



MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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May-June, 2000

Howrylak Elected to Troy Council

Libertarian Martin Howrylak was elected to the Troy City Council in that city's April election, gaining 70% of the vote. He is the second Michigan Libertarian to win a City Council seat, following in the footsteps of Fred Collins of Berkley.

Howrylak won by taking advantage of the Council's recent move to vote itself a big pension plan by campaigning against the Council's greed, calling for the repeal of the plan. The voters agreed, giving him 3,871 votes to 2,288 for his nearest opponent.

The campaign included a large literature drop by Oakland County Libertarian Party with help from the Wayne and Macomb affiliates. Campaign Manager Fred Collins was advisor, organizer and inspiration to Howrylak. Greg Dirasian, Barb Goushaw and many others helped in the campaign.

At the first meeting of the Council after the election, the incumbents joined with Howrylak in repealing the pension plan, producing a double win for liberty.

The wins by Collins and Howrylak could provide an example and an inspiration to other affiliates besides Oakland, which is the home to both winners. Look for a city which has made it's Council vulnerable by greed, or incompetence (there's a lot of both around), find an attractive candidate, get guidance from our previous winners, mobilize the affiliate to focus on the campaign, and go full steam ahead. Nearby affiliates can add manpower.

Who's next?

Van Oast Re-elected, Stability Reigns

Stability was the watchword in the elections of the Libertarian Party of Michigan's Annual Convention on May 20 in Ann Arbor. All of the party's Executive Committee and Judicial Committee member who ran for re-election were returned to office with one exception. Chair Stacy Van Oast, Secretary Keith Edwards and Treasurer Dave Nagy won by acclamation. Diane Barnes was elected Vice Chair in the same manner, replacing Teresa Pollok who chose not to run.

Joining the four officers on the Executive Committee were three incumbents, Nancy O'Brien, Bruce Hoepner and Mark Heil. Two newcomers won, Bill Gelineau and Jim Fitzpatrick, filling a vacancy and the spot vacated by Dan LaFavers. All five were elected on the first ballot over challengers Steve Saletta and Bob Schubring.

The addition of Gelineau of Grandville and Fitzpatrick restores some geographical balance to the Committee.

Jon Coon and Bill Hall were returned to the Judicial Committee and were joined by Jerry Kaufman. The three bested David Raaflaub, incumbent Brett Cashman and Joe Walker.

The new Executive Committee (LEC) met right after the Convention adjourned and set dates for their meetings. The dates are June 4, August 13, October 22, December 3, and February 11, all at the new headquarters. Starting times are 1:00 pm except for the first one which will be at 10:00 am, prior to the official opening of the HQ.

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We encourage the formation of college libertarian clubs. Each school has its own policies and rules for setting up such groups. Check your school's rules (you may need a faculty advisor) and give Greg Stempfle a call.

Affiliates are encouraged to assist in providing support to local college clubs and in establishing new ones. If any of your members have a son or daughter at a local school, you might have them inquire as to whether they would like to start a libertarian club.

From The Chair

A Tribute to Our Affiliates

By Stacy Van Oast

Congratulations to the Oakland County LP, this year's LPM Outstanding Affiliate contest winner. Thank you and congratulations to all of the affiliates that participated in the 3rd annual competition. The future of the Libertarian Party and our pursuit for liberty rely on the strength of our local affiliates.

The Libertarian Party of Michigan is fortunate to have such active, passionate and well-organized affiliates. A few of the more critical responsibilities of our local groups include:

- Providing candidates for public office
- Providing campaign workers and support
- Acting as local watchdogs and political activists
- Recruiting and maintaining LPM members
- Hosting various LPM events (convention, Liberty Fest
- Developing future LP leadership.

While all of these duties are crucial, perhaps the most important is first recruiting and then supporting candidates for public office. After all, without candidates, we would not be a political party. The option we give to voters in the voting booth is what closes the deal; it's what we are all about.

Many affiliates are focusing their efforts on that one thing that is the core of what we do, supporting candidates. There are many ways that affiliates can support active campaigns and help educational campaigns more effective.

