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Candidates!

The upcoming March 23-24 NJLP Convention will be an exciting event because Lou Jasikoff's "Operation Full-Slate 2007" is bearing fruit. Lou has found candidates from all over the state and encouraged them to run as NJLP candidates for state office (State Senate and Assembly) this year. Some have never run for political office before, but all are highly motivated to stand up and battle for liberty. This issue of the *New Jersey Libertarian* will highlight some of the enthusiastic and energetic freedom fighters Lou has recruited.

Sean Christopher Colón – Assembly, 22nd District

I am 23 years old and am of Puerto Rican and Irish descent. I was born in Paterson, NJ and raised in West Orange until I went to college at the age of 18. I have a BA in International Relations from Tufts University and graduated from US Army Airborne School. After college I moved back to West Orange and I now reside in Scotch Plains. I am Director of Business Development at Allied Old English Inc., a food manufacturing and brand management company in Port Reading, NJ.



I am running for Assembly as a Libertarian for many reasons: 1) I am tired of the two party political system that has been maintained and promoted by gerrymandering and the "good ole boys" environment in Trenton and Capitol Hill. 2) I am socially liberal in the sense that I believe people should be free to do whatever they wish as long as they are not infringing on the rights of others. 3) I am fiscally conservative, because I believe that all nonessential government programs should be cut to allow for a much smaller budget and much lower taxes. 4) My personal and political beliefs are most closely aligned with those of the Libertarian Party and I am tired of having to choose between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, whichever candidate being the lesser of two evils.

Derek DeMarco – Assembly, 40th District

I am twenty seven years old, born and raised in Wayne, where I currently reside. I am a Pennsylvania State University graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with a concentration in Entrepreneurship.

I am running as a Libertarian for the office of Assemblyman because I believe in the principles of small government and change will not come from the Democrats or Republicans. The ten day State shutdown in July 2006 shows the spending problem within the State budget and highlighted the importance of a strong Constitution to protect the people from an out of control government. I was happy to see that the State acknowledged the Constitution then and followed what was written, because the State has disregarded so many other Constitutional aspects. Unfortunately, the "resolution" of the shutdown was a billion dollar tax hike!

The issue of property is at a crossroad in New Jersey. Property taxes are the highest in the nation. Eminent domain abuse seems relevant with the Highlands Act, because the state does not have the budget to purchase the land, so they seize it. The smoking ban now extended to the casinos and race tracks also violates a property right. If you own a business you should be free to choose smoking in your establishment. These are just a few of the issues that have convinced me to run for State Assembly in New Jersey's 40th district.

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Alex Kachmar – Assembly, 34th District

Alex is a 25 year old Senior Analyst with a Master of Science in Management from NJIT and a Bachelor of Science in International Business from Boston University. Why is he running as a Libertarian? Here is what Alex says: "I have a strong economic libertarian viewpoint and believe in free markets with limited to no governmental regulations. I think income taxes and capital gains/dividend taxes should be abolished both at the state and federal levels, and I am against legislation that dictates how business owners run their businesses, e.g., I strongly oppose the recent legislation that mandates that NJ bars/restaurants must be smoke-free. In terms of social issues, I agree with the Libertarian Party on ending drug prohibition, plus it wastes taxpayer dollars, which no real conservative should tolerate."

Alex had been active with Massachusetts LP and their income tax repeal initiative, and he looks forward to NJLP activism. He currently resides in Montclair.

Ken Chazotte, Senate, 12th District

Retiring NJLP State Chair Ken Chazotte has accepted Lou Jasikoff's charge to lead the 12th District (Monmouth County) NJLP challenge. Ken will run for State Senate and he is recruiting two more Libertarians to fill the ticket.

Emerson Ellett and John Taylor, 11th District

Dr. John Taylor an **elected** member of the Highlands School Board and Emerson Ellett, the 1980 NJLP candidate for U.S. Senate, both volunteered to run for state legislature in the 11th District.



Emerson says, "I'm running because the people of NJ are being taxed out of their homes. They're being bankrupt by runaway spending, in particular on the *de facto* monopoly school system. The state constitution calls for 'thorough and efficient' education. Some school districts allegedly are graduating functional illiterates, which is not 'thorough,' at an exorbitant cost, which is not 'efficient.' In any event school spending is out of control. Clearly we need an alternative to the current system, which I believe can only be provided by competition. That will be my message to voters."

