



December 1995

# *The New Jersey Libertarian*

## ***Libertarian Beats Dem & Rep in 6 way Race Campaign scores 1300 votes by Lou Stefanelli***

Libertarian Candidates, Austin Lett and Ray Connors came in third and fifth, respectively, in a six-way race for two seats on the Chatham Township committee (see box with race result). The heavily Republican electorate reelected the Republican and Democrat incumbents, while rejecting a hand-picked Republican challenger and splitting a significant percentage of the vote for the Libertarians. A Democrat paper candidate, who tried to get off the ballot but missed the deadline, came in last.

**Weekend warriors:** The level of participation by Libertarian members in the Lett/Connors campaign may have set a new standard. Support came in from Sussex, Hudson, Union, Essex, Somerset, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, and home base, Morris County. More than two dozen people contributed their time, mostly on weekends, to get the message out. The list of volunteers includes: Dave Arndt, Ray Babecki, Mike Buoncristiano, Emerson Ellett, Tony and Lin Federici, Len and Virginia Flynn, Bob Heitner, John Jernigan, Ken Kaplan, Lee Maclin, ~R Elizabeth Macron, John Moura, Mike Pierone, Peter Saint Andre, Tony VanDerMude, and Ed Wiessmann. My apologies to anyone I left off the list. Together with the Candidates, their families and local supporters, we assembled a formidable team. Thanks to everyone who participated and special thanks to Mike and Ruth Lewin who

went above and beyond the call of duty in helping us prepare the mailings.

**Campaign Highlights:** Chatham Township is a bedroom community of about 12,000 people. There are 6,000 registered voters, of whom 40% have voted in a Republican primary. In the election of 1994, 3,676 people came out to vote. 1,049 of them voted for Austin Lett. Our job was to contact these people and try to persuade them to vote for Austin Lett and Ray Connors.

We formed a campaign committee that worked with Austin and Ray to produce a "Contract with Chatham", lawn signs and a brochure. We ordered 500 signs, 10,000 brochures and announced the campaign in the papers. Signs went up in public intersections and on the lawns of friends. Then we geared up for Heritage Day, the local town festival. Using signs and tee-shirts, John Moura constructed two 7-foot pylons that anchored the Lett/Connors booth. We handed out brochures and spruce seedlings and conducted a survey of "Contract with Chatham" issues. A slew of tee-shirts were awarded to survey participants.

Then came the door-to-door work. A small but dedicated group of volunteers, most notably, Ed Wiessmann—spent the several weekends knocking on 2,000 doors and reaching 800 voters. Next we had six phone lines drawn into Austin's basement and started phone canvassing. Coincident with this effort,

we put together a mailing, targeted by district, to the voters we hadn't reached or who were undecided at last contact. A mailing party raged for two nights at Austin's house to put 3,300 pieces in the mail. Then Len Flynn and Emerson Ellett took the left over materials and a copy of the voter list and organized a satellite mailing operation in Monmouth County that put another 2,300 pieces into the hands of low priority voters.

**Radicals and skullduggery:** All this must have had some effect on our Republican opponents, because two interesting things happened. First, our signs started to disappear. Reminiscent of Heitner's experience last year, it became open season on Lett/Connors signs. They disappeared as fast as we could replace them and were even taken from people's lawns. Then a stroke of luck occurred. Austin witnessed the Republican challenger, Frank Verducci, remove and destroy a sign. Austin confronted Mr. Verducci as he returned to his car. Verducci had other Lett/Connors signs in his car. Austin wrote down Verducci's license plate number and reported the sign theft to the Chatham police. Mr. Verducci was charged with criminal mischief and theft and faces a hearing on November 26. (He denies the charge).

Within a day, the story hit the two daily papers (Star Ledger and Daily Record). We made sure to include a copy of both articles in every piece we

mailed. By the time the local papers covered it, it was front page news. There was Austin, looking violated, standing next to a pile of crumpled signs under a "no littering" sign. Although a few people were mad at the Lett/Connors campaign for the "way we handled it", most people were outraged by the underhanded tactics. One outraged citizen, the Chair of the Republican Party in town, wants to outlaw political signs.

Then the other shoe dropped: the Lett/Connors campaign became the target of a "hit" piece. Mailed to every voting household in town was a piece which accused the Libertarian of wanting to turn Chatham into laboratory for radical experiments. It claimed we were financed "by radicals across the country". Actually most of our funding came from conservative business friends of Austin's. It went on to charge that our candidates favored "unrestricted development", "closing the public library" and "stopping the police from enforcing the law".

Some people we spoke to found it laughable or another dirty trick. Others didn't seem to notice it. It is hard to tell what effect, if any, it had on the results. The good news is that in Chatham Township, the political establishment takes us very seriously.

