



New Jersey Libertarian

Election, '03

By State Chair Emerson Ellett

Here's how we fared this 2003 election cycle. John Taylor (Highlands Borough Council), our top voter getter, received 11% of the vote, 5th in a field of five. Ray Cragle (Senate, 14th District) 2.5%, 3d of three. Len Flynn (Monmouth County freeholder) 2%, 4th of five. Emerson Ellett (Senate, 11th District) 2%, 4th of four. Jany Sabins (Assembly, 27th District) 1.5%, 5th of five.

John Taylor ran the most active and professional campaign, for which he garnered a lot of positive attention. Jay Edgar, Lydia Disney and Pat Bontempo were particularly helpful.

We can view the election results a couple of ways. Dismal, in that the Greens got more votes. Or positive, in that five New Jersey Libertarians and dozens of their petition gatherers got off their duffs and did something, and the Greens merely split the Democrat vote.

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Correction

The November issue of the New Jersey Libertarian listed inaccurate dates for the 2004 Annual Convention in the calendar. The correct dates are March 12th and 13th, 2004. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Libertarian Voter Affiliation Grows But Green Party Still Holds Lead

By Pat Bontempo

The number of registered Libertarian voters in New Jersey continued to rise reaching 294, according to new figures released by the State just prior to the Nov. 4 general election. This is up from 244 at the time of the June primary this year.

However, the Green Party continues to lead us with its number of registered voters growing from 366 to 422. Another 78 voters have affiliated with the Reform Party, 37 with the US Constitution Party and 25 with the Natural Law Party.

We are ahead in only six counties: Gloucester (11-6), Monmouth (51-49), Ocean (23-22), Salem (4-1), Sussex (7-6) and Warren (5-2). We are tied with the Green Party in Hunterdon County with seven voters each.

The Green Party leads among all five alternative parties in every other county. In Middlesex County, we are in third place with 26 voters behind the Reform Party, which has 28. The Greens are on top in Middlesex with 38 registered voters.

Our top five counties are Monmouth (51), Camden (28), Middlesex (26), Ocean (23) and Morris (19) with Bergen County just behind with 18 voters. These six counties account for a little over 56% of our total.

The top five counties for the Green Party are Bergen (62), Monmouth (49), Middlesex (38), Hudson (36) and Camden (35). Note they have more registered voters in their fifth-best county than we have in all but one.

Middlesex County remains a stronghold for a basically defunct Reform Party. Overall, its numbers rose from a total of 67 to 78. The US Constitution Party rose from 32 to 37 with Camden its best county at 19 voters. The Natural Law Party increased from 22 to 25 and again Camden proved to be that party's strongest county with 17 voters.

The continued strong showing for the Green Party may reflect work it is doing in conjunction with the strong slate of candidates it's running this year. Time will tell if their numbers hold up without electoral success.

Small increases in most counties are a positive sign for the NJLP. So too is the fact that just a few more voters would put us in the lead in counties across the state. For example just three more in Somerset, four in Union and six in Morris would make us the top alternative party in those counties.

At the same time, though the Greens are closing in on us in places such as Monmouth County, where we lead by just two voters, and Ocean County, where we lead by only one.

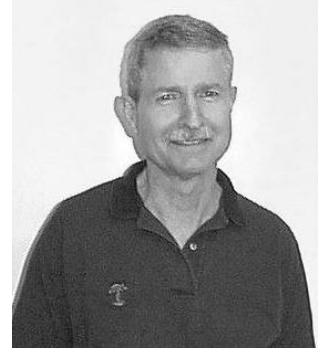
If you haven't already done so please use the Voter Affiliation Form in this issue of the NJL to switch your affiliation to the Libertarian Party. If you are not registered to vote you can obtain a registration form at your local post office or library or from your county election board whose address you'll find on the same page as the affiliation form. When you mail it in be sure to include the affiliation form with it.

From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

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Because we got off our duffs we were able to reach people -- students especially -- whom we most certainly would not have reached otherwise. Jany Sabins reports, "As a Libertarian office-seeker I visited the Political Studies class at Randolph High School in Morris County and Chad Science Academy in Newark to expound Libertarian viewpoints. For the serious Libertarians among you, this is an importance source of education, and almost any political science high school teacher will be glad to have your participation. Both sets of teachers were delighted at the class' response; I was asked to return to Chad Science Academy, and the Randolph teacher offered to pass my name along to home schools in my home area.



