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LPM IMPRESSIVE IN RECORD VOTE

The Libertarian Party of Michigan, with US Senate candidate Jon Coon setting the pace, achieved record vote totals in the November 8 General Election. Coon took 128,117 votes in the race for Don Riegle's seat, an increase of 100,000 over Dick Jacobs' total in the 1988 try for the same seat. Coon, like Jacobs a knowledgeable and attractive candidate, far outstripped previous LPM challengers in fundraising, time spent and organization. The effort, managed by Barbara Goushaw, attracted the largest group of volunteers yet, which bodes well for growth in membership.

Coon took 4.21% of the vote, four times the amount needed to retain ballot status and 84% of the number needed to attain major party status. Name recognition for the Party was also a beneficiary with a near-blizzard of blaze-orange signs and bumper stickers throughout the state and many media interviews.

The gain was not limited to the Senatorial contest. Votes for the eight statewide education offices also surged. Erwin Haas took 88,033 votes for the State Board of Education, second only to Mary Ruwart's vote two years ago, and David Raaflaub also did well. Emily Salvette's 104,065 and Gary Bradley's 86,235 were the best ever for U-M Regent. Mary Ruwart and Ben Bachrach broke the LPM MSU Trustees record with 97,033 and 82,902 respectively as did Tom Jones and Brian Wright for Wayne State Governor with 105,290 and 102,543. These were all around 3-4%.

The votes for other offices varied. The four candidates for US House finished in the 2% area while State Senate candidates

ranged from 1.53 to 4.98%, the latter for Leslie Balian. The State Rep. races attracted 0.94 to 3.91%, the latter by Bob Van Oast, all comparable to 1992.

In the Ann Arbor City Council races, Doug Friedman took 12.03% in a two-way contest while Richard DeVarti grabbed a very impressive 6.16% in a three-way race.

County commissioner elections produced some 4% results with Jeff Terhaar getting 15.1 and Jeff Grund 17.7%

All in all, the results were quite encouraging. Jon Coon proved that a principled libertarian with a well-organized, well-financed and innovative campaign can get both votes and media attention. He had TV debates on PBS and on Channel 7 in Detroit. His performance in radio interviews was impressive from the start and perfect in the latter stages. The "coattail" effect did not extend to the lower offices, but those who ran more active campaigns did better than the paper candidates.

Many were disappointed that we did not attain major party status, but we came close for the first time, retained ballot status by a large margin and we now have two years to train our local and county organizations to handle the legal complexities of major party status if we win it in 1996. Also, a growing membership will give us a lot of influence in selecting a Presidential candidate at the 1996 National Convention.

Finally a huge THANKS to all the Party regulars and Jon Coon "rookie" volunteers who worked like real veterans, especially Barb Goushaw, innovator, motivator and manager.

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The following local libertarian groups meet on a regular basis at the location and time listed. You are welcome to attend. Most of these groups meet for dinner with either a formal program or work session following. Call the contact listed in column one to confirm the date of the next meeting if you have not attended before.

Washtenaw meets at Old Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor, every Thursday. Sometimes at U-M Union. Call James Hudler to confirm.

LP of Mid-Michigan (Lansing area) meets at Sneeker's Restaurant, 600 N. Homer, off US-127, Lansing second Thursday of month.

Oakland LP meets at Mr. B's Restaurant, 423 Main St., Rochester on the third Wednesday of the month.

Wayne Co. LP meets at the Red Lobster, 6850 N. Telegraph in Dearborn on the first Tuesday of the month.

Macomb LP meets at Ryan Roadhouse, 3950 14 Mile Rd., Warren on the second Thursday of the month.

Metro Detroit Libertarians is a supper club with a featured speaker. It is not a part of the Libertarian Party. It meets on the fourth Monday of the month at one of several locations. Call Tim O'Brien to confirm the exact time, date and location, at 313-562-5778.

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MID-EAST MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN PARTY
ORGANIZING MEETING

ATTENTION LIBERTARIANS IN MIDLAND, SAGINAW, BAY AND ISABELLA COUNTIES (or any other county, for that matter!)

Anyone interested in re-activating a libertarian organization in the mid-east Michigan area is invited to a meeting sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1994
7:00 P.M. at
SULLIVAN'S RESTAURANT
2601 Washington St. *
Midland
(517) 835-6791

Emily Salvette, LPM Vice Chair, will lead this informal get together. We'll get acquainted, talk about issues and make plans for the future of freedom in the area. Your only cost will be what you order from the menu or bar. Please join us.

