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Jacobs, Erwin Lead Ticket

101 CANDIDATES!

Dick Jacobs and Bette Erwin will lead the record-setting slate of 101 Libertarian candidates nominated at the LPM state convention in Romulus May 8 and 9.

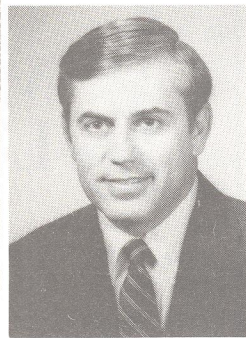
"The number of candidates is amazing, considering there were no legal districts for most seats when we nominated," said Convention Director and newly-elected LPM Chair Brian Wright. Wright made his remarks in a statement released when the nominating forms were filed in Lansing May 10.

The large number of candidates represents the second largest Libertarian slate in the country. Only Texas will have more candidates, with 127.

Part of the reason for the large number of candidates is that this is the first time the LPM has qualified to nominate candidates for state-wide executive races.

Dick Jacobs, an independent businessman from Grand Blanc, is the party's first candidate for governor. Jacobs had been campaign-

ing for several months before the nomination on a platform of substantial tax and spending cuts.



JACOBS



ERWIN

Dr. Bette Erwin will launch her second attempt to unseat U.S. Senator Don Reigle. A clinical psychologist from Oak Park, Erwin

was the LPM candidate for U.S. Senate in 1976. A veteran campaigner, Erwin ran for congress in 1980, then again to replace David Stockman in 1981.

Along with Jacobs, other candidates running for state-wide executive are Steven Furr, of Canton Township, for Lt. Governor. Furr is the Chair of the Wayne County Libertarian Party. Brian Wright, of Birmingham, won the nomination for Secretary of State, and will stress the civil liberties areas of our platform. Wright will serve as Chair of the LPM for his second non-consecutive time.

Robert Roddis, Grosse Pointe, accepted the nomination to run for Attorney General, and Peter Avery of Lansing, is the party's nominee

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WINNERS!

The winners of the Challenge *82 membership contest were announced during the Challenge *82 Banquet at the convention May 8.

Gubernatorial candidates Dick Jacobs won the prize for most new members recruited having signed up nine. The Macomb County Libertarian Party won the award for most new members in one county with nine.

Former LPM Secretary Ben Bachrach presented Jacobs with a Clark/Koch gold dime donated for the contest by LPM Director Steve O'Keefe.

Virginia Cropsey accepted

the award of \$100 of literature for the MCLP which she chairs.

The contest began on the first of the year and ran through the convention as a way to increase party membership. □



MCLP Chair Virginia Cropsey

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From the Director



WHAT'S WRONG WITH GOVERNMENT?

The government does in the name of the people what none of the people would do for themselves, if given the choice. This is exactly the claim of the bureaucrats, and it is also the reason that all governments should be voluntary, resting on the consent of people.

Let us examine this process more closely. When the government provides for a transportation system, it does two things. First, it bans all attempts of the citizens to create a rational system of their own which expands no further than their means or the limits of technology, and which is created without the violation of the rights of others.

Second, the government sets in place of this voluntary system a compulsory system which serves, not the needs of the people, but the whims of the state. It establishes this perverted system without regard to the rights of any individuals, the means of the people or the limits of technology. To complete this usurpation, it requires people to pay for this system which is not of their choosing and satisfies, not their needs, but those of a higher master.

Thus we see that our federal government first set out to build canals, the massive investment in which was totally wasted with the rise of the locomotive. The government then seized upon this invention of free minds, and harnessed it to the power of the public purse to fill the nation with railways. This investment, too, proved to be an enormous waste with the advent of the automobile—again, the invention of free minds. The government, upon seeing this new mode of transportation, reluctantly abandoned its old plans, and poured vast sums of taxpayer money into a ridiculous and haphazard network of roads. Of course, the analysis can be extended to air transport, the airfields for which were paid for with tax dollars, or again to space travel.

THE BUREAUCRATS and politicians will tell you that the government *had to* provide these services, which supposedly benefit everyone, yet which no one would provide if given their choice in the matter. Somehow, the logic of their reasoning fails me.

Is it that we are all so ignorant that we are incapable of finding ways to provide the services we want and need? Or is it that we never are, in fact, given the opportunity to provide these services in an intelligent and peaceful manner?

The apologists for the state will tell you that they are doing society a great favor—a favor of stealing and misinvesting our hard-earned monies while preventing us from shaping a voluntary system that satisfies our needs!