Jeff Hetrick – Assembly, 21st District

When asked why he was running, Jeff replied:



"A quick look at what is happening in New Jersey, and nearly anyone can see the rampant expansion of government, waste, corruption and ever more increasing infringement onto people's personal choices. My goal in running for NJ Legislature as a Libertarian is intended at a minimum to increase people's awareness to these and other dilemmas, and to show that there are options for reducing government spending, lowering

taxes and giving people back the choices that the government has already made for them."

Darren Young – Senate, 21st District

Darren Young is 46 years old and has been a member of the LP since 1995. He ran for Congress in four elections and debated Bob Franks in 1998 and Mike Ferguson on live TV in both 2002 & 2006 plus had appearances on Comcast Newsmakers. He has a math degree from Rutgers College and has been a software developer for 24 years working for FMI in Carteret. He lives in Summit with his wife Jane, and they have two children.



Dolores Makrogiannis – Assembly, 21st District

Dolores has a BA in humanities from Thomas Edison College and works as a Documentation/Administrative Specialist for Kytogenics Pharmaceuticals in Chatham

She's been an LP member since 1997 when she helped with the Murray Sabrin for Governor campaign. She lives in Scotch Plains.

"As long as the NJ GOP does not articulate the principles of limited government, free enterprise, fiscal restraint, nonprofitization and deregulation, they will be a shrinking minority party"

- Murray Sabrin, November 9, 2006

40th District – Full Slate!

Lou Jasikoff is pleased to announce that the 40th Legislative District has a full slate of candidates: Tom Wright for Senate, Derek DeMarco and Paul Tahan for Assembly. District 40 lies along New Jersey's northern border and contains the municipalities of Franklin Lakes, Mahwah, Midland Park, Oakland, Ridgewood, and Wyckoff in Bergen County; Cedar Grove and Verona in Essex County; and Little Falls, Ringwood, Wanaque and Wayne in Passaic County. A full slate gives our candidates a more prominent ballot position plus the candidates can petition for each other easily.

21st District Has Full Slate, Too

Darren Young leads the slate for Senate with Dolores Makrogiannis and Jeff Hetrick running for Assembly. District 21 contains the Union County municipalities of Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit, and Westfield; Millburn in Essex County; Chatham, Harding, Long Hill, and Madison in Morris County; and the Somerset County towns of Warren and Watchung.

Party Elections at NJLP Convention

You can help your party and our candidates by coming to the convention and running for party office during the business meeting. Election of 2007 party officers and At-large Members of the Steering Committee precedes the selection and approval of NJLP candidates for office. Next the County Caucuses are held (see convention agenda on page 5). At this county meeting Representatives to the State Board and county officers are chosen.

The following chart gives the current party leadership right before this month's state convention. If you are interested in a party position, feel free to contact anyone on the list to learn about it.

What you can do depends on your interest. If you prefer local activism then the county organization is where to go. Are you fired up and ready to work statewide? Then seek a spot on the Steering Committee and help with its monthly meetings. In between? Consider serving as a county representative to the State Board which requires that you attend four meetings per year.

NJLP State Board (March 1, 2007)

Steering Committee

State Chair	Ken Chazotte	732-713-4366	chair@njlp.org
Vice Chair	Richard Jay Edgar	609-758-0975	vicechair@njlp.org
Secretary	Emerson Ellett	732 774 3684	secretary@njlp.org
Treasurer	Lou Stefanelli	732-450-0270	treasurer@njlp.org
Member-at-large	Mark Preston	609 562 4288	atlarge1@njlp.org
Member-at-large	Ray Cragle	609 426 0837	atlarge2@njlp.org
Member-at-large	VACANT		atlarge3@njlp.org
Member-at-large by petition	Len Flynn	732-591-1328	atlarge4@njlp.org
Member-at-large by petition	Robert Hull	603 523 9866	atlarge5@njlp.org

County Representatives:

Middlesex	Frank Warren	908-756-1681	kb4cyc@webwarren.com
Mercer	Peggy Hunsicker	609-883-5893	fuzzyfactor@yahoo.com
Essex	Alex Kachmar	973-979-1329	alexkachmar@hotmail.com
Passaic	Derek DeMarco		mopman312@cs.com
Union	Jeff Hetrick	973-239-6633	jkhl602@yahoo.com
Bergen	Joseph Dunsay	202-676-3006	cjdunsay@yahoo.com

County Officers Chosen in February 2006:

Mercer County: William Hunsicker, Chair; David Trend Vice Chair, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer; and Ray Cragle, Recording Secretary.

Middlesex/Somerset LP: Frank Warren, Vice Chair; Howard Schoen, Treasurer; and John Paff, Secretary.

Monmouth/Ocean County LP: Emerson Ellett, Chair; Jay Edgar, Secretary; and Ginny Flynn, Treasurer.

