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FRED COLLINS WINS BERKLEY COUNCIL SEAT

The Libertarian Party of Michigan can score one more in the win column. On Nov. 4, 1997, longtime party activist Fred Collins was successful in his bid for City Council in Berkeley. Collins, who has served on the party's Oakland County Executive Committee, and was a volunteer for Jon Coon in '94 and '96, took the strategies, volunteers and contributors from the Coon campaigns and turned out a winning performance. Coon's campaign manager, Barb Goushaw, served as Collins' campaign manager.

The seed money for the race was raised from Collins' friends and family and the balance of the funding needed came from Coon's contributor list of Libertarians across the country. The total raised and spent was \$5,600. "One letter from Jon asking people to support Fred was all it took," said Goushaw. "We did not need to worry about raising money again, which left us free to concentrate on the voters."

The campaign strategy was formed first, based upon research of the city. "We knew our percentage of homeowners to renters, age demographics, financial status of the voters, physical layout of the city and hot issues before we developed our tactics," said Goushaw. The tactics revolved around direct voter contact by the candidate, who went door to door every evening and weekend and visited all 6,700 households. "The Libertarian position on the issues that were important to the people went over really well," said Collins, "and when I met someone I simply could not agree with, I didn't argue. I just kept my mouth shut and list-

ened."

Berkeley City Council is non-partisan, so party identification is not noted on the ballot, but Collins' political affiliation was no secret. Collins' house, which is located on the corner of a main street, had been prominently hung with Jon Coon banners in '94. "If anyone asked me what party I belonged to, I'd tell 'em 'Libertarian, eh? Well that's better than a Democrat.' I certainly had to agree with him on that."

Tactics also included two city wide lit drops, a full page ad in the local paper listing the endorsers that Collins had accrued during his door to door, reminder post cards to non-voters, lawn signs, a letter targeted to absentee voters and ge out the vote calls.

There were three open seats up for electi and six candidates running. The top three candidates each received 2,000 plus votes and number four trailed them by over 500 votes. Collins came within 100 of being the top vote getter in the race. There were two incumbents, both of whom were defeated.

"Berkeley is a great little city to live i but like all levels of government, the council spends far too much time funding their pet projects and telling people how to run their lives," says Collins. "I'm going to change that."

Collins won 2,072 votes, just 77 less tha the top vote getter and 50% more than the incumbents.

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FROM THE CHAIR

By Tim O'Brien

The national LP has been sponsoring a seminar all over the country this year called Success '97 designed to provide state and local libertarians with the benefit of professional experience in everything from grassroots outreach to speechmaking to newsletter design.

Your LPM Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary all attended the session in Indianapolis along with several LPM activists. The wealth of practical knowledge and suggestions from this seminar will undoubtedly help transform our organization in 1998.

But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, I believe we are entitled to a bit of satisfied reflection on our own "Success 97" right here in Michigan.

Our biggest triumph, as I'm certain you read on the front page of this newsletter, was the election of Fred Collins to the Berkley City Council. A lot of people deserve credit for this one including many of you who gave time and/or money in support of this race. But two folks in particular are worth special mention. First, Fred, himself, who put countless hours into his own campaign including doorbelling the entire city. And second, our LP campaign dynamo and whiz kid, Barb Goushaw, who was the mastermind and coordinator behind the effort. Congrats to Fred and Barb and all who had a hand in electing a Libertarian to the highest office yet achieved in Michigan.

Also, for the second time the Detroit News endorsed one of our candidates for public office. Scott Boman was recommended for election to the Detroit City Council. Unfortunately, Scotty didn't win (although he did manage to take a few good slapshots at the other candidates.) And, if we can persuade the News to endorse our top-of-ticket candidate next year - in all likelihood State Board of Ed which is the other elected position for which they have previously endorsed an LPM candidate - the support

could be very important to, at least, maintaining our ballot status and possibly elevating us to a "major" party.

Finally, we had Paul Soyk's campaign to fill the Senate seat left vacant by the death of Doug Carl. We thought this race would be especially valuable in terms of garnering earned media and, thereby raising our profile. We were absolutely right. Paul had extensive coverage in Macomb County and even a very nice piece, complete with large photo, on the front page of the Local Section in the Detroit Free Press.

Much, much more progress was made in '97, but I'm out of space. So, I'll just say, "Happy Holidays to you all and here's to an even greater Success '98.

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TUNIEWICZ JOINS L.E.C.

Former New Hampshire LP Chair Mark Tuniewicz was elected to the Libertarian Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Michigan on November 9, 1997, at the regular meeting of the L.E.C. The vote was 6-1 with "None of the Above" getting the only dissenting vote. Tuniewicz moved to Michigan this summer and immediately became very active in the LPM. His experience in the NHLP, one of the best state organizations in the country, will make him a major asset.

