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SALVETTE ELECTED CHAIR

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Emily Salvette was elected Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan at its Annual Convention in Grand Rapids on April 30. Salvette, a 10 year veteran of the LPM and a former Vice Chair of the Kentucky LP, defeated David Raaflaub 35-12. She served as Vice Chair of the LPM during the past year and supervised the development of the affiliate local groups.

Salvette moved quickly to establish the schedule of events and meetings for the coming year and to make appointments to key positions. She plans to develop depth of experience for each main function and to continue the work of converting the State LP from the main working element to the support group for the local affiliates, a policy established by her predecessor, Keith Edwards. Edwards did not run for a fifth term as Chair, calling it "self-imposed term limits."

Mark Owen was elected Vice Chair without opposition and will take charge of affiliate development.

Dan Marsh was elected Secretary and David Nagy Treasurer, both without formal opposition.

The Executive Committee was expanded from seven to nine members by adding two At-large Directors. Winning the At-large spots were Ben Bachrach, Jon Coon, Scott Beavers, Keith Edwards and James Hudler. Elected to the Judicial Committee were Bill Hall, Glenn Barr and Tim O'Brien.

CONVENTION STARS BANDOW, BROWNE AND DRESCH

Three speakers highlighted the 1995 Convention of the Libertarian Party of Michigan on April 29-30 in Grand Rapids.

Doug Bandow of the Cato Institute spoke at the Banquet on Saturday night on the subject of "Government By Envy." He cited this as the principle behind the confiscation of 45-50% of the earnings of the productive by the non-productive. He said we need to stress the right and wrong in policy, that there is a moral dimension to taking our money, not just an economic one. Bandow believes that the sense of envy is more dangerous than that of greed and that while the age of politics is drawing to a close, the government will fight to defend its position. "Virtue relates to actions, so we must have freedom to have virtue."

Bandow reported that Professor R.J. Rummel has a new book out detailing how governments have killed 170 million people in the 20th Century. (His 1987 article in the Wall Street Journal said 155 million.) There is mention in the book that the Soviet NKVD actually had death quotas under Stalin. (Ed. note: Were Ruby Ridge and Waco just a down payment on a quota for the BATF-FBI?)

On Sunday morning, Harry Browne spoke on why he is running for the LP nomination for President. He wants to cut the federal budget to \$500 billion, end the income tax, pardon those convicted of income tax evasion and no-violent drug crimes and veto spending bills. "Government can't work; don't repair it, get rid of as much of it as possible." He plans to spend his time

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LOCAL MEETINGS

The following local libertarian groups meet on a regular basis with dinner preceding the meeting. Most start at 6:30 or so with the meeting an hour later. Your contact is listed in column one.

Washtenaw meets at Dominick's, 812 Monroe, Ann Arbor every Thursday. Some meetings with major speakers are at the U-M Union. Call James Hudler for details.

LP of Mid-Michigan (Lansing area) meets at Sneaker's Restaurant, 600 Homer, off US-127 in Lansing on the second Thursday of month. Call Mike Brinkman.

Macomb Co. meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Fire Escape Restaurant, 621 N. Walnut, Mt. Clemens.

Wayne Co. meets on the first Tuesday of the month at La Trattoria Restaurant, 13736 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

Oakland Co. meets on the third Wednesday of the month. Call for the location.

Western Michigan LP (Grand Rapids area) meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the basement of Pizza Hut, 3550 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids.

Metro Detroit Libertarians is a supper club with a featured speaker, and is one of the very oldest libertarian groups although it is not a part of the LPM. It meets on the fourth Monday of the month at one of several locations. Call Tim O'Brien to confirm the location and date at 313-562-5778.

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FROM THE CHAIR

By Emily Salvette

I am honored to be the new State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. With your help I know the LPM will have another exciting and productive year. Last year, LPM membership increased over 50%. The reasons for this success include: 1) a first-rate visible campaign for US Senate by Jon Coon; 2) an aggressive membership drive by membership chair Ben Bachrach; 3) an increased emphasis on forming and supporting local libertarian groups; and 4) the general climate of dissatisfaction with the current political system and the ineffectiveness of the two older parties.

Last year's success defines our work for the coming year. We should continue to run good Libertarian candidates for public office. I know many fine Libertarians working at the grass-roots level who would be great candidates/elected officials. Let us commit ourselves to getting these people elected. James Hudler of Chelsea is the new state campaign chair. He will be happy to work with your local group to accomplish this goal.