Affiliate can help the numerous candidates who would surely put up lawn signs project a professional image of the Party and promote name recognition by establishing a central lawn sign purchasing program. Although affiliate chapters cannot legally pay for a candidate's lawn signs, they can coordinate the purchase of a bulk quantity of signs for several candidates.

Contact local sign companies and ask them if they'd be willing to lay out a sign design, change the candidate's name and office for the different candidates, and then sell them a batch, maybe at a quantity discount. Several candidates may be willing to purchase 25 signs, especially if the pre-negotiated price is reasonable and the leg work is done. Volunteer to do this for your affiliate today!

Affiliates have helped candidates in the past by providing speech-making practice. Invite your candidates to present brief "why I'm running for office" speeches. Help them practice answers to tough questions. This can encourage candidates to participate in debates and feel more confident talking to local voters and media.

Have a survey-answering party. Invite all of your candidates to bring their surveys and work together to come up with positive Libertarian answers.

And finally, set up outreach booths at local fairs and distribute candidate literature. The LPM is providing a template and will individualize candidate literature. Encourage educational candidates to order literature customized just for them.

We'll also have "slate brochures" available shortly after the Presidential candidate is determined at National Convention. These will be available to affiliates for no charge. Pass them around!

Candidates are the most effective way to present the libertarian message to the public. Affiliates are the most effective campaign supporters.

A few ideas have been listed above; please share your own suggestions with other affiliates so we can make this the best campaign year yet!

Thanks again to every one of our candidates that is running for office as a Libertarian this year and to our affiliates and their leaders for serving as the backbone of our quest for freedom. Special thanks go to the fine people who have started new groups. The future of the LP, of electoral success and of freedom depends on you. You are doing a wonderful job. Thank you.

LP HQ Available to Members

By Nancy O'Brien

The LPM Headquarters is available for all members of the Libertarian Party of Michigan in good standing. Any member may use the facility for any Libertarian Party related activity, e.g. meetings, mailings, fundraisers, campaign events, etc. Space will be reserved on a first come first served basis.

We have set up the following rules to insure that the facility will be secure and in good condition for each group who wants to use it.

Every group who wants to use the facility must choose one LPM member to act as "point person" for the event. The point person will act as liaison between the Libertarian Executive Committee and the group he or she represents.

- The point person must agree to be present at the HQ for the entire event.
- If it is necessary for a key to be issued, it will be issued to the point person. The key must be returned within 24 hours after the event.
- The point person is responsible for insuring that the building is locked and secured when everyone has left.
- The point person is responsible for insuring that nothing happens on the premises which disturbs the neighbors or gets us in trouble with the law.
- The point person is responsible for insuring that all areas used during the event are clean after it's over. This includes the kitchen area, bathrooms and parking lot as well as the main area.

The schedule book will be kept at HQ. Call (248) 591-FREE to book time.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make our new headquarters a reality.

"Education is a private matter between the person and the world of knowledge and experience and has little to do with school or college."

Lillian Smith, novelist, educator

Ready For Prime Time?

By Nancy O'Brien

In 1996, the League of Women Voters published the results of their candidate survey in the Metro Times. Despite their usual non-committal stands on the issues, nary a Republican or Democrat passed up this important (not to mention free) opportunity to share their views with the voting public. Alas, the same could not be said of many of the Libertarian candidates.

More than half of the Libertarian candidates surveyed did not respond, including those running for some of our top statewide offices. We looked less like a serious political alternative and more like the Not Ready for Prime Time Players.

Filling out the major candidate surveys is the absolute minimum one should be prepared to do when running for office. If you don't have the time or inclination to fill out surveys from small, minimally influential groups, skip them. You needn't waste your time filling out surveys from groups like Handguns, Inc. who are hopelessly biased against our position unless you really want to. But the League of Women Voters, the ACLU, and the newspapers especially the major dailies are a must. If you have the time, any survey you receive from a group whose views we share should be filled out as well, even if they don't have a large following.

