

# THE LIBERTARIAN

**The Monthly Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Oakland County**

\*\*\*\*\* The truth will set you free – but first it will make you damn mad \*\*\*\*\*

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## **Proposal K Defeated, “Vote No” Newspaper Ad Draws Hostile Fire**

In what was probably the biggest victory for Libertarians in all of Michigan this November, the persistent arts tax proposal was again defeated in its latest incarnation, Proposal K.

Proponents of the arts tax flooded the local radio & TV airwaves, mailboxes, and newspapers with propaganda, but it wasn't enough to overcome a heartening anti-tax sentiment and a brilliant and well-placed newspaper ad designed and funded by an alliance among the Small Government Alliance and the Oakland and Wayne LP affiliates. The ad was the target of a bitter editorial in the Detroit News calling the ad and its sponsors “noxious,” “a celebration of ignorance,” and “close-minded and narrow.” In other words, it was effective.

You can find the editorial attacking the ad at <http://www.detnews.com/2002/editorial/0211/09/d07-5797.htm>. There is another opinion piece in the News that is a bit friendlier to our position, available for viewing at <http://www.detnews.com/2002/metro/0211/11/b01-7112.htm>.

### **Fred Collins Awarded “Promoter Of Liberty” Honor**

At the annual Defender of Liberty awards banquet on November 9, Fred Collins was among the winners. Fred was so honored due to his pioneering efforts as an elected official, campaign manager, and activist.

## **StratCon IV Set for January 11**

A priceless annual tradition for the LPOC, the Strategic Planning Conference, will take place at LPM Headquarters in Hazel Park on January 11 at 10:00am.

This gathering of members, officers, elected officials and activists is an invaluable tool for setting the agenda for the upcoming year(s) and recruiting interested Executive Committee candidates prior to our affiliate convention on January 22.

### **Congratulations, Dave!**

Past LPOC Chairman and successful campaign manager Dave Collver has recently taken a few giant steps in firing up his career in law. Dave recently has passed the Bar exam, has received his law license, and has accepted the position of Assistant City Attorney for Hazel Park.

The only short-term down side is that we have one fewer appointed officeholder, as Mr. Collver will relinquish his spot on Hazel Park's Zoning Board of Appeals. But we know he will certainly compensate for this setback through a long, successful career fighting for liberty from within the legal system.

### **Libertarian Party of Oakland County General Membership Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
SILA'S RESTAURANT IN BERKLEY**

Soon after their series of election-day victories, Republicans across the nation made it known they intended to pursue a “no-gloat” approach to celebrating their success.

We're not Republicans.

That's why, in spite of having fewer (though still significant) victories to celebrate, we intend to spend some time at Wednesday's meeting indulging in some serious gloating. Won't you join us? We know it's the night before Thanksgiving, but a little Italian food Wednesday certainly won't spoil your appetite for turkey on Thursday, will it?

As always we will gather for dinner starting at 6:30pm and launch into the business portion of the meeting at 7:00.

*The Libertarian*, the official newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Oakland County, is published monthly. Comments and suggestions are always welcome, and should be sent to Keith Wesselmann [vicechair@lpocmi.org](mailto:vicechair@lpocmi.org).

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nor will there be a LPOC general meeting.**

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