We should continue to increase membership. Ben Bachrach, who has been re-appointed membership chair, says building membership is as easy as asking someone to join! Just invite friends and family members to your local meetings. Let them fill out a membership form and join on the spot. You can also recruit members at local fairs or festivals. Make plans now to sponsor a booth at a local event this summer. With sign-up lists and membership forms you can increase your local base of support. We would like to double Michigan's membership and go into the national LP convention in July, '96 as the second largest delegation. We can achieve this goal if we all make membership a priority.

Local Libertarian groups are the Libertarian Party of Michigan. It is at the Local level where new members are recruited, where candidates run for public office,

and where educational activities occur. The state party officers understand that we were elected to help you do your grass-roots work. Mark Owen, the new Vice Chair, will work closely with affiliate groups to strengthen the local organizations. We have added a new Affiliates News section to the Michigan Libertarian which will highlight local activities and successes. Kevin Bloom of Ann Arbor will be editing this section. Please add his name to your mailing list so he can report on your local events. See Page 7.

While there is great skepticism about the ability of current politicians to fix the problems this country faces, we must be aware that the tragedy in Oklahoma City has changed the climate in which we will discuss issues of personal and economic freedom. We must be sensitive to people's fears (Fanned by an uninformed media) while at the same time standing firm on the principles of individual liberty which will make this country a better place. Never forget that the Libertarian Party is working for peaceful change through the political system. We'll win votes and respect by speaking of the benefits of liberty and how our improved public policies will help our country. The rhetoric of hate mainstream America fears has never been our style and is unnecessary when ideas are as good as ours are.


Thanks to all of you for your hard work on behalf of liberty. I look forward to serving as your State Chair and would be happy to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

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STRUCTURE OF THE LPM

With the rapid growth of the Party there are a lot of new members who may be unfamiliar with how it works. Here's how.

The LPM is divided into three branches. The legislative branch consists of the Annual Convention, which must be held between April 1 and July 1 (but is usually held between mid-April and mid-May) and the Libertarian Advisory Council which is empowered to meet in August, November and February. The Convention may pass By-laws and resolutions and elects the Executive Committee. All members of the LPM may vote as long as they have been members for 30 days. The Libertarian Advisory Council may pass resolutions or deny endorsement to a Party candidate for public office. Unlike the Convention, proxy votes are allowed, but one-third of the membership is required for a quorum.

The Executive Committee meets regularly Monthly, usually) and runs the day-to-day operations of the Party as the Executive Branch. It passes resolutions, acts as the voice of the Party, appoints committees and functional managers, plans projects and events and allocates funds. It cannot pass BY-laws. It consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and five At-large Directors. It is subservient to the legislative bodies.

The Judicial Committee decides cases involving alleged violations of the By-laws and resolutions and may rule on interpretation of By-laws. No one on the Executive Committee may serve on the Judicial Committee.

CONVENTION STARS (Continued from page 1)

from September to February in New Hampshire to win the primary there. He believes it will take \$50 million to win the Presidency and most of it will come from outside the LP. He was quite optimistic which is interesting considering his 30 years of anti-politics.

Browne exhibited philosophical depth, honesty, humor and a genuinely nice personality. The latter would present quite a contrast in a televised debate with Slick Willie Clinton and Bob "Son of Nixon" Dole. Browne raised over \$3,400 at the meeting.

At the Sunday Brunch, former Republican State Rep Steve Dresch struck a more pessimistic note with an address on "The Politics of Fear." He stated that government creates fear, intensifies it, then uses it to take actions to increase its powers. It creates cataclysmic events then uses the fear of "the hun," the yellow peril, the red scare, etc., and infiltrates such movements as the communists or civil rights. He spoke of the tyranny of administrative law, arbitrary interpretations by the bureaucracy of purposely vague laws. Dresch rejects incrementalism in reform and favors radical change.

At the conclusion of the Convention, Chair Keith Edwards said, "I'm an optimist. We are winning the intellectual war and are gaining in the electoral one. It's too bad the USA is not leading the move to freedom. Right now, Eastern Europe is, but we can regain the lead if every libertarian works for it."

The Convention was upbeat, optimistic and humorous even in BY-laws debate when Tim O'Brien twice found himself agreeing with his foe, Tom Jones, causing the latter to clutch his chest in mock cardiac arrest. Who has more fun than libertarians?