If you don't know how to answer the questions, any long time party members whose judgement you trust will almost certainly be glad to assist you. And if you honestly don't have time to fill out the important surveys, please don't ignore them. Send them to me, Nancy O'Brien, 17015 Cicotte, Allen Park, MI 48101. I will fill them out for you.

"When your feet are so tired that you have to shuffle back to the center of the ring, fight one more round. When your arms are so tired that you can hardly lift your hands to come on guard, fight one more round. The man who always fights one more round is never whipped." James J. Corbett, boxing champion

State Convention Sets Records

Record attendance and a largely one-day business session were the features of the Libertarian Party of Michigan's 2000 Convention, with 132 registered LPM members, four Presidential contenders, two Vice Presidential aspirants, guests and speakers. The event covered the weekend of May 19-21 at the Best Western Executive Inn in Ann Arbor.

In addition to the By-laws and Platform Committees meetings on Friday, the caucuses and business meetings on Saturday and the filling of statewide education slots on Sunday, the Convention featured a political trivia contest by Brett Cashman at Friday night's party, a Presidential debate at the Banquet Saturday night, a Vice Presidential debate at Sunday Brunch and Barb Goushaw's candidate training session.

Saturday's business session began with a keynote address by Michael Cloud who said that the patriots in 1776 did not see themselves as heroes, but as ordinary people fighting for freedom. Yet they were heroes even if they did not know it. Cloud said that today's Libertarian freedom fighters are also heroes even if they don't think of themselves in such terms. He stressed that personal responsibility is the price of freedom and that government has grown by assuming the responsibility that people have willingly surrendered. Our surrender of authority leads to a surrender of choice.

At lunch Saturday, Dr. Samuel Stanley of Reason Public Policy Institute spoke on "Urban Sprawl" and deflated its mythology with startling statistics with a slide display.

On Sunday, Professor Richard Ebeling of Hillsdale College fired us up with a challenge that this is NOT a free society by listing many of the ways we are not free. His topic of "Private Sector Solutions to Social Problems" cited the example of the Free Societies in 19th Century Britain that provided insurance and services that were available to poor people.

Several classes were also offered and well attended. Introduction to Libertarianism by Keith Edwards, who closed by stressing that we cannot just bemoan our

fate, but must be optimistic by exercising personal responsibility in creating change; Jon Coon spoke on Gun Control, Brett Cashman spoke on Environmental Protection, Dr. Anna Ebeling on Affirmative Action, and Diane Barnes on Education Reform. National LP Campus Outreach Co-ordinator Jim Lark held a student Libertarian meeting.

The debates featured Presidential nomination contenders Harry Browne, Don Gorman and Barry Hess and Vice Presidential aspirants Ken Krawchuk and Art Olivier. There were no clear winners, but all made excellent points.

Libertarians also partied (big surprise) deep into the night with those gentlemen after the banquet with debates, reminiscences, good humor and fellowship. Yet all us (well, most of us) were bright eyed and enthusiastic in the morning for the business at hand.

One feature in the atrium near our registration desk was the big Statue of Liberty created by Bill Bradley and the Van Buren County Libertarians. You may remember the picture of it in this publication at the July 4 celebrations last year. Well, that picture did not do the statue justice. It's a beautiful thing and one sort of gets choked up just looking at it.

At the Banquet, rookie fundraiser Greg Dirasian tried to raise money for the Ballot Access Retention Committee. Some rookie! All he did was raise \$10,000. Just wait until he gets good at it! Ben Bachrach and Michael Cloud helped a bit at the end, but Greg did most of it on his own.

The record attendance seems mainly the result of a big advertising campaign, the promise of mercifully crisp business sessions and the attractive collection of speakers. Nearly half those present were at their first state convention reflecting our growth in the last two years.

Washtenaw County LP did a fine job in hosting the event and the hero was Emily Salvette, who conceived, organized and oversaw the entire show with her usual unflappable class. Nancy O'Brien ran the "war room" processing candidate paperwork with skill and patience (how does she do that?) If you weren't there, you have our sympathy, but there's always next year!

