campaigning 101," an afternoon of candidate training by Barb Goushaw

Childcare

The LPM will offer childcare for convention participants available throughout the day and into the evening on Saturday. Approximate cost will be \$5.00 per child per hour. Supervised activity and food will be provided.

Childcare reservations must be made by April 24. Sorry, we will not be able to accommodate drop-ins. To make your reservation, send the following information with your registration or to **Ann Rowe at MalagaAnn@aol.com:**

- name and ages of children
 - your name and contact information
 - time you would like childcare (e.g., all day, evening only)
- Questions? Ann Rowe (734) 481-0667

Location

Best Western Executive Plaza (formerly Clarion Hotel)
2900 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48103
(off I-94 at exit 172) 734-665-4444

Special Room Rates per night in the LPM block

Business King: \$61
Jacuzzi King: \$89
Suite: \$150

NOTE: Individuals are responsible for their own room reservations and payment. These rates are available only to convention attendees who book by April 28, 2000. Make your reservations early to guarantee this special rate!

For more information contact Emily Salvette at salvette@aol.com, 734-668-2607, or visit the LPM online at www.mi.lp.org

Mark the events you wish to attend and send this form with check or money order (payable to Libertarian Party of Michigan) to:

Libertarian Party of Michigan, 21835 Cherry Hill Rd, Dearborn MI 48124-1149

Select individual events or one special package (registration fee is included in special packages). Please indicate number of guest tickets ordered.

EVENTS	By 4/24		After 4/24		SPECIAL PACKAGES	By 4/24		After 4/24	
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome party & trivia contest	\$15	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Everything (no student party)	\$105	\$145	<input type="checkbox"/> All meetings and speakers (no meals)	\$35	\$50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday lunch	\$17	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Student special - Includes all meetings, classes, speakers (no meals) includes pizza party	\$35	\$60				
<input type="checkbox"/> Student pool & pizza party	\$15	\$30							
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet	\$35	\$50							
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Brunch	\$18	\$25							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration Packet	\$20	\$30							

SPECIAL OPTIONS

- If your LP memberships are not current and you would like to renew (LPM membership is necessary for participating and voting in the business sessions), please also fill out and sign the form below and include the additional annual dues. "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals."
- Saturday Childcare Reservations
 - "Campaigning 101" Workshop Reservation
 - Vegetarian Meal(s)
 - Combined National & Michigan Dues \$25
 - Combined National, Michigan & Local Dues \$35

Signature: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

(if provided, we'll send you confirmation by email)

City, State, Zip: _____

Marijuana Petition

By J. P. Denoyer

THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA petition is off and running.

At the primaries Liz Keslacy organized the College Libertarians to have people collecting signatures all day long at the East Quad and Michigan Union polling places. Several other volunteers collected signatures at other polling places for periods ranging from two hours to all day.

Richard Birkett and J.P. Denoyer are organizing volunteers to collect signatures every Sunday at 2:00 pm, meeting at Colonial Lanes. A number of places of business are circulating the petition among their customers.

At this time we have only a very vague idea how many signatures we have since most of them are in the hands of volunteers. It would be appreciated if everyone would please turn in their signatures as soon as possible so that we can know how many we have.

Signatures and inquiries can be sent to:

Libertarians for Medical Marijuana Reform/P. O. Box 2503/Ann Arbor MI 48106 (734-260-5025); and to: Ann Arborites for Medical Rights/PO Box 34156/Ann Arbor MI 48106 (734-971-7525) □

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ART FAIR COMMITTEE: Nick Contaxes (734-668-8132).

LPM STATE CONVENTION ANN ARBOR COMMITTEE: Emily Salvette (734-668-2607).

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