If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact:

Emily Salvette
1026 Greenhills
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
(313) 747-8129

* Directions: Sullivan's is located south of downtown Midland off Saginaw Road at the corner of Washington and Cambridge streets, across from the Midland High School athletic fields.

LOCAL LEADERS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The second state-wide local organization workshop will be held Saturday, February 11 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in Ann Arbor at the Courtyard Marriott. Topics will include:

Meeting Organization - Keith Edwards
Scheduling
Setting an agenda
Parliamentary procedure
Organizing social events

Membership - Ben Bachrach
Organizing your membership system
Recruiting new members
Maintaining your membership list

Money - Dave Nagy
Responsibilities of the Treasurer
Fund raising ideas

Media Relations - Barb Goushaw
Publicizing your events
Writing a press release
Compiling a media list

Campaign Issues for Local Groups - Jon Coon
Running your local caucus
Certification of election challengers
Campaign finance laws.

Newsletters - James Hudler
What to include
Lay-out and design
Mailing

You will be notified of the exact location and other details. This will be a free afternoon of information for all LPM members. Plan to attend and stay on in Ann Arbor for the first annual

SAMUEL ADAMS DINNER

sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County, Saturday, January 28, 6:00PM-1:00 AM. Speakers, dancing.

For more information on either event, call Emily Salvette at (313) 747-8129

LIBERTARIAN ELECTION RESULTS

CANDIDATE	OFFICE	VOTES	%
Jon Coon	US Senate	128,117	4.21
Erwin Haas	Bd of Educ.	88,033	3.30
David Raaflaub	Bd of Educ.	57,270	2.14
Gary Bradley	UM Regent	86,235	3.32
Emily Salvette	UM Regent	104,065	4.01
Ben Bachrach	MSU Trustee	82,902	3.18
Mary Ruwart	MSU Trustee	97,033	3.72
Tom Jones	WSU Governor	105,290	4.16
Brian Wright	WSU Governor	102,543	4.05
Barrie Konicov	US House 3	2,958	1.61
Ken Proctor	US House 7	3,313	1.89
Gerald Turcotte	US House 8	4,348	2.04
Craig Seymour	US House 13	3,189	1.85
Henry Freriks	MI Senate 13	2,137	2.36
Richard Gach	MI Senate 14	1,883	2.21
David Thompson	MI Senate 15	3,747	3.67
Leslie Balian	MI Senate 16	4,680	4.98
Nick Bennett	MI Senate 19	1,620	2.43
Steve Butler	MI Senate 30	1,165	1.53
Joann Karpinski	MI House 3	185	0.94
Scott Boman	MI House 7	233	1.14
Ted Tifrea	MI House 15	1,326	3.74
Alex Stevenson	MI House 17	550	2.50
John Tatar	MI House 19	1,123	3.52
Keith Edwards	MI House 26	626	1.91
Matt Ignash	MI House 27	1,033	3.88
Paul Soyk	MI House 29	443	1.28
John Fagan	MI House 31	749	2.75
Bob Van Oast	MI House 32	1,239	3.91
Jim Boyle	MI House 33	1,079	3.56
Mary Wayfield	MI House 34	797	3.37
Yepram Dervahanian	House 37	978	2.90
Kay Barr Suri	MI House 45	794	2.55
James Hudler	MI House 52	620	1.93
Bob Slaughter	MI House 64	312	1.43
Jim Lundy	MI House 75	680	2.54
Dan Marsh	MI House 76	839	3.72
Scott Beavers	MI House 79	364	1.69
Rick Dutkiewicz	Allegan CC 5	58	3
Barb Vozenilek	Hillsdale 5	66	2.37
Jeff Grund	Jackson 4	433	17.70
Todd Greene	Kent Co. 15	208	4.26
Ed Van Wesep	Kent Co. 16	273	3.82
Glenn Barr	Kent Co. 10	433	4.52
Barb Goushaw	Oakland 5	644	4.28
Putnan Weekly	Oakland 22	486	3.02
Jeff Terhaar	Ottawa 7	726	15.1
Steve Otzman	Ottawa 12	629	12
Doug Friedman	Ann Arbor W2	580	12.03
Richard DeVarti	Ann Arbor W3	419	6.16

JEFF GRUND WINS ENDORSEMENT

Jeff Grund won the endorsement of the Jackson Citizen-Patriot in his campaign for Jackson Count Commissioner, District 4. Please note that Jeff won the endorsement not only for understanding the local issues but also for the cool, objective, fair and common sense aura he projected, while still maintaining libertarian ideals. It paid off. Sounds like a good thing for all of us to remember the next time we run for office. Congratulations, Jeff!

