



MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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July-August, 2000

Browne-Olivier Ticket Set to Go

Harry Browne became the first repeat Presidential candidate in the history of The Libertarian Party with a first ballot nomination at the LP National Convention July 2 in Anaheim, California. Browne got 493 votes of the 878 cast, over Don Gorman's 166, Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger's 120, Barry Hess's 70 and Dave Hollist's 8. Some 38 votes went to None of the Above and others.

While Browne was the betting favorite, the first ballot victory was a surprise. Gorman and Hess had campaigned long and hard, and the last minute re-entry of Hornberger seemed to be the wild card. He had strongly criticized Browne and he was a rallying point for those who were disappointed in Harry's campaign in 1996. However, the lateness of his re-entry seemed self-serving to some and it killed any chance for Gorman and Hess. Bumper fans were disappointed in the vote and while Gorman and Hess were welcomed into the campaign, Bumper became the outcast with Harry reportedly refusing a congratulatory handshake.

Art Olivier (Oh-liv'ee-ay), former Libertarian Mayor of Belleflower, California, won the Vice Presidential nomination on the second ballot 419-338 over Steve Kubby. Olivier had a plurality on the first ballot over Kubby 333-303, Ken Krawchuk of Pennsylvania with 70 and Gail Lightfoot of California with 7. Kubby's medical marijuana legal battle in California won him sympathy votes, but he was a late entry as was Lightfoot, whose brief effort was a hyper-tacky attempt to get TV coverage for her US Senate bid. Krawchuk had run a long struggle with Olivier, but admitted freely that he was really preparing for the 2002 PA governor race. After the first ballot, he

threw his support to Olivier.

Art is handsome, articulate and even taller than Browne with an excellent Mayoral record. Until his pre-vote speech he seemed a bit too soft-spoken, but won the day with much more fire in his delivery. If he keeps that up, he will be a real asset to the ticket and with Browne starting to put more oomph in his voice, things could be more exciting this time.

The Michigan delegation voted Browne 19, Hornberger 11, NOTA 5, Hess 3, Gorman 0 and 4 embarrassing votes for non-existent persons. For VP, it was Olivier 17, Kubby 12, Krawchuk 6, NOTA 1 on the first ballot, and Olivier 26, Kubby 10 on the second.

Lark Elected Chair, Bisson Wins

Jim Lark of Virginia was elected Chair of the Libertarian National Committee at the Convention in Anaheim with 355 votes to 152 for George Phillies of Massachusetts, 52 for Gary Copeland of California and 5 for NOTA. Michigan voted 27-2-1-1.

Dan Fylstra was elected Vice Chair with 335 votes over Gary Johnson with 88, Charles Wilhoit 72, NOTA 6. Michigan went 23-3-0-1.

Steve Givot was re-elected Secretary over Steve Boone 310-152 with 6 for NOTA. Michigan voted 21-3-1.

Mark Tuniewicz was re-elected Treasurer 286-198 over Terry Savage. Mark's Michigan vote was 25-0.

Our own Region 3 Representative, Ken Bisson, led the
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We encourage the formation of college libertarian clubs. Each school has its own policies and rules for setting up such groups. Check your school's rules (you may need a faculty advisor) and give Greg Stempfle a call. Affiliates are encouraged to help start or maintain college libertarian clubs in their areas. If you have a son or daughter in college, you might encourage them to start a club. This age group will be voting for the next 60 years!

What Next?

By Stacy Van Oast, Chair

The Libertarian Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates have been selected. Primary election day is almost upon us. In other words, the heart of "election season" has arrived. So, what's next?

Individual Libertarian candidates across the state will be distributing flyers and answering voter surveys. Affiliates and volunteers will be assisting, helping to promote the Libertarian Party and our message in as many ways as possible.

The Ballot Access Retention Committee, our Michigan Presidential committee, will be kicking its efforts into high gear. Now is the time for a political party like ours to make a difference.

Each and every day each of us lives the Libertarian ideal. We respect each other. We are tolerant of others and their decisions. We honor our commitments. We must continue to do those things always.

However, now is the time to become politically involved. Every little political thing that everyone does every day will help take the Libertarian Party to victory. Now is the time.

Thank you to those of you who are our Libertarian candidates and who are already working on a campaign. Thanks for giving the rest of us something productive to work on. Now, put us to work!

Contribute money and/or time to a campaign that you think will make a difference. Gather with other passionate Libertarians to stuff envelopes or distribute flyers at a fair. I guarantee you will not regret it. In fact, your political activity will inspire you and others and make you feel good.

Do you remember why you got involved in or joined the Libertarian Party? I know I did because I wanted to make a difference.

What next? Make a difference. Help a candidate. Change the world!

