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MARCH-APRIL, 1998

O'BRIEN RE-ELECTED CHAIR; DELEGATES CHOSEN

Delegates to the Libertarian Party of Michigan annual Convention went for experience April 5 as they chose Party leadership for the 1998-99 year in East Lansing. Chair Tim O'Brien, Vice Chair Stacy Van Oast and Treasurer Dave Nagy all won re-election to the Executive Committee along with three of the five At-large Directors, Keith Edwards, Mark Heil and Doug MacDonald. James Hudler, who had been on the Committee almost continually since the inception of the Party, returned as Director after a year's absence. The only newcomers were Lorna Tate, Secretary and Nick Stoner, Director. Ben Bachrach and Jim McAbee, like Calvin Coolidge, chose not to run and Mark Tuniewicz moved to Massachusetts. The four officers were elected unanimously.

The Entire Judicial Committee was re-elected unanimously, Brett Cashman, Jon Coon and Bill Hall.

Not that it was ALL that easy! The At-large seats were contested by a quintet: Bill Bradley, Clint Foster, Rick Friend, Dan Marsh and Kerry Smith. Only Marsh had previous experience on the Committee.

The spirit extended to the by-laws and platform . The delegates rejected a proposal to expand the Executive Committee by two members and rebuffed an attempt to change the capital punishment platform plank from negative to positive. They also shot down the usual Jones-Raaflaub proposal to restructure the by-laws.

The Party also chose 55 of its 61 delegates to the National Convention, along with 11 alternates. More are expected to be added. The list appears on page 8.

LPM NOMINATES 93 FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

The Libertarian Party of Michigan nominated 93 candidates to run in the November 3 election, including all 16 Congressional seats, at its Convention on April 5. The list includes 36 State Representative seats, 15 State Senate, two Supreme Court and all 8 state education offices. Some 16 others were chosen to run at the county level.

As expected, Diane Barnes of Eastpointe will be the "top of the ticket." Her vote total will determine the ballot status for the LPM in the 2000 election. She and Jon Coon are running for the State Board of Education. James Montgomery and Bill Hall will run for U of M Regents, Barb Goushaw and Mark Heil for MSU Trustee, and Scott Boman and Tom Jones for Wayne State Governors.

Jerry Kaufman and David Raaflaub are running for the State Supreme Court again.

With all state wide education offices and Congressional seats covered, the LPM will have at least nine candidates on the partisan ballot plus the two non-partisan court spots in every precinct in the state. Some precincts will have up to 14 Libertarians to vote for.

The total of 93 is the largest since 1982 when the LPM ran 100 candidates. The credit for this effort goes to Doug MacDonald , Barb Goushaw and quite a few saavy affiliate chairs who worked hard to recruit candidates. LPM First Lady Nancy O'Brien was in charge of the "war room" at the Convention making sure that forms were filled out properly. That is a thankless task which has tested the sanity of others in the past. So, thanks!

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Washtenaw Co.	James Hudler	734-475-9792
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LPM ONLINE NEWSLETTER DEBUTS

By Mark Heil

On March 3rd the Libertarian Party of Michigan began to use a new automated electronic information system that generates a weekly newsletter that is sent by e-mail to hundreds of subscribers across the state. The newsletter , an interactive supplement to our regular print newsletter, the Michigan Libertarian, consists of calendar events and news articles submitted by Libertarian leaders and activists throughout the state.

This online newsletter is a great tool for all Michigan Libertarians to keep well informed on state and local LP activities, meetings and campaigns. Designated administrators from all local and student party affiliates will have access to a world wide web page where they can enter events and news articles. Each week the system compiles all entered data into a newsletter and e-mails it to all subscribers. If the LPM had your e-mail address on file, you may have already received the first few issues of LPM Online. If not, and you would like to subscribe, visit our website at http://www.coast.net/~lpm/ and fill out the online subscription form or send an e-mail to markheil@flash.net with your name, e-mail address and the county in which you reside.

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PARTY PORTRAIT

By Keith Edwards

One of the people who have had a major impact on the Libertarian Party of Michigan in the 1990's is Barbara Goushaw. Barb came into the LPM in the early '90's and quickly became known as a good organizer. When Jon Coon decided to make a serious run for the U.S. Senate for the 1994 election he looked around for the best person to be his campaign manager and quickly decided on Barb. The rest, as they say, is history. With absolutely no experience in campaigning between them, they went on to capture media attention and respect like no one had done before, not even Dick Jacobs, himself a fine candidate. They repeated the effort in a State Rep race in 1996 in a tough district and set a new standard.