THE JACKSON Citizen Patriot

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1994

District 4: Our choice is Jeff Grund

James Shotwell, Republican and chairman of the county board, is being challenged by Jeffrey Grund, a Libertarian.

Mr. Shotwell has provided energetic leadership in a period when many county reforms have been adopted. However, we have sharp differences with him over the role of chairman. During the past term those differences came into focus when Mr. Shotwell helped grease the skids for the appointment of Randy Treacher as director of the Jackson County Health Department. We were very uncomfortable when the board chairman embraced a candidate who recommended himself for the job while misrepresenting the recommendations of the committee that studied appointment options. We're also uncomfortable at how involved Mr. Shotwell has remained despite the hiring of a county manager.

Mr. Grund is as straight an arrow as one could find. He is scrupulously careful with facts, fair and evenhanded in his assessment of people and issues. He impressed us with his common sense and grasp of county issues ranging from the landfill to commissioners' compensation (he'd vote for no salary, just some expense money for mileage).

How does his Libertarianism come into play? On the issue of the Medical Care Facility, he questions whether government should be operating such a facility. But since taxpayers do support the facility, he reasoned, the administration ought not to complain when commissioners exercise oversight. That pragmatic approach is welcome to any government body.

For those reasons, we recommend that Jeffrey Grund be elected county commissioner in the 4th District.

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We are receiving an increasing number of requests for speakers from high schools, colleges and other groups. Jon Coon, of course had many opportunities to speak during his Senate campaign as did other candidates. In addition, we get requests for a general presentation of the Libertarian philosophy.

Emily Salvette and Keith Edwards spoke to five sessions with four classes in each at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High Schools. The sessions were video-taped and well received. They indicated that they would have us back.

Keith has spoken recently at high schools in Southgate, Rochester-Avon, Sterling Heights and an Islamic school in Ann Arbor. He also spoke to three classes at Monroe County Community College, the fourth time he has been there. Only one of the teachers was already libertarian, but several others have expressed a growing respect for our position.

Investor's Business Daily continues to run libertarian-leaning articles on almost a daily basis. Recent articles include The Privatization Gap by Reason Magazine's Robert Poole; a blast at HUD suggesting abolishing the agency, another favorably reviewing the way immigrant groups are melding into the culture and a comparison of the means used in Hong Kong and Singapore to achieve their rapid growth rates, concluding "The lesson from Hong Kong and Singapore seems clear. The path to increased efficiency and greater wealth is through knowledge and market freedom - not government intervention."

Some of us have said for years that all we need to retain from the US Government are the Departments of Defense, State, Justice and Treasury. In a November 14 Wall Street Journal article, George Melloan "deinvents" government by slicing functions and Departments and ends up with - guess what? The Departments of Defense, State, Justice and Treasury. Are we getting the word out or what?

Then, to top it all, on November 17, in a TV interview, Charlie Rose asked the thoughtful but inconsistent conservative pundit George Will, who exhibited some changes of view if Will was "becoming more libertarian. Will quickly acknowledged that "Yes, I am becoming more libertarian."

Add to this the wipeout of the liberals on November 8, and the at least verbal moves by the Republicans toward our position and it is becoming clear that we have come a long way since the birth of the libertarian movement just a generation ago.

We can't quit now. We are on a roll.

From this aspect, therefore, the whole of economics can be reduced to a single lesson and that lesson can be reduced to a single sentence. The art of economics consists in looking not merely at the immediate but at the longer effects of any act or policy; it consists in tracing the consequences of that policy not merely for one group but for all groups.

Economics in One Lesson by Henry Hazlitt

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There will be a meeting of the Libertarian Advisory Council on Saturday, December 10, at 8:00 at the home of James Hudler, 17165 Fahrner, Chelsea. It is expected to be very brief. Another LAC meeting will be held in February.

If your local LP group is planning an event that you think others would like to attend, let us know ahead of time and we will be glad to mention it. Be sure to observe our deadline for copy to be sure we have the information in plenty of time.

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