



# MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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NEWS LETTER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

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*Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right: and no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.*

**July-August, 1999**

## **Liberty Fest Set**

The 1999 Annual Awards Banquet of the Libertarian Party of Michigan will be held Saturday, November 6, at Heintzman's Heidelberg Restaurant on Gratiot, just north of Mt. Clemens.

The speaker will be journalist James Bovard of the Future of Freedom Foundation, who writes both for their publication, Freedom Daily, and free lance for many newspapers. Bovard was the writer mainly responsible for keeping the Waco-Ruby Ridge issue alive when other journalists did not. Appearing frequently in the Wall Street Journal and Investor's Business Daily, he has attacked monolithic government regularly. He has also written several books including *Lost Rights and Freedom in Chains*. He is one of the most consistent, uncompromising writers around.

Called the Liberty Fest, this event will feature the giving of up to three awards to activists in the cause of liberty here in Michigan. The award is a Statue of Liberty nicknamed the "Libby."

Last year's winners were Ben Bachrach for his hard work over the years within the LPM and Bob Black for his outstanding outreach efforts on behalf of the party.

This year's banquet is being sponsored by Libertarians of Macomb County and organized by Diane Barnes. It ranks with the Convention banquet as the two outstanding events of the year.

## **Racchi Runs for Council**

Rosemary Racchi will be a candidate for the Roseville City Council in Macomb County. She is a senior citizen running against only three male incumbents in a city with a very high percentage of seniors. She has a good chance of attracting votes from women, seniors and the disgruntled!

It is estimated that a winning campaign will cost about \$8,000. Rosemary and her campaign manager Al Titran have started the ball rolling by contributing the legal maximum of \$500 each. Since there are only four candidates for three seats, there will be no primary so all campaign resources will be thrown into the general election.

This looks like the best opportunity for the LPM to elect a candidate this year, so it is imperative that she get plenty of help. Paul Soyk is her campaign treasurer and Bill Carver is involved with the electronics. There will be a direct mail campaign and yard signs.

Checks may be made payable to Friends of R. Racchi and sent to 26511 Belanger St., Roseville, MI 48066-3144.

Her email address is [Racchirose@aol.com](mailto:Racchirose@aol.com) and a web site is being set up at [www.Racchirose@ourfamily.com/](http://www.Racchirose@ourfamily.com/)

Help Racchi rock 'em with a generous contribution!

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## From the Executive Director

By Tim O'Brien

"Ah, yes, I have one thing," LPM stalwart Ben Bachrach will invariably respond when the moderator asks at any LPM event, whether a 20 person county meeting or a 200 person banquet, if anyone has any announcements.

Rising to his feet and waiving a fistful of forms in the air, he will observe for the umpteenth time, "This is a membership organization. . ." Scanning the room for any indication of response he will conclude, "If anyone needs a membership application, please see me," and then takes his seat.

It's simple. It's painless. It's directly to the point. It's a lesson the other 1,500 of us, me included, need to heed.

1999 is what in partisan politics we refer to as an "off year." That is, we will not be contesting partisan elections this year (though I hasten to add several of our members WILL be running in local, non-partisan races which the rest of us should enthusiastically support.)

The leadership of our party has decided to focus our time, effort and resources on building our membership in order to have the biggest, strongest and most broad-based organization possible to support our entire ticket from president on down in the 2000 general election. The timing for this drive is ideal in that we can build synergy with the national "Project Archimedes" program (for details on this, including their recent 1,000,000 piece mailing, see your national LP News.)

You talk radio fans have probably heard our ads that ran in May (one opposing the new seat belt law and another describing the LP's successful campaign to stop the FDIC's "Know Your Customer" bank spying proposal) and also in late June into early July (celebrating our favorite holiday and reminding Americans of the heritage it represents.) The ads all ended with the observation that a listener who agreed might be a Libertarian and inviting any to call 1-800-ELECT-US for more information.

The state party is also in the process of creating our own direct mail membership drive. We have already arranged to get a mailing list from one organization and are in negotiations with several others.

Many of the best and brightest in the LP from National Chair David Bergland and National Director Steve Dasbach to our most recent presidential candidate, Harry Browne, to our own State Chair, Stacy Van Oast, and Executive Director, yours truly, have decided that if the logic and eloquence of our political arguments are unavailing, we will simply overwhelm the political process by sheer force of numbers. We are very serious about this membership building effort.

A couple of years ago the LPM participated in a much more informal recruitment campaign launched by national called "Each one reach one."

The concept is self-explanatory and, if actually implemented would necessarily DOUBLE our membership rolls.