"Although a bit quiet at first, both sets of students, evolved into a heated debate with me on the classic 'hot' issues, such as drug legalization, welfare, and taxation. It's amazing how many assumptions teenagers have already garnered from their families and society, and my recurring statement of the day was 'Prove it.' Free-market economics took a bit of explaining, but the kids were receptive and thoughtful in probing the issues."

Even your esteemed chair was deemed "awesome" by students at Monmouth U. after a candidates' forum there. This reaction could only be due to the fact that the other candidates had nothing but stale bigger government nostrums to offer. The kids had never heard our point of view. The debate was also reported in the local weekly paper.

The point is if we don't get out in the real world nothing will change. In that regard we need a coordinator for next year's elections. If you are interested give me a call.

Now on to Election 2004! Two men have already expressed interest in running for the U.S. House: Frank Orland, 3d Congressional district (parts of Burlington, Camden and Ocean counties); and Vic Kaplan, 5th CD (parts of Bergen, Passaic and Sussex counties; all of Warren County). Candidates will be nominated at the Convention next March so be sure to come out and help fill our slate for thirteen House seats. In the meantime you can start running now.

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The Libertarian Party had an exhibitor's table at the Drug Policy Alliance convention at the Sheraton Meadowlands. Dave Kahn, Dan Karlan, Tony Federici, Ken Kaplan and Len Flynn, among others, manned the table, and Bob Hull and the Monmouth/Ocean LP provided display racks and literature. The Pennsylvania and Montgomery County LPs paid the exhibitor fee. Thanks, guys! The LP was the only political party represented at the convention, and hundreds of attendees now fully understand that we are the only party that is fighting to end the drug war. The only thing missing from this successful outreach effort was the presence of our lovely female members. Gals, we need you too! To receive notices about upcoming events like the DPA convention be sure to email majordomo@wallnet.com. Leave the subject line blank, and in the body enter subscribe announce@njlp.org

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Are you or a friend interested in libertarian ideas? Do you know any students who are or should be? For a copy of the LP's "Suggested Books about the Philosophy of Liberty" send an SASE to NJLP, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07756. If you want a "Don't Blame Me...I voted Libertarian" bumper sticker send a large SASE and \$1 to the same address.

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John Paff (Paff@pobox.com) has an idea that could generate positive press coverage for the party but he needs your help. The AG has rendered an opinion that municipal loitering ordinances are not constitutional. Nevertheless they are still on the books. Belmar is one such town that has not repealed its biting ordinance but there are undoubtedly many other towns in the same boat. Here's what you can do. Check your town's ordinances on the municipal web site or review them at the clerk's office. If you find a loitering ordinance contact Paff and he'll take it from there.

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The LP State Chairs' conference will be held January 23-25, 2004 in Raleigh, NC. Let me know if you are interested in attending. As I mentioned last month I am not running for re-election. The conference could be a good introduction to what works and doesn't work in other states.

You can reach me at chair@njlp.org (732 774-3684).

NJLP Annual Convention
March 12-13, 2004 Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa

Directions: GSP south to exit 48; south on Route 9 for 7 miles.

Friday Night. Welcome Reception for the Presidential Candidates- Mingle with fellow libertarians, guest speakers and LP Presidential candidates. Open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday. Speakers will present in the morning and early afternoon. Luncheon, coffee breaks and refreshments all included. At the late afternoon business meeting we will elect party officials, select New Jersey candidates and more.

Saturday Night/Sunday. Take in nearby Atlantic City with your friends and family! Or, take advantage of the Resort's amenities which include the famous Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa; Indoor Swimming Pool; Sauna and Exercise Room.



SPEAKERS

Dr. Mary J. Ruwart has been a libertarian activist since 1982. Dr. Ruwart is best known for her book about political freedom of choice, Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle. The book has been translated into Russian, Serbian, Lithuanian, and Romanian. The third English edition was released in early 2003.

Dr. Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad has been a libertarian activist since 1975. He is the current Chair of the LP Judicial Committee. Dr. Ahmad is a frequent guest lecturer on Islam at the Foreign Services Institute. He is currently President of the Minaret of Freedom Institute, an Islamic think-tank in the Washington, DC area.

Dr. John Berthoud, President of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU) and the National Taxpayers Union Foundation (NTUF) in Alexandria, VA, is also an adjunct lecturer at George Washington University. Prior to joining NTU, Dr. Berthoud worked for a variety of D.C. based public policy organizations. He has been a guest on hundreds of radio and television programs.

