



MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right: and no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.

November-December, 1999

Barnes Edged Out In Education Race

Diane Barnes was barely defeated in her race for East Detroit Board of Education on November 2. In a five way race for two positions Barnes finished third, beating out one incumbent and one challenger. Her 2,097 votes were just 156 short of election.

Her last minute decision to run was followed by a brisk campaign that featured personal appearances, door-to-door work, a 7,000-piece mailing and ads in newspapers. A last minute "hit piece" by an opponent complained that she is a "Libertarian" and that she favored privatizing the schools. Diane says she "appreciates the plug."

Barnes has built a base of name recognition for the next election and with an earlier start could win.

Racchi Fourth In Roseville

Rosemary Racchi finished fourth in a four way race against three incumbents for the Roseville City Council on November 2 with 1,887 votes to 2,607 for her nearest rival. Racchi focused on two mailings to absentee voters, but was not well enough financed to do a mailing to the entire district. She appealed to seniors and women, but that was not enough.

Mike Corliss Goes For Senate

Michael Corliss of Westland announced he will run for the US Senate nomination of the LPM. He told his Liberty Fest audience on November 6 that he plans a very active campaign. He is a teacher and an accomplished speaker.

Liberty Fest Honors Six

Five Defender of Liberty Awards were made to six honorees at the fourth annual Liberty Fest Banquet at Heintzman's Heidelberg Restaurant in Clinton Township November 6, before 78 attendees.

The first award for Producer of Liberty for behind-the-scenes hard work went to LPM and Macomb County Membership Chair Mark Heil for his work in those jobs, website creation and other technological advances over the years. Also receiving a Statue of Liberty for that category were Al Titran and Rosemary Racchi for their dedicated work on many projects that others may shun. Stacy Van Oast was the presenter.

A promoter of Liberty award for advancing the Libertarian Party and its principles went to Emily Salvette for her many years of leadership in the Oakland and Washtenaw counties, her work as Affiliates Director and her two terms as State Chair.

Earning the Spokesperson for Liberty award for a member of the community whose patriotism and conviction have been inspiring was Comerica Vice President and Chief Economist David Littmann. His many articles and interviews have spread the ideas of liberty to the general public.

Author James Bovard ("Freedom in Chains" and "Lost Rights") was the keynote speaker. He said the battle is not between liberalism and conservatism, but against statism. He focused on the Waco tragedy and its recent rebirth as an issue, casting doubt on the objectivity of the current investigation.

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Liberty Fest Honors Six

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Bovard was presented with a special Libby by Keith Edwards for his many articles in the major media (Wall Street Journal Investor's Business Daily, Playboy, etc.) and books defending economic and personal liberty. He was instrumental in keeping the Ruby Ridge and Waco issues alive when less forthright journalists shied away.

The event was sponsored by Libertarians of Macomb County and organized by Diane Barnes. Ken Bisson, our Region 3 Representative on the National Committee, was the Master of Ceremonies. LMC Treasurer Marnie Edwards and Sharlene Strick handled registration, George Weiss designed a beautiful program and Stacy Van Oast, Al Titran, Rosemary Racchi, and Mark Heil contributed time and ideas. The fundraising appeal was handled by Michael Corliss, who also announced his candidacy for the US Senate nomination.

Special thanks go to Diane Barnes who contacted the speaker, planned the event and kept it organized, all while running for office. What a gal!

LPM Launches Press Release Capability

By Tim O'Brien

The new web-based data entry system for building and maintaining a media database has been launched with the transmission of the LPM's first mass broadcast press release.

Computer superstar and Indiana transplant Greg Dirasian and fellow technoguru Hugh Fader have created the new utility that has greatly expanded the party's capabilities. The dramatically upgraded system can transmit press releases to nearly 400 media outlets of all types by any criteria desired (such as print or broadcast only, all media within a designated area, etc.) The new database can be updated by anyone with access to the web and a password.

The previous system was created two years ago by

Darryl Schmitz of Saint Johns to distribute Tim O'Brien's op-ed columns to approximately 75 newspapers across the state. Darryl retains primary responsibility for distribution.

