



MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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PLATFORM MEETING SET

The Libertarian Party of Michigan will choose a representative to the National LP Platform Committee and discuss a state platform at its Libertarian Advisory Council meeting on Sunday, February 11, in Lansing. The meeting will be held at Sneekers Restaurant, 600 Homer, at 1:00 PM. Sneekers is near the Michigan Ave. exit of US-127.

The position of National Platform Representative is normally chosen at our April Convention, but because the National Convention is in July this year rather than the usual September date, the person must be selected early because of all the preliminary work needed. Elections for delegates to the National Convention will be held at our April event and the permanent platform rep can be confirmed as a delegate at that time. The LPM is entitled to a position on the platform committee as one of the largest delegations.

The LPM will also discuss whether to have a state platform and if so, what planks are to be included. If it is decided to have one, the platform will be confirmed at the State Convention.

If there is not a quorum for the Libertarian Advisory Council, the Executive Committee will meet in its stead. All members of the LPM are welcome..

For further information, contact Scott Beavers at (616) 944-1852 or 6360 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

CANDIDATE TRAINING SEMINAR A WINNER

The LPM Candidate Training Seminar was held on Sunday, November 19, at Jon Coon HQ in Ferndale before an enthusiastic audience. Barbara Goushaw conducted the session which was comprehensive, covering such subjects as should you run, assessing your skill, establishing your image, fund raising, media relations, interviews, resources, campaign strategy, tactics and research. Candidates were invited to appear in front of the camera in an interview format and then critiqued via playback, a method we used in the early 1980's and revived in 1992.

Goushaw covered the material thoroughly and fielded questions. A good part of the information resulted from her attendance at the candidate training seminar at U-Cal-Davis (covered in the September-October issue of Michigan Libertarian) as well as her experience as Campaign Manager of the Jon Coon campaign for US Senate in 1994. Her presentation was clear, well researched and, as usual, witty.

A feature of the meeting was a presentation by Jon Coon, relating what he learned as a candidate and his plans for his 1996 State Rep. race. Emily Salvette filmed the event.

State LP Campaign James Hudler also spoke, covering some of the legal requirements for candidates.

The seminar was attended by some thirty hopefuls, and all agreed that it was enlightening and encouraging. We hope to do this every other year, at least.

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LOCAL MEETINGS

The following local libertarian groups meet regularly. Most are dinner meetings. Your contact is listed in the Directory.

Washtenaw meets at Heidelberg Restaurant, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor, every Thursday, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. Some meetings with major speakers at U-M Union.

LP of Mid-Michigan (Lansing area) meets at Sneeker's Restaurant, 600 Homer, Lansing, on the second Thursday of the month.

Western MI LP (Grand Rapids area) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the basement of Pizza Hut at 44th & Kalamazoo Streets, Kentwood.

Kalamazoo-Calhoun LP meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster in Portage.

Lapeer Co. LP meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Marguerite de Angeli Library in Lapeer at 7:30 PM. Please do not park in the library parking lot.

Livingston Co. LP meets on the second Monday of the month at Mexican Jones Restaurant, 675 Grand River, Brighton, at 6:30.

Macomb Co. meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Fire Escape Restaurant, 61 N. Walnut, Mt. Clemens. Dinner at 6:00.

Oakland Co. meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Oakland Co. Commission Auditorium in Pontiac.

Ottawa Co. meets the second Friday of the month at 7:30 at the China Garden Restaurant, 133 Washington, Grand Haven.

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

Metro Detroit Libertarians is a supper club with a featured speaker and not a part of the LPM. It meets on the fourth Monday. Call Tim O'Brien for the location which varies.

FROM THE CHAIR

By Emily Salvette

The results of this year's elections are a bit disappointing. Although Glenn Barr and Walter White came very close, none of our candidates won his/her race. I know some are discouraged, but I am not. Our candidates did outstanding work as did their campaign managers, volunteers and supporters. We learned a lot from this election such as organizing door-to-door efforts, acting as election challengers and managing the media with a controversial candidate. We have come a long way. This year's near-success should motivate us to win in '96. (Don't get mad, get even!) Thanks to all our candidates and their campaign volunteers. You did a great job and the LPM sincerely appreciates your efforts.