High Tech = Lo-Effort

By Stacy Van Oast and Greg Dirasian

Do you have enough time to do everything you want to do in your campaign?

Probably not.

That's why the Libertarian Party of Michigan has implemented its online media database. The brainchild of Doug MacDonald, the online media database was made a reality by Hugh Fader and Greg Dirasian.

Candidates who are looking for a list of media outlets in their area can request a user ID and password to access the media list via the internet. The system is so easy, even a Luddite could use it. Send media kits and press releases to the media in your district! You and your affiliate can also help us update the media list and keep it current by adding media folks with whom you develop a relationship.

Also, be sure to share news of your campaign and/or affiliate with us on our weekly electronic newsletter. Sign up and submit articles, recruit volunteers and enter events on our state-wide calendar. Candidates should be especially certain to enter on the calendar their public speaking appearances, radio appearances and TV appearances.

"NewsNetPipeline" can be found at <http://www.mi.lp.org/lpmonline/>. Join the 450+ LP members who already subscribe.

Do you have a candidate web site? Would you like a simple way of accepting credit cards securely online? Contact Greg Dirasian at greg@newsnetpipeline.com for a quick solution to this problem.

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Ballot Access Retention Committee Report

By Barbara Goushaw, Chair

Michigan's Ballot Access Retention Committee's first goal – to have a committee in place and a "war chest" raised before the Presidential nominee was selected at the National Convention, has been accomplished. Thanks to the tireless efforts of fundraising chair Greg Dirasian, the persuasive phone calls of Bill "Big Bucks" Shotey, the generosity of those who opened their wallets at the Michigan Convention fundraising banquet and the entire team who pitched in to make the "'Slash the Pork'" event such a huge success, BARC has raised \$39,000.

Thus far, we have spent \$12,000 on billboard contracts and \$3,500 on the pig roast, so most of the money remains in the bank. Next project is to purchase lawn signs and have the 2' x 8' yellow banners imprinted with our candidate's name. Both projects should be close to self-funded as we expect that most people will donate a few bucks to cover the cost of the signs when they pick them up. We expect to have signs available by mid-August. Both will be printed locally to keep the cost down. We still need people from across the state to act as sign distribution points. We want to be sure that anyone who wants to put a Harry Browne sign on his/her lawn can pick one up somewhere close to home.

Remember that after the August primary, any lawn signs on public property that have not been picked up by their owners are considered "blight." So picking up the sign wires for "recycling" is actually a community service – and a huge cost saving for us! (They cost 60 cents each.)

Now that the nominee has been chosen, the large volunteer force recruited by the Harry Browne campaign will be joined together with BARC to form one big team. Future meetings will be moved to the state party headquarters to accommodate all the people who have volunteered to help. Contact me for the date of the next meeting.

Our future fundraising efforts will focus on our very ambitious plan to raise the massive money budgeted

for radio advertising here in Michigan, under the guidance of our media guru, Tim O'Brien.

There is one correction that needs to be made. I am delighted to report that we were wrong about how many votes we need to keep the Michigan LP on the ballot. The correct number, according to the Michigan Board of Elections, is 20,555, not the 28,000 originally projected. The requirement is determined as 1% of the number of votes for the successful candidate for Secretary of State, not 1% of the total of all votes cast. (Don't ask me how on earth they came up with that screwy formula, it's the brainchild of Democrat and Republican legislators.) That is a good reason never to vote for Secretary of State unless we are running someone. It just increases our required total vote.

And, just for the record, my personal goal is to make sure that more Michigan voters cast their ballots for Harry Browne (at least the highest per capita) than anywhere else in the country. Won't you please help me make this goal a reality?

Oakland County Millage Vote

To the Editor:

Could you inform your members about the Oakland County Millage Proposal on the August 8 ballot. In the lead sentence of the proposal it reads in bold print: "PARKS AND RECREATION RENEWAL." But buried in the fine print, which most voters will not read, it asks for an INCREASE.

I requested that the question be put on the November general election ballot, but they refused. The traditionally low turnout at the Primary will almost assure that it will pass. I believe the voters are deliberately being misled.

I've created a web site with a voter's viewpoint of this millage similar to the LP's Defend Your Privacy at www.millagealert.org.

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Michigan LP a Hit in Anaheim

By Keith Edwards

The Libertarian Party of Michigan delegation was a major force at the National Convention in Anaheim, June 27-July 3. Emily Salvette and Dave Nagy served on the Credentials Committee, Tim O'Brien and I served on the Platform Committee. Tim was nominated for the lifetime activist award. Al Titran and Rosemary Racchi sold out our supply of Liberty pins and came home with orders for more. We received a lot of compliments from activists in other states for our innovations and efforts. We had great TV visibility, holding down the first three rows on the much-covered right side. We were on the winning side in most of the elections.