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Minutes of the NJLP Steering Committee meeting of 14 October, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Chair (Ellett, arrived 7:05), Secretary (Karlan), Treasurer (Stefanelli), At-Large 1 (Hull), At-Large 2 (Kaplan, arrived 7:25), and At-Large 3 (Boucher). Vice Chair (Flynn) was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by the Treasurer. The Minutes of the 21 September State Board meeting were read, adjusted, and approved. The Treasurer did not have a report. The Chair arrived and the agenda was adopted.

Regarding Unfinished Business:

BCRA: Nothing to report.

CAPP: Steinhagen reports working with another group.

Newsletter: Karlan moved (Stefanelli seconded) to authorize a special mailing to announce the November General Meeting. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Web Site: The Convention page is up.

Strategic Plan: Nothing to report.

2004 Convention: To be held at the Seaview Marriott, 9 miles NW of Atlantic City. Special room rate if reserved earlier than Feb 12 (\$109/night). \$125 to attend the combined Friday Presidential candidates' reception and Saturday Convention. A flyer is to be inserted in upcoming newsletter issues.

Regarding New Business:

Standing Rules: Paff has composed a final report of open Standing Rules for consideration at the November General Meeting.

Fundraising: Libertarian Viewpoint is being modified for local use. There was discussion of the purpose of LV at this time: college outreach (Rutgers Targum) was suggested.

Electronic Communication: There was a request to notify committee members of upcoming meetings. There was discussion of the activist list.

Recruitment and Membership: There was discussion of database, new members.

PR and Outreach: The NJLP will have a table at the Drug Policy Alliance conference, November 5-8, in the Meadowlands.

Candidate Recruitment and Support: Kaplan moved (Hull seconded) to spend \$1000 on John Taylor's campaign for campaign literature. Karlan proposed making the allocation contingent on the candidate's being able to use the money. We agreed to defer consideration until after consultation with the candidate. He reported that \$1000 would enable the production and mailing of postcards, but that the greater contribution (we had discussed \$2500) would help enable a more professional looking piece. Karlan withdrew his motion. Boucher moved (Karlan seconded) to change \$1000 to \$2500. The amendment passed on a voice vote. Stefanelli moved (Boucher seconded) to remove "for campaign literature" from the main motion. The amendment passed on a voice vote. The main motion passed on a voice vote.

Future Meetings and Events:

General Meeting – November 9, Tumulty's Pub, 1PM; note that we will select delegates to the 2004 National Convention at this meeting

Steering Committee – December 9, Kaplan residence, 7 PM

State Board – January 18, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, 1PM

Steering Committee – February 17, Ellett residence, 7 PM

Annual Convention – March 12/13, Atlantic City area; there will be a Friday evening reception to facilitate meeting the candidates for the Presidential nomination, with convention business the following day; the agenda is being developed.

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At long last, you can register as a Libertarian. Fill out the form below and mail it to your county election board.

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Libertarians in Print

Printed in the Morris News Bee, 10/30/03

The **Morris NewsBee** editorial told us last week we shouldn't vote for Mike Carroll for state Assembly because he "seems to almost border on being a Libertarian, who favors no government in people's lives."

It's anarchists who want no government. Libertarians want minimal government. They believe government has only two legitimate functions, defending our borders and protecting us from force and fraud.

They believe government should leave you alone and make other people leave you alone.

Sound weird? That's what the Founding Fathers believed. Some of us, including Mr. Carroll much of the time, think they were right. Libertarians believe government should stay out of both your wallet and your bedroom.

They believe in both freedom and responsibility. All believe in freedom for themselves.

Libertarians seem to be the only people who believe in freedom for other people. Gun-hating libertarians support gun-rights for their gun-loving neighbors. Porn-hating libertarians support porn-rights for their porn-loving neighbors.

What's wrong with being a Libertarian?

Terry Dwyer
Morristown

Printed in the Asbury Park Press 11/8/03

Dear Editor,

As a member of the Libertarian Party, I would like to mention the party's position on "gay marriage". The Libertarian Party Platform adopted in 2002, and available on line, says, in part:

" We oppose any government attempt to dictate, prohibit, control, or encourage any private lifestyle, living arrangement, or contractual relationship. We support the repeal of existing laws and policies which are intended to condemn, affirm, encourage, or deny sexual lifestyles or any set of attitudes about such lifestyles."

We libertarians want the government to get out of the marriage business, with marriage left up to religious and other organizations. If a Mormon wants to marry five women and five women want to marry him, God help them all, but it's not our business. The same goes if three women want to enter a contractual living arrangement and a religious group wants to pronounce them married. The government should enforce these contracts as it would any other contract. Social Security can easily be adjusted to reflect whatever people deem to be a partnership.