Here are some things we need to do for next year:

1. Recruit more candidates for local, state and federal races including 16 candidates for US House of Representatives. The more candidates we have, the more viable we are as a party.
2. Find more volunteers. People believe in libertarian ideas. Let's get them to work for Libertarian candidates.
3. Learn effective campaign techniques and share this knowledge with other Libertarian candidates through training seminars, newsletter articles, computer networking, etc.
4. Become more familiar with election laws, voting procedures and reporting requirements. We can make the bureaucratic maze work for us if we learn the rules.
5. Have an effective presidential campaign organization. Our ballot status in '98 depends on the presidential vote totals in '96. Maintaining ballot status must be our top priority.
6. As always, raise more money for LP cam-

paigns.

This list represents a lot of work, but we must do these things if we are going to win. On the plus side, our membership is the highest it's been in our 25 year history. If each member pledged just an hour a week or a dollar a day to the LP campaign effort, we'd win. YOU are the key to our success in '96. Please get involved as a candidate, campaign volunteer or financial donor. To find out how you can help, contact the LPM Campaign Chair, James Hudler, at (313) 475-9792.

"EACH ONE/REACH ONE" REPORT

The Membership Committee would like to thank the following members for participating in the "Each One/Reach One" effort by sponsoring one or more new members:

Jon Addiss	Barbara Goushaw
Steve Afton	James Hudler
Ben Bachrach	Ed Karpinski
Mike Brinkman	Joann Karpinski
Jon Coon	Ben Steele III
Karin Corliss	Rose Wright

(IN)FAMOUS QUOTES

"Everything that can be invented has been invented." Charles H. Duell, Director
US Patent office, 1899

"There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom." Robert Milliken,
Nobel Prize winner in physics, 1923

"Heavier than air flying machines are impossible." Lord Kelvin,
President, Royal Society, 1895

"Babe Ruth made a big mistake when he gave up pitching." Tris Speaker, 1921

"Libertarians are never going to elect anyone."

The Media, every year.

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 7. Presentation on the Land Patents movement at Heidelberg Restaurant, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. Dinner 6:30, presentation 7:30.

Thursday, December 21. Winter Solstice Party, Heidelberg Restaurant.

Thursday, December 28. A discussion on "Anarcho-libertarianism" led by James Hudler at Heidelberg, usual times.

Sunday, February 11. State Platform discussion (and cussin') at Sneekers Restaurant in Lansing. See page one for details.

Friday, April 19-Sunday, April 21, 1966. Nominating Convention of the LPM at the Georgian Inn, Gratiot at 13 Mile Rd. in Roseville. Macomb LP is the host with the theme, Divorcing Government; the Rational Revolution. Friday night entertainment is provided by the Wayne Co. LP. Delegates to National Convention elected along with the LPM officers, Executive and Judicial Committees, by-law discussion. Liberty Fair exhibits. Always a blast! Don't miss it!

Friday, April 26- Sunday, April 28, 1996. Libertarian Party of Ohio State Convention at the Holiday Inn-North in Sharonville, Ohio, just north of the great city of Cincinnati, home of the Cincinnati Pops, great beer and the chili capital of the world! More details in the next issue or call 800-669-6542.

Wednesday, July 3-Sunday, July 7, 1996. National Nominating Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, D.C., Oz on the Potomac. See the national fireworks program, great speeches including our own Jon Coon. Many libertarian figures will be there. Hiss at the IRS, picket the BATF (not a part of the program, but what the hell!) Help nominate Clinton's successor! Another "don't miss" event.

Thanks to Brett Cashman for the fine job on the Affiliate Section of this issue. Makes my job a lot easier.

Keith Edwards

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APPEALS COURT HITS FORFEITURE LAWS

JON COON LIVE

On July 13, 1995, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals decided U.S. v. Guy Jerome Ursery, No. 94-1127. In this 2-1 opinion, the court held that since the Federal Government had already settled a forfeiture case against Ursery's home for \$13,250, the Double Jeopardy Clause prevented his later criminal conviction. In the words of the Court: "we find that the civil forfeiture judgement against Ursery followed by his criminal conviction constituted double jeopardy. Consequently, we reverse the judgement of the district court, and we remand the case to that court with instructions to reverse Ursery's conviction and vacate his sentence."

