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JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1998

BARNES ANNOUNCES EDUCATION BOARD BID

Diane Barnes announced her candidacy for the State Board of Education at a Macomb County Libertarians fundraiser at Marinelli's Restaurant in Fraser on January 31. The event also featured an address by Sheldon Richman on the Separation of School and State.

Barnes, who received over 150,000 votes running for the same position in 1996 (an LPM record for that office) knocking Republican Marilyn Lundy off the Board despite losing the race, will run a much more active campaign in '98. She has an earlier start and is getting "professional" help from campaign experts Barb Goushaw, Doug MacDonald and Mark Tuniewicz. Paul Soyk and Mark Heil are also helping with the organization along with Treasurer Marnie Edwards.

Barnes is expected to be the "top of the ticket" in November, meaning that her vote will determine the ballot status for the LPM. The party could well achieve major party status which would result in increased media attention in year 2000 and beyond. The press release is ready and a fundraising letter is scheduled for March. This is a must race and will require the support of the entire LPM.

Diane got an early unintended boost by the education bureaucrats who caused a storm of protest in January over the fingerprinting of fifth grade students including her son. She was in the forefront of the protest and made the front page of the Detroit Free Press and an hour long stint on the Mark Scott radio show.

The Marinelli's event raised \$2500.

Richman, editor of Freeman and senior fellow at the Future of Freedom Foundation, spoke on the history of US education, pointing out that literacy rates have declined with the rise in public education, exposing the statements of early public education backers that "the child belongs to the state" and saying that public education has been a success in its own terms in propagandizing American youth. Like Barnes, he opposes voucher plans as increasing government over private schools and calls for privatization.

TUNIEWICZ TO RUN FOR NATIONAL TREASURER

Mark Tuniewicz, a member of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Michigan has announced his candidacy for the position of Treasurer of the national LP. Tuniewicz, a former Chair of the New Hampshire LP already serves on the National Committee. His support among Michigan Libertarians is strong because of the quickness with which he volunteered upon his arrival in Michigan in 1997 and the quality of that work.

He has already received the endorsement of two LPM Chairs.

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We are interested in getting more college groups started. Contact James Hudler at 734-474-9792

NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

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By Keith Edwards

The 1998 State Convention of the Libertarian Party of Michigan will be held April 3-5 in Lansing. It will be a very busy convention at which we will nominate candidates for public office, elect an Executive Committee and Judicial Committee, consider changes to the state platform and by-laws and select 61 delegates and up to 61 alternates to the National Convention to be held July 1-5 in Washington, DC. With all this activity as well as the fun events, the Lansing event will require careful planning.

Here are some of the things your group can do to prepare for the Convention.

Each county group needs to hold a nominating caucus to select candidates for public office in districts located entirely in your county. If your group includes more than one county, it must split into separate caucuses for each county. This should be done in March. At the end of the caucus you should recess the caucus until the State Convention. You can continue to nominate at the Convention, but try to get as much done at your March caucus because we will be very busy in Lansing.

Candidates for offices which cross county lines such as Congress, State Senate or State Rep. will be nominated at district caucuses at the State Convention and statewide candidates will be nominated by the entire convention. Please have your candidates ready.

Any LPM member can run for delegate or alternate to the National Convention. Check the national LP News for information on the dates, costs and hotel to determine if you want to go. There is a good chance you will be elected either a delegate or alternate if you are sure you will be going. (You will have a great time!)

Be sure your LPM membership is in effect before the State Convention if you plan to vote or run for office or delegate. If you have never been a member, you must join prior to 30 days before the Convention.

PARTY PORTRAIT

It's always difficult when running an organization to find a person who has good ideas., another who can devise a plan to carry them out, still another who can motivate people to get the job done, and to help do the work. When you find someone who can do all these things, you will also find a successful group and you are darned lucky. Well, we are lucky. We have Stacy Van Oast.

Stacy joined the Libertarian Party of Michigan in the early 1990's and, noting that the Macomb County LP had died out, took it upon herself to revive it and hosted an organizing meeting along with her husband, Bob. Only a half dozen or so showed up, but Stacy gently pushed things along and by 1994 we were rolling. She served as Secretary in 1993-95 and was elected Chair in 1995 and 1996. The new group grew so fast, she was able to organize the State Convention in 1996. She then moved on to become State Vice Chair in 1997, taking on the tough job of Affiliates Coordinator.