Paff in Edgewater and Kenilworth

Paff stops Edgewater censorship

Edgewater's Borough Council seats have typically been populated by staunch members of the Democratic Party. A few years ago, however, a slate of self-described "watchdog" candidates ran and some of them were elected. The "watchdog" website is at: <http://www.edgewaterunited.com/bio.html> .

The presence of dissenting voices was displeasing to the Democratic majority of the council. So on February 20, 2007, the Council planned to formally introduce an ordinance to amend the council's bylaws and rules of procedure to include "measures that would reduce disruptive behavior ... and to promote the orderly conduct of business." The "watchdogs," however, saw it very differently. On councilwoman posted the following colorful comment "tell this totalitarian, un-democratic, decidedly un-American group of imposters what you really think ... My attorney looked at the [ordinance] and remarked, 'Who runs your town, the Taliban?'"

John Paff entered the fray by posting this critique:

I am not a resident of Edgewater, but serve as the "Open Government Advocate" of the New Jersey Libertarian Party. I am troubled by changes that Ord. 1360-2007 seeks to make to Borough Council's bylaws. ...

Roberts Rules of Order is a time-tested system that carefully balances the majority's desire to expeditiously advance its agenda against the minority's right to dissent and to have their voices meaningfully heard. The proposed amendments, however, disrupt this delicate balance.

According to the proposal, for example, no member of the council is allowed to interrupt another member while speaking, under threat of being "called to order" by the mayor and possibly being removed by the sergeant at arms. But Roberts Rules of Order expressly authorizes certain instances when a speaker may be interrupted, such as calling for the orders of the day, raising a point of order or objecting to the consideration of a question.

Since the council bylaws supersede Roberts, these bylaws, in effect, prohibit these motions being used in a manner that Roberts finds appropriate. Since raising a point of order or calling for the orders of the day are motions typically employed by members of the minority, limiting the use of these motions will trample on the minority's rights most heavily.

So what happened? On Tuesday, February 20 the Council "tabled" its proposed ordinance 6 to 0. So, the "watchdogs" won, at least temporarily. John and open government are on top in Edgewater!

Secret police settlement uncovered in Kenilworth

John wins a big disclosure by his efforts in Kenilworth. Here is how writers from the *Star-Ledger* on February 11 and the *Union Leader* on Feb 6, 2007 described John's triumph.

A lawsuit brought against the Kenilworth chief of police and borough council by a police sergeant, who alleged discrimination because he is Italian-American, was settled out of court in an agreement that includes \$70,000 and lifetime family medical coverage. This agreement, which was intended to be kept from public view, was discovered by chance through the efforts of John Paff of the Libertarian Party.

Paff has run a dogged campaign to expose violations of the Open Public Records Act by public officials in New Jersey. On July 19, 2006 he made a request to the borough for records of public meetings, including minutes of a work session, resolutions by the Borough Council to go into closed sessions and minutes from some of the closed sessions. In response, the borough provided information that, according to Paff, largely failed to meet his request. The only information that met his request included minutes from one closed session, with some parts redacted.

Paff considered that a denial of his request and filed a complaint on Aug. 11, 2006 with the New Jersey Government Records Council demanding that the borough be declared in violation of OPRA laws, and be asked to grant him access to the requested records and a disclosure of the unredacted minutes of the meeting. The parties subsequently signed a mediation settlement agreement in September in which the borough was required to provide the requested information.

Thereafter, the borough wrote to Paff stating that the requested resolutions were not available because only a voice motion was required to go into closed sessions. The borough also explained that redactions were made in the minutes of one of the closed sessions to avoid violation of a confidential provision in a settlement agreement that arose from a litigation.

Paff then asked for the settlement agreement, which, after some back-and-forth arguing, was released to Paff on Jan. 19. "It was a battle for six months to get it," said Paff. "There are several layers of secrecy here."

Paff's initial intention in requesting the information was to see whether the Borough Council complied with OPRA requirements with regard to closed sessions. After seeing the redaction, Paff requested an explanation, which ultimately revealed to him the nature of what was involved. "This can be an abuse of executive sessions, keeping the public completely in the dark," he said. "To me, it's not about this case but about people knowing what their officials are doing."

Clifton Next for Paff?

In Clifton John wrote to Clifton Mayor James Anzaldi complaining that City Council's closed session minutes are so lacking as to violate the law. John says, "I'm trying to open this city up, little by little. In August, I succeeded in getting them to agree to provide more information in their executive session resolutions." John's Feb. 20, 2007 letter is posted online at <http://www.lpcnj.org/OGTF/CliftonMayor.pdf>.