By Richard Clark

The weather outside was blustery, but the politics inside Kennedy Hall in Southgate was HOT! Detroit radio legend Tommy McIntyre interviewed Libertarian candidate for State Representative, 24th District, Jon Coon, live and in person. A crowd of over 50 enthusiastic listeners asked Coon questions and applauded his responses. Many of them felt as Jon did that "liberals who believe that government is the solution are part of the problem."

The Sixth Circuit consists of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, so its interpretation of the federal Double Jeopardy Clause is theoretically binding on all local federal and state courts in those four states.

McIntyre, a veteran of many years on radio in the Detroit area is a talk show host on WPON-AM.

With a year of campaigning left to go, Jon has already struck a chord with many of the voters. For more information, call 1-800-JON-COON.

This matter was reported to us by F.E.A.R., Forfeiture Endangers American Rights, and John T. Paff, Secretary.

Copies of the opinion may be obtained by sending \$2.00 and an S.A.S.E. bearing 78¢ postage to F.E.A.R., P.O. Box 5424, Somerset, NJ 08875-5424.

If you know of anyone who has been or may be subject to this type of double jeopardy, please bring this material to his/her attention.

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Steven Butler.....Co-Chair, Grand Rapids Environmental Mandates Committee
Brett Cashman.....Superior Township Road Committee
Jeff GrundSouth Central Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Committee
Barbara Vozenilek.....Somerset Center Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Walter White, Jr.....Milan City Council

LIBERTARIAN PARTY MEMBERS: if you are currently serving in an elected or appointed public office, please contact Emily Salvette (313-747-8129 or e-mail Salvette@aol.com) to add your name to our list.



Michigan Libertarian Election News 1995

STATE

LIBERTARIANS RUN FOR OFFICE

The Michigan Libertarian Party was represented in three local elections on Nov. 7, 1995. The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County fielded candidates in 4 of the city of Ann Arbor's 5 wards along with staging a write in campaign for "None of the above". Libertarians also ran in non-partisan races for Milan City Council and Walker City council.

Voter turnout was low in this off election year. The lack of media attention concerning this year's elections probably hurt the Libertarians because low voter turnout means that the party faithful are the ones voting. Candidates did an impressive job none the less. Renee Emry received a record (for Ann Arbor Libertarians) seven percent in a three way race. Glenn Barr nearly unseated an incumbent in his race for Walker City council.

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County celebrated their campaigns with an election night party at the Campus Inn in Ann Arbor.



Libertarians running for Ann Arbor City Council (from left) "None of the Above", David Raaflaub, Renee Emry, James Montgomery, Douglas Friedman

NATIONAL

WINS IN GEORGIA!

By Ron V. Crickenberger

Two members of the Libertarian Party of Georgia won election to their city councils on November 7th, both in hard-fought races.

Bruce Van Buren won election to the Avondale Estates City Commission, placing first in a field of five candidates vying for two open seats. This was a non-partisan race. However, much was made of Bruce's party affiliation by the other candidates, including an 11th hour "hit" piece describing all the LP positions people usually talk about when one of our candidates has them running scared. This essentially made it a partisan race for Bruce, but a non-partisan race for the other four candidates.

Avondale Estates is Georgia's oldest "planned community", it has a very close knit society, and has the second highest median income of any city in GA. The town is on the National Historic Register, with city buildings which resemble an English Tudor Village, and lots of old money. Bruce, having lived there for five years, is considered a newcomer, and his election has really upset the good old boy machine.

Van Buren's campaign was managed by LP Campaign Committee Chairman Ron Crickenberger (that's me). The campaign spent about \$2,200.00 to win 428 votes. Turnout was high at over 55%. We put five pieces of literature into every household including a last minute endorsement letter signed by 35 members of the community. We put this out when we found out about the hit pieces charging Bruce with wanting vending machines filled with drugs, and guns and prostitutes in the elementary school. We (cont. next page column 1)

(Wins in Georgia! cont.)

found out about the hit pieces on Sunday afternoon, got signatures of prominent people for a couple of hours, put the piece together till 1:00AM, got it printed at Kinkos and distributed to every home in the city by 5:00PM Monday.

In short, we out-walked, out-talked, out-mailed, out-issued, out-spent and out-thunk the forces of evil, and beat an entrenched small town political machine. Mayor John Lawson, upon learning that Bruce had beaten all of his hand-picked good old boys, said simply, "Well I'll be damned!"

