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## THE PARTY CONTINUES -- ANN ARBOR ART FAIR - SUCCESSFUL OUTREACH

Reported by James L. Hudler

The Libertarian Party of Michigan's and the Ann Arbor Libertarian League's booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair, July 24-27, spread the libertarian message to hundreds of visitors. The volunteers staffing the booth handed out over 500 pieces of literature, gathered over 130 names for the mailing list, and sold over \$130 worth of books and literature. The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County organized the successful project.

Two petitions were circulated at the Art Fair, one the Term Limitation petition, and the other a 6 mil tax reduction for the city of Ann Arbor. It is estimated that 400 signatures were collected on the Term Limitation petition, and 100 signatures on the Tax Reduction petition which could be signed only by Ann Arbor voters.

The following volunteers should be thanked by all party members for their participation in this project:

James Hudler, Organizer  
Tim Schrodel, Co-Organizer  
Jim Lee, Crew Leader  
Jon Addiss  
Gary Bradley  
Dale Dobberstein  
Roger Hane  
Rachel Lloyd  
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Tom Jones  
Leroy Lloyd  
Jim McAbee  
Bill Shotey  
Steve Silver  
Steve Wollenzin

## PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PETITION DRIVE IN ANN ARBOR

by James L. Hudler

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County formed a subcommittee called The Committee to Reduce Taxes. The new committee has initiated a petition drive to amend the Ann Arbor City Charter. The petition, if successful, will put on the Ann Arbor city election ballot next spring the question to lower the city property tax by 6 mills. The committee needs to collect over 3,000 signatures of Ann Arbor voters before the end of the year.

Mr. David Raaflaub, an Ann Arbor attorney and chairman of the Committee to Reduce Taxes stated, "This petition is to let the voters decide whether to lower Ann Arbor City Property Taxes by 6 mills. That is approximately 8% of the total property taxes. You must be a registered Ann Arbor voter to sign. The reasons for the petition are - a. property taxes are out of control; b. city elected officials and employees need voter pressure to be more efficient with taxpayers money; c. if actions like this do not happen, taxes will continue up as they have in the past!"

If you would like to help with time and/or money please write the Washtenaw Libertarian Party at P.O. Box 447, Chelsea MI 48118, or call Mr. David Raaflaub at 313-769-2645.

## WAYNE COUNTY TAXPAYERS ENDORSE TERM LIMITATION

At its July meeting, the Wayne County Taxpayers Association voted to endorse the Term Limitation Petition being circulated by the Michigan Taxpayers Association, an unrelated group founded by Dick Jacobs.

Although supported by many LP members, at the June meeting of the Libertarian Central Committee, a motion to endorse the Term Limitation Petition was defeated.

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

The Libertarian Party of Michigan is a statewide organization of individuals dedicated to the preservation of individual rights and the advancement of freedom through political action and education.

### OFFICERS

Chair: Dale Dobberstein  
 Vice Chair: James Hudler  
 Secretary: Jon Addiss  
 Treasurer: Jeffery Hampton

### CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Voting

Power

7	Ben Bachrach	2	Charles Hahn
5	Keith Edwards	2	James McAbee
5	Tim Schrodel	2	Brian Wright
4	David Gillie	1	Gary Bradley
4	William Shotey	1	Thomas Jones
3	David Raaflaub		

### JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

William Hall  
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## MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Ben Bachrach, Chair  
 Bill Shotey  
 Brian Wright  
 additional volunteers welcome

## FROM THE CHAIR - DALE B. DOBBERSTEIN

The main challenge the Libertarian Party confronts is how to make the transition from governmental dependence toward individual independence in America.

As a political party, we are caught in a "Catch-22". We don't get the votes because we don't get the support. Yet, we don't get the support because we don't get the votes.

What are some of the reasons for this predicament?

1. Many PAC's seek government subsidies which we disapprove.
2. The media blatantly neglects to adequately cover the campaigns, subsequently the people aren't properly informed.
3. The majority of people basically ignore politics because it has been so corrupted by the two major parties.
4. Election law restrictions make it difficult to maintain ballot status.
5. Most important of all, the party has failed to develop a practical strategy based on realistic expectations.

Either we proclaim immediate elimination of government which is totally insane, or we proclaim immediate reduction of government which is completely absurd. It is difficult for anyone to take us seriously with such a platform.

In the last three issues of "Michigan Libertarian", I proposed AIM 92 - a strategy for growth. I recommended some actions, though not innovative, which will require a minimum of time, effort and funds to move the Party forward.