Convention 2000 Minutes

The Convention was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Ann Arbor, May 20, 2000, by Chair Stacy Van Oast. Credentials report was given by Ben Bachrach. There were 113 registered members (126 in the afternoon session, 132 on Sunday, May 21.) Convention rules and agenda were adopted.

Congressional District, House District, and County Caucuses were held and nominations made. Michael Corliss was nominated for the US Senate.

Presidential Electors were elected. Recess at 11:45.

Call to order at 2:00. Three new affiliates were approved: Clare-Gladwin, Kalamazoo and Ottawa.

One by-law change: Motion by Brian Kluesner, second by Bill Gelineau: "Article VIII, Section 4, Sentence 1: change the word "ballot" to "vote"; in sentence 2, change the word "ballot" to "vote"; Article VIII, Section 5, change the word "ballots" to "voting"; Article VIII, Section 6, sentence 2, change the word "balloting" to "voting."

There were 10 Platform changes.

Article I, Section 6: the words "non-tax resources" were replaced by "immediate funding."

Article I, Section 4: now reads, "We fully support, endorse and reaffirm the constitutional right of all Michigan residents to form militias, organized and unorganized. Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and others."

Article I, Section 11 on Sunset Laws was repealed as confusing.

Article II, Section 3, sentence 2: now reads, "We further propose that in the event that None of the Above receives a plurality of votes in any election, a new election for that office shall be held for which none of the losing candidates shall be eligible."

Article II, Section 5: now reads, "We call for extending the time during which voters may circulate any petition to at least two years."

Article IV, Section 5 (new): "We believe that young people are not inherently criminal and we call for the repeal of curfew laws."

Article V, Section 1: now reads, "Recognizing that government should confine itself to protecting individuals from aggression, coercion or deceit by others, we oppose all laws and regulations which attempt to protect individuals from themselves."

Article VI, Section 3: Delete the words "Medicare Tax, and FICA Tax" as not being state issues.

Article VII, Section 2: Insert a comma after "job creation" programs and the word "or" after "community enhancement" programs.

Article IX, Section 7 (new): We call for the elimination of the authority of school districts to call special elections and demand that all votes relevant to school operations, including millage proposals, bond issues and school board elections, be placed only on the regular, biannual ballot.

Election of officers: By acclamation, Stacy Van Oast was elected Chair; Diane Barnes, Vice Chair; Keith Edwards, Secretary; David Nagy, Treasurer. Seven were nominated for the five At-large positions on the Executive Committee:

Bill Gelineau	68	Elected
Nancy O'Brien	63	"
Jim Fitzpatrick	55	"
Bruce Hoepner	53	"
Mark Heil	52	"
Stephen Saletta	50	
Bob Schubring	22	

Judicial Committee (three elected.)

Bill Hall	56
Jon Coon	53
Jerry Kaufman	38
David Raaflaub	24
Brett Cashman	17
Joe Walker	15

Delegates and alternates to the National Convention were elected. See page 10 for the list.

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Some states will have *extra power.* Will yours?



You decide.

A the upcoming 2000 National Convention, the typical LP state affiliate expects to send only about two-thirds of the delegates allocated to it.

So states that send a *full* delegation will have more convention clout.

Who decides which states will have that *extra* influence to select the LP presidential candidate, change the platform, or vote for new LP leadership?

You do — if you're a delegate at the National Convention (Anaheim, CA, June 29-July 3, 2000).

By signing up to be a delegate, you have the power to help fill your state's allocation — and give your state *more clout*.

Remember: You decide. But *only* if you are at the 2000 Libertarian National Convention. Register today!



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Michigan Delegates to 2000 National Convention

The following members of the Libertarian Party of Michigan were elected Delegates or Alternate Delegates to the National Convention of the Libertarian Party at the State Convention. The National Convention will be held in Anaheim, California June 29-July 3, 2000.

