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## THE PARTY CONTINUES -- LP WEEK BANQUET - IN LIVONIA Saturday Oct. 26, 1991

Mark your calendars now, details will follow - The Libertarian Party of Michigan will hold its annual Libertarian Week Banquet at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia on October 26, 1991. The hotel is located on 6 Mile Road just east of I-275.

## KENT COUNTY LIBERTARIANS REORGANIZING

Reported by Todd Greene

Grand Rapids area Libertarians are holding a reorganizational meeting on September 18. The purpose of this meeting is to reestablish an active Kent County Libertarian Party and select officers for the year.

The Kent County LP will act as an information connection and project catalyst for Libertarians in Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon Counties. Three primary goals are to provide introductory information to those who show interest; maintain local media awareness of Libertarian events, views on issues, and candidates; provide helpful information to members working on projects.

For more information contact: LPM membership committee member Todd Greene, 616-887-0103, 994 Red Pine NW, Sparta, MI 49345.

## TIM O'BRIEN ON CALL-IN RADIO SHOW

by Bill Shotey

LPM member Tim O'Brien did a one hour radio interview on Thursday, August 29, 1991. Lou Farrell host of "Globe Talk" on radio station WLQV, 1500 AM in Livonia was the host for the call-in show which ran from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Tim continues to be a good spokesman for liberty in the Detroit area. His radio commentaries can be heard on WDET 101.9 FM at 7:30 and 9:30am various mornings.

## MARROU WINS PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

late breaking news from various sources

The Libertarian Party, meeting in Chicago over Labor Day Weekend, nominated Andre Marrou, 52, to be its 1992 candidate for president of the United States.

Marrou a former Alaska state legislator, and currently a real estate agent in Nevada, said he will campaign in all 50 states. The centerpiece of his campaign is the repeal of the income tax and elimination of the IRS.

Marrou received 57% of the vote. Dick Boddie can in second. In a surprise bid, David Raaflaub of Ann Arbor was nominated and received 6 votes. NOTA received 20 votes.

Dr. Nancy Lord of Washington, D.C. received the Vice-Presidential nomination on the third ballot.

Grand Rapids attorney, William Hall was elected to the Libertarian National Committee.

## LPM RUNNING RADIO SPOTS

by Bill Shotey

The membership committee of the Libertarian Party of Michigan has contracted with radio station WXYT, AM 1270 to run a series of radio spots. The 30 second advertising spots are running during the very popular "Mark Scott Show", aired from 9:00am to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. The ads which promote Libertarian ideas, ran on August 9, 16, 30, and September 6, 1991. The first two spots resulted in a total of 34 phone calls to the LPM inquiry number, 800-343-1364. LCC and LPM membership committee member Jim McAbee made the arrangements for this important outreach activity. Good idea and follow through Jim!

## 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.

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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		

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William Hall    Timothy O'Brien    Donald Warmbier

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## FROM THE CHAIR - DALE B. DOBBERSTEIN

The domino effect toward the New World Order has been triggered with the Gulf War. Warlords are made heroes. World leaders are jockeying for a place of power not peace. Never before in the history of humanity has the struggle for domination and control achieved such global dimensions.

It will be tough for the LP to overcome the patriotic hysteria and the media hype. As a political party we need to undue the damage of propaganda.

We encounter authority from different sources as we mature. First, we encounter the authority of our parents. Later, we encounter the authority of church, school, employment, media, experts and of course government.

The common denominator purported by all authority is we should not have a mind of our own and we should not be self-centered. The hammer falls on anyone who has the audacity to question authority.

We are indoctrinated to conform to some dictated standard. We are commanded to sacrifice our self as well as slaughter others for God and Country. As good soldiers, a well behaved herd, we march off to War. Off to the hell of mass suicide and homicide sanctioned by authority.

The people need to discover, develop and demonstrate liberty. The LP ought to guide them through the adventure of rights, responsibility and respect. The people ought to emerge from authority toward autonomy.

Do you figure 1% of your annual income is worth investing in the future of liberty? Consider government steals up to 50% every year to use against you.

I've proposed AIM92 - a strategy for growth - (see past issues). Your pledge is needed to guarantee progress toward liberty.

The LP is the only sane voice crying out of the global wilderness of madness.