Barbara Goushaw delivered the keynote address on the theme, "Why are you here?" She cited a series of reasons why individuals have joined the Libertarian movement: businessmen tired of taxes and regulations, People who want to defend themselves with guns, gays, environmentalists, feminists, immigrants, future retirees worried about social security, defenders of the internet and those opposed to the war on drugs. To each, she said, "Welcome home!" She was introduced by Fred Collins.

There were other excellent speakers. Neal Boortz, the Atlanta talk show host was probably the best. Barbara Branden spoke on "Ayn Rand and the 21st Century." Michael Cloud reprised his speech from the Michigan Convention on "Personal Responsibility is the Price of Freedom," a big hit. Ex-Michiganian Mary Ruwart also spoke.

Another big hit was Russell Means, the first director of the American Indian Movement, hero of the Wounded Knee takeover and almost our Presidential Candidate in 1988. He's also a movie actor, has a most impressive presence and stirred the audience. There is already a Means for President movement starting for 2004.

From the Friday night entertainment with comic Tim Slagle and singer Melanie, to the funny moments on the Convention floor and in committee meetings, there was an over-all good feeling among the

Delegates. One of the joys of the National Convention is the chance to meet other rational, good-natured, friendly libertarians from other parts of the country.

Tim and I were particularly struck by the mutual respect and cordiality on the Platform Committee. There were contentious issues: abortion, capital punishment, the statement of principles, but the debate never got personal. We won some, lost some, but made friends. I was lucky. I fought against the same old proportional representation gimmick proposal that we see each year here, and lost in Committee 15-1, but won on the Convention floor. Then, I got the NOTA plank modified. Those provided my high.

There was a sad note, the death of Peter McWilliams two weeks earlier because of the federals refusal to recognize the law on medical marijuana in California. The re-running of excerpts of Peter's speech at the '98 Convention was touching.

The Browne-Hornberger conflict created some divisions (more about that on page 6), but except for a couple of childish displays, the delegates handled it with decorum.

This was my fifth National Convention and, as always, I came home 10 feet off the ground, despite jet lag, lack of sleep and the sardine feeling one gets on airlines. Libertarians are terrific people. To be in a hall with up to 903 of them, the speeches, the intelligence and respect of others in debate, the optimism, the philosophical unity, the entertainment, seeing some very dear old friends and the whole atmosphere of the Convention will keep me going for quite a while. (I'm not going to spoil it by watching the chaos of the Dem and Rep farces.)

There is talk of the Indiana LP hosting the next one in Indianapolis. That would be great because more Michiganians would be inclined to go and experience the euphoria. As Diane Barnes said after attending this, her first one, "I'm hooked!" Jim Miller, another first-timer said, "I'm hooked." No surprise. We all say that after the first one.

Speaking of awesome things, have you checked out the Michigan LP web site lately? LPM Webmaster Mark Heil has done some terrific remodeling. Check it out at www.mi.lp.org . Very impressive. Stacy.

Unity

By Keith Edwards

The Browne-Hornberger clash over Browne's relationship with NatCom employees, Project Archimedes and FEC reports has been well enough publicized that further debate adds nothing. Reforms at NatCom are in place and the FEC reports are to be filed, so Bumper won on those issues. While Archimedes did not produce the advertised membership results, it made a profit and Harry was renominated. There are new faces on the NatCom.

The important point is IT'S OVER! The campaign is under way. Most Bumper fans I know, including myself, have our Browne bumper stickers on our cars. We have our Browne buttons. Harry is no longer a saint (who is?) but his campaign style and theme are improved. He's a better candidate than at least four of the other six were and he's OUR candidate and it's OUR ballot status!

Bumper offered his handshake and it was refused. OK, so there's bitterness there. It's natural. However, Harry's most fervent supporters need to help overcome that. Stop bitching over the one month lapse in Bumper's membership. That can happen to anyone. Stop calling him a snitch. That has been disproved. Get over it! Bumper has issued a "I won" statement that is disappointing, but hopefully he will zip his lip for the duration and stick to promoting liberty. He does it better than anyone.

The LP was torn apart on two occasions in the 1980's and it set us back for years. We lost some good people who forgot who the enemy really is. We must learn from past errors.

Libertarians are terrific people. They think objectively, listen to both sides and focus on facts. They respect their fellow freedom fighters, forgive mistakes and move on to the battle for liberty.

That's what being a team player is all about.



Harry Browne accepts the nomination telling voters, "We believe in you!"

My name is Richard Rider. For 23 years I've been a California Libertarian Party member and taxpayer activist. I've run for office several times, including as the 1994 Libertarian Party candidate for governor of California (another 48% and I would have WON that sucker!).