Mark replaces Ben Steele, who was removed from the position as required by the By-Laws after missing three meetings due to the burden of personal matters. Ben was re-nominated for the office but declined, because he felt that would violate the spirit of the By-laws which do not prohibit such renomination. Ben's decision confirmed the high opinion of him held by the Committee, which regretted having to take the action. Another example of integrity which arises from the libertarian philosophy.

Tuniewicz had already gotten involved in the Collins and Soyk campaigns and will help the Barnes campaign as well.

PROPERTY RIGHTS RALLY IN U.P.

By Robert Black

Hundreds of "Yoopers" showed up for a property rights rally in September at the Barage plains property of Richard and Nancy Delene in the Upper Peninsula. The rally was hosted by Mike Heikkinen and Stephen Dresch, former State Representative and a speaker at the 1995 State Convention of the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

The Delenes are fugitives of the State of Michigan. They started a wetland habitat enhancement project on their property to bring in more wildlife compared to their barren land of stunted Tamarack and spruce trees.

Before starting to build the ponds and other work, the Delenes did apply for the proper permits from the DNR. They received some of the permits and by advice of legal counsel proceeded with the project since the DNR defaulted on the rest of the permits. Attorney General Kelley, Judge Giddings and the DNR have ordered the property destroyed and fined the Delenes \$1.3 million. Even though this is a civil case, one morning the State Police SWAT team raided their property without a warrant.

At the rally, a unanimous vote was taken to open the gates to the unfinished ponds against Judge Giddings' order. Constitutional rights groups attending included a number of Libertarians. Libertarian literature and information was handed out to all who were interested. Everyone who took the political quiz had a chance to win the "Don't tread on Me" revolutionary flag that was donated by myself.

My opinion of the Delene case is that our State government doesn't care about our rights as Americans and the DNR is jealous because the wildlife has improved in an area where they have tried and failed.

Since the rally, Michigan Tech at Houghton has started an affiliate LP group and I am trying to get an affiliate started here.



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RANDOM THOUGHTS

By Keith Edwards

My column this month will wander a bit largely because my sanity has been challenged by the acquisition of my first computer and my illiteracy in working with it. This publication will undergo some changes over the next issue or two as I become competent (if I do) in managing the beast.

One of the two big fall events was the annual Libertarian Week Banquet which this year featured David Boaz as speaker. It was an OK speech although Dave became a bit testy when challenged on Cato's support of education vouchers by separation of school and state crusader Diane Barnes and others. The highlight of his speech for me was the story he told of being asked by the Secret Service (SS) to move from his seat at a DC movie theater so Al Gore could sit there. After declining several times despite the SS insistence Dave asked if they were going to force him to move. The said no, which disappointed him because he wanted to ask them, "What is the controlling legal authority for your order?" Dave moved anyway for free tickets.

The Defender of Liberty (Libby) Awards were presented that night in three categories. Phil O'Halloran of Relevance Magazine won as someone from outside the Party. Jon Coon won as the great spokesman for the LPM and yours truly won for more mundane work in the LPM. Jon and I are proud to have been honored and I look at my Statue of Liberty every day. Attendance was 136, a terrific turnout.

Wayne County LP sponsored the other event which featured President (I wish!) Harry Browne. Harry was his usual self and it's always a treat to hear him, but he needs come new material. Attendance was 50 or so because the event was not publicized to much in deference to the Boaz event. We need to spread the events out a bit, but it isn't easy accommodating each speaker's travel schedule.

Investor's Business Daily continued its libertarian focus on November 20 with two front page articles. The lead item, titled "Capitalism's Surprise Converts", featured the story of several former socialists who became pro-capitalist including media mogul Rupert Murdoch, Austrian school economist F.A. Hayek who converted after reading Ludwig von Mises' book Socialism, Objectivist historian Robert Hessen who switched after reading Hayek and Henry Hazlitt (see how this stuff works?) and former leftist author David Horowitz. Others mentioned were Wilhelm Roepke, Robert Sirico and Marvin Olasky. The other article was on the significance of Aristotle in laying the foundation for rational and critical thinking and began with a quote from Ayn Rand.

On October 31, IBD carried a front page item titled "Selfishness: Virtuous or Evil?" In the article, Charles Oliver challenged the idea that only altruism leads to prosperity, citing the failure of Marxism and referred to quotes by Adam Smith showing how self-interest leads to social cooperation.