You probably have a friend, neighbor, coworker, relative, someone in your circle who would join up – if only you would just ask. So the next time you're getting enthusiastic agreement from that person (about, for example about how President Clinton is doing to the rest of us what he does to every woman he manages to get alone), just imagine our good friend, Ben, standing behind you waving a form and saying, "This is a membership organization. . ."

### Political Wisdom

1. Rome did not create a great empire by having meetings. They did it by killing all those who opposed them.
2. Doing a job right the first time gets it done. Doing it wrong 14 times gets you job security.
3. A person who smiles in the face of adversity probably has a scapegoat.
4. If at first you don't succeed, try management.
5. Teamwork means never having to take all the blame yourself.
6. Never underestimate the power of very stupid people in large groups.

Submitted by Karen Minto



## Membership Goals Set

By Bruce Hoepner

Over a dozen Libertarian Party activists gathered on Sunday, June 13th, in Southfield, Michigan to establish a plan to increase the membership in the Libertarian Party of Michigan. Though National Party membership has been increasing, Michigan's members have declined from fourth to sixth place. Our current membership stands at 1437. The Membership Committee set a goal of 2000 Michigan members by November 30, 2000. 2000 in 2000!

"Since the sole purpose of any political party is to elect people to office, a large base of active party members is essential in achieving this goal. A party needs candidates, campaign managers, volunteers and money to run successful campaigns and more party members will ensure that we all of these resources." said Tim O'Brien, LPM Executive Director.

Although recruitment has been a focus of the LPM, the current program will encompass a multi-faceted approach that will bring LPM membership to new levels. These efforts include:

- Direct Mail to targeted groups that fit our demographic.
- Follow up phone calls to prospect inquiries and non-member donors.
- Targeted follow-up letters.
- Door-to-door campaigns in targeted districts.
- Phone calls to expired members.
- Radio ads (currently running).
- Premiums for individual recruitment.
- Affiliate competition.
- POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

Several of these efforts have already begun. Mailing lists have already been acquired for the Direct Mail program and supporting funding secured from the National Party. Phone calls are being made to our expired membership and our Radio ads are running in major markets throughout Michigan.

This effort will require maximum support from all of our active membership. Individuals are needed to organize political campaigns, volunteer for the Membership Committee in local affiliates, make the phone calls, assist in the mailings, operate Operation Politically Homeless booths, contact friends and

neighbors and contribute money to the LPM to make our goal of 2000 in 2000 a reality.

Stacy VanOast, State Party Chair said "Our fight for personal liberty cannot be won with words alone. Though we hold the moral and intellectual high ground it will take a great deal of support to bring our message to the voters. That support can only come from large numbers of people dedicated to the principles that our Party represents. Let us make the commitment to win. Let us recruit the numbers that we need for our political victory."

If you wish to volunteer for any of these activities, please contact Bruce Hoepner, Membership Outreach Coordinator at [hoeps@aol.com](mailto:hoeps@aol.com).

## Getting Letters Published

Editorial Writer Tom Shull of the Detroit News spoke to Libertarians of Macomb County on July 14 and gave some advice on how to get letters to the editor printed.

Rule 1 is *Be Brief*. Letters have the best chance if limited to 200-250 words. There is a lot of competition for space and anything longer probably won't make it unless it is really eloquent. Special knowledge helps to sell a longer article. Are you a unique expert?

Rule 2 is *Be Relevant*. Write on current issues, not stale ones. An exception would be to write on the anniversary of an event, such as the Waco slaughter. If you refer to a paper's editorial or news story that helps your letter seem relevant. Letters on *local* issues get attention.

Rule 3 is *Don't Make Factual Errors*. You will destroy your credibility real fast if you do. The editor will wonder how many other errors are in there, and he may not have the time or inclination to check it all out. Stay within your knowledge. Don't libel people either.

There is always that temptation to sneak the word "Libertarian" in your letter. Don't, unless it fits in the text naturally and use the small "l". If it's obvious propaganda, it probably won't work.

E-mailing your letter may make it easier for the editor if he is rushed, but a handwritten letter is fine, too. Don't plan on being published more than once a month, but some exceptions are made for special subjects, as in Readers Debate.

## David Newman a Hit in Dearborn

Talk show host David Newman of WJR-AM was a big hit at the monthly meeting of the Wayne County LP at La Trattoria in Dearborn on July 17.

Skipping the usual speech and Q and A, Newman used his talk show format in posing several questions that interest him about libertarianism and then asked the 50-plus present to respond to any or all of his queries. He wanted to know: Do libertarians want to gain political power directly or to spread the ideas for others to pick up on; are their gradations of libertarianism; does the US have a leadership role in the world; what about entitlements, scenic preservation; what about the role of the trial lawyer?