But today I'm running this commercial ad both to save you money and to make me fabulously rich (well, less middle class, perhaps). Our family business -- Economy Telcom -- operates nationwide as an independent consulting firm in the field of long distance service and high-speed data line transmission. We are similar to an independent insurance agency in that we represent (currently 23) different companies, matching programs with different client needs in different states.

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To paraphrase a favorite cliché of our political opponents, it's a win-win-win-win situation. You pay much less for long distance, you pay lower taxes on your smaller phone bill, I get rich, and your LP newsletter makes money on our ads. The only losers are the government and your present long distance carrier.

To sign up, or to discuss your situation, give us a call at 1-888-721-8141 extension 3333. Or e-mail me at RRider@san.rr.com. Let's do some business!

Libertarian Party of Michigan Candidates 2000

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District 2	Bruce A. Smith
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District 4	Richard L. Whitelock
District 5	Clint Foster
District 6	William H. Bradley
District 7	Robert F. Broda, Jr.
District 8	James P. Eyster
District 9	Laurie Martin
District 10	Richard T. Friend
District 11	Richard Gach
District 12	Andrew LeCureaux
District 13	Karin R. Corliss
District 14	Constance Catalfio
District 16	Edward Hlavac
State Representative	
District 1	Craig Hodges
District 3	Joann Karpinski
District 9	Kenneth E. Vojtech
District 12	Michael Donohue
District 15	Greg Stempfle
District 16	Christopher Gonzalez
District 18	David Nagy
District 19	John Tatar
District 22	Ken Reyes
District 23	Rick Secula
District 24	Eric B. Gordon
District 25	John Morgan
District 26	Keith P. Edwards
District 27	David Wejrandt
District 31	Jim Miller
District 32	Bob Van Oast
District 33	Joe Zemens
District 35	Magalene C. Boleyn
District 38	Anne Bora
District 39	Ray Kozora
District 41	Jeffrey J. Hampton
District 47	Trish Marie
District 50	James C. Shollenberger
District 61	Sean Nunnemaker
District 63	Albert D. McCallum

District 67	Yepnam Dervahanian
District 74	Bill Gelineau
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District 80	Timothy Miley
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Livingston Co. Comm. Dist. 6	George Sise
Livingston Co. Clerk	Richard A. Samul
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Macomb Co. Comm. Dist 18	Mark Heil
Macomb Co. Comm. Dist 22	Rosemary Racchi
Macomb Co. Sheriff	Al Titran
Missaukee Co. Comm. Dist. 6	Greg A. Willis Jr.
Oakland Co. Comm. Dist 1	Mark Carney
Oakland Co. Comm. Dist. 5	Fred Martin
Oakland Co. Comm. Dist. 22	Steve Afton
Oakland Co. Comm. Dist. 23	Steven G. Schulte
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Oakland Co. Prosecutor	Leonard W. Schwartz
Oakland Co. Sheriff	Michael A. Carson
Chester Twp. Trustee	Donald A. McCallum

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Kent County Clerk	Jamie Lewis
Plainfield Twp. Trustee	Derek E. Hollemans

Total 107

This is the largest number of candidates ever fielded by the Libertarian Party of Michigan in one year. Thanks to all of these terrific activists!

Letter to the Editor

The House that Ilitch Bilked

Pity Bill Gates. Here's a guy persecuted by his own government for successfully selling his goods on the open market. Nobody forces you to buy Microsoft products, but Gates is a "predatory monopolist" for letting you do just that.

Tigers' owner Mike Ilitch, by contrast, has been lionized for keeping the team in Detroit. It doesn't matter that he helped himself to a \$135 million taxpayer subsidy to build his corporate welfare monstrosity, Comerica Park, in the process. Somehow, funds collected under threats of fine and imprisonment (taxes) are less predatory than profits generated under a system of free exchange.

The Tigers' organization is a racketeering outfit. They'll not get another dollar from me that they have't already extorted.

Tony Pivetta
Royal Oak



Libertarian Party Presidential Nominee Harry Browne flanked by rivals Barry Hess and Don Gorman at the LPM "Slash the Pork" event June 11

Coon to Speak at Tri-Cities Gun Rally

By Rosemarie Jozwiak

Tri-Cities Libertarian Party will hold its second annual Pro-Gun Rally and pig roast on Sunday, August 20 at the Bridgeport Gun Club. It is located at 3265 Roselle Rd., Saginaw.

The event will include a debate on the Second Amendment between Republican State Senator Mike Goshka, Democrat Jim Lewis (chief of staff to Congressman Borcia) and Libertarian candidate **Jon Coon**. It will be moderated by Ghazey Aleck.

The will be trap shooting and activities for children.