"A lot of people helped with all the data entry," said Executive Committee member and prime mover behind the enhanced capability, Nancy O'Brien. "I'm really grateful for all the help in what was a very tedious job."

The system got its first real-world test in the distribution of a press release (all media throughout the state) announcing the LPM's radio and web-based petition lobbying effort to change Michigan's "Concealed Carry" laws to what is called the "Shall issue" system. That would put the burden of proof back on government to show why the applicant ought to be denied.

Atlas Shrugged Heads To TNT

New York (Variety) – TNT is developing Ayn Rand's classic 1957 novel "Atlas Shrugged" as a four hour miniseries, the cable network announced Wednesday. The novel centers around Dagny Taggart, a woman who confronts bureaucracy in her job as manager of a transcontinental railroad; and John Galt, a man who attempts to stop the world.. "Atlas Shrugged" is largely viewed as the most complete fictional presentation of objectivism, Rand's personal philosophy.

(Report submitted by Karen Minto)

Note: this project has had many false starts in the past, but appears to be a go this time.

"No one's happiness but my own is in my power to achieve or to destroy."

Ayn Rand, writer, philosopher

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

Martin Luther King Jr.,
Clergyman, civil rights leader

Liberty Calendar

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| | 5 LEC Meeting Keith & Marnie Edwards house. (call 810-777-7468 for more info). | 6 South Central LP Tom's Grill/Pub 3075 Ann Arbor Jackson, 7:00 PM | 7 Meeting Wayne Co. La Tratorria 13736 Mich. Ave Dearborn, 6:30 PM | 8 LPM President 2000 Campaign meeting (call: 248-355-5058 info.) | 9 Washtenaw Co. see Dec 2 Mid-Michigan, La Senorita, 2706 Lake Lansing Rd. 7PM Western MI. Brann's, Leonard & 131, Grand Rapids 7:30 | 10 Meeting Mid-west LP Kountry Kitchen, 1920 N. Mitchell Cadillac, 7:00 |
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Rambling Thoughts

By Stacy Van Oast, State Chair

Must Reads:

Somehow, I managed to read two wonderful books over the summer. One, "Rabble in Arms" by Kenneth Roberts, (recommended to me by Keith Edwards) is a terrific, historically accurate novel about the northern battles of the American Revolution. The group of "rabble" that the story revolves around immediately becomes any libertarian's friends. They denounce paper money, they are true freedom fighters and they have nothing good to say about the leadership in Congress. Between the explicit battle descriptions and the colorful dialogue and story, I learned more about our American Revolution from this book than I ever learned in thirteen years of public school! It was fascinating!

One of my favorite authors is Czech émigré Milan Kundera. His book, "The Book of Laughter and Forgetting," is actually a collection of short stories. The author describes the book as "A polyphony in which various stories mutually explain, illumine, complement each other. The basic event of the book is the story of totalitarianism, which deprives people of memory and thus retools them into a nation of children." It was unique, fun to read and very thought-provoking.

Anyway, back to Libertarian stuff.

The National LP has selected the theme for the big 2000 Convention: "America's Future: Liberty, Responsibility and Community." If you're planning on being a delegate and traveling to Anaheim, California, for our presidential nominating convention next June 30-July 3, start making your travel plans now. For great airfares, contact our own Anina Bachrach at (313) 563-1558.

Speaking of the convention, please make sure your membership is current. Now is the perfect time to get your spouse, co-worker and any other friend and family member to join. Don't forget to register early for our own great-priced Michigan Convention. Emily Salvette is doing a great job of organizing this one.

LPM State Convention 2000 Convenient, Affordable

By Emily Salvette, Chair,
LPM Convention Committee

The LPM state convention will be held May 19-21 at the Clarion Hotel in Ann Arbor. As a LPM member, you should plan to attend this critical convention so you can:

- Select Libertarian Party Candidates to run in the November 7, 2000, general election.
- Elect delegates to the National LP Convention to be held June 30-July 3 In Anaheim, California. This is where the LP candidate for President will be selected.
- Elect LPM officers and Executive Committee for the coming year.
- Consider changes to the official platform and bylaws of the state party.