Many libertarians, believing in sound money economics, are also gold bugs. The current collapse of the gold market, caused primarily by central banks selling part of their gold reserves in favor of interest-bearing investments and other currencies, has many gold bugs distressed. The conclusion of some writers is that we are going into deflation, reducing the demand for gold. The other side of the matter is the excess supply created as governments juggle their balances in preparation for the new Euro currency. I wonder what will happen to all those currencies that are pegged to the US dollar which has already declined 92% since 1940. Since governments usually do the wrong thing, this may be a good buying opportunity. If carried to extreme, the gold will be in private hands and governments will hold each other's funny money. Would this be a prelude to private money? No comment from Commissar of money Greenspan.

MORE LIBERTARIAN RESOURCES

By Keith Edwards

One of my favorite libertarian organizations is the International Society for Individual Liberty, an amalgam of two earlier entities, The Society for Individual Liberty (SIL) and Libertarian International. SIL produced many fine position pamphlets while LI promoted the world libertarian movement. ISIL does both today. The pamphlets are terrific handouts for local meetings, fair, conventions, etc., covering a wide range of important issues. Freedom Network News covers the world libertarian movement and is a fascinating and inspiring read. ISIL holds a major convention every year in many countries, drawing most of the big names in the movement. You can contact them at 836-B Southhampton Rd., #299, Benicia, CA 94510; (707)746-8796; Fax (707)746-8797; Compuserve: 71034,2711 or world wide web URL:<http://www.isil.org>

Reason Magazine is a first class publication dealing with current events from a libertarian view. Reason and Reason Foundation practically created the trend toward the privatization of government functions in this country. Some articles are too long and some are critical of the LP (that's OK, we can take it) But it's been around since the early 70's and worth a look. Contact them at PO Box 526, Mt. Morris, IL 61054-7868 for subscription info or call (815)734-1102. Subscriptions are \$26 per year.

Liberty Magazine is a brainstorming kind of publication with a spectrum of views on libertarianism with more of an anarchist lean than the stodgier Reason. There is a lot of thought-provoking stuff here with an unfortunate tendency toward trivia such as Ayn Rand's personal deficiencies. I've come close to not renewing at times because of the trivia focus, but it's fun. Contact them at PO Box 1181, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

HOOKED

By Stacy Van Oast

It's challenging. It's frustrating. It's exhilarating. It's rewarding.

It's managing a political campaign.

Since the Macomb County caucus nominated Paul Soyk to run for State Senate in the November 25 special election in September, many of us have been immersed in the wild and wonderful world of political campaigning.

The support, guidance and encouragement from the LCC/LCMA and namely Barb Goushaw and Doug MacDonald were invaluable, as were the time and cash donations from libertarians everywhere. What a thrill to have played a part in providing people the opportunity to cast their vote for freedom!

Lawn signs were everywhere, we hand delivered thousands of brochures, we ran newspaper ads in five area papers, Paul got newspaper coverage (mostly positive), we worked the polls -- we had a great time!

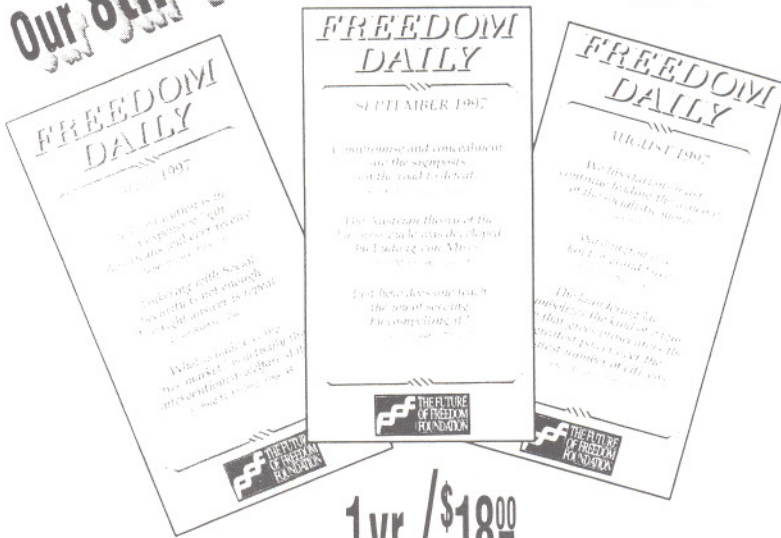
Of course it was a disappointment when Paul didn't win, but we learned some valuable lessons from this experience. For example, he did substantially better in those areas of the district that he walked door to door.

Managing a campaign really was a great experience, thanks to all the wonderful Libertarians who made it happen. I would like to encourage everyone to get involved in a campaign in '98 and to take advantage of our LCC/LCMA. Let's keep getting libertarians elected to office (like Fred Collins), let's show everyone we are here to stay, and let's bring freedom into every home.