And why does this whole irrational manner of doing things prevail? Because some people find that the public has no taste for their labors, or they are too lazy or frightened to try convincing people of the merits of their projects, and so they whore after the public purse! The government allows this privileged group to live off the labor of those people whose efforts have won the free approval of society, and who produce items of *real* value and distribute them in a *voluntary* manner.

Here we see the ugly truth of the mechanism of the state revealed!

Stephen Patrick O'Keefe
LPM Executive Director



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by TERRY UPTON

Libertarianism and the Economic Crises

The increasing disaster that has been the U.S. economy in recent years demonstrates unmistakably that the Keynesian model is failing. This colossal failure of the Welfare State provides both opportunities, and dangers, for the Libertarian Movement.

As the economy slides from stagflation to double digit unemployment and intractable recession, few can feel real glee over the impending collapse. If the misery of hard times is the just result of false and coercive policy, that misery is no less painful; nor is it avoidable for those innocent of responsibility for our economic sins. If the economic down turn is merely reality reasserting itself against the insanity of Keynesianism, it is still difficult not to regret the inevitable suffering which this lesson must teach.

Lest we get overconfident about the consequences of the crumbling Welfare State, we should remind ourselves that there is no Libertarian success inherent in the situation. Some in the intellectual community will draw the proper consequences from events and conclude that economic statism is not viable. The growth of Libertarianism in the last decade is the clearest illustration of this course. Also, to a lesser degree, we have the phenomenon of the "neo-conservatives," former liberals disenchanted by the fiasco wrought by their ideology and at least tilting toward some free market solutions.

Others, long committed to socialism, prescribe merely more or different forms of interventions into the economy as cures for the wounds inflicted by their past policies.

The only thing that does seem to be built into the current economic mess is that increasingly radical proposals appear acceptable to the political mainstream. The success of Conservatism in the U.S. and Britain, with its watered down free market rhetoric, as well as Socialist victories in France, Greece, and Finland shows a growing public disaffection for moderation and the status quo.

Beyond the fact of economic crises, the Reagan presidency further complicates Libertarian strategy. As has been well recognized, Reaganism threatens to discredit capitalism. While Reagan talks free enterprise, his policy continues the tradition of massive government interventions. The growth of intervention may be slowed in some

Those interested in being the Guest Columnist should submit their articles by the 20th of the month for consideration in the next month's issue.

areas, only to be increased in others. Some special interests are getting a larger piece of the federal pie while others not amongst the Reagan constituency are getting a slightly smaller piece.

Consequently, as our economic policy is fundamentally unchanged, the poor prognosis for our economic health also has not changed. The only thing that has changed is that the current bad policy is being done in the name of *laissez faire*. As the Reagan solutions continue to fail, it will be *laissez faire* that takes the rap.

On the other side of the coin, the economic situation has created a popular and intellectual interest in *laissez faire* which Reagan cashed in on, and

which his administration in a limited way has focused national debate on. Any success Reaganomics enjoys, an unlikely prospect at this time, could represent the same foot in the door for economic freedom that Woodrow Wilson's presidency provided for statism.

We must beware the phenomenon of Socialist Britain. The intermittent Tory governments merely provide pauses in government growth. As such, the conservative interludes merely delay the collapse and prolong the life of the Welfare State.

The overwhelming majority of the public remains committed to Welfare Statism and an astounding proportion of the population has some direct stake in the intricate system of redistributing the wealth. Statism remains impregnable. Perhaps nothing short of economic collapse will shatter this commitment. But the collapse itself has no guarantee and could as easily lead to more statism. The determining point will be our efforts, and those of our opponents. □

Terry Upton is a registered nurse and former history teacher now living in Kalamazoo, and is a Libertarian candidate for Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners.

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Getting The Message Out

Each month the Michigan Libertarian reprints published letters-to-the-editor either written by Libertarians or with Libertarian content.

In regard to your editorial of April 20 urging state senators to vote for passage of the "temporary" state income tax increase. You said, "There are times when responsible public officials must take unpopular measures." I disagree very strongly with that statement.

Our public officials were elected to represent us, and do what we want. When you advocate detaching responsibility to the citizens who are supposed to be represented, and say that there is a higher responsibility to work for the "common good," then you are urging a change from a democratic form of government to one of totalitarian socialism.

The people of Michigan are against raising the state income tax. We realize that the state is having serious financial difficulties, but bankruptcies for indi-

viduals and businesses are at an all-time high and we would rather see additional financial pressure put on the state than on the people of Michigan, who cannot afford it.