Because it is so important for you to be there, we are introducing some new plans to make it easier to attend. Most party business will take place on Saturday so members can come for just one day without missing important voting. The cost to attend all Saturday events is only \$50 if registered by January 31.

Childcare will be available on Saturday – a first for a LPM convention! There will be organized activities, and the Clarion (formerly a Holiday Inn Holidome) has an indoor pool and game room so kids will have plenty to do supervised by trained childcare workers.

Programs are planned for a wide range of participants. Students, new party members and guests may learn about the Libertarian Party and our stand on important issues by attending classes that will run concurrent with the business sessions. For students and young adults, there will be a pizza and swimming party late Saturday afternoon. And, for those who want to bring family and friends to hear our exciting speakers, guest tickets will be available for the Saturday luncheon, the banquet and the Sunday brunch. (Guests pay the individual meal price; they do not have to pay the registration fee, but they will not receive a convention packet or credentials for voting.

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LPM CONVENTION

AT THE CLARION

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- Convention Registration
- Bylaws Committee Meeting
- Platform Committee Meeting
- Welcome party and Libertarian Trivia Contest sponsored by the Washtenaw County LP.

Childcare

The LPM will offer childcare for convention participants available throughout the day and into the evening on Saturday - a first for an LPM convention! Approximate cost will be \$5.00 per child per hour. Supervised activity and food will be provided.

Since this is a new feature it will greatly help in planning if you let us know in advance that you are interested in this service. Childcare reservations must be made by April 24, 2000. Please contact Ann Rowe at MalagaAnn@aol.com and let her know the number and ages of children, as well as the timeframe for which you would like the childcare (i.e., all day and evening, only parts of the day, etc.)

Hotel Information

Clarion Hotel Atrium & Conference Center
2900 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48103
(off I-94 at exit 172) 734-665-4444

Special Room Rates per night in the LP block

Business King: \$61
Jacuzzi King: \$89
Suite: \$150

NOTE: Individuals are responsible for their own room reservations and payment. These rates are available only to convention attendees who book by April 28, 2000. Make your reservations early to guarantee this special rate!

For additional information contact LPM Convention 2000 Chair, Emily Salvette, by email Salvette@aol.com or phone 734-668-2607

Libertarian Party of Michigan: www.mi.lp.org

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VENTION 2000

IN HOTEL IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- Convention Registration
- Keynote Address: "Personal Responsibility is the Price of Liberty" by Michael Cloud
- Luncheon Speech: "Urban Sprawl and the Michigan Landscape" by Dr. Samuel Staley
- Official Business
 - Candidate Nominations
 - National Delegate elections
 - LPM Officers and Executive Committee elections
 - Bylaws
 - Platform
- Classes on Libertarianism
 - "Introduction to Libertarianism" - Keith Edwards
 - "Gun Control" - Jon Coon
 - "Environmental Protection" - Brett Cashman
 - "Affirmative Action" - Dr. Anna Ebeling
- Student Pool & Pizza party (*bring your suits*)
- Cocktail party
- Banquet and Presidential Forum with Libertarian Party candidates including Harry Browne

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- Official Business (if needed)
- Brunch: "Private Sector Solutions to Social Problems" by Prof. Richard Ebeling, Hillsdale College
- Workshop: "Campaigning 101," an afternoon of candidate training by Barb Goushaw

Marketplace

After registering for the convention be sure to leave time to visit all the vendor tables in the hotel atrium. Previous convention exhibitors have included: Advocates for Self-government, Reason Foundation, NORML, Mackinac Center, and many others. The vendor area will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Mark the events you wish to attend and send this form with check or money order (payable to Libertarian Party of Michigan) to: **Libertarian Party of Michigan, 21835 Cherry Hill Rd, Dearborn MI 48124-1149**

Select individual events or one special package (registration fee is included in special packages)

| EVENTS | By 1/31 | By 4/24 | After 4/24 | SPECIAL PACKAGES | By 1/31 | By 4/24 | After 4/24 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome party & trivia contest | \$10 | \$15 | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Everything (<i>no student party</i>) | \$75 | \$105 | \$145 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday lunch | \$15 | \$17 | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> All meetings and speakers (no meals) | \$25 | \$35 | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student pool & pizza party | \$10 | \$15 | \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student special - Includes all meetings, classes, speakers (no meals) and student pool party | \$25 | \$35 | \$60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet | \$20 | \$35 | \$50 | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Brunch | \$15 | \$18 | \$25 | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration fee (required) | \$15 | \$20 | \$30 | | | | |