Oh, I should mention one more thing (Barb did warn me): It's addictive!

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The proper procedure for someone to follow in starting up a local affiliate is to contact the Affiliate Coordinator who will arrange for a local mailing list from our database and offer suggestions. The local organizer(s) then requests seed money for specific expenses from the Affiliates Coordinator. No non-preapproved expenses will be reimbursed. Call Stacy at (810) 784-8783 or stacyvo@eesc.com

SHELDON RICHMAN TO SPEAK IN FRASER

Libertarians of Macomb County will hold their annual fundraiser on January 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Marinelli's Restaurant, 34275 Utica Rd., Fraser, just South of 15 Mile Rd. The speaker will be Sheldon Richman, Vice President of Policy Affairs at The Future of Freedom Foundation. He will speak on Separating School and State: How to Liberate America's Families.

Dinners are family style with a choice of two entrees (chicken piccata/marsala or orange roughy). The cost is \$40.00, RSVP by January 15, after which reservations will not be accepted. Make check or money order payable to Libertarians of Macomb County and mail to Marnie Edwards, 28960 Jane, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Richman is a veteran of the libertarian movement going back many years. He was senior editor at Cato Institute and the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University.

STUDENTS RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL IN ANN ARBOR

Ann Arbor residents once again had the opportunity to vote Libertarian in a city election. University of Michigan students Michael Enright and Boyd Stitt ran for office in the 3rd and 4th Wards respectively, for Ann Arbor City Council.

The poorly attended election saw the re-election of the two frighteningly liberal incumbents. The Libertarian candidates polled 3% in their 3-way partisan elections. Michael Enright had waged an active campaign considering his heavy course load. He went door to door in his own precinct and received respectful coverage from the Ann Arbor News.

The campaigns marked a resurgence of the U of M College Libertarians. The group, which has been growing steadily, has become very active under the leadership of Martin Howrylack and the guidance of LPM veteran James Hudler. They have sponsored some well attended speeches and played an integral part in a series of Affirmative Action discussions on campus.

Dan Marsh Appointed

Michigan Libertarian Dan Marsh was appointed to the Grand Rapids Housing Appeals Board on September 30, 1997, for the remainder of an unexpired term ending the first Monday of January, 2000.

Dan felt that one of the reasons he lost a recent election was his lack of local government experience. He feels that this may begin a process of building toward success in a future campaign.

The Housing Appeals Board is a "quasi-judicial" body which "hears and decides appeals concerning the application or interpretation of provisions of the City's Housing Code, the Nuisance Code, and the Building Maintenance Code."

Dan says: "Although this is not a legislative body; that is, the Board does not set policy, it applies it. So there is the opportunity to advance Libertarian principles. I believe it is here that my Libertarian background will have the greatest effect".

INFORMED JURIES

SIR WILLIAM BLACKSTONE (Commentaries on the Laws of England, 1765-1769): "Every new tribunal, erected for the decision of facts, without the intervention of a jury...is a step towards establishing aristocracy, the most oppressive of absolute governments."

Justice ROBERT H. JACKSON (Morissette v. United States, 342 U.S. 246): "But juries are not bound by what seems inescapable logic to judges."

U.S. v. WILSON (629 F.2d 439, 443 (6th Cir. 1980): "In criminal cases, a jury is entitled to acquit the defendant because it has no sympathy for the government's position."

JUDGE WISEMAN (U.S. v. DATCHER 830 F.Supp. 411, 413, M.D. Tennessee, 1993): "Judicial and prosecutorial misconduct still occur, and Congress is not yet an infallible body incapable of making tyrannical laws."

Justice WHITE (WILLIAMS v. FLORIDA 399 U.S. 78, 90, 1970): "the essential feature of a jury obviously lies in the interposition between the accused and his accuser of the commonsense judgment of a group of laymen, and in the community participation and shared responsibility that results from that group's determination of guilt or innocence."

JUDGE WISEMAN (U.S. v. DATCHER 830 F.Supp. 411, 415, M.D. Tennessee, 1993): "...a defendant's right to inform the jury of that information essential to prevent oppression by the Government is clearly of constitutional magnitude."

CLARENCE DARROW (Debate with Judge Alfred J. Talley, Oct. 27, 1924): "Why not reenact the code of Blackstone's day? Why, the judges were all for it -- every one of them -- and the only way we got rid of those laws was because juries were too humane to obey the courts. "That is the only way we got rid of punishing old women, of hanging old women in New England -- because, in spite of all the courts, the juries would no longer convict them for a crime that never existed."

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