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THE PARTY CONTINUES -- NANCY LORD TO MAKE FIRST CAMPAIGN VISIT TO MICHIGAN

by Bill Shotey

The 1992 Libertarian Candidate for Vice-President of the United States, Dr. Nancy Lord will be in Michigan on October 23 through October 26, 1991. The highlight of Nancy's visit will be her appearance at our Libertarian Week Banquet on Saturday, October 26, 1991, where she wants to meet as many Michigan Libertarians as possible!

The Libertarian Week Banquet will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia, 17100 N. Laurel Park Dr., just north of 6 Mile Road, east of I-275. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30pm. Dinner tickets are \$28.00 (\$30.00 at the door). The cost to attend just Dr. Lord's speech is \$5.00.

If you cannot attend, please send a campaign donation. All proceeds from the various fundraisers held during Dr. Lord's visit will be shared equally between the Libertarian Party of Michigan and the Marrou/Lord campaign. Please make all checks payable to the Libertarian Party of Michigan, and send to our 11700 Merriman Rd, Livonia address.

Nancy Lord's itinerary is listed on page 7, if you have ideas for additional events please call Bill Shotey 313-278-3673.

COUNTY LIBERTARIANS ORGANIZING

Reported by Cliff Schwinck

Libertarians in Genesee, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, and Tuscola counties are holding an organizational meeting on Sunday, October 20, at Gillie's Coney Island Restaurant, 12598 North Saginaw, Clio, MI 48420. Everyone is welcome to this Libertarian Week kick-off event. Call David Gillie 313-686-1200 or Cliff Schwinck 313-686-5539 for more details.

CAMPUS GROUP FORMS AT U. OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN

The Dearborn Campus of the University of Michigan is the most recent school to start a libertarian organization. Students Mike Flemming, and Evy Warmbier with the support of some faculty members have received recognition for the group from the school administration. For more information on the club's activities contact Mike Flemming at 313-721-5614.

LPM CONTINUES RADIO SPOTS

The advertisements on radio station WXYT, AM 1270 in Detroit, were so successful at attracting listeners to call our 800 number, that four members of the Libertarian Central Committee each contributed \$100 to fund a second series of radio spots. The ads are running during the very popular "Mark Scott Show", aired from 9:00am to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. The first series resulted in more than 100 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, and is sending information packets to all respondents. Tapes of the WXYT ads will be available at the Libertarian Week Banquet.

C-SPAN COVERAGE OF NATIONAL CONVENTION BRINGS RESULTS

More than 9,000 inquiries were received on the National Headquarters 800 number during coverage of the Presidential Nominating Convention over Labor Day Weekend. A computer network has been established by National Secretary, Joe Dehn, to disseminate the contact information to state parties. Ben Bachrach, the LPM mailing list coordinator, has been downloading the information for Michigan. The new process saves many hours of typing. Those wishing to help contact the newly interested people should contact Bill Shotey.

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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FROM THE CHAIR - DALE B. DOBBERSTEIN

The LP national convention is now history but the party is not over. It was quite an experience. It was good to see Michigan had a full delegation.

Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord were nominated to be the front runners for Liberty. The LP is on the verge of a breakthrough provided we take advantage of the opportunity. What a challenge. 1992 could be a giant leap for freedom in America.

There is an obvious undercurrent of discontent with big government. It is unfortunate that many groups are single issue oriented. Yet, we are poised at the crossroads for coalition building. This of course doesn't mean compromise of principles but unity based on a common denominator.

As chair, I represent the attitude and activity of the members. I do not expect or demand anything from anyone. However, I urge all REAL Libertarians to take the initiative and get involved in their areas. Let's AIM92 and JUST DO IT -- CARPE DIEM.

I suggest that local groups raise funds and buy ads on their cable networks at \$25-\$100 per 30 second spot on CNN. This would be an inexpensive investment to reinforce the presidential ads.