Dwayne Metheny placed second in a field of six candidates vying for two spots to win a seat on the Auburn City commission. Metheny had come close to winning a seat on the council in a special election earlier this year. Methenys campaign was managed by veteran LP campaigner Larry Bolin. There were smear pieces in this campaign also, but not directed at Dwayne. This was also a non-partisan race, but two of the candidates made sure that their Republican affiliation was known.

CITY VOTE RESULTS IN

The City Vote results are in. Harry Browne finished 11th out of the 21 candidates. His vote total was 1,974 (0.94%) out of 209,436 cast. He beat the following people (among others):

Lamar Alexander
Lyndon LaRouche
Bob Dornan
Richard Lugar
Arlen Specter
Pete Wilson
Lowell Wiecker

PENNSYLVANIA BALLOT ACCESS FOR 96

Based on the results of Novembers election, Pennsylvania will need to collect a minimum of approximately 24,200 signatures to put Libertarian President and Vice-President (and all statewide PA) candidates on the ballot for 96. This figure represents a significant reduction over 1992 when 37,000 were needed.

Washington State

A former Libertarian Party member won a seat on the state's Supreme Court. In a surprise upset, Richard B. Sanders was elected to a three-year term on the state's highest court.

Because of the distinctly non-partisan nature of the office, Sanders must remain aloof from any partisan political involvement during his term in office but still describes himself as a "libertarian" and is known as a strong advocate of property rights and civil liberties.

(from NLP reports)

ELECTION RESULTS

ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL

WARD 1

Pat Vereen Dixon - D 789
John Kidle - R 393
NOTA (LP write-in) 6 (.51%)

WARD 2

David Kwan - R 1257
Barb Bach - D 873
Doug Friedman - L 33 (1.44%)
John Kenney - I 122

WARD 3

Heidi Herrell - D 1386
Grant Grobbel - R 664
James Montgomery - L 63 (2.98%)

WARD 4

Patrick Putman - R 1242
David Smith - D 696
David Raafluab - L 37 (1.87%)

WARD 5

Christopher Kolb - D 1861
John Ballew - R 1003
Renee Emry - L 214 (6.95%)

Voter turn-out: less than 14%

New composition of city council:

7 Dems, 3 Reps, Rep. Mayor

MILAN CITY COUNCIL (nonpartisan)

i=incumbent top 4 elected

Kimberly Dunbar - i 534
Marilyn Wisner - i 534
Marcia Hancock - i 521
Melvin Pulsipher 356

Walter White - i 320 (LP member)
Richard Chapin 310

WALKER CITY COUNCIL

Per election night report, Glenn Barr got 37% of the vote in a two-person, nonpartisan race against a 16-year incumbent.



Affiliate Report

Focus on..... The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw Co.

By Brett Cashman

The oldest and largest Libertarian organization in the state of Michigan is the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County (LPWC). Centered in the college town of Ann Arbor, the LPWC is made up of an interesting mix of old and new libertarians.

The Washtenaw Co. party devotes most of its time and resources to the city politics of Ann Arbor and the education "politics" of the University of Michigan. The LPWC has run candidates for city office for over 10 years. This year the group ran candidates in 4 of 5 city wards and in the one ward without a candidate the LPWC ran a spirited write-in campaign for "none of the above"

The LPWC also helps sponsor the Ann Arbor Libertarian League, a student group at the U of M that was founded by Libertarian Party pioneer James Hudler. The Ann Arbor Libertarian League was in fact the forerunner of the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

This years "None of the Above " campaign was described in the Ann Arbor News as the LPWC's "latest attempt at political guerrilla theater." Past "guerilla theater" has included a "bowl off" whereby prospective Libertarian candidates for city council went bowling to determine which candidate would run for mayor. Another episode featured the use of a fully functioning portable toilet that was brought to a city council meeting and had dollar bills "flushed" down it to illustrate the wasting of taxpayers dollars.

A local alternative newspaper "The Agenda", a left leaning weekly, featured this years slate of candidates in an election issue headline article entitled "Libertarian Uprising". The front page pictured a Statue of Liberty with marijuana leaves in her crown and a gun in her hand.

The LPWC is fortunate to have two large fairs in the county every summer: the Ann Arbor Art Fair and the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. These two fairs attract thousands of people, many of whom will stop by the Libertarian booth. The booth has been an invaluable source of new contacts throughout the years.