I invite all Libertarians, who are truly concerned about the future of freedom, to write a series of essays. The themes follow four phases they are:

- I. Scenario - Our Vision
- II. Situation - Our Circumstances
- III. Strategy - Our Procedure
- IV. Speculation - Our Challenge

These phases represent the stages of any project a group such as the LP undertakes in order to progress and succeed. It provides direction, understanding, cooperation, and perspective.

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**FROM THE CHAIR -***(continued from page 2)*

I will compile all responses and award the best compositions in each category \$25. So put your thinking caps on and start scribbling away. Mail your essays to my address by October 1st. I'd like to make a presentation at the Libertarian Week Banquet in October. Please limit your essays to 500 words.

This year we celebrate the birth of the Bill of Rights 200 years ago. Many think we ought to mourn the death. The Libertarian Party must strive to mobilize the majority for a revolution using the ballot.

**Chair, LPMichigan**

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**LINK WITH NORTHWESTERN OHIO LIBERTARIANS FORGED**

Reported by James L. Hudler

One of the many positive results of the LPM/A<sup>2</sup>L<sup>2</sup> Art Fair booth was an alliance and friendship that I and other Michigan Libertarians established with Ohio Libertarians from Toledo, Bowling Green and Findley. I wish to extend again a special thank-you to Rachel and Leroy Lloyd (Bowling Green), Galen Fries (Toledo), and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mullinger (Findley) who traveled to Michigan to assist us with the Art Fair booth.

The Ohio LP does not have ballot status at this time. I propose that this is one area where Southeastern Michigan Libertarians could return the favor to the Ohio Libertarians. To get just our LP Presidential Candidate on the ballot, Ohio Libertarians need to collect over 5,000 signatures, and for the Ohio Party to be fully on the ballot, such that they could run candidates for other offices, they need over 75,000 signatures. I shall report when their petition will begin and how you may help.

Chair, Ralph Mullinger and Central Committee Representative Leroy Lloyd invite everyone to attend their monthly meetings. If you have questions about the location of the Ohio meetings listed in our Calendar (page 3) please call Dr. Leroy or Rachel Lloyd at 419-353-1813.

**April 10-12, 1992**

Libertarian Party of Michigan Nominating Convention, Ramada Inn, Ann Arbor (near Briarwood).

**CALENDAR****Everyday**

Ask someone to join the Libertarian Party of Michigan. Use the form on Page 4, or have them call our inquiry number: 1-800-343-1364

**Every Thursday Night**

Washtenaw Libertarians Dinner Meeting  
Dominick's Restaurant at 6:30pm.  
contact James Hudler  
313-475-9792

**August 17, 1991 - 12:30pm**

Northwestern Ohio Libertarians, Miller's Restaurant, 2325 South Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH (across from Southwick Shopping Center)

**August 29 - September 1, 1991**

1991 Presidential Nominating Convention  
National Libertarian Party  
Downtown Chicago Marriott Hotel  
for info: Liberty Triumphant  
P.O. Box 0848  
Chicago, IL 60690  
708-475-0391

Watch for C-Span coverage.

**August 30, 1991**

Deadline for Michigan Libertarian Newsletter submissions for September/October issue.

**September 15, 1991**

LCC Meeting, 1:00pm - Jeff Hampton's home, Northville

**September 14, 1991 - 12:30pm**

Northwestern Ohio Libertarians, Miller's Restaurant, 2325 South Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH (across from Southwick Shopping Center). Paula Pennypacker, mayoral candidate for City of Toledo, will speak.

**September 30, 1991**

Deadline for Michigan Libertarian Newsletter submissions for September/October issue.

**October 5, 1991 - 7:30pm**

Northwestern Ohio Libertarians, Toledo Club at the intersection of Madison St. and 14th St. Richard Ebeling, economist from Hillsdale College, will speak.

**October 18-20, 1991**

"The Faculty of Reason" a weekend seminar with David Kelley to be held in north Detroit Metro area. Enrollment ranges from \$100 to \$145. Call 313-543-0155 for more information. Sponsored by The Objectivist Club of Michigan.

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\_\_\_ \$25 Michigan and National Member

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"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

LGLC

Libertarians for Gay & Lesbian Concerns:

- Is a network for gay libertarians;
• Works to improve awareness of gay concerns within the libertarian movement;
• Provides libertarian outreach to gays & lesbians.

L.G.L.C. has a new coordinator and has established its world-wide headquarters in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

All interested persons, including present and former members, should write for free information,

L.G.L.C., P.O. Box 447, Chelsea, MI 48118

Solution to last month's crossword puzzle

Grid of crossword puzzle solution with words filled in. Includes words like MICHIGAN, LIBERTARIAN, MERRIMAN, LIVONIA, etc.



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