



# MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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## ELECTION RESULTS MIXED

Libertarian Presidential candidate Andre Marrou suffered a stinging loss in the November 3 election with an unofficial tally of 281,805 votes. This was down from Ron Paul's total of 432,116 in 1988. In Michigan, the vote was 10,121 against 18,336 in 1988. The number needed to retain ballot status is 17595, so the LPM is off the ballot. All other minor parties suffered the same fate.

On the bright side, the Libertarian vote was stronger further down the ticket. In Pennsylvania, The Marrou-Lord team got 21,315 to gain ballot status, up 9,000 from 1988 and the US Senate candidate tallied 218,000. In California, Marrou's vote was 44,390, down from 70,105, but Dick Boddie took 230,000 in the Senate contest.

In Michigan, Mary Ruwart received 94,480, up 15,000 from 1990 in her race for the State Board of Education, while James Hudler and Tom Jones both topped 70,000 in their university races. Bob Roddis was near 270,000 for Supreme Court.

The articulate and hard-working Marrou-Lord team would have done very well but for the presence of Ross Perot who took the protest vote away. The hard core LP vote has risen 64% in the US since 1984, slow but steady. Unfortunately, Michigan has gained only 1% from 1984 to 1992, compared to an 86% rise from 1976 to 1984. Still, Michigan was the sixth best state for the Marrou-Lord ticket, nearly as good as our 1988 fifth place finish. We were sixth in 1984, fourth in 1980.

## LPM PLANS PETITION DRIVE, LAWSUIT

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Michigan voted 6-1 to approve a petition drive to regain ballot status at its November 15 meeting. The drive will begin May 1, 1993, at the Convention in Grand Rapids. About 26,000 valid signatures are required, but 31,000 to 35,000 will be needed as a safety margin.

It was also decided to file a lawsuit contending that the law should not require that the top of the ticket be the standard for ballot access, but rather the highest total anywhere on the ticket. Had this rule been in effect, Mary Ruwart's total would have easily maintained ballot status as would other candidates. Attorney David Raaflaub will represent the Party.

A proposal to seek legislative relief via a change in the law was dropped due to doubt over its success.

The Executive Committee meeting was convened upon the failure of quorum for the scheduled Libertarian Advisory Council meeting. The Council is the legislative body for the LP between conventions and the Committee is the executive body.

The meeting was attended by about 30 members with some 40 proxies, but quorum is 105. The meeting was upbeat considering the bad election news and most members were ready to fight on to preserve the Party. A feature was an optimistic presentation of campaign proposals by John Coon who was appointed State Campaign Chair under the reorganization program of LPM Chair Keith Edwards.

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**WANTED:** Libertarians to fill the vacancies. No experience needed. Call Keith Edwards. Join a group for discussion and fun. Call your local coordinator. If you know or are a college student, join or start a group at your campus.

At the Executive Committee meeting on November 15, I Outlined a reorganization plan designed to accelerate the growth of the LPM by dividing the work to be done into smaller units to attract more volunteers. I also stressed the importance of integrating newer people via active local groups and also campus organizing. Judging from our 800 number inquiries, there are a lot of new people who want to get active in a local group. All that is needed is for a local activist to contact them and set up regular meetings.

The Directory which appears on this page is set up to illustrate part of this reorganization as well as to provide our members and new interested with a local contact to get active. Please feel free to call the person listed for your area if you wish to attend their functions. If there is a vacancy or if no listing exists for your area, give me a call and volunteer to start a group. By volunteering, you will not only help the libertarian cause, you will also meet some interesting, fun people who think much as you do.

Some jobs are too big for one person to handle and will require a committee approach, or breaking a job in half, so this Directory is not exhaustive. Some positions need a job description, while others will grow with the imagination of the persons who fill them.

We are off to an excellent start this year. Some of the groups on the list are new, others are revitalized by new leadership. Campus clubs are being organized at MSU, Central and Wayne State, joining those in existence at U-M and Eastern. Speakers are available along with advice and materials. Call James Hudler if you want to start a campus club or me if you can start a local LP group. Sometimes it takes a newcomer to get things started. TRY IT! VACANCY IS A DIRTY WORD!