The strength of any group is the people that make it run. The LPWC has been fortunate enough to have some of Michigan's best Libertarians involved with it. The Chair is held by libertarian legend James Hudler, the Vice Chair is Geoffery Foster, the Secretary is Richard Clark, and the Treasurer is Brett Cashman. State Party Chair Emily Salvette is active in the group as is Ann Arbor attorney David Raaflaub.

There are many other active members helping to do their part to further the cause of liberty. The LPWC meets every Thursday at 7:30 PM, at Dominick's on Monroe St. in Ann Arbor. Usually 10-20 people show up for the interesting talks and speeches that are scheduled. Everyone is welcome, for more information call James Hudler at (313) 475-9792 or write to LPWC, PO Box 447, Chelsea, MI. 48118



Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County members at this years election night party. (from left) Back row: Richard Clark, Alan Robertson, Nick Contaxes, James Montgomery, Martin Howrylak, Eric Larson, Brett Cashman, front row: Emily Salvette, David Raaflaub, Geoffery Foster, James Hudler

MARLINGA SPEAKS

Macomb County Prosecutor Visits Libertarians

By Geoffrey Foster

Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga spoke to the November 8, 1995 meeting of the Libertarian Party of Macomb County. The topic of Mr. Marlinga's talk was his recent letter to the Macomb County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board in support of more lenient issuing of CCW permits.

I am of the opinion that the presumption of innocence should not apply to politicians. It is with that attitude that I attended the November meeting of the Macomb County Libertarian Party. I was aware that Mr. Marlinga had taken a stance in favor of granting citizens concealed weapons licenses and I wanted to learn specific details of his opinion as well as learn more about him personally.

I found Mr. Marlinga to be a thoughtful, engaging speaker. He covered his personal background as well as a brief Constitutional history regarding the right to keep and bear arms. He concluded that there is not much hope that the Supreme Court will protect individuals against actions of the states when it comes to gun rights. But the Michigan Constitution does the job just as well.

Mr. Marlinga supported the Cropsy bill. In the absence of its passage, he will use the criteria set forth in that bill when evaluating license applicants in Macomb county.

The most surprising part of the evening was when Carl indicated that at some future time, he might consider running for public office as a libertarian!

I questioned him about a slightly different aspect of Michigan law. Namely, that part of the weapons licensing statute that the sheriff or chief of police shall issue applicants a CCW permit unless he or she has reason to believe that the person will be a danger to him/herself or others. Carl's answer that I was correct boosted my spirits. Some months ago, I filed suit against Washtenaw County Sheriff, Ron Schebil concerning that very issue. A decision is expected in January.

Kudos to the Macomb County group and Jim McAbee for arranging Mr. Marlinga's appearance and for the fine job that they are doing.

Former LPM Chair starts new group in Ionia

By Emily Salvette

Former LPM State Chair (1987-89), Dick Whitelock, is starting a new Libertarian Party group for Ionia, Barry, and Montcalm counties. An information and organizational meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 21 at the Corner Landing Restaurant in Ionia. Mr. Whitelock invited the current LPM chair, Emily Salvette, to speak at the meeting. According to a flyer sent to residents in the three counties, the meeting invited people to, "discover how the Libertarian philosophy of individual rights, economic freedom, and personal responsibility can give you an alternative to the status quo of politics as usual."

Whitelock's group will increase the number of active affiliates in the state to thirteen.

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★ *Whoever desires liberty should* ★
★ *understand... that every man who* ★
★ *puts money into the hands of a* ★
★ *"government" (so called), puts* ★
★ *into its hands a sword which* ★
★ *will be used against himself,* ★
★ *to extort more money from him.* ★
★ *-Lysander Spooner* ★
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MY THANKSGIVING

By Keith Edwards

I am not one to get too excited or sentimental over holidays. The only one that has a lot of meaning for me is Independence Day although I enjoy the lights and sounds of Xmas. Thanksgiving always occurs two weeks after a depressing election so it doesn't do much for me. I do think that will change soon thanks to you and those like you, and there are more of us than ever before.

I am an eternal optimist because of the achievements of great individuals from Aristotle to Leonardo to Edison to Brahms to Pavarotti as my evidence for the potential for reason, purpose and self-esteem.