If our elected officials (state representatives and senators) refuse to represent us, as they should in a democracy, then we should get rid of them "en masse" at election time. Or perhaps we will just complain, complain, and with short memories and political apathy allow them to be re-elected. Is that what our elected officials are used to, and hoping for again? Is that why they can, with impunity, vote against the will of the people?

David L. Gillie
Clio, Michigan
The Flint Journal

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for Michigan Supreme Court.

Also running state-wide races are the party's candidates for educational boards. Once again the LPM has a full slate with two candidates each running for State Board of Education, Michigan State University Board of Trustees, U. of M. Board of Regents, and Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Twelve Libertarians will run for U.S. Congress this year, two less than in 1980. There will be 26 candidates for State House of Representatives and 22 candidates for State Senate, up from 10 and zero, respectively, in 1980.

Twenty-eight Libertarians will seek county office this year, up from five in 1980. County candidates were nominated by Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, Ingham, Bay, Kalamazoo and Jackson counties.

Special thanks go to Sheryl Loux, Jim Hudler, Steve O'Keefe, and our county chairs for the outstanding job they did locating, educating and signing-up this incredible number of candidates!

Candidate Information

"Candidate Information" will be a regular column in the Michigan Libertarian through the November elections. While candidates will receive periodic mailings from Libertarian Headquarters, essential information will appear here, particularly legal requirements and deadlines.

To begin with, all Libertarian candidates not running for federal office are required to file a post-convention statement with campaign finance. Due June 8, this single-page statement reports on all campaign monies received or spent prior to May 29. For most of you, that amount will be \$0. Still, you must file or face \$10/day in late filing fees!

Standardized biographical data forms were sent to all candidates.

Your biographies and pictures will aid our media relations and brochure development. Please complete the forms as thoroughly as you desire, and return them to the LPM.

Two excellent publications are now available for candidates who want to run active campaigns. A six page bulletin called "How to Get Elected to Your State Legislature" is short, to the point, and costs only fifty cents from LPM. "Advice on Effective Campaigning" is a fifty-five page guide developed specifically for Libertarians by national political hack Chris Hocker. A bargain at \$3.50 from the LPM, the guide includes strategy and examples for campaigns on any level, federal to local.

Active candidates should make efforts now to get to know the lo-

cal media. The best way to build a media list is to look in the phone book under "television stations," "radio stations," and "newspapers." A call to their offices will turn-up mailing addresses and names of reporters who cover political events.

Several Libertarians have offered to share their talents with Libertarian candidates with services like completing legal forms, proofreading press releases, etc. Their notices can be found in the announcement section of this newsletter.

Lastly, a guiding rule for candidates in their dealings with the "outside world" is to *be yourself!* There is nothing less inspiring than a phony politician. When asked questions, *think first, then say what you think.* Honesty and common sense are your two greatest tools—put them to use!

Challenge *82 Highlights!

More than 150 Libertarians from across Michigan attended Challenge *82, our statewide nominating convention held in Romulus May 7, 8 and 9. Libertarians showed once again why they are the fastest growing, most exciting political party in the country! Below are some convention highlights.

NOMINATIONS

A record 101 candidates were nominated for public office at all levels and from every area in the state. Dick Jacobs, Bette Erwin and Brian Wright all gave rousing acceptance speeches that brought delegates to their feet!

For more details on the nominations, see the front page story.

PARTY ELECTIONS

For the first time in LPM history there will be a completely full State Central Committee! Formed at Challenge *82, the SCC consists of 36 representatives from 18 congressional districts, five at-large representatives, and the State Executive Committee.

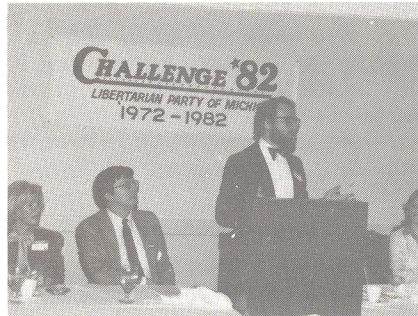
Brian Wright was elected as our new Chair, Joe Cote' won the spot of Vice Chair in a hotly contested race, Tom Jones will serve as our Secretary, and Ben Bachrach is the new Treasurer.

The new SCC went to work immediately, approving a new contract for LPM Executive Director Stephen O'Keefe, who will work for the party full-time from mid-June through the elections. The committee also decided by a nar-

row vote to keep the party headquarters in the Lansing area.