I also encourage all past candidates to notify myself or Jim Hudler to let us know you will run in '92. Even if you run a paper campaign it would be a great help to fill the ballot. The success of the LP depends on the efforts of everyone.

So let the light of freedom shine on America. Let us boldly move forward until that day --
LIBERTY TRIUMPHANT.

HELP STILL 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 credits on this page.

JOURNEY THROUGH CHICAGO

A personal view of the '91 LP National Convention
by our roving reporter, Brian Wright

Wednesday, August 28, 1991

Once again, going to do this on two wheels, working the quadrennial Libertarian Party big event into a beginning for a longer personal tour, this time out through the Rockies. Got a late start after spending the previous evening getting ready, then watching the Tigers play late on the coast. Hot day on the road, but wore the leathers anyway. And, of course, the mandatory Michigan lid (helmet).

Reached the Windy City around 4:00 and parked the big blue beast in a garage cattywampus from the Marriott. Stood in line for check-in, looking normal biker-ragged from 300-some miles of pavement pounding, when Jim Lewis approaches and greets me warmly by name. I didn't know he knew my name. But we stand and talk friendly about Andre's activities--Jim is Andre Marrou's campaign manager--and I feel "Nice beginning."

Stan Gentry, now from the Ohio territory, and I had agreed to share a room for this shindig. Although still pricey, the room rates were cut from a normal \$229.00 to \$89.00 for us conventioners. As I opened the door on a damned fine Lake Michigan view, I could see Stan had already dropped his stuff off. Quick-ordered two Amstel Lights from room service and proceeded to get cleaned up. About the time the beers come, Stan drops in and tells me he has a cooler full of cold brews in his pickup. Smart guy, Stan, but too late to help me on the first round.

We sit around and palaver regarding the party, state of the union, prospects for immortality, and basic decorum in the extremely remote possibility--this is an LP convention--either of us should get lucky. Had some McDonald's grub, then wandered around down on the soon-to-be convention floor, where I ran into Greg Clark, now of the Lone Star (read: Piled High and Quick) state. Greg and I go back to the founding of the Michigan LP. He's for Andre, but not with any special enthusiasm. My sentiments exactly.

Nothing much happening here the night before, unless you pay a few bucks to catch the Heartland Institute get-together over at another hotel. Dick Boddie, the other major announced hopeful LP presidential nominee, has a hospitality suite, but, can you believe it, no beer. Bummer. Stan informs me later that he went by the suite, listened to Boddie hold forth contra "those who're out to git 'im" and came away underwhelmed by the gentleman. I mentioned I'd met Boddie at the last two national conventions, Seattle and Philadelphia, and, to me at the time, it seemed the man wasn't very comfortable with himself.

Thursday, August 29

Breakfast with Larry Pratt, former member of Virginia House of Delegates and former head of Gun Owners of America, starts things off. According to this well-spoken, informed man, although the public line is "keep guns out of the wrong hands," the ultimate objective of the antigun zealots is to make possession of handguns and ammunition illegal to all except police and military. Liked his line: "Do you wonder what all those KGB guys in the Soviet Union are going to do? They can come over here and work for the feds. And they won't need retraining."

To the main floor. Caught the tail end of a Bill of Rights panel, enough to hear Jarret Wollstein's impassioned defense of individual liberty. C-Span cameras are rolling, also recording the keynote address of party founder, David Nolan, rallying the LP to capture the hearts and minds of Americans as we stand up and defend our country against the tyrants and thugs of the state. Good stuff. Getting pumped.

The Michigan delegation is beginning to form, see Hudler, Schrodel, and run into Keith Edwards. Gary Bradley informs me the feds have banned a chemical in his insect-repellant product, effectively putting him out of business. (I guess if you use six bottles a day of the stuff, you stand a greater chance of contracting some kind of cancer, but you'd think there'd be some merit to dying bug-free.)