SPECIAL OPTIONS:

- Saturday childcare reservation "Campaigning 101" workshop reservation Vegetarian meal(s)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

If your LP memberships are not current and you would like to renew (LPM membership is necessary for participating and voting in the business sessions), please also fill out and sign the form below and include the additional annual dues.

Combined National and Michigan \$25

Combined National, Michigan and County \$35

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.

Signature: _____

LPM State Convention 2000

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The bylaws and platform committees will meet in advance to review and prioritize proposed changes, which should make the Saturday business session run more efficiently.

If you're running for public office, there will be a free candidate-training seminar with Barb Goushaw on Sunday. We'll even have a professional photographer on site to take your campaign photo.

We need you to accomplish our convention mission, "Liberty Enlightening the New Millennium," so make plans now to be in Ann Arbor next May. Our prices are the lowest in years and a real bargain if you register early. Look for our ad on pages 6-7 in this newsletter to find out more and register, or visit the LPM web site at www.mi.lp.org

Vendor Tables Available for 2000 Convention

The LPM state convention will feature a marketplace and exhibit area in the hotel atrium on Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors/exhibitors may rent tables for \$20 each. Please contact Brett Cashman at bjcash@aol.com or (734) 481-1354 for more information or reservations.

Salvette Gets Ann Arbor Appointment

Former LPM State Chair Emily Salvette has been appointed by the Ann Arbor City Council to serve on the city's Washtenaw/Hill Street Historic District Study Committee. We have another Libertarian public officeholder!

Stacy Van Oast

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.

Henry Ford, Industrialist

Executive Committee Minutes

The October 10 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Michigan was called to order by Chair Stacy Van Oast at 1 p.m. at the home of Barbara Goushaw. Committee members present were Stacy Van Oast, Teresa Pollok, Keith Edwards, Dave Nagy, Mark Heil, Dan Lafavers and Nancy O'Brien. Absent, Bruce Hoepner. Also present were Tim O'Brien, Gary Bora, Todd Burnett, Tara, Jim Runestad, Fred and Pam Collins.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. The reference to affiliates or members providing the LEC with a proposal and timeline refers to State LPM meetings only.

Chair report by Stacy Van Oast covered general areas of expansion and financing.

Executive Director report by Tim O'Brien covered the radio ads program beginning Oct. 1, two ads on conceal carry. Mailing list exchange with ACLU is about done. Speak out Michigan web page is functioning. There will be a 400-piece mailing to recent expired members. There will be another premium offer to aid recruitment, the new Waco tape.

Vice Chair report by Teresa Pollok covered New affiliate in Allegan Co., revival of Traverse City group and the startup in St. Clair Co. Allegan was formally recognized as an official affiliate by unanimous vote.

Keith Edwards reported that the speaker bureau brochure is planned for mid-winter Jim Runestad will supply addresses of schools and contacts. Inquiry procedure was clarified.

Dave Nagy gave treasurer report.

Dan Lafavers reported the pledge program is ready to go.

Todd Burnett volunteered to maintain the list of candidates for Y2k and contact affiliates for names.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Speak Out, Michigan

By Tim O'Brien

The LPM has launched a new web-based petitioning program called SpeakOutMichigan.org to make it more convenient for members and everyone else who is of a mind to join us to lobby our state legislature.

Anyone with access to the internet can go to SpeakOutMichigan.org, enter his name and home address and instantly send a letter to both his state rep and state senator. The system is designed to automatically determine who his legislators are from the zip code he enters. Users may either write their own letter, use the pre-written one we have provided, or a combination of the two starting with our basic letter and modifying it as they see fit.