The event will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the meal served between 4:00 and 5:00 only. The meal includes a beverage and dessert. The debate will begin at 6:00.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Seating is limited and the price goes up after August 7. Get your tickets from Richard Jozwiak at jozie@webinbox.com or 517-895-1146.

Elections (Continued from page 1)

voting for the five At large seats on the Nat Com with 244 votes. Jim Turney 212, Elias Israel 199, Lois Kaneshiki 190 and Lorenzo Gaztanaga 180 won over eight others. The others were Rock Howard 176, Chris Caputo 161, Al Anders 105, Scott Stewart 101, Philip Zebisch 98, Don Gorman 82, Steve Trinward 69, Tamara Millay 67 and None of the Above 2.

Indiana's Sara Cotham succeeds the popular Bisson as our Region 3 Representative with Barbara Goushaw as Alternate.

The Judicial Committee had 15 nominations, but a quorum call failed, automatically ending the Convention. There were 904 registered delegates (42 for Michigan) so the 40% quorum was 362. There were only 338 present as delegates headed for the airports. NatCom may fill the Committee.

Liberty Fest Set

Libertarians of Macomb County will host the fifth annual Liberty Fest Awards on Saturday, November 11, at a place to be determined. The speaker will be Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger, President of the Future of Freedom Foundation in Virginia.

The format may vary from the usual banquet set-up, which should reduce the cost. Up to four Defender of Freedom "Libby" Awards will be presented. Last year's winners were David Littman, Emily Salvette, Mark Heil, and Rosemary Racchi and At Titran (together.) A special Award went to James Bovard for his national journalism.

Jacob Hornberger is widely regarded as the most inspirational speaker in the libertarian movement and a firm adherent to principle. Coming just after the election, he will present a forward look and an optimistic one.

At it's July 12 meeting, the LMC membership voted overwhelmingly for the selection of Hornberger. State Chair Stacy Van Oast called it "an exciting and inspirational choice."

Clare-Gladwin LP Chair Ghazey Aleck will introduce Hornberger.

Advisory Council, Executive Committee to Meet

The Libertarian Advisory Council, the legislative body between Conventions of the LPM, is scheduled to meet Sunday, August 13, at LPM campaign headquarters at 1:00. If the quorum fails, the Libertarian Executive Committee will meet immediately thereafter. Any LPM member may attend either meeting.

Headquarters is at 619 East Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park, a few blocks east of both I-75 and John R. It's on the north side of the street.

"The man who fears no truths has nothing to fear from lies."

President Thomas Jefferson

Oakland County LP Is Hot!

By Greg Dirasian

The Oakland County LP has been busy over the past couple months. We finally obtained our own domain name and can be found at <http://www.lpocmi.org> .

We have authorized \$500 for the construction of the Oakland County office at LPM headquarters in Hazel Park. Construction begins in July after everyone gets back from vacation.

We have 18 candidates from Oakland County, short of our goal of 34 because our volunteers were spread thin on other projects. The entire LPOC worked very hard on the Howrylak campaign, a landslide victory in the largest office ever one by the LPM.

This wasn't simply a win. The positive effect it had on our members has inspired them to run for office and recruit friends and family. The result is astounding. From June 1999 to June 2000, we have had a 30% increase in LPOC membership.

So far this year, we have elected Martin Howrylak to the Troy City Council, David Eisenbacher has been appointed to the Troy Historic District Commission, Lloyd Sherman has been appointed to a commission in Hazel Park, and we have a candidate running unopposed for a non-partisan race.

Mark Carney is running a very exciting race for a County Commissioner seat, planning to raise and spend \$10,000. His Golf Outing fundraiser promises to be a fun-filled event. Chris Pellerito is managing Mike Corliss' Senate campaign. Mike Carson is unopposed by a Democrat in his race for Sheriff. His "Shall Issue" platform should put pressure on Oakland County to issue more CCW permits. Paul Champion, who was called an "asshole" by Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson, joined the Libertarian Party and is running for that office. Thanks, Brooks, for doing our recruiting for us! Bob Schubring is running for Drain Commissioner.

Finally, Leonard Schwartz is running for Prosecutor. If we won Prosecutor and Sheriff races, Libertarians would control the County Gun Board.

Clare-Gladwin Off to Fast Start

By Stacy Van Oast

One of the LPM's newest affiliates, the Clare-Gladwin Libertarian Party, welcomed me to their meeting on July 10 at nearby Mid Michigan Community College. Officially recognized at the May 20 State Convention, this group was started by former Democratic Clare County Prosecutor Ghazey Aleck. Other officers are Bill Lang, Laurie Stroman, Laura Lang and Dale Grigg. The fledgling group already has one candidate, Cassandra Meadowcroft, for County Treasurer.