Credentials smooth. About 305 delegates thus far, which will climb to nearly 500 by the time of nomination. Bylaws no deal this year, except allowing for different timing of the nominating conventions to enable better shot at matching funds for candidates who seek them. Right into platform, but nothing major today, so I hit the health club, take a nap, and wander around. Kathleen Jacob-Richman warns me of minority plank attempt to abbreviate significant part of platform and bury the women's right to terminate pregnancy wording along with it. Will stay tuned.

Business ends, and the event tonight is "Cuisine of Chicago," to be followed by a Second City comedy group performance. Expecting a variety of international samplings, we head toward two circular tables, each containing pizza, kielbasa, hot dogs, chips, potato salad, and cookies. Keith says they probably meant to call the event "Cuisine of Comiskey Park." It was also kind of comical watching libertarians break in at all places in the line, reminded me of a traffic circle we had in Oklahoma City. Jabba the Hut in front of me just kept going around the table eating as he went, every once in a while leaning back and inhaling, as if to make sure the food hit the right spot. Phhhhoopp.

Second City was outstanding. The best entertainment I've seen in quite a while, not to mention for an LP convention. Back in the room, I crack one of Stan's Budweisers, light up, and, to the sounds of the city accentuated by an evening thundershower, contemplate the mission. A huge American flag on an old office building across the way flies quietly; are we too late? Who will it be? Boddie or Marrou? Marrou I think. In any case, we're on still on line in our yet small way in the making of history.

I leave my reverie and the wafted-up offerings of a magnificent city--even heard one police siren doing tunes--and join the festivities a few floors up. Checked out both hospitality suites, but landed in the Marrou bailiwick because the temperature was more comfortable and because Boddie had the door shut, holding forth again against the iniquitous, no doubt.

Got two self-esteem boosts. First, David Boaz of the Cato Institute greeted me by name and we talked awhile. Like the greeting from Jim Lewis, it's always nice when someone you respect who has done good work and become celebrated in the movement knows your name. Then, more satisfying, I managed to spend several mutually (I think) enjoyable conversational minutes with a lovely dark-haired woman from New York, Lisa, definitely the stone-cold fox of the convention.

I was beginning to believe in luck when the staggering cocktail wolfpack noticed my good fortune and closed in on us. That's just the way it is when the ratio of away-from-home-and/or-single dudes to attractive women is a hundred to one. Can't pick on the LP especially; I'll bet the Elks have the same problem. Besides, I noticed this year the ratio is improving in the guys favor. By the time I'm 60 or 70 ...

Friday, August 30

An important business day, Karl Hess got this one going with breakfast. Weakening physically, he has to be the most popular member of the crew, getting standing ovations on both ends of his talk. Pretty much standard fare, but always a new wrinkle with Karl, this time expressing optimism because computer people--who actually increasingly run the world--are psychologically freedom-oriented, innovative, nonobedient, occasionally mischievous, and so on. Other major point: don't let the anti-technology,

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anti-West people usurp control of the environmentalist movement, or anything else, for that matter.

Before convention business started, two well-known individuals, syndicated columnist Joseph Sobran and Midwest financier of causes Richard Dennis, spoke on coming to libertarianism from the right and left, respectively. Dennis said modern-day liberals don't realize how much government pushes people around. Sobran was a champ, making several especially keen observations, such as "The US Constitution poses no serious threat to the current American government." He also said people fear liberty because people fear chaos, so we can use the religious freedom, which is essentially religious anarchy, argument.

Out on the streets, Keith, Stan, and I went to a local take-out place for lunch. We noticed Chicago is fairly expensive, but that people here seem to be willing to pay for it in order to have such an alive and interesting user-friendly city. Back to the platform deliberations, which recessed on the aforementioned minority plank. We had the votes there to call the question and win, too, leaving the current excellent treatment of children's rights, women's rights, abortion freedom, immigration, and American Indian rights intact.