## THE VALUE OF GRASS-ROOTS POLITICS

Opinion by Todd Greene

The necessary requisite for the continued health of any Libertarian Party group is growth from the bottom up. Without this kind of growth, any Libertarian group will burst forth quickly in a spurt of activity, then die. A viable local group cannot be maintained for long by only a few good souls. As good as they may be, and as dedicated as they are, a successful political group at the local level requires the efforts of dozens of interested individuals. When the responsibilities and effort are distributed among many, rather than among just a few, "burn-out" can be averted indefinitely.

If you examine city and county Libertarian Party organizations across the United States, you will notice that the ones that have lasted for any length of time and are still going strong are organizations that did not do the work. It sounds contradictory, but it is true nonetheless.

A successful LP group is maintained by the small efforts of many, many people, not by the extensive efforts of just a few diehards. The formal party organization does not exist to do the work. The formal organization exists only as a repository of practical information for use by the members of the organization. The members do the work, and the party organization only assists them in doing the work.

One the members begin to rely on the party officers and the "faithful few" to do the work, the organization is doomed.

The local organization should perform four functions, and only four functions: provide introductory information to those who request information about the Libertarian Party; maintain local media awareness about the local LP's events, positions on current issues, and limited candidate information (candidates, of course, need to manage their own campaigns); provide information to members to assist them in carrying out their political projects; carry out the mechanical functions of internal party organization (select officers, delegates, etc.).

"Take the ball and run with it" is the motto. Meetings that degenerate into "I think somebody should..." should be avoided at all costs. "I am going to do..., and I need this information to help me" is the proper method. If a member sees a need or comes up with a good idea for a project, then she should take it upon herself to lead the project.

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## A RUSSIAN VACATION: COLD WATER PARADISE

by Emily Salvette

It is difficult for me to feel threatened by a society where clerks still do numerical calculations on an abacus. So, despite the police state reputation, I had no qualms about taking a 12 day "vacation" in the Soviet Union this summer. What follows are a few impressions of the "people's paradise".

First, the Soviet Union looked awful. There were two types of buildings: pre-1917 brick and post-revolution grey concrete block. Both types were falling apart. People dressed in dull colors. The streets were dirty. The Moscow sky was grey. It was depressing.

Second, nothing worked. Elevators, lights, vending machines, radios, and door locks were all out of order. Every system of organization, from getting us fed to getting us transported, had glitches. It was what I imagine life would be like if America was run by the U.S. Postal Service. Not surprisingly, government employees (i.e. most everybody) didn't work much either. But I did see entrepreneurial Russians working VERY hard and doing very well for themselves outside the system in the renowned black market. Apparently, Russians just won't work for the Government--and who can blame them!

Third, the central planners forgot a few things. For example, our group leader, Larry Reed, could not make a local phone call from the airport. This wasn't in a small hanger used for private planes--this was in the international airport in the capital city of the second most powerful nation in the world. But, unfortunately for us comrades, you couldn't dial out.

Fourth, there was never any hot water. In Moscow, we stayed in what amounted to a 3rd rate dorm where the hot water supply was used up by 7 am. In St. Petersburg (which the communists still call Leningrad), there was no hot water at any time, anywhere, for 3 days. This puzzled me. Did all the Soviet hot water heaters spontaneously break down? (Not out of the question--witness the exploding Soviet TV phenomenon.) Did, in a stroke of collective wisdom, the central planners allocate one big boiler for the city's 4 million people which happened to be on the fritz while we were there? Unable to rest until I found the answer, I went to our Soviet guide hoping he could solve the mystery. His response: "Well, so you see, it is because there is no hot water right now." After 9 days in the U.S.S.R, I could tell I was becoming "Sovietized" because this answer seemed perfectly acceptable to me.

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## SALVETTE TRIP TO USSR

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Socialism obviously doesn't lead to paradise despite what die-hard socialists in the U.S. allege. Lenin's experiment was stupid and evil--like seeing if you can dry a cat's fur by cooking it in a microwave oven. In a place where the food was bad, everything was dirty, accommodations were fourth class, transportation systems (e.g. Kiev cab drivers, Aeroflot) were frightening, I had one of the best experiences in my life. It was gratifying to see proof that our libertarian efforts are justified; that personal freedom, capitalism, and property rights are worth fighting for. The best thing I brought back from the Soviet Union was renewed commitment to the freedom of people around the world.

ADDENDUM: After recent events in the Soviet Union, it seems the people there believe freedom is worth a fight, too. I admire their courage and wish I had stayed in Moscow a few more weeks.