Creative, organized and personable, that's a leader. That's Stacy Van Oast.

K.E.

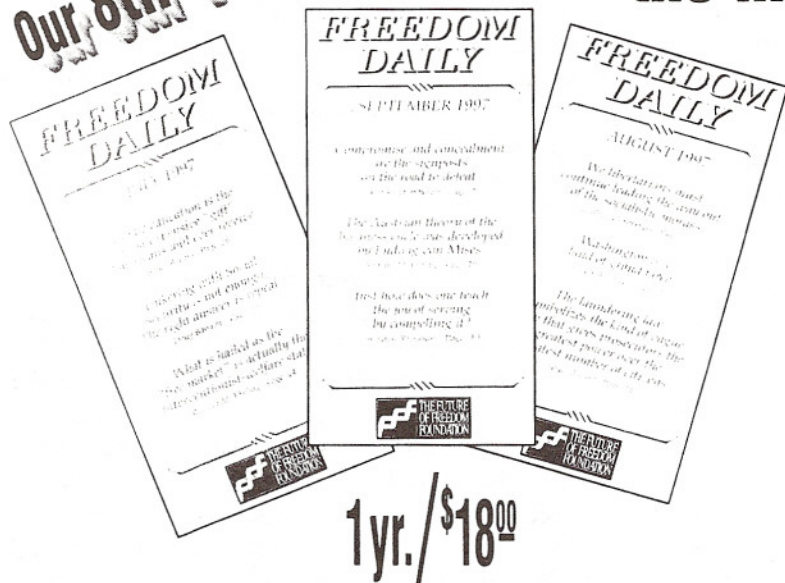
NATIONAL CONVENTION IS A "MUST"

The National Convention will be held on July 2-5 in Washington, DC. We asked a veteran Libertarian noted for her reserved manner for her comment:

Those of us who have gone in the past need to make sure what a fabulous time it is. Convention is a very special thing. The energy in the room, the parties, the chance to meet L's from all over the country, the parties, the opportunity to see that YOU are part of something that is big and growing, the parties, your friends who watch C-Span scanning the crowd for your face, the parties, the opportunity to see yours truly spout off from the podium, making friends from all over the country, the chance to argue face to face with people who make stupid postings on LPUS and did I mention the parties. Barb Goushaw

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MICHIGAN STARS AS THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY GROWS

The Libertarian Party of Michigan was one of the big stars in 1997, helping to lead the national LP to record membership, according to national party figures released by Joe Dehn. The December 31 figures show a growth of 147 members for the year in Michigan. This was the third largest growth among state parties, exceeded only by California and Georgia, and outstripped six larger states in total growth including Texas, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio.

The LPM is now the third largest state Libertarian Party behind California and Pennsylvania and we are just 104 away from second place, narrowing the gap by 113. The same relative growth in 1998 could put Michigan in second place.

As it is, the growth will put Michigan close to the front row again at the National Convention in July. The standard for the seating has been changed from total size to per cent growth for this year and most high growth states will have smaller delegations. Only California and Ohio had greater growth rates than the LPM among larger states. Michigan will have 61 delegates and up to 61 alternates.

Nationally, the LP membership rose to a record 23,345, the largest growth ever for a post-Presidential year. The national increase is up 71% in two years.

The LPM has had substantial growth each year since a depressed level was reached in 1990. The affiliate development program instituted in the 1992-93 year, the Jon Coon campaigns in 1994 and 1996, and the quality of the people who came in during those years all have combined with the expanding national visibility of libertarian ideas to create this increase. Those who have taken on the responsibility of leadership and personal commitment at state and local levels can be proud of their roles in achieving such success. The future looks even better as our pride fuels our efforts.

We hope that all those who worked so hard will attend the National Convention in celebration of our success. You deserve the honor.

K.E.

QUID PRO QUO ON PRIVACY

Why should we respect the private life of Bill Clinton or any other government official when they don't respect ours? They regulate every aspect of our personal medical choices. They tell us whom we can and cannot marry. They proscribe which private, consensual sex acts we may practice. They force us to reveal every intimate detail of our financial lives on tax forms. They dictate what substances we may ingest, how we may educate our children, and whether or not we can pull the plug on a machine keeping us alive against our will. There is not one aspect of our personal lives they consider off limits to their meddling.