The LPM is entitled to 72 Delegates and up to 50 Alternates, so we have plenty of room to add more. Under our delegate rules, the State Chair may appoint other LPM members to act as delegates or alternates or to appoint alternates to act as delegates.

If you would like to be a Delegate or Alternate to the National Convention, please call Keith Edwards at (810) 777-7468 or email him at Keithmarni@aol.com .

DELEGATES:

Jon Addiss
Ben Bachrach
Drew Bachrach
Diane Barnes
Cynthia Black
Michael Brinkman
Robert Broda
David Collver
Fred Collins
Greg Dirasian
Keith Edwards (Platform)
Richard Friend
Richard Gach
Barbara Goushaw
William Hall
Carmella Hamilton
Nick Hamilton
Mark Heil
Bruce Hoepner
James Hudler
Thomas Jones
Richard Jozwiak
Rosemarie Jozwiak
Edward Karpinski
Joann Karpinski

Jerry Kaufman
Daniel LaFavers
Trish Marie
James McAbee
Michael Miller
James Montgomery
David Nagy (Credentials)
Nancy O'Brien
Timothy O'Brien (Platform)
Rosemary Racchi
Stephen Saletta
Emily Salvette
Paul Salvette
Bruce Smith
Ben Steele III
Violet Steele
Darius Thomson
Albert Titran
Robert Van Oast
Stacy Van Oast (Delegation Chair)
Brian Wright
Total 46

ALTERNATES:

Scott Boman
Pamela Collins
Bernice Gach
Andrew Hall
Vicki Hall
Jamie Lewis
David Raaflaub

Total 7

The National Convention will select the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees of the Libertarian Party. It will also determine the Platform and By-laws of the Party and select the new Libertarian National Committee. There will be top speakers, Reception Party, Banquet, entertainment, vendors, lots of libertarian celebrities, workshops, panels and parties. You will be informed, consulted, entertained and above all, inspired by this event! I always come back feeling ten feet off the ground! See page 7 to sign up for the Convention and contact me to be a delegate.

Keith Edwards

R.I.P. Anna McAbee

Anna McAbee, a longtime member of Libertarians of Macomb County, died of Cancer on Friday, March 17, 2000. She was diagnosed with the disease early in 1999, but surgery was not able to arrest it.

Her funeral was held at the Swanson Funeral Home on East Grand Blvd. in Detroit on March 27. Several members of the LPM attended and Stacy Van Oast spoke at the Eulogy.

Anna and Jim McAbee have been active Libertarians for nearly two decades and we have known them to be two of the nicest people in the Party. We wish Jim the very best. He is already active again, helping to get our new Headquarters ready.

K.E.

Karpinski, Heil and Nagy Recovering

By Stacy Van Oast and Keith Edwards

Wayne County LP Chair Joann Karpinski has been released from the hospital after chemo-therapy treatments for leukemia. She entered the hospital just two days after diagnosis in April and her doctors are very pleased with the results. She will have further treatment, but is already back in action.

Libertarian Executive Committee member Mark Heil has been through total hell recently with kidney stones. Despite the pain and complications, he continues his many State and Macomb County LP functions. He is Membership Chair at both levels, Macomb newsletter editor and webmaster extraordinaire.

LPM Treasurer Dave Nagy suffered a heart attack on May 13 and underwent triple bypass surgery May 15. He has been up, walking around and in his usual good spirits, advising on Party business. He had a heart attack several years ago and was doing Party work in his hospital bed. He was re-elected at the Convention and showed up briefly to complete his State Rep paperwork. What a guy!

Joann and Mark attended the Convention on Saturday and Sunday, both in good spirits. Mark had had another stent implanted that Friday afternoon!

Apparently it takes more than leukemia, kidney stones and a heart attack to keep a good Libertarian down. Best wishes to all three.

Letter to the Editor

I'm writing to urge your readers to join me in supporting Jim Lark for LP National Chairman. I've had the pleasure of serving on the Libertarian National Committee during the years Jim joined the Committee. He has shown a keen sense of balance and fairness in dealing with the many contentious issues facing the National Party. I have been so impressed with his abilities that I asked to serve him as his campaign manager.