My first stop in my trek north was at Chair Aleck's law office, where he and legal assistant Wendy loaded my vehicle with just-cleaned and serviced used office equipment: a copy machine, a fax machine and a laser printer! We will sure make good use of it all at our LPM office. Thank you!

The meeting came next. Refreshments were served and it was my pleasure to speak with this motivated and interested group. After I thanked everyone in attendance for making the effort to establish a local Libertarian presence, we discussed the upcoming campaign season and the affiliate's ambitious plans to make a Libertarian difference in the outcome. Following their recent participation in a couple of Fourth of July parades, lawn signs and literature and possibly a fair are in their plans.

After meeting this energetic and enthusiastic, passionately libertarian group, I am confident that Clare and Gladwin Counties have more liberty in their future!

Check Washtenaw's Web Site

By Stacy Van Oast

In going to Washtenaw County LP's web site to volunteer for their Ann Arbor Art Fair booth, I thought WOW! Anyone looking for a format to sign up volunteers for any event should look at their volunteer web site. Washtenaw computer hack Dan LaFaver will sell you the secrets☺. What a way to solicit and keep track of volunteers and time slots. Check it out at <http://www.arrenkyle.com/pwc/aa/2000.cgi> .

Affiliates Committee Seeks Proposals for Next Leadership Conference

By Ben Steele III

The Affiliates Committee is now seeking proposals for the next Leadership Conference, tentatively scheduled to be held on February 17, 2001. There will be no fall, 2000, Conference, due to the elections.

The host affiliate will need to locate a suitable room for 40-50 people with room to possibly break up into smaller groups with plenty of space between groups. Food will need to be available, either off-the-menu or catered. The Affiliates Committee will set the agenda, with help from the host affiliate in regard to time scheduling.

What's in it for the host affiliate? Traditionally, it has been recognized that the host affiliate holds the "rights" to fundraising, usually holding a 50/50. It is up to the host affiliate whether to allow other affiliates to sell fundraising items.

Another benefit of hosting is that it gives members something to work together on, with the sense of accomplishment that goes with a successful event.

Please send your proposals for location, food, fundraising plans and other ideas you may have to: Ben Steele III, 5901 E. M-71, Corunna, MI 48817. Proposals will be accepted until September 30.

Special note: It has been brought to my attention that many active LP members assume that Leadership Conferences are not for them because they do not hold a "position" within their affiliate or within the LPM. This is simply *not* true! The Leadership Conference is for all LP members who are active including, but not limited to, present and future officers. We are not only interested in educating and equipping our current leadership, but our activists and future leadership as well. If you think getting together with a bunch of other Libertarians to swap ideas and learn new skills sounds like fun, then the Leadership Conference is for you! You don't have to hold a leadership position. Affiliate officers: when you receive materials promoting the Conference, PLEASE share them with ALL active members of your affiliate! Thanks!

Affiliate Contest Expands!

By Ben Steele III

Are you starting your 2000 Affiliate Contest entry yet? I hope so!

This year we are giving out THREE prizes: A \$100 certificate from the Advocates for Self Government to the Overall winner, a \$40 Advocates certificate for the "Membership Prize" winner and a \$40 Advocates certificate for the "Political Activity" winner.

The Membership Prize will go to the affiliate which shows the largest percentage increase in membership during year 2000. The Political Activity Prize will go to the affiliate which demonstrates the greatest involvement in political activity such as Campaigns, Petition Drives, Gaining Appointed Positions, Protests, Fighting Bad Local Laws, etc. The Overall winner will be the affiliate which shows strength in both the above categories as well as in organizational areas, such as Newsletters and Websites, Financial Management, Meetings, Public Relations/Media, etc.

I will be sending a letter to all affiliate officers soon detailing the areas which the judges will be looking at.

I hope your affiliate is planning to take part in this exciting, expanded Affiliate Contest! You can contact me at 517-288-5616 or bstele1@tir.com if you have any questions regarding the contest.

Macomb's Scott Allen Runs for Trustee

Scott Allen hopes to Clean Up Clinton Township Government by winning one of four open seats for Township Trustee. Clinton Township officials have been accused of dumping raw sewage illegally into the Clinton River for over 20 years. This waste then empties into Lake St. Clair. The township was fined \$50,000 after officials admitted the charges. Allen believes that "Taxpayers should not be strapped with fines for the actions of a few corrupt politicians," and that the politicians should be held responsible. Poll workers for the August 8 Primary and volunteers are

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Macomb's Scott Allen Runs for Trustee

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needed and welcome. Please contact Diane Barnes at Dbarnes98@aol.com or 810-774-1625 if you would like to get involved in Scott's campaign. Scott can be reached at swallen@webbnet.net or 810-790-1459. Send contributions to : Citizens to Elect Scott W. Allen, 21051 Danbury, Clinton Twp., MI 48035.