Nancy O'Brien, Allen Park

This letter was printed on the op-ed page of the Detroit Free Press on February 1.

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ON GREED AND OTHER FUN THINGS

By Keith Edwards

On February 3, John Stossel had a special on ABC-TV entitled "Greed" in which he analyzed what greed is and whether it is bad. The principal speaker was Professor David Kelley of the Institute for Objectivist Studies, who handled Stossel's questions in a very analytical and articulate manner. Stossel, posing as a neutral questioner, brought out the great benefits given to the people by Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, etc., demonstrating that they achieved their great wealth in a selfish but peaceful way and that their contributions were far greater than those produced by the force of government or the altruism of Mother Teresa.

Stossel, who read and liked *The Fountainhead* in college but remained a liberal, has changed his views after years of reporting in the real world and has just read *Atlas Shrugged*. The results showed in "Greed." In a very recent interview with Karen Reedstrom in *Full Context*, Stossel said of Ayn Rand and "Atlas," "I am thrilled and amazed that this woman could know so much so many years before anyone else did and express it so beautifully."

David Kelley was interviewed the same week on Mark Scott's radio show and Stossel by Michael Reagan, both on WXYZ-AM. The word is spreading.

On page 3, I referred to the National Convention in Washington DC on July 2-5. For those of you who have never attended one, I suggest that you consider doing so this year. For years I passed it up until the '91 event in Chicago. I've been hooked ever since. The Convention not only works on the Platform and elects Natcom, but there are also a bunch of fascinating speakers, conferences and, yes, the parties. There are booksellers, exhibits and a fabulous banquet. And, on July 4 week, when the politicians have fled the city so that they can avoid the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, it's a very pleasant city to visit. As Ben Bachrach remarked two years ago as we walked by the Capitol, "You know, except for what they do here, this is a nice

City."

This year we have over twice as many delegates as in '96 and we want to fill the delegation. There's a good chance you could be elected a delegate and an Alternate for sure. And, just think! After being surrounded by Michigan socialists all year. You can spend four days amid 1,000 or more rational, benevolent freedom lovers just like yourself. Can you pass that up?

James Bovard, who was one of the speakers at the '96 National Convention wrote on "The Dangerous Expansion of Forfeiture Laws" on page A11 of the *Wall Street Journal* on December 29. Bovard blasted Rep. Henry Hyde for watering down his own bill to reform those laws, saying, "Mr. Hyde sidetracked his 15-page reform bill and pledged himself to a new 64-page bill - with almost all the new material written by Justice Department lawyers. This is like letting burglars write the laws on breaking and entering, since many of the worst forfeiture abuses are committed by Justice Department employees."

My favorite remark on Bill Clinton's character was written by British theater-film critic Mark Steyn in a *WSJ* article on January 28 entitled *Pandora's Boxer Shorts*. In commenting on the "everybody does it" excuse so in vogue with liberal commentators who cite Grover Cleveland, Warren Harding, Ike, Kennedy etc., Steyne wrote, "Seasoned commentators have bemoaned the fact that the U.S. isn't like France, where Mitterand was buried with both his wife and mistress in attendance. But come Mr. Clinton's passing, an equivalent gathering of his womenfolk would be the biggest windfall for the nation's charter buses since the Million Man March."

And, as a result of Zippergate, there is now a controversy over whether White House Secret Service Agents can be questioned about the activities of Clinton. If it is decided that protecting the reputation is more important than letting citizens have the information they need to evaluate the character of their President, then the SS becomes the Praetorian Guard a la the reigns of Caligula and Nero and we may see the beginnings of the Fall of the American Empire. Oh, well at least the demystification of the Presidency is well under way.

Hear Ye. Hear Ye...

you're invited to attend

WINTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE '98

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS → TIM O'BRIEN + JON COON

WHEN? Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998; 10am-5pm, registration-9:30

WHERE? Four Points Hotel, Saginaw, MI*

WHO? *You!* If you are a current or future activist, officer, or political candidate. All 'movers and shakers' within your local party are invited and encouraged to attend.