BANQUET

Guest Speaker Sheldon Richman gave an insightful talk on the causes and cures for unemployment at the Challenge *82 Banquet. Relying on the works of Ludwig von Mises and Frederick Hayek, Richman showed how government interven-



SHELDON RICHMAN calls for a free market at the Challenge *82 Banquet.

tions into the economy caused misallocation of resources resulting in the underemployment of human labor.

Winners of the Challenge *82 Membership Contest were announced and LPM Director Stephen O'Keefe explained the need for resources to meet the opportunities in the 1982 elections. Over \$3000 was raised for the campaign effort!

WORKSHOPS

Several workshops helped convention attendees to learn more about libertarianism, local organizing and campaign strategy.

Joe Cote' explained to county organizers that the non-secret of having an effective county group is to have usefull, rewarding activities for group members. He also stressed that hard work and good communication were the keys to success.

Bette Erwin and Dick Jacobs shared their campaign experiences with Libertarian candidates at the strategy workshop.

Other workshop leaders were Eric O'Keefe, Leslie Graves Key,

Rose Wright, Bill Hall, and Steve O'Keefe.

BREAKFAST

Four past Chairs of the LPM recounted the best and worst moments of their reigns at the Challenge *82 Breakfast.

Brian Wright, Fred Dechow, Jim Hudler and Bill Krebaum gave some juicy, if often contradictory, details of party in-fighting while fumbling for freedom.

PARTYING

Libertarians practiced true "party politics" at the LPM Hospitality Suite throu hout Challenge *82.


More than fifty people attended the opening night reception where Libertarian singer/songwriter Nick Youngers entertained.

Mike Murphy and Fred Dechow introduced the Liberty Dog—a part of the Frankfurters for Freedom conspiracy—in the Suite at lunchtime. The Liberty Dog will make appearances at LPM fair booths this Summer.

OVERALL

Our tenth anniversary showed the Libertarian Party of Michigan stronger and more united than ever!

Our appreciation goes to those who worked behind-the-scenes to make it all happen: Brian Wright, Sheryl Loux, Jim Hudler, Denise Kline, Randy and Dianne Szabla, Tom Jones, Bruce Smith, Stephen O'Keefe, Ben Bachrach, Tom Hoffman, Roger Barris, and Anne Bilinski. Thanks for the good work!!!


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The 1982 LPM Yearbook—Directory containing names, addresses, and phone numbers of most members, a complete list of LPM candidates, a roster of county parties, a listing of State Central Committee members and the LPM by-laws is available for \$5 for orders placed BEFORE JUNE 15. Send \$\$\$ to Ben Bachrach, 604 N. Vernon, Dearborn, 48128. Indispensable!

IMPORTANT!!! Members wishing to have their names, addresses, or phone numbers excluded from the 1982 LPM Yearbook—Directory should contact Ben Bachrach by June 10 at (313) 563-1558.

The new LPM Headquarters at 112 W. Allegan, Lansing, 48933 is in desperate need of office furnishings to fill all the new space we have. Anyone with chairs, tables of any size, shelves, typewriters, lamps, pencil sharpeners, coffee maker, etc., should contact Steve O'Keefe at (517)332-6862. If possible, furnishings can be brought to the Open House/SCC meeting June 26 at the new headquarters.

LIBERTARIANS!! What do you know? The Candidates Committee is soliciting LPM position papers from any and all Libertarians who have a particular topic they would like to tackle. If you have an understanding of an issue, put it on paper, and send it to Sheryl Loux, 904 Washburn Ave., Kalamazoo, 49001, or bring it to the Open House/SCC meeting at the new LPM Headquarters June 26.

CANDIDATES!!! The following services are being offered to aid your campaigns by generous and concerned Libertarians:

Virginia Cropsey offers proof-reading and writing services to all candidates. She has an English degree and is near to a law degree, so don't let her off easy!

Mart Hillard, (313)873-4866, will do ALL campaign finance statements for \$10 for each waiver candidate (less than \$500 taken in or spent) and \$20 for non-waiver candidates. At this price, you have no excuse for not getting your statements in!

Ron Heeren, (616)832-5694, a reporter for the Grand Rapids Press, has offered assistance writing or proof-reading press releases for all candidates.

If you have services to offer other candidates, please contact Libertarian Headquarters.

Active candidates are urged to send 20-50 pieces of campaign literature to the Washtenaw County LP for inclusion in the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, one of the largest fairs in the state. Send to WCLP, P.O. Box 7467, Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, 48107 by mid-July.

Or: July 6, all petitions for November ballot issues must be turned in to the Secretary of State. Anyone with Jacobs Amendment petitions should mail them to Dick Jacobs by July 1 at 6302 Kings Point Rd., Grand Blanc, 48439.