Affiliate News

By Ben Steele III

I recently had the pleasure of finding out firsthand how dedicated and motivated the affiliate parties of the Libertarian Party of Michigan are by visiting two of them.

On June 13, my wife Violet and I visited the Libertarian Party of Lapeer and Genesee Counties at their monthly meeting in Davison. This was a well-attended meeting in a very accessible and comfortable setting at Whitey's on M-15, one mile north of I-69. I personally enjoy visiting the LPLGC at Whitey's because they have a fabulous seafood menu. They meet at 6:30 on the second Tuesday of each month.

The meeting was very professional and the LP was well represented by the LPLGC. One gentleman at the restaurant noticed the Libertarian Party sign and came over to inquire about the affiliate's candidates.

The LPLGC is running two candidates for State Representative. Trish Marie is running in District 47 and Jim Shollenberger is running an active campaign in District 50. Their officers are: Trish Marie, Chair; Mal Johnson, Secretary; Ron Hardenburg, Treasurer; and Paul Hitch, Trustee.

Like any good affiliate, the Libertarian Party of Lapeer and Genesee Counties is looking for ways to get more participation from their members. If you are an LPM member in Lapeer or Genesee County, you should make an effort to attend a meeting. Contact Trish Marie at Trishmare7@aol.com or 810-742-7268.

On June 21, Trafton Jean and I visited the St. Clair County Libertarian Party in Port Huron, where Trafton, candidate for State Representative in the 85th District (Shiawassee County) was speaking.

The members of the SCCLP were very hospitable and gracious hosts, both to myself and Trafton. They offered a lot of suggestions to help Trafton polish his speech and Q and A skills.

The SCCLP is also running a very active campaign, Richard Friend for Congress. Richard has been campaigning for the 10th District Congressional seat since the day after the 1998 elections.

The officers are: Richard Friend, Chair; Eric Wojciechowski, Vice Chair; Patricia Cox, Secretary; Stephen Dyer, Treasurer; and Kenneth Kaufmann, Member at large.

The St. Clair County Libertarian Party Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Armbruster's Sports Bar and Grill, 1211 Griswold in Port Huron. They meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and business begins at 7:00. They would like to see a few more faces at their meetings, so if you live in (or near) St. Clair County, you might want to look them up.

Macomb County LP

Libertarians of Macomb County meet at Miles' World Restaurant, 17689 Masonic at Groesbeck, Fraser, on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and 7:30 for business. We usually have a speaker and guests are welcome.

We will be hosting the Liberty Fest in November for the second straight year.

We are running six candidates for the Michigan House of Representatives, three for County Commissioner, the aforementioned Scott Allen for Clinton Twp. Trustee and super activist Al Titran for Sheriff. We are part of Congressional Districts 10 and 12 and are supporting Richard Friend and Andrew LeCureaux respectively for those positions.

Affiliate Meeting Schedules

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Allegan meets third Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Blue Heron, corner Hubbard and Chestnut, Allegan.

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Clare-Gladwin meets second Monday at 7p.m. at Mid-Michigan Community College.

Ionia meets third Wednesday at 7p.m. at Bluewater Café, E. M-21, Ionia.

Kalamazoo meets first Tuesday at 7p.m. at TGI Fridays, 5650 W. Main, Oshtemo.

Lapeer-Genesee meets second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Whitey's Rest., M-15, 1 mile N of I-69, Davison.

Livingston meets second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Mexican Jones Rest., 675 Grand River, Brighton.

Macomb meets second Wednesday at 6 pm at Miles' World Rest., 17689 Masonic & Groesbeck, Fraser.

Mid-Michigan meets third Thursday at 7p.m. at La Senorita Rest., 2706 Lake Lansing Rd., Lansing.

Mid-West meets third Friday at 7p.m. at Kounty Kitchen, 1920 N. Mitchell, Cadillac.

Northeast is not meeting currently due to the illness of its contact, Rich Binkley. Best wishes, Rich.

Oakland meets fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Sila's Rest., 4033 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley.

Ottawa meets fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Yellow Jacket Inn, 12011 Lake Michigan Dr., Holland.

St. Clair meets third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Armbruster's Sports Bar & Grill, 1211 Griswold, Port Huron.

Shiawassee meets third Saturday 7 p.m. at Brenda's Bistro, 230 W. Main St., Durand. There are also weekly business meetings. Call Ben @ 517-288-5616 for details on the business meetings.

South Central meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Tom's Grill and Pub, 3705 Ann Arbor, Jackson, ½ mile from Michigan Ave. exit from US-127. There is a Hillsdale-Branch Co. meeting second Monday at 7p.m. at Fillmore's Rest. On US-12, ½ mile west of M-99, west side of Jonesville at the railroad crossing.