WHY? To share past accomplishments and future goals, to brainstorm with fellow freedom fighters, and to have fun! Each affiliate should be prepared to give a brief 'state of the county' address.

COST—While the conference itself is FREE, those who wish to dine with us during our 12-1pm lunch hour are encouraged to take advantage of the special "Libertarians Only" lunch deal we've worked out with the hotel's four star restaurant: *Chicken Salad Croissant OR Lasagna OR chef's salad.* **The \$10 lunch includes:** complete meal, dessert, beverage (and coffee refills), tax, tip, and a small donation to the host affiliate. (Yippie!)

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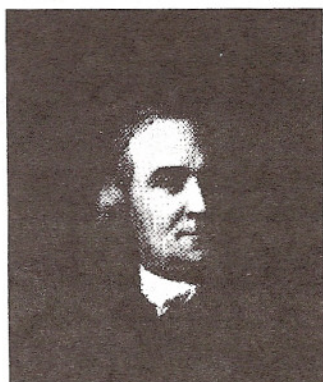


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NOTE: Party affiliates are invited to bring libertarian oriented items to sell for fund raising purposes, but the TCLP reserves the right to be the EXCLUSIVE vendor of 50/50 raffle tickets.

*Libertarian room rate: \$49.00. Call 517-790-5050 for reservations.



THE FOURTH ANNUAL SAM ADAMS DINNER

to benefit the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County

featuring
"Libertarian Comedy Night"
with
Tim Slagle

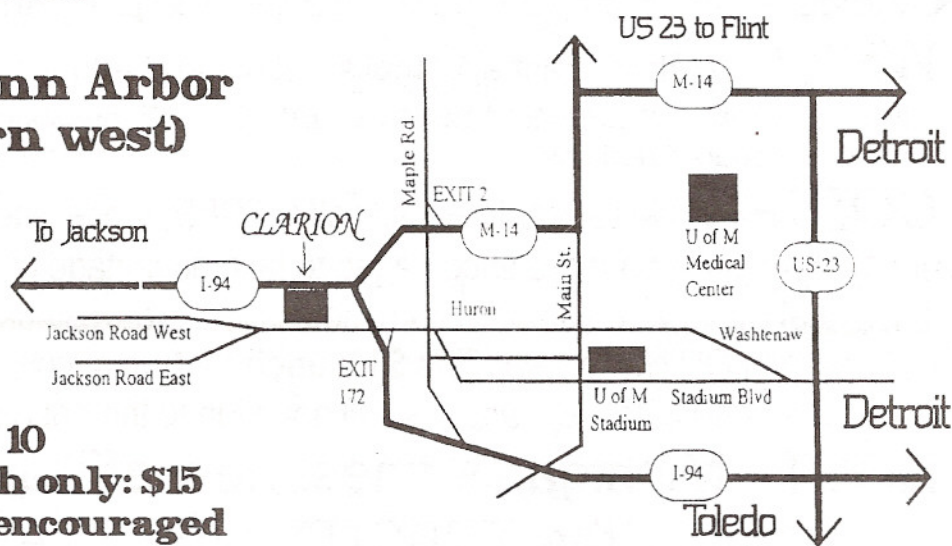
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The Clarion Hotel
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(exit 172 off I-94, (turn west))

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Dinner

8:30 Showtime

\$35.00 / person by March 10
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casual or colonial attire encouraged
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Questions? Call Dan Lafavers at 734-483-5978

-----detach and return by March 10-----

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Affiliate Report

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4th Annual Sam Adams Dinner

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County is holding its 4th annual Sam Adams dinner. The dinner, originally conceived by former State chair Emily Salvette, has increased in popularity every year. It is a celebration of the efforts of revolutionary-war era patriots, such as Sam Adams, to secure the blessings of liberty for them and their posterity (us).

This year promises to be a departure from normal Libertarian dinners. The party has arranged for comedian Tim Slagle to perform his act. Slagle is an outrageously hilarious comedian that uses his "impolite" humor to roast sacred cows on the left and on the right. He should be the perfect match for a primarily Libertarian audience.

In keeping with the spirit of the occasion guests are requested to come casually dressed. Colonial costumes, as always, are encouraged. The dinner will be held on March 21, at the Clarion Inn, 2900 Jackson Rd. in Ann Arbor. (see ad elsewhere in this newsletter). Call Dan Lafavers at 734-483-5978 for more info.