I also want to thank all your readers for the honor of serving as your Regional Representative to the Libertarian National Committee for the past four years. Our Region 3 State parties have a well-earned reputation for excellence around the country. It has been a pleasure for me to build upon that.

I look forward to assisting our next Regional Representative in their new job. I know that with Jim Lark as Chairman and our next Regional Representative at his side, the Libertarian Party will do well. They will enhance the Party growth and professionalism that has made all of us so proud to be Libertarians in the year 2000.

Sincerely,
Ken Bisson.






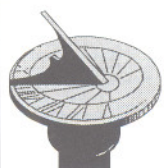
"The important thing is to learn a lesson every time you lose. Life is a learning process and you have to try to learn what's best for you. . . Life is not fun when you're banging your head against a brick wall all the time."

John McEnroe, tennis champion

Liberty Calendar

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11 South Central: : Filmore's Rest., 1/2 W of M-99, 7PM Livingston: Mexican Jones Rest. 675 Grand River, Brighton, 6:30PM	12 S. Central Livingston	13 Lapeer & Genessee Whitey's Rest. 1 mile N of I-96 Davidson, 7:30PM	14 Macomb Miles World Rest. 17689 Masonic, Fraser 6:00	15 Mid-Mich; Western Mid-Mich: La Senorita, 2706 Lake Lansing Rd. 7PM Western: Brann's Leonard & 131 Grand Rapids 7:30	16 Mid-West	17 Kounty Kitchen, 1920 N. Mitchell Cadillac, 7PM
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25	26 Ballot Access meets at Barb Goushaw's, 19514 W 9 Mile Rd, Southfield 7P	27 Ottawa Yellow Jacket Inn, 12011 Lake Mich Dr. & 120th, 7 PM	28 Oakland Sila's, 4033 W. 12 Mile, Berkley, 6:30	29 Washtenaw Dominick's 812 Monroe St. Ann Arbor, 7:30 every Thursday	30	1 NATIONAL CONVENTION
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Motion to instruct the Executive Committee to publish in the Michigan Libertarian newsletter (at least 30 days prior to adoption) the proposed budget for 2000-2001, together with the completed financial report for 1999-2000. Passed.

Recess at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 21, but recessed at 9:30 for lack of quorum. Called to order at 11:00. Nominations for the statewide education offices were made.

State Board of Education

Diane Barnes

Jon Coon

University of Michigan Board of Regents

Tim Maul

Marvin Surowitz

Michigan State University Board of Trustees

Michael Miller

Violet Steele

Wayne State University Board of Governors

Scott Boman

Thomas Jones

Convention adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Presidential Electors

(Chosen in Convention)

Bruce Smith

Brian Kluesner

Bill Gelineau

Ron Ottenweiss

Richard Jozwiak

Bill Bradley

Albert McCallum

Leonard Schwartz

Malcolm Johnson

Stacy Van Oast

Bob Schubring

David Collver

James Montgomery

Thomas Jones

Nick Hamilton
David Westerhof
Jamie Lewis
Greg Willis

LPM Nominates 111 for Public Office

The Libertarian Party of Michigan has nominated 111 candidates for the general election in November. This will be a record year for the LPM in placing names on the ballot, for there will be several additions for local offices in non-partisan races. The entire list will be published here in the next two issues.

This achievement is the result of increased efficiency of the affiliates in response to the new program set up by Nancy O'Brien in which the local affiliates have the primary responsibility for recruiting and processing paperwork. Most affiliates responded well. Those that did not are aware of the deficiency and should do better next time.

Processing of paperwork and notification of the state and various counties has been a real headache in the past and was not perfect this time, but the improvement is striking. Thanks again to Nancy for doing a terrific job.

LPM Membership Remains Stable

Membership in the Libertarian Party has stabilized in recent months and the April 30 total was 1,609. We rank as the fourth largest LP in the country, just 38 behind third place Texas. With the attention being paid to candidate recruiting and the Convention, we've not increased membership in 2000. We do need to step up our efforts to bring others into the party.