Report of N.J. Libertarian Party Steering Committee Meeting on February 11, 2007



Lou Jasikoff gestures at 2-11-07 Steering Comm. meeting.
L-R, Ray Cragle, Lou, Mark Preston

The meeting opened at 1:11 PM. Steering Committee members present were Ken Chazotte, Jay Edgar, Len Flynn, Mark Preston, Ray Cragle and Lou Jasikoff (substitute for Bob Hull). Absent were Secretary Emerson Ellett and Treasurer Lou Stefanelli. Also present was Ray Babecki. Vice-chair Jay Edgar took the meeting minutes.

Chair report: Ken is not intending on running for Chair again. Various people have expressed interest in running for different offices. Nominations will be made at the convention. Shortly after the convention the outgoing Steering Committee needs to set up a transition process to be completed by April.

Convention: Planning and setup is complete. Website is working, and has been announced on activists. See http://njlp.org/convention/conv_res.php. We now need to get the word out to our members.

Project Full Slate: Lou announced that we already have a number (20+) of new people that want to run. He is meeting

with them and talking to each of them to determine their suitability.

Newsletter: Newsletter has been produced by Len. There are some kinks in the newsletter process that need to be worked out. Jay Boucher will be back on Wednesday. He will be printing it and then we will merge it with the platform for mailing.

Brochure: Ray Cragle is reworking an NJLP brochure. The group reviewed a proposal for a new brochure. Minor changes were made—adding an email address to the flyer, removing the phone number, and adding the website. Jay made a motion to expend up to \$400 for printing of the flyer, seconded by Ray. Passed unanimously.

Agenda for Convention was discussed – see below for draft agenda.

Announcements: Third Point of View taping is on February 24th.

The Steering Committee adjourned its meeting at 2:39 PM.

NJLP Convention Tentative Meeting Agenda

Note: Meeting will start promptly at 9:00 AM

- Call to order and quorum check
- Agenda review and approval
- Chair report
- Vice chair report
- Secretary's report including minutes of prior meeting
- Treasurer's report and presentation of budget
- Unfinished Business:
 - Platform update approval
 - Bylaws changes
- New business:
 - Election of new officers
 - Nomination of candidates
- County caucuses
- County committee reports
- Member recognition
- Announcements
- Future meetings
- Adjournment



NNJLP members celebrate Purim (the right of self-defense) on March 4th:
Joseph Dunsay, Sean Colón, Dan Karlan, and Alex Kachmar





NNJLP meeting 3.4/07; Clockwise from top, Sean Colón, Kara Ross, Ben Jestiss, Jessica Burde, Joseph Dunsay, Alex Kachmar, and Dan Karlan

statewide candidates on the ballot many years ago. Don is a casualty of the Drug War.

Employee Free Choice Act

By Calvin C. Beatty

The Employee Free Choice Act is all about empowering unions at the expense of worker choice. The bill will enable unions to assert enormous power that without this proposed legislation they otherwise would be unable to achieve. The card-check system is a powerful tool in the hands of a union seeking to gain company representation. It opens the door to worker intimidation by allowing union representatives to twist the arms of those who did not sign the card. What's worse is that the card-check system will make decertification of the union all but impossible. And, of course, the present secret ballot election allowing anonymous choice by workers will be terminated.

Union representation has been declining for 50 years because workers have rejected the heavy hand of unionism, and also because improved worker skills and technology have made union benefits a backward-looking approach to job satisfaction, higher wages and upward mobility. In addition, workers have no voice in union dues spent for political purposes. This is the equivalent of taxation without representation, which effectively characterizes unions as authoritarian organizations.

Big Labor is in a box today, and their leaders know it. Only through the misnamed Employee Free Choice Act can they expect to regain share in the 140 million work force market. Consistent with liberal orthodoxy, this requires the use of force rather than choice in order to meet their objectives and which in turn will serve to create further distortions in our economy.

Calvin is a long time NJLP member who lives in Short Hills.

From the First Issue

Volume I number 1 of the NJLP's monthly newsletter *Premise* was dated November 1972 and it announced the formation of the NJLP on October 6, 1972. The new party's first action was to endorse the national LP ticket of John Hospers for President and Toni Nathan for Vice President. Yearly membership dues were set at \$7.50.

The first article read "Freedom Revived in N.J." with the founding of the party. In addition to the Hospers/Nathan endorsement, *Premise* contained an article condemning a \$659 million transportation bond issue and urging "Vote an emphatic, indignant NO on the transportation bond issue." Finally, NJLP Chairperson Robert Steiner extended "an invitation to join us." His invitation concluded: "Hop aboard the only freedom train which is still running in the United States—the Libertarian Party."