So, on this holiday, I would like to express my thanks to some people who have influenced or inspired me in my personal and intellectual development.

1. Ayn Rand for writing two great philosophical novels, *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged* and for creating a philosophy that gave me the moral basis for libertarianism. And for changing my life.

2. Henry Hazlitt for his *Economics In One Lesson* and his other writings which gave me the economic basis for libertarianism and set a standard for literary clarity.

3. Thomas Jefferson for the Declaration of Independence, for being the first libertarian President and for being my first political hero in my teens.

3. Tom Paine for *Common Sense*, the *Crisis Papers*, *The Rights of Man* and *The Age of Reason*. He was not always right, but he was an inspiration to the Continental Army and to me in the early years.

5. Mohandas K. Gandhi, despite his mysticism, for his demonstration that non-violent non-cooperation is both moral and practical in winning freedom. It could work here and we will probably need it soon.

6. Barry M. Goldwater for speaking libertarian in the dark 50's and 60's when it was unpopular to do so and for voting mostly libertarian in the Senate. He took the flak and stood proud and continues to speak libertarian in retirement at 86. Give 'em hell, Barry.

7. Dr. Jack Kevorkian yeah, he's still a doctor even without a union card, for his integrity and courage in a dangerous fight against the primitives.

8. Lenore Edwards, my mother, for always allowing me to question prevailing opinion whether she agreed with me or not. And for figuratively pushing me out the door to go see the movie *The Fountainhead* when I was 19. It all started that night.

9. To George and Doris, Phil and Merre, Arnie and Jeanne, Hank and Mary Jo, and Bill for all I learned during our all-Friday-night discussions after the NBI lectures in the 60's. I wish everyone could have been there.

A society that robs an individual of the product of his efforts, or enslaves him, or attempts to limit the freedom of his mind, or compels him to act against his own rational judgement - a society that sets up a conflict between its edicts and the requirements of man's nature - is not, strictly speaking, a society, but a mob held together by institutionalized gang-rule.


"The Nature of Government" Ayn Rand

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ON WINNING

By Keith Edwards

There was a considerable variation in the election results among Libertarian candidates November 7. The percentages ranged from 37% to 1.44%. There will be differences between two-way and three way races and between partisan and non-partisan contests, but there are other factors as well.

In Ann Arbor, Rene Emry led the Libertarian ticket with 6.95%. While she may have been in a ward that has more independent thinking voters, one factor stands out. Rene Emry had an issue! In a televised debate, Rene called for Ann Arbor to declare itself a "medical marijuana freedom zone." As an attention-getter, it worked. She did not pontificate on general principles, she applied the principles to a hot-button issue, one with which she established her credibility as a multiple sclerosis patient. The disease may be a handicap, but she turned it into an asset, not as a sympathy plea, but as an authority on the subject. These are two of the lessons stressed by Barbara Goushaw in the candidate training seminar November 19, assessing yourself and finding the hot-button issues.

The next time around, voters are going to remember Rene Emry, and if she can add one or two more hot issues, should do even better. Look for Jon Coon to do the same in his State Rep race. He made his name on the gun issue, but will move on in a smaller race to find the hot issues there while benefiting from his '94 name recognition. Principles must be expressed in concrete terms to do well at the polls.

The Milan election was another instructive event. Walter White missed being elected by only 36 votes out of 2,575 cast. Each voter could have voted for 4 of the 6 candidates, but not everyone does. Suppose the average voter cast his ballot for 3 candidates. That would mean that 320 of 858 voters voted for Walter. That's 37%, matching

Glenn Barr's percentage in the Walker City Council race. Where we have active candidates in non-partisan races we do quite well.

Suppose White had another \$500-\$1,000 for newspaper ads or seven or eight more volunteers to cover precinct walks. Would that have translated into another 37 votes? Or 50? Or 100?

Just a little more help might have put Glenn or Walter over the top.

1. Libertarians are going to have to come out of their shells and help our more active candidates. Those who do not run will have to support those who do.
2. Those who run are going to have to ASK for help. ASK Ben Bachrach for the mailing list in your district. Then ASK those on the list for money or help walking precincts.

As Barb stressed in her seminar, there are three rules in fund raising. 1-ASK. 2-ASK. 3-ASK.

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