Modeled on the very successful DefendYourPrivacy.com site which the National LP created to lobby against the Orwellian "Know Your Customer" bank spying proposal by the FDIC, our [SpeakOutMichigan](http://SpeakOutMichigan.org) site was created by LPM web wiz, Greg Dirasian, who is also primarily responsible for both our weekly on-line e-newsletter and our new web-based press release system.

Ours is only the second state LP affiliate in the country to have created such a utility. The other state was California with its [215Now](http://215Now.com) site dedicated to getting their state government to actually enforce the medical marijuana initiative passed by the state's voters.

[SpeakOutMichigan](http://SpeakOutMichigan.org) is unique in its flexibility. Both the national and California sites are single issue. Ours can easily be modified to lobby for or against whatever new issues arise in Lansing.

The inaugural effort, also promoted by a two-week radio schedule at stations across the state, was to push our balky public officials to bring our state in line with most of the rest of the country by giving us a "Shall Issue" system for concealed carry permits.

Though sponsored by the LPM with a link to our homepage, the site itself is non-partisan in that anyone can use it and may select from a list of party designations, if they so desire.

As of the beginning of November, [SpeakOutMichigan](http://SpeakOutMichigan.org) had been used by 225 Republicans, 166 Libertarians, 19 Democrats, 14 Reformers and 9 US Taxpayers. Seven claimed affiliation with the Conservative Party (which only exists in New York.) There were 303 who "Prefer Not to Say," 123 Independent and 2 who checked "Not Registered to Vote." The total number of people who had used the site was 868, from 67 different counties, topped by Oakland 154, Wayne 128, Macomb 81, Kent 60 and Genesee 50. All 110 state reps received e-mails including 852 to Republicans and 530 to Democrats.

We expect to switch over to another issue soon so if you want to tell your legislators to uphold Article I, Section 6 of our state constitution, do so now.

The text of the basic letter follows.

Dear [Official's Name],

I am writing you today to urge you to introduce, support and actively work to pass a law here in Michigan that will permit me to carry the means to defend myself and my family, my friends, neighbors and fellow citizens from criminals and psychopaths.

The effect of the current law has been that we who are law-abiding are left defenseless and the only private citizens who are armed are the criminals and the mentally unbalanced – the very ones from whom we need protection!

Thirty-one of the 50 states have already recognized these facts and returned to the tradition of "innocent until proved guilty" by adopting a "Shall Issue" policy requiring government to show why a person applying for a permit should be denied. They have put the burden of proof back where it belongs.

And our own Michigan constitution (which you have sworn an oath to defend says: "Every person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

If you believe that "gun control" will somehow make me safer that being permitted to carry the means to defend myself, I urge you to re-examine the evidence And reconsider your position.

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Speak Out, Michigan

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If you do support my constitutional right to keep and bear arms, I urge you to please work vigorously among your less enlightened colleagues to pass a good "Shall Issue" concealed carry law (not one with so many limitations, exceptions and exclusions as to render it useless) here in Michigan.

[Your comments will be inserted here.]

I look forward to hearing from you and will certainly consider both your answer and your actions on this vital issue before I vote in the next election.

Sincerely,
[Your name and address information will be inserted here.]

LPM Membership Breaks the 1,500 Mark

By Ben Bachrach

The National LP reported an all time high Michigan membership total, that for the first time is above 1,500. They reported a September 30, 1999, total of 1,506 for Michigan.

We are still in sixth place.

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| California | 6,471 |
| Texas | 1,630 |
| Florida | 1,623 |
| Pennsylvania | 1,563 |
| Georgia | 1,550 |
| Michigan | 1,506 |

Georgia is ahead of us because of a talk show host who promotes membership in the LP. So, go recruit someone! It's up to you!

* * *

If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm.

Vince Lombardi, football coach

Allegan County Forms Affiliate

By Rick and Krystal Dutkiewicz

Seven enthusiastic LP members met to establish the Allegan County affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. They agreed upon bylaws and elected a Central Committee and submitted this information to the LPM for certification. The LEC acted on this and certified Allegan on October 10.

Special thanks to Emily Salvette for traveling many miles to assist with the parliamentary procedure. Thank you Emily. Words are not enough!