The candidates debate. Marrou is much more animated than I recall. I liked his statement, "America was founded by libertarians." Boddie, who is black, when asked what would especially appeal to voters and make them think highly of us, stood up silently, turned his head from side to side, then sat down. Huge applause on that one. He has a lot of support, more than I figured he would, considering his organization and, some would say, cavalier attitude toward 50-state ballot status.

Instead of going on the bus tour of Chicago and seeing the popular play, "Do the White Thing," in which the word libertarian occurs several times, I decide to dine out at the Szechwan House across the street. Excellent Peking Duck and a memorable Won-Ton soup. Then went to the hotel bar for a couple of Amstels--they hadn't discovered Sam Adams beer yet--and discussed sports, politics, and religion with the Iraqi Christian barkeep. Big world. Stan returned, said the play was great, then went off in search of the Holy Grail of hospitality suites. Not for me tonight. Went to sleep watching Michael Chiang beat John McEnroe in a long match at the US Open tennis championship.

Saturday, August 31

All delegations up to full strength now. Important to deal with the platform issue, then go on to nomination of candidates. O'Brien, Jon Addiss the senior, Janet Parkes, Denise Kline, Emily, Bill Hall, and others have swelled our delegation to the allotted 17 big ones. Michigan is mainly in the Marrou camp, but Boddie has several votes.

The platform debate almost got out of our hands, thanks to the awkward procedures for dealing with the proposed minority plank. It was voted on and carried, but I didn't think most delegates knew what they were voting on. So I walked to the microphone and moved to reconsider. This was one of those rare circumstances in which a solitary person can have a pivotal role in the workings of a parliamentary body. Motion to reconsider won. Then finally, with a particularly strong argument to retain existing language by Ed Clark, the vote to keep this large section of the platform intact won by a 2 to 1 margin. Little victories.

Motion to reword Statement of Principles, basically to expunge the "cult of the omnipotent state," wording was made. But this one needs a 7/8 margin, which it clearly did not have. I missed the nominating speeches for Dick Boddie, except for the final one by his father who said some hallelujahs for the Liberation Party. Karl Hess nominates Andre, seconds by Alicia Clark,

some guy from North Carolina, and Jim Lewis--who was the 1984 LP vice-presidential candidate. I subjectively rated the candidates based on weighted points for organization, media and cultural appeal, selection of and competence on issues, and finance. Results: Boddie 400, Marrou 690, out of a total of 1000.

The reading of vote totals for each was spiked with the usual kinds of prefaces:

"New York, home of huddled masses yearning to breathe free, cast its votes ..."

"Tennessee, the volunteer state, who wishes the United States was the volunteer nation..."

"The omnipotent cult of California ..."

"Connecticut, home of Lowell Weickert and numerous other socialist parasites..."

Marrou wins on first ballot with 258 votes to Boddie's 130-something. Balloons and cheers, but nothing like the Clark nomination in '79. (Showing my stodgy good-old-days attitude, huh?) In a hotly contested race for Veep, Nancy Lord of DC eventually beats our Mary Ruwart of Michigan, as well as Boddie, Craig Franklin, and Calvin Warburton (New Hampshire LP state representative, recent renegade from the Republicans).

Saturday night was your typical post-nomination blowout, with the Texas hospitality suite kicking in big-time. Down in the exhibit hall, the partying went on into the wee hours, as NOMOS had a cooler full of beer, on the warm side, but it was there. Talked to a lot of interesting people, and was basically a good boy, getting to bed before 2:00.

Sunday, September 1

The finale for VP was actually on Sunday morning. This was the most exciting vote of all, and the most emotional. As Keith, who faithfully attended to all convention business throughout the four days, said, "Ah, the excitement, the drama, the bullshit." Speaking of the latter, party officer and national committee nominations carried on from the VP balloting with all the grace of a drunken Clydesdale. But I think it turned out well: Mary Gingell as chair, Steven Dashbach as vice chair, Joe Dehn as secretary, and Bill Redpath as treasurer. Bill Hall was selected as our region's Natcom rep.