Libertarians love to answer such questions and rose to the bait with enthusiasm. Newman seemed absorbed in the answers and added follow-up questions.

Many of his comments and questions revealed a clearly libertarian trend in his thinking. He understood our free market answer to environmental issues. On government regulation of personal behavior he said, "To call it the 'nanny state' is too kind. It should be called the 'nanny goat state,' eating everything in its path." He was impressed with the fact that we are the only political party with a clear, consistent philosophy behind it.

He was funny, intent and respectful, just another guy in the room. And we thoroughly enjoyed him.

Special thanks go to Pamela Tucker for inviting David and to Bill Shotey for doing his usual fine job of organizing the event. La Trattoria was very efficient in handling the dinner.

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"Such is the irresistible nature of truth that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing."  
Thomas Paine

"More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying they made them."  
Ronald Reagan

## Affiliate Director's Thoughts

By Teresa Pollok

Our affiliates are awesome. Many are organizing and participating in outreach activities within their communities as I write this. The **Tri-City LP** will be hosting the LPM Picnic on Sunday, August 22. Don't miss this one! It should be fun. The **Libertarians of Macomb County** are gearing up for a fun-filled Liberty Fest Awards Banquet. **Washtenaw County LP** will be at the Heritage Festival in Ypsi.

We have several groups eager to become new affiliate members, including Allega, St. Clair, Jackson and Ogemaw counties.

The newly formed Affiliates Committee is here to guide groups through the mysteries of being an affiliate. If there are any questions, concerns or suggestions about how to proceed, just email me at [tpollok@livingonline.com](mailto:tpollok@livingonline.com) or call me at 810-229-0737 so the committee can begin assisting you.

Some of the tools that are helpful to affiliates can be learned at the Affiliate Leadership Conference to be held Saturday, September 18, 1999. We want to help YOU be the best, most active affiliate around! Let us know what you are doing and how we can help you.

## New LPM Phone Number

By Stacy Van Oast

The LPM has a new voice-mail-only phone number, effective July 13. It is 313-438-1888.

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"Trust not to rotten planks."  
William Shakespeare

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds."  
Albert Einstein



### Affiliates in the News

Mike Dickson of Geneva drives the tractor pulling the **Van Buren County LP** Lady Liberty float in the South Haven independence Day Parade while Bill Bradley of South Haven and Scott Beavers of Benton Harbor hand out Libertarian literature on July 3, 1999. (See story on page 7.)



Emily Salvette is hard at work with her **Washtenaw County LP** pals organizing the 2000 Convention of the libertarian Party of Michigan. Here she is enjoying the 1999 event with longtime activist James Hudler. (See story on page 9.)







# Affiliate Report

## VAN BUREN PARTY HAS LIBERTY FLOAT IN JULY 4TH PARADE

from the Van Buren Party Newsletter:

When the Van Buren County Libertarian Party entered their 14 feet tall Lady Liberty float in two parades during the recent Independence Day weekend, they found out that the parades themselves were the easy part. It took several Libertarians over two months to locate, build and assemble the parts for the float, but a series of last minute problems almost knocked Lady Liberty out of the first parade in South Haven before it even started.

On Saturday while moving the float to the high school where the parade was to begin, it was necessary to detour around low hanging tree branches and to pass under a telephone line which crossed the street at a lower than normal elevation. Then, just 10 minutes before the parade was to start, a flat tire was discovered on the towing vehicle. A decision was made to pump up the tire, proceed with the parade and hope the air pressure held for the hour needed to travel the parade route. The pressure held and the float completed the parade without further incident.

The second parade, took place in the village of Dorr in Allegan County on Monday. There, the Lady Liberty float was co-sponsored by the Allegan County Libertarians and although it was necessary for Van Buren County Libertarians to get up at 5:00AM to move the float from South Haven to Dorr and prepare it for the second parade, everything went off without a hitch.