## 0000-THAT'S SCARY!!!!!! OAKLAND LIBERTARIANS CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN, RAISE FUNDS

Promised to be as chilling as the IRS... as terrifying as gun control legislation ... and as spooky as four more years of George Bush...Nightmares galore were delivered at the Halloween party-fund raiser at the home of Michigan LP Vice-Chair Karen Scarborough and sponsored by the Oakland County Libertarians.

Members and guests were greeted at the door by "Sheriff Porky Pig" (Scott Scarborough, with belly by Dunkin' Donuts) and branded with a crime against the state for which they would be jailed without due process during the evening. The release from jail could be obtained by "paying off" the jailer, proceeds going to the Party. "Crimes" included speaking out for one's right to keep one's own earnings (of course) and criticizing the state. One favorite was "You have been charged with THOUGHT CRIME. THOUGHT CRIME IS A PUNISHABLE OFFENSE. Remember, think before you think!"

Costumes were just as creative. Jeff and Johnna Hampton came as a couple of skin-clad cave dwellers (nice bone, Jeff) and won first prize for costume. Second prize went to the trench-coated Inspector Clouseau and the Pink Panther, Randy and Diane Szabla. Hostess Karen Scarborough partied on as Garth from Wayne's World (ask your kids about that one). James Hudler was totally in character as a mad scientist from Mars. Mark Elsholz hacked his way around proving that he's a lumberjack and he's OK. Tim O'Brien was really scary as a werewolf during a non-full moon cycle. Bill Shotey was dressed as a jogger with a Marrou newspaper article taped to his chest. We're not sure what he was, but then are we ever?

Fun and entertainment included a multi-sense board game called "Nightmare" and a professional psychic who foretold the future for guests for a donation to the Party. Food and drink were abundant and conversation was, as always, stimulating.

A surprise fund raising raffle was held and the grand prize was a FREE AIRLINE TICKET ON AMERICAN AIRLINES for a round trip anywhere in the continental United States. This great prize was donated by ELLIOT TRAVEL and was won by Joyce Doyle. Have a great trip, Joyce.

Final total on the amount raised by this terrific event will be available as soon as Bill Shotey forwards refunds on the cans and bottles that he so generously offered to return for us.

A GHOULISHLY GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

Once again, our special thanks to ELLIOT TRAVEL for their wonderful donation of the ticket. ELLIOT TRAVEL has locations throughout the metro area. If you choose to use them for your future travel needs, please mention that you saw their name in the newsletter and support the Libertarian Party. If we can generate some business for them, they may be persuaded to donate to future events.

We also wish to thank Joyce Doyle, Mike Miller, Ken Morris, Bill Shotey, Barbara Goushaw and Scott Scarborough for their contributions of food and drink, their assistance in set-up and take-down and their moral support in planning this event.

Barbara Goushaw

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RECRUIT A NEW LIBERTARIAN TODAY!

**OAKLAND COUNTY LP NAMES OFFICERS**

Oakland County Libertarians met on November 20 and chose officers for the next year. They are:

Chair	Al Doyle
Vice Chair	Al Weissberg
Secretary	Leslie Balian
Treasurer	Diane Szabla

Twenty people attended the meeting as the interest in the group picks up. Anyone interested in joining or attending their functions should call Al Doyle for info at 313-641-8933.

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**NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

The LPM has a new Membership Director, Pat Baker. Pat will handle the registration of new and renewal members, mailing of membership cards and will work on the annual membership drive.

Under our new procedures, membership cards will be sent out upon renewal to current members and to new members as they join.

We are also considering multi-year and life memberships, both at a discounted rate.

Pat may be contacted at 313-684-5188.

The new set-up should speed up the processing of memberships considerably.

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In reviewing the history of the English Government, its wars and its taxes, a bystander, not blinded by prejudice nor warped by interest, would declare that taxes were not raised to carry on wars, but that wars were raised to carry on taxes.

The Rights of Man by Thomas Paine

**WELCOME TO THE PARTY**

Among those who recently joined the LPM for the first time are:

Craig Akin	Denise Lindsay
Thomas Bird	Richard Livingstone
Scott Boman	Robert E. Love
Lloyd Clum	Doris Miller
Robert Conner	Anthony Pivetta
Don Flynn	Allen Salyer
Nancy Geragosian	Jeffrey Sloboda
Malcolm Haggart	William Story
Mark Heil	Kimberly Taylor
Frank W. Johnson	Robert Taylor
Jim Knott	Vincent Truba

Rejoining the Party is one of the founders, Kathryn Augustin. Welcome back, Kay.