Sunday mornings at a national convention are always a little unsettling, as you try to check out of the hotel, get something to eat, finish up the business, and so on. I had to get my motorcycle packed up so I could ride on and visit Uncle George in Skokie on my way to points west. Said my goodbyes. There's always a bit of a knot in your stomach before launching out from a big city on the two-wheeler, especially when you're on your own. There's apprehension of the traffic, concern that the vehicle holds up and gets you away clean and right.

As I left town, I remembered some thoughts I had while riding into the city several days ago. Looking at the farms in Michigan, the steel mills in Indiana, then, particularly, the skyline in Chicago, I thought, "You know, the guys who did all this were definitely not wimps." Now as I negotiate the thrills of urban I-94, I think this choice I make to ride through the anxiety is no big thing in comparison. But that and the larger measure we, as libertarians, have in our hearts keeps us in league with all the brave souls.

NATCOM REPORT

by Bill Hall, District Rep for Michigan

The newly elected Libertarian National Committee met following adjournment of the national convention in Chicago, Illinois, on September 2, 1991. The NatCom set its next two meetings for December 14 and 15 in Washington, D.C., so it could participate in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, and April 11 and 12, 1992, in Ann Arbor, MI in conjunction with the convention of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. The NatCom expressed a preference for holding its August, 1992, meeting in Salt Lake City, in order to provide an opportunity for the NatCom to investigate the convention facilities for the 1993 Libertarian National Convention.

Incoming National Chair, Mary Gingell, announced that she planned to focus NatCom attention on three functional areas: political organization, development and education. She appointed new Vice Chair Steve Dasbach to oversee political organizing activities, Treasurer Bill Redpath to oversee development activities, and Secretary Joe Dehn to oversee educational activities. The membership of a number of subcommittees was clarified. Don Ernsberger, Steve Givot and George O'Brien were appointed to the Management and Audit Committee and Don Ernsberger was selected as chair of that committee, as well as appointed to the Executive Committee.

Executive Director Nick Dunbar reported that the convention to date had generated approximately 6,500 inquires to the party's 800 number and that he expected the total to exceed 10,000 within the month following the convention. Gary Johnson reported that MKR Associates is terminating its media relations contracts with the NatCom Affiliate Parties Committee and Media Relations Committee and a high priority would be put on seeking a replacement as soon as possible. Steve Givot presented a proposal for expanding the Program Committee to include members of the Marrou campaign, in order to revise and refocus the Libertarian Party Program in advance of the 1992 presidential campaign.

The NatCom postponed to its December 1992 meeting the date for conclusively scheduling the 1994 presidential nominating convention.. The NatCom is interested in hearing proposals for groups to host future NatCom meetings (generally in April, August, and December of each calendar year) and national conventions. If you have any questions concerning actions taken by NatCom, or wish to bring a matter to the NatCom's attention, please contact me (Bill Hall) at 616-459-6121 during regular business hours.

SMALL BUSINESS: THE UNCLAIMED CONSTITUENCY

Strategy viewpoint by Gary Bradley

If the Libertarian Party is going to succeed at national politics, it will have to develop special interest groups that identify with and support the Party. While this may strike some as sordid political pandering, it is a fact of life in the present political system. The problem faced by Libertarians, however, is more complex than that of the major parties. The old parties have no qualms about using the power of the State to create special privileges for their supporters. Libertarians, on the other hand, must find supporters who will receive benefits from removal of government from their lives. As a practical matter, this means finding special interest groups disenfranchised by both major parties.