Barb has gone on to conduct training sessions for candidates and campaign managers and has formed the Libertarian Campaign Managers Association. Her campaigning expertise has led to a position on the Libertarian National Committee. She is also a talented fundraiser for the Party.

Where would we be without Barbara Goushaw? I don't want to think about that.

MICHAEL WIRICK DIES

Michael Wirick, 1996 candidate for the State House of Representatives from Ypsilanti, died January 11 from complications of HIV at his family home in Three Rivers. He was active in the Washtenaw County LP, helping at the Ann Arbor Art Fair and Ypsilanti Heritage Festival information booths. He was an alternate delegate to the 1996 Libertarian National Convention.

RANDOM THOUGHTS: Computers and programs were invented by people who had flunked English. Liberals are people who had flunked economics. Conservatives are people who flunked reality.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS THE CONVENTION THEME

By Keith Edwards

The theme for the 1998 LPM Convention was communication skills and the Party brought out two of the big guns to lead off.

The Libertarian Party's 1984 Presidential candidate and author of Libertarianism In One Lesson, David Bergland started things off with the opening address in East Lansing on Saturday morning, April 4. Bergland offered some advice to Libertarians on getting ideas across to others in a friendly, professional way, recalling some of the errors that have made libertarians look foolish in the past.

His first point was, "know your audience and know your objective." Be aware of the interests, level of knowledge and sensitivities of the people you are addressing and move from the points of agreement. You should have a specific goal in mind and everything you say should advance that goal without a lot of distraction.

Presentation and appearance are important. Looking neat and being properly attired are important as is presenting your ideas in a friendly, considerate manner. "Give them a reason to be comfortable with you."

Have a positive alternative. Don't use the word "abolish". Use the word "replace." People do not respond well to the shock treatment. Show them how our program will work better than what is done now. Everyone has his own sacred cows and won't give them up without knowing what is to come.

Remember that they are interested in the benefits of our program, not how fancy the "features" are.

Bergland also offered three key ideas to make your position clear. The first was the self-ownership idea. That is, now one else owns your body, you do, so no one has a right to it. (I personally disagree to the extent that I say your body IS you.)

Therefore, government should exist only to assist in self-defense.

Next is TANSTAAFL, "there ain't no such thing as a free lunch." Always point out that there is a cost to the government program under discussion.

Finally , there is the Utopian Fallacy. Things do not always work out perfectly given human fallibility. Some one will always point out that libertarianism is not going to work perfectly. We should respond, "That's right, there will always be criminals and unfortunate people. There is no utopia." Then go on to show how libertarianism minimizes problems.

Bergland, who is running for National Chair, wants to double membership to 50,000 by July, 1999, and to 100,000 by July, 2000. He likes the way the National Party is running now.

Dave was his usual witty and insightful self, and it is always a pleasure to hear him speak.

Bill Winter, the National LP Communications Director spoke at the Saturday Banquet . Bill discussed errors that have been made in communications and the lessons to be drawn. He said National was very impressed with the job the Michigan Party has been doing. His Saturday seminar on how to write and distribute media releases was excellent. Bill, like Dave is a very witty speaker and has done an outstanding job in his position.

At the Sunday Brunch, Sharon Harris, President of the Advocates for Self-Government, gave an update on some of the successes of the libertarian movement. In particular she talked about the higher visibility the movement has earned in recent years in the media. She also spoke of the number of well known people who have embraced libertarianism. Some have done so openly, calling themselves "a libertarian," such as Clint Eastwood, Kurt Russell, Drew Carey and such businessmen as John Mackay of Home Products. Others such as Hugh Downs and John Stossel have praised libertarian ideas, but are prevented by their media positions from being too obvious. It was an optimistic note on which to close the Conventiion.

WEB DENIZENS, BEAVERS AND OTHER WILDLIFE

By Keith Edwards

"Will New Party Arise From Web/" That was the lead front page article in Investor's Business Daily on March 18. Subtitled "Libertarianism Is the Politics of 'Wired' Voters," this article by Charles Oliver discussed the possibility of a third party arising out of the failure of the Republicans to exploit their 1994 Congressional wins and the availability of voting records, etc., on the internet and C-Span. It pointed out that the "net will help new parties get out the vote and raise money." It added, Anecdotal evidence and polls show this group to be quite libertarian in its politics," and cited a poll conducted by "Wired" that the "super-connected and connected' favored free enterprise, tolerance and diversity and "they back legalizing medical marijuana by huge majorities."

The article went on to say that such people are very informed politically, but "are alienated from most politicians. The article closed with a quote from National LP Chair Steve Dasbach

Republicans and Democrats bungled issues important to internet denizens with the Communications Decency Act in 1996 and the article points out that further alienation will occur if they pass controls on encryption.