Goushaw to Keynote National Convention

LPM activist Barbara Goushaw has been selected by the National Committee of the Libertarian Party to be the keynote speaker at the 2000 Convention in June in Anaheim, California. Goushaw received the official word from National Executive Director Steve Dasbach just before the Liberty Fest.

Goushaw stunned the 1998 Convention with her speech, "Handguns are a Girl's Best Friend," an extremely well-written, well-delivered address. She has been a key member of the Success '99 team that has been traveling around the country, training Libertarians.

Barbara organized the Jon Coon US Senatorial campaign in 1994 and has become the party's expert in training campaign managers.

Her selection as keynote speaker is frosting on the cake for those who expect to attend the national convention, always an inspiring event.

* * *

It is nothing short of a miracle that the modern methods of instruction have not entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry.

Albert Einstein, physicist

What it lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do.

Aristotle, philosopher



Affiliate Report

FINAL LPM VOTE TOTALS

Here are unofficial, final Libertarian candidate vote totals for local 1999 elections. Congratulations and THANK YOU to each and every one of our candidates! No victories, but thank you for spreading our wonderful message in the most effective of ways possible. You are our heroes!

Stacy Van Oast, LP State Chair

The Ann Arbor City Ward Slate

- Ward 1: John Hieftje (D) 1090
Charles Goodman (L) 140
- Ward 2: Dee Freiberg (R) 1295
Parma Yarkin (D) 830
Kurt Verhoff (L) 49
- Ward 3: Tim Ralston (R) 284
Heidi Cowing Herrell (D-incumbent) 1451
Gabriel M. Quinnan (L) 125
- Ward 4: Marcia Higgins (R) 1094
Lawrence Kestenbaum (D) 1015
Stephen James Saletta (L) 47
- Ward 5: Michael Maylen (R) 602
Christopher Kolb (D - incumbent) 2186
Garry Conrad Kaluzny (L) 51
Bill Krebaum (Reform) 45

Livonia City Council:

- Al Jalynski - L - 2078
- Maureen Brosnan (I) 9558
- Michael Driscoll 2466
- William Fried 5923
- Joe Laura (I) 7906
- David O'Neil 2240
- John Pastor (I) 7237
- Val Vandersloot (I) 9387

Roseville City Council:

- Rosemary Racchi - L - 1,887 votes - 19%
- John Chirkun (I) 2607
- Harold Haugh (I) 2616
- Richard Steenland (I) 2793

East Detroit Board of Education:

- Diane Barnes - L - 2097
- Corrinne Harper (I) 2293
- Bettie Huebner (I) 1958
- Paul Seibert 2261
- Thomas Gancos 1591

Attention: All Presidential Campaign Committee Volunteers!!!!

-by Barb Goushaw

The first organizational meeting of the 2000 presidential campaign committee of Michigan is finally scheduled! (My apologies to all who have been waiting for me to get this off the ground). When: Wednesday, December 8, 1999, 6:30pm. Where: My house: 19514 West Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI. between Southfield and Evergreen Roads. Call: (248) 355-5058 or e-mail: BGoush@aol.com, if you need better directions.

This will be an organizational meeting, wherein we will develop our plans, strategy, and committee chair assignments. If you want to be a "key player" on this committee, please plan on attending. If you are simply interested in being a volunteer, it's not necessary, (although you are welcome) You will be contacted later with notices of the activities that will be decided at this meeting. If you want to be a "key player" or a coordinator for your area, but are unable to attend, please call me or send me a E-mail response.

Looking forward to seeing you all on December 8th!

TRI-CITY GROUP HAS NEW OFFICERS, MEETING PLACE, DAY, AND TIME

-by Clint Foster, Media Director, TCLP

Newly elected officers:

- Russ Burke, Chair
- Clint Foster, Vice Chair (& media director)
- Jim Fitzpatrick, Secretary
- Dick Jozwiak, Treasurer

The new meeting LOCATION is the Howard Johnson's Restaurant, I-75 @ M-84. The new meeting DAY is: the third Monday of each month, their new meeting TIMES are: 6:30 dinner; 7:30 guest speaker; followed by meeting business. Also the newsletter, the Liberty Lantern, is now a bi-monthly publication (to save costs).



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