The theme of the float, "Seeking Liberty And Justice For All," was especially relevant in South Haven. There, the Libertarian desire for Liberty and Justice for their neighbors as well as for themselves, tied in well with the South Haven theme, "The Love of Your Neighbor Parade, a Sesquicentennial Celebration." The Van Buren LP is looking for additional parades, events and locations where they can display Lady Liberty. If you have any suggestions, please contact: Van Buren County Libertarian Party, 746 Lee Street, So. Haven, MI 49090-1837. Bill Bradley, Chairman: Barbara Bradley, Sec./Treas. Tel: (616) 637-4525 E-Mail: bbradley@cybersol.com Fax: (616) 639-8003

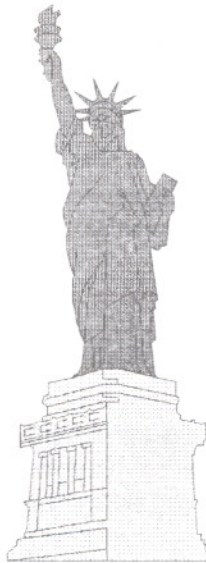
## TRI-CITY TO HOST STATE PICNIC

The Tri City Libertarian Party is proud to present the official MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN PICNIC 1999. Join them, and ALL of the prominent Michigan Libertarians for the last official LPM summer get-together of the millennium!

On Sunday, August 22, 1999, Libertarians from all over Michigan will invade Saginaw's beautiful Roethke Park! The park opens at 11 am, and we'll be serving lunch hot off the barbeque grill between 12 and 1:00. Hamburgers, hotdogs and a vast array of side dishes will be featured. The areas only all Libertarian band, "OFF THE RECORD", will take the stage and play a couple of sets, when and if they feel like it.

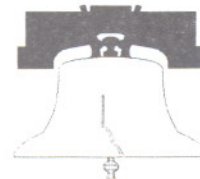
Your \$7.50 donation covers the meal and the music. (Unless you can pass for under 12 years old, then it's only TWO BUCKS! And of course, some "just for kids" activities are planned, including a penny scramble. (Whooo Hoooo!!!) New state chairperson Stacy VanOast is expected to give a few casual keynote comments, And TCLP chairman Clint Foster will serve as "cat herder of ceremonies" to the unconventional conventionists.

There will be door prizes, as well as an auction of some rare Libertarian collectors items; a raffle and yes, even our own unique Bingo game! The park charges a nominal fee for some of their activities, should you wish to participate. They have a pool; a train ride; volleyball courts; and a pond for fishing and canoeing. The event will take place rain or shine, and will last until about 3pm (officially) or 2am (unofficially).



## Shiawassee County at Fair

The LPSC will have a booth set up in the commercial building at the Shiawassee County Fair on August 10-15. If you want to help out, please contact Ben Steele (sooner rather than later!). The location: 2900 Hibbard Road, Corunna (Shiawassee County Fair Grounds). Contact: Ben Steele III Phone: (517) 288-5616 Email: bsteele1@tir.com





# Liberty Calendar

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AUGUST 1999

SEPTEMBER 1999

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## WASHTENAW LP TO SPONSOR LOCAL BALLOT INITIATIVE

by James Hudler

The LPWC voted May 5, 1999 to begin petitioning for a ballot initiative so that Ann Arbor voters could make Ann Arbor a "Medical Marijuana Free" zone. The petition calls for a ballot proposal that would prevent arrest and prosecution and remove penalties, including court costs, for medical use of marijuana in the City of Ann Arbor. Individuals using medical marijuana would have to provide evidence that they had the recommendation of a medical care provider for use of the drug in order to receive this protection.

The petition, presented by long-time Ann Arbor marijuana activist Rich Birkett, also would lower the City of Ann Arbor's marijuana fines, allowing lesser fines for a first offense than the currently required \$25 and capping the currently open-ended third offense fine at a maximum of \$100. The LPWC will begin the promotion of this petition at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

### MORE NEWS FROM WASHTENAW CO.

On the weekend of August 20, 21, 22, the LP of Washtenaw Co. will have a booth at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, located in Riverside Park in Depot Town in Ypsilanti. The LPWC has had a booth at this popular festival for over 10 years. The festival has bands, games, foods, and historic re-enactments including one of the best Revolutionary War encampments in Michigan. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. For information contact Brett Cashman (734 481-1354) or e-mai: [bjcash@aol.com](mailto:bjcash@aol.com).

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Libertarian Party of Michigan will hold its state nominating convention on the weekend of May 19-21, 2000 at the Clarion Hotel, 2900 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. At this convention the LPM will nominate candidates for office, elect state party officers, and select delegates to the National LP presidential nominating convention in Los Angeles. Other exciting activities and speakers are planned. For more info or to volunteer contact: Emily Salvette, 2000 Convention Committee Chair, e-mail: [salvette@aol.com](mailto:salvette@aol.com), or at 734-668-2607. (Special note to parents: We are considering the possibility of offering children's activities and/or child care. Would there be a market for this?)