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**ALPHABET SOUP**

Among the many things that government lies about are the names of its own departments and bureaus. Here are the real names that go with those famous initials:

IRS	Internal Robbery Service
FBI	Federal Burglary Instigators
CIA	Can't Investigate Anything
FDA	Federal Death Administration
HUD	Housing Under Destruction
HHS	Hardly Helping Survival
INS	Immigration Not Swift
FEC	Fraudulent Election Controllers
FCC	Federal Censorship Commissars
ATF	Always Thwarting Freedom
SSS	Selective Slavery System
CEA	Council on Economic Absurdities
EPA	Environmental Panic Agitators
DOD	Defender of Dictatorships
FTC	Fascist Trade Compellers
USPS	Usually Slow, Probably Sloppy
OSHA	Oppressive, Silly, Hardly Analytical
AMTRAK	Almost Mobile, Territory Restricted, Always Klutzy

Keith Edwards

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CONVENTION AND US**

By Karen Scarborough

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire has become, in the last four years, one of the most successful state organizations in the country. Chair Bill Winter has taken membership from essentially 0 to over 400 in his four years in office. The LPNH has done what the LPM has found next to impossible. They have actually elected Libertarians to public office. In my quest to learn what their secret was, I decided to attend their state convention so I could observe events and talk firsthand to Bill and Jim McLaren, another LPNH member.

My first impression of the NPLH was presented in the convention brochure. Each of us received a blue folder containing convention information, history of the LP, menus, speaker biographies, executive board info and membership applications. All were professionally designed and printed. Not a bad impression.

The LPNH convention is a one day affair with lunch the first item on the agenda. The executive board and speaker were seated at a head table while the audience were at round tables. I was surprised to find that the speaker would be Herb Clark, Campaign Coordinator for Ross Perot, surprising because although sympathetic to our goals as a third party, Clark is not in agreement with libertarian principles. Following his speech, complete with question and answer, were two panel discussions, the first of which included three NH legislators. All three, elected on the Republican ticket, were converted to Libertarianism through the efforts of the LPNH. The second panel was composed of three members of the state's media who were asked why we weren't getting coverage. They claimed simply that they were "still learning", whatever that means.

During the break between the afternoon events and the evening banquet, Bill and Jim offered their suggestions for improving the LPM. They stressed the need to "get serious" by operating as a more structured organization. Bill Winter, on becoming Chair, knew it would be unpalatable to many

Libertarians to have to work with a strong leader. At the same time he also knew that strong leadership was what it would take to turn the party around. He stressed the importance of meetings starting on time, the value of a positive newsletter being the lifeblood of the party and the importance of the control of meetings by the Chair. He explained that although it may be abhorrent to some Libertarians, the need to dress in a businesslike manner is a must, especially when media is present. Maintaining credibility and operating on a level with the major parties were also mentioned. He went on to offer suggestions for candidates, that they should start now and form their own staff committees for campaigning.

Immediately following the banquet meal David Brudnoy, Boston radio talk show host, was introduced as the keynote speaker. Although he is not a libertarian, he is sympathetic to many libertarian ideas. The purpose of inviting so many non-libertarians to speak was to avoid "preaching to the choir" and thereby avoiding boredom of the members. Brudnoy's presentation was concluded with a question period and a brief fundraising talk given by the Fundraising Committee Chair. I was told the Fundraising Chair is always paid a commission. Three Outstanding Libertarian awards were given to those showing the most participation above and beyond the call of duty.

I noted that although the convention was not as well attended as ours, enthusiasm was bountiful as was a positive outlook. There was a determined effort to keep everything running on schedule and I saw no jeans, T-shirts or infighting. "Getting serious" turned out to be a truly refreshing approach to turning a ho-hum organization into a viable political force to be reckoned with in the next election.

The time is "now" for 1994 and 1996. Are YOU ready to get serious?