The LP of Western Michigan and Ottawa LP organized the Convention and Friday entertainment and thanks go to Jeff Terhaar, Steve Otzman, Russ Smith, Dan Marsh, Todd Greene, Jim Lundy, Dave Westerhof and others, but above all to Sharon Greene, organizer, worker and class TV star.

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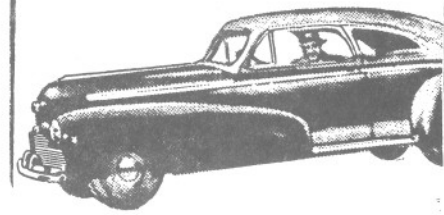
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For this issue, the Affiliate Jazz section consists of only two pages, but with your help, we'll expand our coverage of local events. We received several newsletters prior to deadline, and you might enjoy reading them. The Macomb County News has an excellent article by Mark Heil about using online Libertarian resources. You can receive the entire newsletter via email by dropping Mark a note at 72113.1626@compuserve.com or by snail mail by writing: LMC News, PO BOX 4, Richmond MI 48062-0004. Subscription: \$10 per year. The Ottawa County LP newsletter is \$5 per year; write to: OCLP, PO BOX 81, Grand Haven MI 49417. The LP of Mid-Michigan puts out a fine newsletter, the April edition was green, well typeset, with photos and re-printed news items. Also, they named it the Voice of Liberty; a nice touch. Subscription: \$10 to LPMM/Voice of Liberty, 1408 East Grand River Ave. #38, East Lansing, MI 48823. You can also submit articles to VOL via email to: Brinkman1@aol.com. Finally, The Washtenaw Libertarian is available for \$10 per year from: LPWC, PO BOX 447, Chelsea MI 48118 and of course is a superb publication. Aieee! There is a HAPPENING sponsored by the Livingston County LP in both June AND July! It will take place at the Mexican Jones Restaurant in Brighton, but I've mislaid the flyer so CALL Doug MacDonald at 810-231-3137 for details! Then, turn the page for more stuff!

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TALK BACK! by Brett Cashman

The right to bear arms is currently under siege. There is a bill in the Michigan House of Representatives that would restore our precious right to defend ourselves: HB 4720, 4719, 4718; known as The Citizens Self-Defense Act, would grant a concealed carry weapon permit to any adult citizen of the state of Michigan that is not a convicted felon, mentally ill, incapacitated, and passes a basic pistol safety test, along with a few other hoops the state would like you to jump through. The difference between the proposed law and current law is that the state will have to provide a reason for you not to be able to carry, instead of you having to prove why you should be allowed to carry. The licensing procedure is similar to procedures in other states, such as Florida. The Secretary of State will issue the license, perhaps in conjunction with the drivers license. This bill is currently in Committee. To get out of Committee it will be necessary to pressure the members of the Judiciary and Civil Rights Committee to allow it to the floor for debate and hopefully a vote. The momentum for the bill was good but clearly the climate in Michigan has changed. It will be up to gun rights supporters like us to see that this bill does not die in Committee. Call, write, or visit, your local State Representative, especially if he/she is a member of the Judiciary and Civil Rights Committee.

This bill is sponsored by Representative Alan L. Cropsey(R) District 86.(Parts of Ionia and Clinton Counties). His address is 7730 Loomis Rd, DeWitt 48820. Phone: (517) 373-1778. Room 43, Capitol. Other Judiciary and Civil Rights Committee members; (NAME) (PARTY) (DISTRICT) (PHONE)

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There is a tremendous amount of legislation generated at all levels of government, if you are aware of pending legislation that would be of interest to LPM members please contact us at :


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"MILITIA"

By Keith Edwards

In response to several inquiries about the "position" of the Libertarian Party of Michigan regarding the organizations that are called "militia", THERE IS NONE! Neither the Convention nor the Executive Committee has ever endorsed, condemned nor even commented on the militia groups. The LPM has no connection with the militia.

Because we know so little about militias and because media hysteria and government diatribes are seldom productive of the truth, our 1995 Convention Committee did invite a member of the militia from western Michigan to address, and answer questions from those individual LPM members who cared to listen, outside of the formal business meeting. Libertarians are always seekers of truth and the purpose of his address was informational only. not an endorsement. In fact, many members were turned off by the "Japanese Theory" of the Oklahoma City bombing presented by the militia speaker.

The militia, at this writing, has not been known to initiate the use of force.