Former LP Member Appointed to FEC

On May 26 the US Senate confirmed the nomination of Brad Smith to one of the six seats on the Federal Election Commission. He is a former dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party of Ohio, a law professor, and a possible libertarian voice on campaign finance matters. He holds a Republican seat.

Affiliate News

Traverse Bay Tax Protest

By Jerry Coon and Jim Anderson

On Saturday, April 15, the Traverse Bay LP started what will be our annual tax day protest. We had five members at the Traverse City Post Office handing out our regular dum dum suckers with our own custom sticker that had on one side "IRS Dumb Dumb Sucker" and on the other side "Stop the Nonsense, Vote Libertarian" with our local phone number. The vast majority of people were receptive and nearly everyone laughed and got the joke that we are all dumb, dumb tax suckers for creating the government we have.

Prior to the event, Jim Anderson contacted the local TV and print media. Thanks to him, Jerry Coon was able to do an interview with news channels 4 and 7 which was shown on the 6:00 news. We managed to get the Libertarian Party mentioned twice and 7 and 4 even mentioned the "tax suckers" on the air.

On April 17, we had members at the drive-through post offices handing out the remainder of our suckers to all the last minute taxpayers.

The total cost for the event including 500 suckers, label and signs? About \$30, and time from a few dedicated members. All in all, this has been a very successful event and I encourage other affiliates to do the same next year.

Traverse Bay Libertarians meet the third Thursday of the month at Sleders Tavern, 717 Randolph Street, Traverse City at 6:00 PM for the Board meeting which is open to all. There general meeting starts at 7:00. Great meetings, great food, great drinks and you can "smooch the moose!" How much excitement can you stand on a Thursday night. Stop by sometime.

"The power to tax is the power to destroy . . . the authority to impose a tax upon the people must be carefully guarded. It condemns the citizen to servitude."

President Calvin Coolidge, 1928

Clare-Gladwin LP Formed

By Ghazey Aleck

The Clare-Gladwin Libertarian Party Affiliate was formed on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at Mid-Michigan Community College. Twenty people attended. The first meeting found the attendees very enthusiastic and ready to wage political battle.

Besides setting up a local bank account, attendees are already recruiting more members and potential candidates. It was a consensus among the attendees that the time is ripe for third party candidates in Michigan and in mid-Michigan in particular. Everyone agreed that the "wasted vote" went to the two major parties who continue to tread all over our rights and that there is a silent anger among the electorate as to what to do.

"Vote Libertarian to make your vote really count" was the theme for the first meeting.

The new affiliate will meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Mid-Michigan Community College.

The affiliate received official recognition at the State Convention.

News Note

Investor's Business Daily reported that nearly one in five young men are not registering for the draft. Compliance with the requirement has dropped from 93% in 1990 to 83%. Texas was lowest at 77% and California was at 79%. New Hampshire was highest at 95%. The Selective Slavery (Oops, Service) Administration said it was ignorance, not resistance that caused the drop. I guess ignorance can be bliss, after all.

K.E.

"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

Admiral Hyman Rickover,
Father of the nuclear submarine

Minutes of LEC Meeting

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☐ Join the LPM Pledge Program

Name: _____

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Email: _____

☐ \$35 Tri-Level - National, Michigan, and County _____

☐ \$25 Only National and Michigan

☐ \$25 I want to learn more before I join,
please send National and Michigan Newsletters for one year

☐ \$ _____ additional donation for the operating fund

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\$ _____

☐ Send a reminder each month

☐ Charge my credit card

Your annual Tri-level dues will be automatically
renewed as long as you remain in the Pledge Program

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Applicants for membership must indicate concurrence with the following statement by signing below:

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Signature: _____

What does the above statement mean? We ask our members to disavow the initiation of force. This does not mean that you cannot defend yourself; you have the right to defend your life, liberty and property. This commitment provides us with a core value to judge our political and personal actions to determine if we stay true to our common goal: a society where all relationships are based on voluntary cooperation.

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