The 5th Annual CATO Institute Summer Seminars will be held at Dartmouth College July 3-10 and Stanford University August 7-14. These fun-filled, scholarly seminars will feature such Libertarian notables as Israel Kirzner, Roy Childs, Ralph Raico, Earl Ravenal, George Smith and Leonard Liggio. For more information on prices, content, and scholarships, contact Janet Nelson, Director of Public Affairs, Cato Institute, 224 Second Street, SE, Washington, DC, 20003.

VOLUNTEERS!!! Your help is needed at the Libertarian Headquarters 112 W. Allegan in Lansing. Rewarding work is available in a variety of projects. No experience necessary, plenty of experience gained. Apply in person.

Keep up to date on State Central Committee activities—subscribe to LPM-SCC Ephemeras. 12 issues for \$5.00. Contact Ben Bachrach, 604 N. Vernon, Dearborn, MI, 48128.

COUNTY CHAIRS!!! Please see if you can't find anyone else interested in running for public office on the Libertarian ticket from your area. We may be able to nominate more candidates at the June 26 State Central Committee meeting at the new Libertarian Headquarters in Lansing.

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CALENDAR

THE LIBERTARIAN HEADQUARTERS will have an Open House to initiate the new headquarters at 112 W. Allegan, Lansing, across from the Capitol on Saturday, June 26, at 8 p.m.. The theme is furnishings—bring some if you can! Cash Bar.

THE LPM STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE will meet Saturday, June 26 at 1 p.m. at the new Libertarian Headquarters, 112 W. Allegan, Lansing across from the Capitol. An Open House to initiate the Headquarters will follow at 8 p.m.. Standing committees will meet after the SCC meeting, and the executive Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. before the SCC meeting.

THE METRO DETROIT LIBERTARIANS meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant at 10 Mile Rd. and Northwestern in Southfield. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rose Wright.

THE JACKSON COUNTY LP will meet at the home of Gerald Potts (517)787-3559, on June 17, a Thursday evening.

THE KALAMAZOO AREA LIBERTARIANS meet every Monday in Room 205 of the Student Union Bldg., Western Michigan University. Discussion group format features "Principles of Objectivism" tapes by Nathaniel Brandon (available to other groups from KAL) and, once a month, educational pamphlets from the Society for Individual Liberty (SIL). For more information, contact Sheryl Loux.

THE OAKLAND COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Back Alley Restaurant at the Birmingham Bowl, located at Hunter and Lincoln in Birmingham. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Joe Cote'.

THE INGHAM COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY meets every third Thursday of the month. For details as to time, place, and guest speaker, contact Chair Mike Stein.

THE SAINT CLAIR COUNTY LP is now holding regular meetings in the Port Huron area. For more information, contact Tom Hoffman at (313)987-6855.

THE WASHTENAW COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY meets every Wednesday evening at the Count of Antipasto Restaurant on S. University in Ann Arbor. For more information, contact Glenn Mensching, (313)662-7158, or Jim Greenshields, (313)665-0574.

THE MIDLAND AREA LIBERTARIANS meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the home of Fred Dechow. The Principles of Liberty course using the SLS Discussion Guide will be featured. For more information, contact Fred Dechow.

THE MACOMB COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Harvest Table Restaurant, Van Dyke and 15 Mile Rd. in Warren. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Virginia Cropsey.

THE WAYNE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:45 p.m. at Christoff's Public House, 13736 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn. For more information, contact Steve Furr.

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PROTECTIONISM OR RACISM?
Michigan Representative John D. Dingell, D—Dearborn, enlightened his colleagues on the Environmental Caucus by revealing the unspoken reason for most restrictive trade legislation.

Lecturing the caucus on how foreign competition had damaged the auto industry, Dingell said the main problem was "the little yellow people."

After a long silence, several co-workers exclaimed, "What?"

"The little yellow people," he repeated, "You know, Honda."

Another Democrat then responded, "Those little yellow people have built a plant in my district that is giving jobs to a lot of white and black people."

Dingell was urging the caucus

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UNCLE SAM GIVES TAXPAYERS THREE DAYS OFF — According to calculations by the Tax Foundation, it will take three days less for the "typical" American to pay off his or her tax bill this year.

The Foundation estimates that it will take the first four months and five days of 1982 to pay federal, state and local taxes for an average person.

Because of the tax "cuts" enacted last year, "tax freedom" day comes three days earlier than in 1981.

What the study does not say, however, is that despite the three day "holiday," the total tax burden has increased. Higher wages make it possible to pay the higher taxes three days earlier. □