It's too bad we cannot say the same for the United States Government.

STATE OF THE LPM -1995

By Keith Edwards

As I retire from the position of State Chair after four terms, I am very happy with the progress of the libertarian movement in general and of the LPM in particular.

Nationally, the movement has begun to catch the eye of the media with the two major financial dailies reporting our progress and as previously mentioned in this paper, Investor's Business Daily has a libertarian editorial policy on most issues. Younger Republican Congressmen are talking more like libertarians than ever, and the think tanks such as Cato are becoming quite in-

fluent.

Around the world there has been a flight from socialism and the changes in Eastern Europe are startling. The Czech Republic is a paragon of reform, with Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus who is a product of libertarian training, leading the way. Rejecting gradualism, Klaus plunged into privatizing the economy, thus giving the average Czech citizen a vested interest in Capitalism.

Nationally the LP has made great strides in the last year in upgrading its procedures, increasing communication with the state parties and devolving recruiting and renewal functions to the states.

I am especially enthusiastic over the trend in the LPM over the past three years. We have over a dozen local groups going with two or three more about to start, which finally enables us to change the State LP from a "do it all 'cause there isn't anyone else" organization to a resource of experience, guidance and financial start-up help for the local groups. I am particularly pleased with the quality of the people who have joined the Party over the past three years. Not only are you newer members smart on the application of libertarian principles to issues, but you are energetic, assertive and good organizers.

Our new Chair, Emily Salvette has set forth some goals for the next year and will be a very effective leader. I want to thank her for the great job she did last year with the local groups. I also want to thank a man who is always in the background but has done a marvelous job in improving both the membership processing and procedures in general, Ben Bachrach. Thanks also to Jon Coon and Barb Goushaw for showing us how to campaign.

As we get more notice from the public, I want to add one caution. We have shifted the center of debate in this country by sticking to our principles. There will be times when we are tempted to water down our ideas for quick election results. Don't do it. Like Vaclav Klaus, we must stick to our principles. That's why we are winning!

HAS RATIONAL, SCIENCE-BASED ENVIRONMENTALISM COME OF AGE?

This is the subject of an environmental conference sponsored by the Michigan Center for Environmental Studies underwritten in part by Gelman Sciences Inc. The conference will be held on June 16-17, 1995, at the Campus Inn Hotel, 615 E. Huron in Ann Arbor.

Recent dramatic changes in the environmental movement now reach across the political and economic spectrum and include major media figures, powerful members of the private sector, dozens of think tanks, scores of elected officials and thousands of scientists. Are these developments a sign that a rational, science-based approach is becoming the new standard? Join a panel of experts and distinguished speakers to explore the issues.

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Reception

Saturday, June 17th

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State Representative Ken Sikkema
Bob Vashon, Ph.D., Procter & Gamble

Break

Joe Bast, President of the Heartland Institute, to moderate panel discussion: "Eco-Sanitary and the Great Lakes"

Luncheon (with speaker) 12:30 PM

Gary Radabaugh, Ph.D., Indus. Hygiene
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CALENDAR

Executive Committee Meetings:

July 16 in Lansing, call for location.

September 17 at Hampton Inn, 4981 28th St. SE in Grand Rapids.

January 21 in western Wayne County.

March 17 in Washtenaw County.

Libertarian Advisory Council Meetings:

August 6 at picnic in Livingston County

November 19 at Jon Coon HQ, 549 E. Marshall at Hilton, Ferndale.

February meeting will be held in conjunction with Affiliates Leader Training.

There will also be an Affiliates Leader Training session in June, 1995.

October 21-28 is Libertarian Week.

April, 1996 is the State Convention.

POLICY ON MEETINGS

All meetings of the Executive Committee and the Libertarian Advisory Council will start at the advertised time, 1:00 PM. If there is no quorum at a Council meeting, the Executive Committee will meet instead at 1:00. Proxies for the LAC meeting must be presented to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting so that a quorum may be determined. Please help by arriving a bit before 1:00.

NEWS

Martin Howrylak reported that Al Garcia ran as a write-in candidate for the Troy City Council and received 576 votes, seven per cent, after a two week campaign. That shows what one can do if aggressive and in charge of the issues.

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Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand

"Still, something is changing in Americans' attitudes. It can be sensed by anyone who listens to call-in radio shows, or reads the burgeoning literature of dissent, or notices the workings of the "underground economy." It is a growing feeling that the U.S. government is the enemy of the average American."
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