Small business owners and managers are without doubt the most economically important special interest group neglected by the other parties. Anyone who operates a small business in the modern era knows that economy of scale arguments are becoming less and less relevant (except for large integrated industries like automobiles, mass market chemicals, or other highly capital intensive endeavors). The advent of the micro computer, automated small manufacturing systems, and global telecommunications are making the small company that aggressively pursues a special market more competitive than large conglomerates with a dozen layers of management. The one area where economy of scale is still a major factor is in government regulation. Most administrative regulations presume that a company produces many items in the same category of regulation, that the appropriate time frame for response is either months or years, and that the regulated company will have at least one full time staff person per site solely to deal with the regulators.

This works really well for a large company where the industrial hygienist has to work a few hours per day overtime for a month to comply with the new OSHA regulations but much less well for a small company where the operations manager has to spend 200 valuable man-hours gathering data from five years of personnel records and then must choose to spend his remaining time either insuring that inventory is maintained or developing next year's marketing plan. Beyond the time related structure that favor business with lots of manpower, regulations frequently discriminate in subtle but important ways that only those affected appreciate. For instance, most people would assume that EPA regulations to provide 99.5% treatment of effluent are unbiased standards. What it effectively means is that Exxon can produce 100 tons of compound X and dump 1000 pounds of byproduct in the

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BRADLEY STRATEGY VIEWPOINT

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river, while Joe's Specialty Chemicals cannot produce less than 5 tons of compound X because the lower limits mean that Joe will need "best available treatment equipment" at about ten times the cost of Exxon's since his waste products are more dilute and harder to measure.

Countless examples abound of regulations that effectively make it impossible for small business to complete even though there is no real economic barrier to their entry into the market. This makes Small Business the ideal target for a political party dedicated to reducing government. If the LP embarks on a policy of discovering regulatory subsidies to Big Business and making a lot of noise about them, the Small Business community may take some favorable notice of us. The initial phase of the project is simplicity itself. We only need a coordinator to solicit complaints from business people already in the Party regarding biased regulations. This should be ample for a hefty white paper on its own. Armed with this material, activists could approach other business people for their horror stories of biased government intervention. When we amass enough to produce substantive critiques for most regulatory agencies, we can present our documentation and proposed reforms to some real political players like the national Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Independent Businesses.

We should also consider internally more controversial Small Business proposals. Advocating special tax treatment for Small Business may strike some purists as special interest politics but I believe most of us would concur that less taxes for anyone is a laudable goal. We could also put some teeth in the Small Business Administration whose chief function since Reagan has been passing out low interest loans to small business with Republican connections. This agency could be turned into an internal adversary in the regulatory system, analyzing if new federal regulations are biased in favor of the companies big enough to provide a revolving door of the regulators. With enough clout, this agency could delay new regulations in Congressional committees for years at a time. While the purists would argue that expanding any government agency is unprincipled, I think it behooves us to try to create some sand in the machinery of government as well as merely trying to dismantle it.

The best part about trying to become the Small Business Party is that small business already has many organizational structures already in place that can be utilized for grass roots political mobilization. At present, these organizations are general ineffective because they are competing against financial giants for political favors. These same organizations used to promote a Libertarian led movement for political justice might be sufficient to give us the 10-15% voter approval that forces the major parties to respond to our challenges and complaints.

The present structure of politics is a game of providing political favors for special interests. If we can identify a special interest like Small Business that benefits from reducing government, it only makes sense to spotlight those policies which will gain their support. American politics is a game we can't win until we start playing it seriously. If we wait patiently, with proper ideology, for the rules

to change, then we will all die as political correct radicals in a statist world.

LETTERS

note: letters are edited to meet length limitations

Dear Sirs and/or Ma'ams;

Watching your convention on C-SPAN this past weekend was a revelation. It prompted me to write to inform you that you have an image problem. It is not that you are disliked for who you are, but that you are mistaken for someone few of us like.

As best I can tell, Libertarians are not liberals. If this is incorrect, please inform me as such and I will vote for George Bush again.