## OAKLAND COUNTY LP IN PARADE

(Bob Schubring on the July 4th Parade in Oakland Co)  
Yours truly was in the LPOC color guard and got a good chance to listen to this years' parade-goers, as opposed to last. While last year we did manage to collect two boos and a catcall from some teenage Republicrat who crossed the parade route ahead of us muttering "no way in hell", this years' audience either gave icy silence or polite applause. Most notable were the veterans (and two schoolgirls), who actually figured out the flag etiquette and saluted Old Glory (borne by Lloyd Sherman in a tricorn hat). Some folks from LLOYD's church congregation raised a bit of enthusiasm, as did a handful of LP members who showed up.

All in all, I'd say that the past twelve months of Zippergate and the Balkans War seemed to have changed the timbre of the audience, with fewer folks showing allergic reactions to new ideas. Of course, one wag managed to holler "Run, Jesse, run!". Wrong party, right idea.

Of course, in terms of our influence, last year we had the only equestrian unit in the parade: A carriage drawn by one horse, bearing Lorna Tate, her mom and daughters, (all clad in 18th Century costume) and a huge "Diane Barnes for State Board of Education" sign. This year, we got into the 20th Century with a motorcade of 2 Miatas and an antique Mustang, each driven by gorgeous women and festooned with balloons. Barb Goushaw's Mustang overheated in the 95-degree temperatures and had to drop out, but it seems several other units "got a horse" into the parade, among them the Michigan State Police and the Shriners. (Of course, they were too polite to ask Barb if she wanted to get a horse to pull her motorcar along...).



## **Executive Committee Minutes of June 13**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM. All committee members were present and 11 others.

Minutes of the Convention meeting were approved with the correction that Tim O'Brien was re-nominated for Chair but declined.

Chair Stacy Van Oast suggested we order 20 cases of matches partly to meet back orders. Passed 9-0. She reported that the media list is in process of up-dating. The fundraising letter has been sent. Tim O'Brien will do press releases bi-weekly. Teresa Pollok was appointed Affiliates Director. Jim Fitzpatrick, Bill Gelineau and Ben Steele were appointed to her committee.

Tim O'Brien reported that \$2,000 had been received from major donors and would be used for radio ads.

There was discussion of opening an office for the 2000 election campaign and retaining it permanently.

We will pursue one-time list swaps with other organizations to increase membership.

Teresa Pollok reported that Allegan Co. is organizing an affiliate and St. Clair Co. is exploring the idea.

Barbara Goushaw will host a presidential campaign fundraiser.

Candidate recruiting for 2000 has begun. We expect to have candidates for all 16 Congressional seats and at least 50% of State Rep seats. We want to have local campaign co-ordinators and seminars for educational candidates.

There will be a membership drive to reach a goal of 2,000 members by November, 2000. Bruce Hoepner will lead the drive. Katherine Fisher will be calling lapsed members.

A motion was passed to authorize Van Oast and Pollok to approve the selection of Liberty Fest host.

Emily Salvette proposed that Washtenaw Co. host the 2000 State Convention in Ann Arbor at the Clarion.

The will be a seminar for the public, two candidate activities, how-to sessions, business meeting and banquet on Saturday. More business, elections and brunch on Sunday. Room rent is \$61, \$150 for suites. Cost per person \$89. Passed.

The budget was approved 9-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

## **Platform and By-laws Committees Being Formed**

By Stacy Van Oast

Platform and by-laws committees are being formed for the 2000 State Convention in order to facilitate the meetings and accomplish more. Keith Edwards has been appointed to serve as Chair of the By-laws Committee and Tim O'Brien has been appointed Chair of the Platform Committee. There are vacancies on both committees, so anyone interested in serving should contact Stacy Van Oast at [stacyvo@eesc.com](mailto:stacyvo@eesc.com) or 810-784-8783.

The committees will meet early Friday evening, May 19, 2000, the first day of the Convention to discuss proposed changes and to prioritize the order in which they are brought to the floor of the regular committee meeting.

All proposed amendments to either document are required to be submitted in writing and signed by the author by meeting time on May 19<sup>th</sup>. By-laws proposals may be submitted in advance to Keith Edwards, 28960 Jane St., St Clair Shores, MI 48081. Platform proposals may be submitted to Tim O'Brien, 3319 Greenfield, #345, Dearborn, MI 48120. The May 19 meetings will be more effective if proposals are submitted before then.

## **Doug MacDonald Resigns**

Doug MacDonald has resigned from the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, citing personnel conflicts.

Doug has worked very hard for our cause in the area of campaigning, especially on the Jon Coon, Paul Soyk and Fred Collins campaigns, working with affiliate campaign coordinators and serving on the LEC. We'll miss him.





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