"The Libertarian Party claims to have bee the first party with its own Web site. It now aims many of its activities at winning the online vote."

On March 31, the Wall Street Journal carried an artcle on its editorial page about "The Spring Pond Beavers." The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality warned a landowner about having constructed and maintained two wood debris dams across the outlet of Spring Pond which failed during recent rains causing problems downstream. The landowner responded that beavers were responsible, that he "did not pay for nor authorize their dam project." He went on, "As to your dam request the beavers must fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity, my first dam question is : are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond beavers . . . or do you require all dam Beavers to conform . . . If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, please send me completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits . . .'

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has informed the Wall Street Journal that the case has been closed.

Speaking of wildlife, the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms look as bad as they are in the Academy Award nominated documentary, Waco; The Rules of Engagement. Without editorializing, the producers showed not only the violence but the lies including perjury of these bureaucrats. Each affiliate should do what the Macomb LP did this month. Notify your local press that you will run the tape at your regular meeting. At Macomb, the attendance was double the usual size, including a lot of newcomers.

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- Max Dollarhite District 85
- William White District 86
- Allen Bauer District 97
- Robert Black District 110

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- Doug Hull County Clerk

Iron County:
- Christine James County Commissioner, District ?

Macomb County:
- Laurel Pietrangelo County Commissioner, District 6
- James Runestad County Commissioner, District 23

Oakland County:
- Tonya Storey County Commissioner, District 15
- Jeff Hampton County Commissioner, District 22

Washtenaw County:
- Kim Cashman County Treasurer
- James Hudler County Commissioner, District 5

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- Paul Woolum County Executive
- Thomas Casey County Commissioner, District 1
- ✓ Karin Corliss County Commissioner, District 12
- Loel Gnadt County Commissioner, District 13
- Mike Drummond County Commissioner, District 14
- Mike Johnson Jr County Commissioner, District 15

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- Floyd Willis County Commissioner, District 4
- Greg Willis County Commissioner, District 5

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Mike Miller
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Bob Black
Bob Broda
Richard Clark
Cathy Cove
Christine James
Gary Lloyd
Richard Saletta
Emily Salvette
Bob Van Oast
Glenn Whitt

Note: There is still time to add other names to the delegate list. If you are planning to go to the National Convention and are a member of the Libertarian Party, contact Tim O'Brien to be added to the list.

With delegates moving about, there is a good chance most alternates will get a chance to vote at some point.

And, as we have said before, you can have a great time at the National Convention.

Libertarian Runs For Office

by Mark Heil
Michigan Libertarian James McAbee ran for Romeo Village Trustee. Here are the results of the race held Monday, March 9: (elect three)
Matthew Edwards (R) -- 124
John Foltz (R)-- 116
James Micielli (R)-- 116
James McAbee (L)-- 78

Jim was disappointed with the loss. In addition to running a business, he is very active in the community and had a lot of support, and felt this race was winnable. The good news is that he is encouraged to run again next year when there will be two open seats which are again likely to only be contested by Republicans in the primary . Of the approximate 2000 voters in Romeo, only 200 or so actually voted.

LOCAL PARTY OFFICER ELECTIONS

Libertarian Party of Mid-West Michigan
The following new officers were elected.
Chair: Brian Kluesner
Vice-Chair: Gregory Willis
Secretary: John Willis
Treasurer: Carston Seales
Trustee: Floyd Willis

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Vice Chair -Rian C. Klefstad
Treasurer - Matthew E. Dickinson
Secretary - George Sise

Libertarians of Macomb County

Chair - Paul Soyk
Vice Chair - Gary Bora
Treasurer - Marnie Edwards
Secretary - Mark Heil
At-Large - Diane Barnes, Rosemary Racchi and Joe Zemens

LP of Wayne County

Chair - Joann Karpinski
Vice Chair - Bill Shotey
Secretary - Helen Weaver
Treasurer - Ben Bachrach
Board Members - Loel Gnadt, Ed Karpinski, Kerry Smith

The LP of Wayne County also opened nominations for candidates for the November General Election. Nominated State Reps Districts 3 - Joann Karpinski (Educational Campaign)
21 - David Nagy (Educational Campaign)
25 - Nick Stoner (Active Campaign - Nominations Closed)
Wayne County Commission District 13 - Loel Gnadt (Educational Campaign).

The caucus will remain open until the close of the LPM convention, April 5, 1998.

Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County

Chair: James Hudler
Vice Chair: Kurt Verhoff
Treasurer: Brett Cashman
Secretary: Dan Lafavers
Budget Committee: Geoffrey Foster
James Montgomery

Geoffrey Foster has announced his candidacy for election as an Ypsilanti Public Schools Board member. Geoff has been interviewed by the Ann Arbor News and is known for his previous run for Ypsilanti Township trustee and frequent attendance at Township Board Meetings.

He will be at a disadvantage as one of the people who is running against him has an impressive resume for elected office; 3 felony convictions: bank robbery, embezzlement of funds from a charitable organization, and fraud.

Lapeer / Genesee Libertarian Party

Chair: Peter Davidson
Vice Chair: Joe Smolinski
Secretary: Robert Davidson
Treasurer: unfilled

Liberty Calendar

APRIL 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 **Lapeer/Genessee** Whitey's Rest. 1 mile N of I-96 Davidson, 7:30 PM	2 **Meeting** **Washtenaw Co.** Dominick's 812 Monroe St. Ann Arbor, 7:30	3 **LPM Convention Lansing, MI.**	4
5 **LPM Conv.**	6 **Meeting** **Tri-City LP** Delphines Rest. Saginaw, 8PM	7 **Meeting** **Wayne Co.** La Tratorria 13736 Mich. Ave Dearborn, 6:30 PM	8 **Meetings** **Macomb Co.** Fire Station Res. 31185 Utica Rd Fraser, 6-9PM	9 **Washtenaw Co.** see Apr 2 **Mid-Michigan** , Sneekers Rest. 600 Homer, Lansing, 6:30 PM **Western MI**. Pizza Hut 1640 44th St. Kentwood, 7:30 PM	10	11 **Meeting** **Mid-west LP** Kountry Kitchen, Cadillac
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19	20	21	22 **Meeting** **Oakland Co.** Eastside Mario's 29267 Southfield No. of 12 Mile Rd. Southfield at 6 PM	23 **Meeting** **Washtenaw Co.** Dominick's 812 Monroe St. Ann Arbor, 7:30	24	25 **LibertyFest** Northfield Hilton, Troy, 6PM ph: 248-626- 6322 for info.
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ACTIVE CANDIDATE PORTRAIT

One of the most active candidates on the Libertarian ballot in Michigan this year is Teresa Pollok who is running for State Representative in the 66th District. Raised on her family's farm in Stockbridge, Pollok's strong work ethic and belief in individual liberty and personal responsibility makes her a natural libertarian. From 4-H Club teen leader to National Honor Society member in high school to Magna Cum Laude graduate of Davenport College of Business in Lansing, she has risen to the position of Assistant to the President of McKinley Properties of Ann Arbor.

A Libertarian Party member since 1995 Pollok is a founding member of the Livingston County LP of which she is now Chair. She is a women's self-defense advocate and fitness enthusiast who enjoys target shooting, weight training and dancing. A strong believer in an individual's right to protect oneself and bear arms, she is an active member of the NRA, Gun Owners of American and Brass Roots. She is also a staunch believer in a free market economy and that taxation is a form of legalized theft.

Her campaign is already in high gear with a campaign kickoff party scheduled for Monday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Mexican Jones Restaurante in Brighton.

Bright, ambitious and dedicated, Teresa will be one of the highlights of the Libertarian ticket this year.

LPM HAS NEW ADDRESS

The Libertarian Party of Michigan has a new mailing address, moving from the old Merriman Road number.

The new address is :

604 North Vernon
Dearborn, MI 48128-1553

The telehone number remains the same for general inquiries, 1-800-343-1364. For more specific information, consult the Directory on page 2.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Once again, we would like to remind everyone of the National Convention to be held in Washington, DC on July 1-4. This is always an event which is both fun and inspiring. The banquet alone is worth the trip, but the exhibits and vendors, especially the booksellers, make it enjoyable. There will be some terrific speeches and seminars and the chance to meet over 1,000 other libertarians including the big names you've read and heard about.

There are still openings in Michigan's delegation, so you can be part of history. We expect that C-Span will cover it, but that is not definite, so if you want to see it, it's best to do so in person. See your latest National LP News for details.

JACKSON COUNTY MEETS

Jackson County libertarians will meet on April 27 at Tom's Grill and Pub, 3705 Ann Arbor Road, Jackson. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00. There is a chance that this will lead to the formation of a new affiliate so this is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor.

Call Al McCallum at 517-857-2531 for information.

Check out the ***LPM***
on the ***World Wide Web***

http://www.coast.net/~lpm/

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- ❑ $35 Yes, I want to join the LP on all 3 levels - National, Michigan and _____ County
- ❑ $10 I already belong to the state and national party, now I want to join the _____ County chapter
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- ❑ $15 I need more information, please continue to send the *Michigan Libertarian* newsletter for one year

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