It's been 35 years and the freedom train is still running!

Reaching Out for Liberty

By incarcerated long time libertarian Don Meinshausen

Outreach is the most rewarding activity for libertarians. It's not just because of the new people who become attracted to us, but also because of the interesting people that you meet and what you can learn from them.

Running for office or collecting signatures to place issues and candidates on the ballot are also important. But sitting at a booth is easier and more convivial than soliciting signatures and votes. Some singles have told me that staffing a booth is a great way to approach interesting people. It's also a way of collecting feedback about our wonderful cause and of correcting false information about libertarians. You can also find out how others are advancing or not advancing this cause, even if they do not call themselves libertarians.

The best places to set up tables are at rallies and conferences, both indoor and outdoor. These are places where concerned people meet to network as well as vent their grievances. Covering such events for an article in a zine or blog is a good way to get recognized for speaking engagements and future paid gigs in the movement.

Work with other libertarian activists so that you can take a break at your table. It's more fun, plus you can compare notes afterward. Post future events and their libertarian potential on local lists and ask for other volunteers.

Write to Don!

Please write me at my prison address and help the next couple years of my incarceration for alleged victimless crime go by quicker. I'd love to see your libertarian writings, leaflets, and articles about news of the world.

Mail to: Donald Meinshausen
Inmate # 08496-050
FCI Fort Dix
PO Box 7000
Fort Dix NJ 08643

Don is a honorary Life Member of the NJLP who was granted lifetime membership, because he almost single-handedly gathered enough petition signatures to place one of our

2007 NJLP Annual Convention March 23rd- 24th, 2007

Bayside Resorts Quality Inn, 8029 Black Horse Pike, Atlantic City West, NJ

Directions:

Atlantic City Expressway to exit 2, make 1st u-turn, hotel is on left.. More directions and details can be found at <http://www.baysideresortac.com>.

Schedule:

On Friday evening we are having a reception at the hotel. Time is to be announced. The schedule for Saturday is a business session from 9:00AM to Noon where we will elect party officials and select our 2007 candidates. There is luncheon followed by speakers from 12:30 to 5:30 PM. Breakfast is available at the hotel in their café as well.

Speakers and Entertainment:

Fred Martens. Fred Martens served six years as an undercover narcotics agent in the New Jersey State Police before moving on to become one of their administrators. Retiring after a twenty-year career, Martens has served as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission. Fred has published numerous articles on organized crime and police intelligence. Fred is speaking on behalf of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (<http://leap.cc>).

Steve Lonegan. Steve Lonegan is speaking as the Executive Director of Americans For Prosperity- NJ. Steve is a past gubernatorial candidate and is currently the Mayor of Bogota, NJ. Americans for Prosperity (AFP) is committed to educating citizens about economic policy and mobilizing those citizens as advocates in the public policy process. AFP advocates in the name of limited government and free markets on the local, state and federal levels.

Reverend Kevin Brown. Reverend Brown is an outspoken, Ordained Baptist Minister who advocates on behalf of people troubled by excessive Government. After serving the needs of the addicted and homeless for over a decade, he has embraced the overall need to support all people struggling under the burden of a government which abuses its people. He is an undeclared independent candidate, and advocates for more such candidates in all 40 districts.

Ken Wolski, RN, MP and Jim Miller. Ken and Jim co-founded the Coalition for Medical Marijuana--New Jersey (CMM-NJ). CMM-NJ was founded in May of 2003 to support the legalization of marijuana for use by patients under a doctor's supervision.

Rooms at the hotel are available. Make your own room reservations; be sure to mention that you are attending the convention. Telephone: (800) 999-9466.

NJLP Convention Form:

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Name: _____

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Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Contact: _____ Phone Contact: _____

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Speakers/entertainment only (\$25, \$20 if paid prior to March 15th) _____

Full Conv. Package w/ VALID CURRENT student ID (\$20, \$15 if paid prior to Mar 15) _____

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Reserve your place by sending payment to: NJLP Convention, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763



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I want to become a member of the Libertarian Party! I have checked the level at which I want to join and have enclosed the corresponding dues. I certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.
(Signature required for membership only) X _____

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Donation

Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$ _____ to help the NJLP in its efforts to expand individual liberty.

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I have a friend who might be interested in the NJLP. Please send a complimentary copy of the *New Jersey Libertarian* to:

Please remove my name if the mailing list is rented.

Make check payable to NJLP and mail to: NJLP, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763

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