Traverse Bay meets third Thursday at 6 p.m. at Sleder's Tavern, 717 Randolph, Traverse City.

Tri-Cities meets third Monday at 6:30 at Howard Johnson Rest., M-84 at I-75, N. of Saginaw.

Van Buren meets third Thursday (except August & December) at 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting at CT's Restaurant in South Haven.

Washtenaw meets every Thursday at 7:30 at Dominick's, 812 Monroe St., Ann Arbor.

Wayne meets first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at La Trattoria Rest., 13736 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

West Michigan meets second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Brann's Rest., Leonard and US-131, Grand Rapids.

Upper Peninsula to be announced.

Libertarian Party of Michigan Campaign Headquarters is open Monday-Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 619 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park, a few blocks east of both I-75 and John R. It is open for campaign work at other hours as needed. The telephone is 248-591-FREE. Feel free to drop in and help. There is always something to do. **Oakland Co.** LP is renting a room there from the LPM. Any member of the LPM in good standing may use the facility for any Libertarian Party related activity, e.g. meetings, mailings, fundraisers, campaign events, etc. Space is available on a first come first served basis.

LEC Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Libertarian Executive Committee of June 4, 2000, was called to order at 10:10 a.m. at campaign headquarters. Present were: Committee-Stacy Van Oast, Diane Barnes, Keith Edwards, Dave Nagy (later), Bill Gelineau, Mark Heil, Bruce Hoepner, Jim Fitzpatrick and Nancy O'Brien; others-Tim O'Brien, Greg Dirasian, Marnie Edwards, Barb Goushaw, Dan LaFavers, Al Titran, Rosemary Racchi and Chris Chandonet.

Minutes of the previous meeting and the Convention were accepted as written.

Chair report was given by Stacy Van Oast. Among the goals for this year are keeping ballot status, election of candidates, better promotion of Speak Out Michigan, PRA2000., expanding the Intro to Libertarianism, adding three more affiliates, utilization of the new office, contacting past inquiries and adding an Assistant Treasurer.

Executive Director Tim O'Brien reported that he wants to use the proposal to include SS numbers on drivers' licenses as the target of the next ad campaign.

Vice Chair Diane Barnes discussed affiliate development, revision of the affiliate contest and a start-up kit.

Secretary Keith Edwards reported that we had 46 delegates and 7 alternates to the National Convention at the end of the State Convention and one additional delegate since. Newsletter goes out this week. Brett Cashman has resigned as affiliates editor, but did the calendar for this issue. Next deadline is Sunday, July 9. Edwards will meet with Dave Nagy today to learn more about bulk mailing procedures.

Mark Heil reported that the website has been revised.

Nancy O'Brien reported that we nominated 111 candidates at the Convention. She discussed paperwork problems and achievements.

Attendance at the Convention was 205 including 17 complimentary.

Nancy O'Brien reported on the headquarters. Craig Hodges did the phone work, Fred Collins did the carpentry and the electrical was done by Jim McAbee and Bob Van Oast. Hours will be 1-5 p.m. on Monday through Friday as a minimum. Extended hours depends on volunteer availability and projects.

The National Convention sash project will be done by Diane Barnes' mother. They will sell for \$10, or 2 for \$15, reported Nancy O'Brien.

Business cards for the LEC were discussed.

The budget for 2000-2001 was discussed. Motion by Keith Edwards to approve the tentative budget. Seconded by Bruce Hoepner. Passed 9-0. It will be published in August before final approval.

Appointments by the Chair:

Executive Director: Tim O'Brien

Affiliates Committee: Diane Barnes, Chair; Jim Fitzpatrick and Ben Steele.

Ballot Access Retention Chair: Barbara Goushaw

Candidate Paperwork Coordinator: Nancy O'Brien

Major Contributor Liaison: Bill Shotey

Media Liaison: Bill Shotey

Membership Chair: Mark Heil

Database Administrator Ben Bachrach

Database Liaison: Emily Salvette

Outreach Coordinator: Bill Gelineau

Leditor Coordinator: Bruce Hoepner

LPM Products Liaison: Al Titran

Newsletter Editor: Keith Edwards

Affiliates Editor: Diane Barnes

On-Line Data Coordinator: Greg Dirasian

Parliamentarian: Keith Edwards

Pledge Program Coordinator: Dan LaFavers

Speakers Bureau Director: Keith Edwards

Webmaster: Mark Heil

It was moved by Bill Gelineau to spend \$25 per day for the Executive Director to man the Headquarters. Seconded by Jim Fitzpatrick passed 8-0. Nancy O'Brien abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Keith Edwards



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