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We will add items as they become available. If you have a web sight that you would like us to list please reply with the URL and please put 'Libertarian Web Link' in the subject line.

Shiawassee County Elects Officers

Bennington - Thursday evening, January 15, the Libertarian Party of Shiawassee County met for their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Village of Bennington. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Benjamin Steele III.

The first order of business was to elect new officers for the this year. Nominations were submitted and considered by the attending members. The results are: Benjamin Steele III was reelected as County Chairman; Benjamin Steele Jr. was elected as Vice-Chairman; Max Dollarhite, candidate for 85th district State Representative, was reelected as Secretary; and Jean Trafton was elected as Treasurer.

Discussion continued with upcoming events related to the Libertarian Party around the state. If you're interested in attending next month's meeting then please come to the east side door at the old Bennington General Store on the corner of Bennington and Ruess roads at 7 p.m., Thursday, February 19th.

Meeting Reminders

The Libertarian Party of Shiawassee County will begin holding regular meetings every third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., at 4000 W. Bennington Road, Owosso; 1 mile West of M-52 (sign out front).

Western MI meetings are now being held on the second Thursday of each month.

Van Buren Co. meets at C.J.'s Restaurant, Bus. I-196 at Co. Rte.A2 in South Haven at 6:30 PM.

New Officers of LPMM (Lansing)

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Vice:	Will White
Treasurer:	Darrin Whitt
Secretary:	Mike Miller
Eaton co rep:	Bob Broda
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Report of Libertarian National Committee Meeting

December 13 & 14 Sheraton Washington Hotel - Washington, D.C. Region 3 Representative, Ken Bisson, M.D.

Here are the highlights of the meeting, with a focus on issues discussed among the region 3 state chairs. The meeting followed our usual format of Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM and Sunday 9 AM till Sunday afternoon, when finished. As is usual for the year-end meeting, the budget for next year was the major item. Next year's budget was approved to allow an increase in reserves of \$100 K. There was a strong consensus that developing a 10% reserve position was a fiscally responsible move for this organization.

We should end 1997 with reserves of \$100 K and with the budget approved for 1998 (if met) a \$200 K reserve ending 1998. In the past, we have been overextended as a result of keeping no reserves when immediate demands arose (mainly ballot access). By budgeting for growing reserves, we will, in the future, face such urgent demands by temporarily reducing reserves rather than incurring temporary debt.

The audit has been done and reports are not yet complete. It was helpful in finding improvements for our accounting report generation and financial statement accuracy. No serious problems were found. We should establish an ongoing relationship with the auditing firm (same one used by CATO) which will foster more suggestions from them for improvements we can make. An audit of 1997 will be complete and reported prior to next year's convention. Internal audits will continue to be done every six months and monthly financial statements will be included in the monthly state chair packets.

The Convention Committee reported good progress on the 1998 plans. The early pricing of the gold package will be the best pricing of the decade! Kris Williams is working to make every aspect of the convention a little better than ever before for a price lower than ever before. Seating will be as already published for the 1998 convention but Doug MacDonald's suggestion of member density (rather than % growth for one year) will likely be used for future

convention seating contests.

Ron Crickenberger was approved as National Director. The LNC selections for Platform and Bylaws committees for next year's convention were made as follows:

Platform Committee (ten LNC selections and one selection from each of the ten largest states)

Steve Givot
Donald Gallick
Tim O'Brien
Mike Hihn
Joe Hauptman
John Brown
Nancy Neale
Mike Tanner
Jim Lark
John Buttrick, interim chair

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Other business items included:

A decision to pay for the filing of Service marks for "Libertarian Party" and "Party of Principle".

Refusal of Ron Paul's request to rent our membership list to raise funds for his re-election campaign. There was strong opposition to assisting a candidate of another party, even in view of the exceptional situation presented by Dr. Paul. The LNC members from region 3 were quite alone in our willingness to make an exception for Dr. Paul by allowing a list exchange.

The next LNC meeting will be March 7 & 8 in Washington, D.C. Please let me know of your concerns. Plan to join us in July! I would appreciate your support in my upcoming campaign to remain your regional representative.

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