Tom Palven
Farmingdale

Letter to the Editor

NJ Tax Foul Ups NJLP Member Does Battle

Dear Editor:

On April 15, I submitted our NJ Income Tax with the amount withheld on the form and attached the W-2 forms for my wife and me totaling to the same amount. I received a notice dated August 20 listing amount of taxes credited as zero, so of course, the net result was a falsely calculated huge bill. On August 23, I corrected their notice and attached a letter explaining that. I received a second notice dated October 22 with the same misinformation, of course, with additional interest.

So I called and spoke with Cheryl on 10/27. She said they are over 3 months behind in reading their correspondence from taxpayers. I asked whether they had zero as the amount listed on my form - she said it was not zero - I asked why they persisted in giving us zero credit for taxes paid and asked her to correct it. She refused. I then complained about the second dunning notice - she said they were computer-generated and she could not stop them. Thus ended a not satisfying experience with NJ Department of Taxation.

Then, we received a threatening letter dated 10/26 from some unknown outfit called OSI Collection Services, Inc. for our taxes "due". The letter and notice had our Social Security Number all over it. I strongly object to my Social Security Number being divulged to some unknown third party thereby encouraging IDENTITY THEFT. I will not dignify their letter with a reply.

The NJ Division of Taxation is clearly desperate for money. But, they should collect it with some level of competence.

I think I have survived the NJ Tax. On 10/29 I got a call from Lisa Allen of OSI Collection Services, Inc. in Edison, NJ. After listening to my complaining about their use of my Social Security Number, she brought up my forms on-line and verified that we had received zero credit for the NJ withholding. She promised to correct the error. On 11/3, I got a call from NJ Senator Martha Bark's office (Rosemary Nichols) stating that our account had been corrected on 11/30.

I am amazed that the outside bill collector was empowered to fix what a NJ Division of Taxation representative could (or would not).

On November 5, I replied to OSI with (ATTN: Lisa Allen) a check for the remaining due amount of \$18.33 which I learned from Rosemary. I also explained in my letter to Lisa that was due to a second clerical error where they credited my municipal taxes paid with \$200 less than the amount on our form, interpreting a five in the hundreds position as a three. The billing notice from NJ DOT and my August 23 letter to them giving the two corrections were enclosed.

Fred Six
Moorestown, NJ

Announcements

Our newsletter is professionally produced every month. However, because it accounts for our greatest expense we are currently seeking a volunteer editor. If you possess basic computer and writing skills, and are interested in volunteering for the position of newsletter editor, please contact me at chair@njlp.org. Editor Deb Sackett and Wallnet have done a great job putting the newsletter on-line. If you'd like to receive it on-line, thereby receiving it earlier than print subscribers and saving postage and printing costs, contact Editor@njlp.org

Calendar

- Steering Committee - December 9, 7 PM
Kaplan residence, Parsippany
- State Board - January 18, 1 PM
Tumulty's Pub
361 George St., New Brunswick, NJ, 732-656-6205
- Steering Committee - February 17, 7PM
Ellett residence, Ocean
- Annual Convention - March 12/13, Atlantic City area. For more details, see Registration Form insert and Page 3.

Got a Minute?

There was a discussion at the June meeting of the Steering Committee regarding ways to convert prospects into members of the NJLP. Currently, anyone expressing an interest the NJLP receives a Welcome Pack and a free three-month subscription to the *New Jersey Libertarian*. The committee agreed it would be nice if a prospective member could receive more outreach material that would better represent what a great group the NJLP really is. They decided to compile a "Best of NJL" edition that would select past articles that could be particularly of interest to new members.

What can you do?

Do you have a favorite article from a past issue of NJL? Was there that one article that you gave to a non-Libertarian to read? You can help the NJLP by taking a minute to send an email to bestofnjlp@njlp.org. It would be most helpful if you know the issue and page number of the article. If you have the time, visit the archive at <http://www.njlp.org/newsletters> and click "archive" to browse past issues. Even if you can't locate the article you remember, please send your suggestion with as much information as you recall, and we will try to find your "best" and include it in the next "Welcome Pack".



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NJLP Annual Convention
March 12-13, 2004 Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR CONVENTION ATTENDEES
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Register for the convention before February 12, 2003 and your payment of \$125.00 will also include a ticket to the Friday night reception.

If your registration is postmarked after February 12, 2003, the following prices apply:

Friday night reception: \$65.00 per person

Saturday Convention: \$125.00 per person

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