## GRASS-ROOTS POLITICS

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The project leader then turns to the party organization for information: Which party members would be interested in participating in this kind of activity? Who has done this before who can provide me with valuable advice? Would you publicize this activity with the media (if appropriate)?

Members provide project ideas, leadership, and management. The party organization simply provides informational assistance. Self-empowerment and decentralized management are the key elements. How appropriate for a libertarian organization!

## MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN ESTABLISHES BULK DISTRIBUTION OFFICE

To support a growing number of requests for multiple copies of the Michigan Libertarian for use in outreach activities, a bulk distribution office has been established. Helen Weaver has agreed to organize the activity.

Those desiring extra copies of the newsletter should contact Helen directly, preferably in writing, giving the number of copies, and where to send them. Deadline for requests is the 25th of each month. For the time being, the cost of this service will be covered by the Newsletter Committee budget, but donations are welcome. See the masthead for office information.

## DOBBERSTEIN PLACES FIFTH IN LANSING COUNCIL PRIMARY

Dale B. Dobberstein put forth a valiant effort during his campaign for Lansing City Council. He placed fifth in a field of five candidates in the August primary. The top four candidates go onto the November general election.

Dobberstein said he is not disappointed with the results considering he began with a zero base of support and got 1,333 votes. This represents 12.3% of 10,811 total votes cast for a 1.9 mil bond proposal which failed by a wide margin.

Dobberstein was endorsed by the Landlords of Mid-Michigan Association because he better represented the interests of property owner rights.

Dobberstein focused on the need to restructure the city government by privatization. He is convinced that the residents would benefit with reduced costs and improved quality of services.

Dobberstein indicated that he will continue to present Libertarian principles in Lansing. He plans to run for State House or US Congress in '92. He also plans to run for Lansing Mayor in '93.

## LGGLC

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 worldwide 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

## HELP WANTED

The Michigan Libertarian needs a volunteer to coordinate advertising. Responsibilities include accepting orders and billing. Interested individuals should contact Ben Bachrach by writing to the Editorial Office listed in the masthead.

## CALENDAR

### Everyday

Ask someone to join the Libertarian Party of Michigan.  
Copy the last page of this newsletter or have them call our inquiry number: 1-800-343-1364

### Every Thursday Night - 6:30pm

Washtenaw Libertarians Dinner Meeting  
Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe, Ann Arbor  
contact James Hudler  
313-475-9792

### September 12, 1991 - 6:30pm

Washtenaw Libertarians Dinner Meeting  
Dominick's Restaurant  
Speaker: Bill Bogen, A<sup>2</sup>Space Society

### September 13, 1991

University of Michigan Fall Festival  
Ann Arbor Libertarian League has booth  
contact Jim Hudler

### 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 15, 1991

LCC Meeting, 1:00pm - Jeff Hampton's home, Northville  
LPM Membership Committee, 4:00pm

### September 19, 1991 - 7:30pm

Ann Arbor Libertarian League Lecture Series Organizational meeting, Michigan League, Ann Arbor

### September 26, 1991

Lecture at University of Michigan Union - Anderson Room A & B. Speaker: Dr. Bette Erwin - "Personality and Politics"

### September 30, 1991

Deadline for Michigan Libertarian Newsletter submissions for October/November 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 - "Lessons from the Soviet Union Experience for Winning Freedom in America".

### October 10, 1991 - 6:30pm

Washtenaw Libertarians Dinner Meeting  
Dominick's Restaurant  
Visiting Organization: TEACH MICHIGAN

### October 17, 1991 - 6:30pm

Washtenaw Libertarians Dinner Meeting  
Dominick's Restaurant  
Visiting Organization: ACT-UP Ann Arbor

### 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.

### October 24, 1991

Ann Arbor Libertarian League Lecture Series  
Speaker: Parth Shah - "National Health Care Crisis"

### November 7, 1991

Ann Arbor Libertarian League Lecture Series  
Speaker: Larry Reed - "USSR - Scientific Socialism or Gigantic Scam"

### April 10-12, 1992

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

### June 5-7, 1992

Ohio Libertarian Party Convention, Portside Hotel, Toledo.

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As space permits organizations and individuals will be listed here if requested by an LPM member. Listing does not indicate support by the Libertarian Party of Michigan

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### Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns

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- \_\_\_ \$15 Michigan Libertarian subscription only
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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