

# METRO-DETROIT LIBERTARIAN

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## SUCCESSFUL FALL ACTIVITIES DRAW MEDIA ATTENTION

**LIBERTARIAN WEEK** (October 19-25), organized by local libertarian Virginia Cropsey, was a great success. Libertarian Vice-Presidential candidate André Marrou spoke to over 70 people during the Friday evening banquet at the Danish Club of Detroit. His anecdotes of idiocy in government, though unfortunately true, were very entertaining. Mr. Marrou's Detroit trip resulted in articles in the *Detroit News*, the *Oakland Press* and an appearance on WXYT's "John McCulloch Show". On Saturday, Virginia Cropsey and Mark Sellers took André on a tour of the state, which included a factory tour in Lansing and a dinner with fellow Ann Arbor libertarians. On Sunday he appeared at receptions in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids and was interviewed by the press in both cities with articles appearing in the *Kalamazoo Gazette* and the *Grand Rapids Press*. Many thanks to Virginia and her committee for their efforts in organizing this event.

**OCTOBER'S MDL SUPPER CLUB** featured Elaine Andreski who spoke on the home school movement. Home schoolers recognize the threat government poses when it transfers the responsibility for teaching children from the parents to a government bureaucracy. She told of the fear she experienced during the first year she taught her own children at home: Any knock on the door during the day made her chase her children upstairs and hide their schoolbooks for fear it was a truant officer. A large support system has developed over the years to assist people who would like to educate their children outside of the public school system. For more information on home schooling, contact Ms. Andreski at 30327 Pembroke, Warren, MI 48092, (313/751-4497).

Charles Costa spoke at the **NOVEMBER SUPPER CLUB** on the generally poor conditions that exist in downtown Detroit. At one time, he owned several buildings in the city and personally witnessed the devastating effects the government's welfare system has on families. He ran for Mayor of Detroit in the last election and came in third. He is considering running again and if he does, he will "run to win." Charles has a great respect for the free market and espouses the libertarian view on many issues.

On December 15, the Board of State Canvassers met in Lansing and certified the **LIBERTARIAN PARTY BALLOT STATUS**. This is after the petitions had been sitting in Lansing since August 31 and after two scheduled meetings had to be cancelled because individuals who serve (in the first case, the Chairman) on the four-member panel forgot to show up. The Libertarian Party will be allowed to appear on all ballots in Michigan from now until the general election next November. If our presidential candidate, Ron Paul, receives enough votes next November (the current number needed would be 15,313), the Party will maintain its ballot status for the 1990 election.

**FALL ACTIVITIES**, cont.

**ELECTION UPDATE:** There are Libertarians interested in running for city/village council seats in spring elections. A great opportunity exists in Addison, MI where Rev. James Clifton is already serving on the Village Council through appointment. He plans to run for this seat as a Libertarian in the village Council election in March. If successful, he would be the first person elected as a Libertarian in the state of Michigan.

Now that the LP has ballot status, why don't *you* run for elective office as a Libertarian? Your campaign can be as large or small as you want to make it. Our visibility increases with every candidate who appears on a ballot. Contact Brian Wright, the LPM Candidate Chair at (313) 682-2763 if you would like more information.

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

**SUPPER CLUB** has a new coordinator. He is Stan Gentry, a new member of MDL who is originally from Oklahoma and now lives in Warren. Contact Stan at (313) 757-5085 (evenings) with ideas for speakers or locations. **SCHEDULE CHANGE:** the Supper Club will now meet the third Monday night of every other month. We will meet in odd months and alternate between the west side (Hogan's?) and the east side (Red Lobster in Warren). This will facilitate planning and reduce everyone's meeting load. The agenda for each meeting will be as follows: 6 p.m.- Cocktails, 6:30 - Dinner and 8:00 - Program. The dinner fare will be open menu with everyone responsible for his/her own bill.

Keep watching for libertarian-sounding letters to the editor in your local papers. When you see one, send it with the name and date of the paper and the address of the writer (if you can find it in the phone book) to: Brett Bellmore, 8750 Burt Rd., Capac, MI 48104. Brett will send the writer an introductory letter and brochure on libertarianism. We need your help if this project is to succeed in recruiting new libertarians.

Evy Warmbier, with the help of Metro-area activist Joe Coté, is coordinating the **RON PAUL FOR PRESIDENT** campaign in Michigan. Contact Evy at 940 S. Highland Dr., Dearborn, MI 48124, (313/ 562-6212) if you would like to have information on Ron Paul sent to you or a friend. Evy is looking for volunteers to help with the campaign and she would like the names of civic/social organizations where Dr. Paul could speak if he comes to the Detroit area. Please contact her if you can help.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Our cash on hand on 12/1/87 was \$213.68. The fund-raising letter sent out by Mark Sellers on December 1 has raised \$690.00 as of December 17, plus pledges of \$300 for next year. Thanks to all our contributors.

**NEW ADDRESS DEPARTMENT:** The national headquarters of the Libertarian Party has moved. The new address is:

**Libertarian Party  
1528 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20003  
202/ 543-1988**

The toll-free information number for people newly interested in the party remains the same: 1-800-682-1776.

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

**TV GUIDE, MDL EDITION:** Virginia Cropsey will appear in a special program to be aired by Channel 56 on Friday, January 15 at 10 P.M. (repeated on Sunday, January 17 at 5 P.M.). She acts as a witness in a mock trial who testifies against increasing the excise tax on alcohol to curb substance abuse. Tune in to see if the judge rules in her favor!

**JANUARY SUPPER CLUB** will meet on January 18, 1988. Featured speaker will be Susan Liberman-Walker, a Libertarian Party of Michigan member who will present the results of their clinical psychology doctoral thesis. The purpose of the study was to identify common personality traits among followers of libertarian ideology. Several local members were subjects in her study. The meeting will be at Hogan's, located on the northwest corner of Telegraph and 15 Mile in Birmingham. Please call 334-4449 by January 15 for reservations.

Wednesday, January 27 is **VOLUNTEER DAY**, a new activity being promoted by the National Libertarian Party to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the end of the Draft. Similar to Tax Protest Day on April 15, its purpose is to give local groups an activity in which to participate and gain media attention.

They suggest we bake a cake, take it to an armed forces recruiting station and share it with those in the office. At the same time, local activists could pass out literature both in the office and on the street detailing the libertarian position on the Draft. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP ORGANIZE OR PARTICIPATE IN A VOLUNTEER DAY ACTIVITY IN THE DETROIT AREA, PLEASE CALL 334-4449. You will get a great deal of help from the National LP Office. Call today!

**FUTURE HAPPENINGS**, cont.

**MARCH SUPPER CLUB** will meet on March 21 at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 25901 Hoover Rd., Warren. We will show a videotape provided by Paul Jacob's group, Volunteers for America, which features footage from Jacob's trail in Arkansas. He was charged with failure to register for the draft and subsequently spent nearly six months in jail. A discussion on national defense issues will follow. Please call 334-4449 by March 18 for reservations.

**TAX PROTEST DAY** is Friday, April 15. If you would like to help plan an activity for this day, please contact 334-4449. This is a Detroit-area tradition!

The Libertarian Party of Michigan will hold its **NOMINATING CONVENTION** on May 20-22 at the Airport Hilton Inn in Romulus. MDL member Emily Salvette is coordinating the state convention and would welcome program suggestions and names of volunteers. Call her at 334-4449 if you have ideas and/or would like to help.

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