### THE MEANING OF ELECTIONS

The fall of the Soviet Union brought to an end an era of gross irrationality and intellectual fraud. The lies which gave birth to 70 years of terror were so opposed to logic and the nature of human beings that they could only be supported by the evasions and bureaucratic pretense of a society gone mad. Politicians lied to citizens, citizens evaded the evidence of their sense and the bureaucracy justified its existence by pretending to carry out plans that were irrelevant to reality. Those who did not conform or expressed their own thoughts were exterminated. The result was the reversal of the survival of the fittest. The fittest, except for escapees such as Ayn Rand, did not survive.

It's tempting to feel smug about the USSR, that subjectivist sewer, but we shouldn't do it.

In the United States, the Dumbocrat Party led us into four wars, high taxes, inflation and the establishment of a bureaucracy which pretends to carry out plans it does not understand. The Republicrats created the Great Depression, imposed wage and price controls, kidnapped the head of a foreign state and conspire with the Dumbocrats in promising to reduce their federal debt by wishful projections of growth, phony spending cuts and hidden tax increases via a tax code no one can understand.

The government now operates almost completely on lies, evasions and bureaucratic pretense in an increasingly illiterate and mystical society.

Because of the freedom we used to have, it will take longer to destroy this country than it did the Soviet Union which arose from Czarism, but the US has been on this path for 80 years.

Some otherwise rational people continue, in the face of this massive two-party

collusion to choose the lesser of two evils, but the lesser of two evils is still evil. In this case it is not the open, vicious evil of a Stalin, but the subtle evil of lies, evasion and bureaucratic pretense. This flight from reality will destroy the free society we once knew and which depends on the human mind.

Still others rush to the support of a messianic, ego-questing paranoid whose only answer seemed to be to confiscate still more wealth from the taxpayers. This is all too reminiscent of Germany in 1932. Those who did so did more to set back the fight for liberty than those who opted for the older evil.

When you cast your vote, you give your personal endorsement to the philosophy of the candidate. Voting for a lesser evil or a paranoid tyrant can only encourage him to continue on his path. And what do you do to the candidate who does stand consistently for freedom, prosperity and peace.?

There was only one such choice in 1992, the Marrou-Lord ticket.

What did you tell the world about your values on November 3?

Keith Edwards

Hypocrisy is the homage vice pays to virtue.

Maxims of La Rochefoucauld

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**POLICY ON OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

There is a standing joke that Libertarian Standard Time is at least one hour later than clock time. This rationalization for tardiness does not apply to meetings of the Executive Committee or the Libertarian Advisory Council. All such meetings will start at the scheduled time.

Under the by-laws adopted on April, the Council is the legislative body of the LPM between conventions. It requires an attendance of 30% of the membership for a quorum. This includes proxies. If there is no quorum at the scheduled meeting time, the meeting will not be held. Instead, a meeting of the Executive Committee will begin so that business can be conducted.

All LPM members can vote at the Council meetings, but only the seven members of the Committee can vote at Committee meetings, although all members may speak. It is important, therefore, that members show up on time for the Council meeting. And, we can adjourn at a reasonable hour. Please help by being on time.

**CALENDAR**

Everyday Recruit a new member

Second Tuesday of each month  
LP of Mid-Michigan meets at 6:00 at Sneakers Restaurant in Lansing. Call Jon Addiss for details.

Every Thursday  
Washtenaw Libertarians meet at 6:30 at Dominic's Restaurant in Ann Arbor. Call Jim Hudler for details.

Feb. 7, 1993  
Libertarian Advisory Council meeting at time and location to be announced.

April 30-May 2, 1993  
LPM State Convention in Grand Rapids. Details in the next newsletter.

May 1 - October 27, 1993  
Ballot access petition drive.

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**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY**

The Libertarian Party of Michigan, in an effort to get the message out and to recruit new members, has done the following.

A bulk mailing of 2,157 pieces soliciting new members has gone out to former members and new interested, as were 3,800 copies of the September newsletter.

LPM 60-second radio spots were featured on the Mark Scott Show on WXYT on Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25. LPM 30-second TV spots were shown on the Russ Gibb Show on Dearborn Cablevision on Sept. 6, 13, 20, and 27 and Oct 4, 11, 18. and 25 and Nov. 1. Please send a donation to the Libertarian Party of Michigan, 11700 Merriman Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 so that we can continue our outreach effort. If you would like to volunteer your time, call me at 313-278-3673.

Bill Shotey

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