My reason for writing is to suggest a bumper sticker design that I believe will clear up much misunderstanding and give your party a well timed boost from us disgruntled Republicans and maybe some disillusioned Democrats as well.

Libertarians / Not Liberals!
Vote Maru in '92!

How do you spell that guy's name, anyhow?

Hope it helps. If I've grasped your party's sentiments and goals at all correctly, you will have gained a convert.

Best Wishes in '92.

Dale Cauthen
Midland, MI

Support for Mail Ballot and Petitioning

The general membership of the LPM is only approximately represented in the LCC because of the convention method of electing the LCC. The obvious remedy is the use of a mail ballot system to elect the LCC and the 4 executive officers and the Judicial Committee.

If the LPM is to get more than minimal public attention it should do what Tisch did. Namely it should circulate one or more constitutional amendment petitions (such as requiring a public vote on each tax). As a result of circulating several petitions the Tisch party will be a "major" political party in the 1992 state primary with the attached publicity. Unfortunately there is a strong paralysis on the LCC to do anything of substance in repealing statist laws.

Tom Jones
Member LCC

NANCY LORD'S MICHIGAN ITINERARY

Compiled by Bill Shotey

Wednesday, October 23, 1991

6:15pm Dinner - Kiwanis Club of Dearborn

Her after dinner speech is titled "The Libertarian Agenda, no more politics as usual."

8:15pm - 9:30pm - Coffee Reception at Ben Bachrach's home. Libertarians welcome if they bring at least two non-members with them. Call 313-563-1558 for details.

Thursday, October 24, 1991

12:00 noon - Lunch with Detroit City Councilman Keith Butler.

3:00pm - U of M, Dearborn, call Mike Flemming 313-721-5614 for further information.

7:30pm - The Michigan Union
530 S. State Street, Ann Arbor.

Dr. Lord's speech: "An introduction to Libertarianism". Call James Hudler for further information - 313-475-9792.

Friday, October 25, 1991

7:00pm Coffee and Discussion at Jeff and Janna Hampton's home, Northville. Call Jeff Hampton for further details, 313-348-2718.

Saturday, October 26, 1991

Libertarian Week Banquet, Marriott Hotel, Livonia

6:30pm - Cocktails, no host bar

7:00pm - Dinner, \$28 (\$30 at the door)

7:30pm - Program including short auction of Libertarian memorabilia. Please bring items, or call auctioneer David Raaflaub 313-769-2645. Also, bring your checkbooks!

8:15pm - Dr. Lord's speech: "The 1992 elections, first step on the road to victory."

LCC RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions adopted by the Libertarian Central Committee of Michigan are published in the Michigan Libertarian. For more information or minutes of the meetings contact the Secretary, Jon Addiss, 913 W. Holmes Rd. Suite 240, Lansing, MI 48910, 517-394-0122.

September 15, 1991

Motion - To appropriate \$2,000 for miscellaneous operations until the next LCC meeting. Passed 26-0.

Motion - To postpone purchase of Lewis Booth until next LCC meeting. Passed 26-0.

Motion - To appropriate up to \$150 to reimburse J. McAbee for information packets. Passed 26-0.

Motion - To hold March 1, 1992 LCC meeting at Gillie's Restaurant, 12598 N. Saginaw, Clio. Passed 26-0.

Next LCC meeting: 1 PM, December 1, 1991 at Addiss's office, 913 W. Holmes, #232, Lansing.

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

October 17, 1991 - 6:30pm

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

November 7, 1991

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

November 18, 1991

Annual organizing meeting for Metro-Libertarians.
Contact Tim O'Brien at 313-548-6857 for details.

December 5, 1991

Ann Arbor Libertarian League Lecture Series
Speaker: Parth Shah - "Spontaneous Order and the Free Market"

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.

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

Libertarian Party Membership Application

- ___ \$25 Michigan and National Member
- ___ \$15 Michigan Member Only
- ___ \$15 **Michigan Libertarian** subscription only
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