The Bottom Line: When the dust settled, we didn't win. But there were still significant accomplishments. Thanks to Austin's friends and some generous Libertarians, we raised over \$9,400 for the campaign. Lett/Connors signs were located throughout town on people's lawns in over 50 locations. Our campaign tee-shirt became a status symbol for the high school football team and many of the students

For a couple of months, people encountered Libertarian ideas, the label and looked at some things in a new way for the first time. Some of them actually came out and helped us campaign or contributed money. We had profound impact on the debate by our mere presence. Republicans took a hard look at the "Contract" and started "investigating" some of the issues we raised. We contacted over 3,300 likely voters and interacted with 1,600 of them. 400 of those people said they would vote for

us and over 700 did, some of them for the second year in a row. We may have the basis for starting a Chatham LP (we're still evaluating that.) Most important of all: we learned a lot and we had a lot of fun. You should try it in 1996.

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### ***Election Results***

FAIR (D)	1371	- 27.96%
RECH (R)	1113	- 22.70%
LETT (L)	715	- 14.58%
VERDUCCI (R)	678	- 13.83%
CONNORS (L)	586	- 11.95%
HANSEN (D)	440	- 8.98%
TOTAL	4903	100.00%

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***If you want to be a  
delegate to the July 1996  
National Convention you  
must attend the State  
Convention !***

***March 1996 @ the  
Landmark Inn  
Rts. 1 & 9  
Woodbridge, NJ***

***Got it!***

***Be There or you "re  
Nowhere!***

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***To: All who read and  
use Westnet***

Hello fellow believers in freedom! I am writing to you for the purpose of continuing this informative e-mail system. Thanks to John Paff we are enjoying this communication device. I have found e-mail to be very helpful and very cost effective. Information is sent out immediately and easily. The whole state of NJ can benefit from information gathered from different counties around the state. And, this system will be inval-

able in the near future. But to continue the use of Westnet we need your help. Since the beginning, John has funded Westnet. It costs about \$140.00 per year for this system. To keep all of our computers linked, the NJLP is asking for donations. Please send your ever important contributions to: L.M. Stefanelli, Tsr. 49 Carmer Ave. Belleville, NJ 07109. Make a note to Lou that this is for the funding of Westnet.

***THANK YOU!!!!  
Miranda Mehaffey,  
Freedom for ALL!***

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***"When all  
government, domestic  
and foreign, in little  
as in great things,  
shall be drawn to  
Washington as the  
center of all power, it  
will...become as venal  
and oppressive as the  
government from  
which we are  
separated."  
-Thomas Jefferson***

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***I thank the members  
of the NJLP for the  
opportunity of being  
trusted with the  
position of Editor for  
The Libertarian.  
I have enjoyed the last  
eighteen months and  
look forward to a  
fresh presentation and  
outlook for the  
newsletter!  
Ronald R. Tamburro***

# NJLP State Board Meeting !

The next general meeting of the NJLP membership will be held at **1:00 PM on Saturday November 11, 1995** at the Holy Trinity church at 1640 Amwell Road in Somerset. Here is a suggested agenda for the meeting. Please contact me (908/591-1328 or e-mail: 75671.1715@compuserve.com) for additions, comments, or corrections.

## PROPOSED AGENDA

### Call to order & quorum check

Agenda review & approval

Address by Anna Zadanoff Minutes of prior meeting (State Bd. 10/15)

Treasurer's report (Lou Stefanelli)

Standing Comm. reports (Ed Wiessmann)

**Recruitment/Membership (Tim Konek)**

**Fund Raising (Miranda Mehaffey)**

**Public Relations (Jeff Pfeiffer)**

**d) County Committees (Jeff)**

**Ongoing Business & ad hoc comm. reports:**

**1995 campaigns**

**Platform Committee (Keith Quarles)**

**TV show (Emerson)**

**NJLP newsletter**

**Bylaws Committee (Len Flynn)**

**1996 NJLP annual convention (Lou)**

**Candidate Recruitment Committee (Jeff)**

**Statehouse Office Committee (Jeff) SHOC**

**County Committees & NJLP cooperation**

### New Business

**Volunteers sign-up requested**

### Announcements

**Future meetings (see below)**

**Adjournment**

**Future meetings schedule: (All meetings begin 1:00 PM, unless specified otherwise)**

**Sunday 12/17 Steering Comm. @ Ellett's home 1308 Spruce Ave. in Ocean 908/774-3684**

**Sunday 1/21/96 State Board @ Tumulty's Pub 361 George St. New Brunswick 908/545-6205**

**Sunday 2/18 Steering Committee @ Pfeiffer's home 97 Park Ave. in Jackson 908/928-9093**

**Saturday 3/16 NJLP Convention @ Landmark Inn in Woodbridge, meeting 9:00 AM**

## Steering Committee

Chair: Len Flynn 908/591-1328

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## Other Officials

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## A New Editor

**The New Jersey Libertarian**

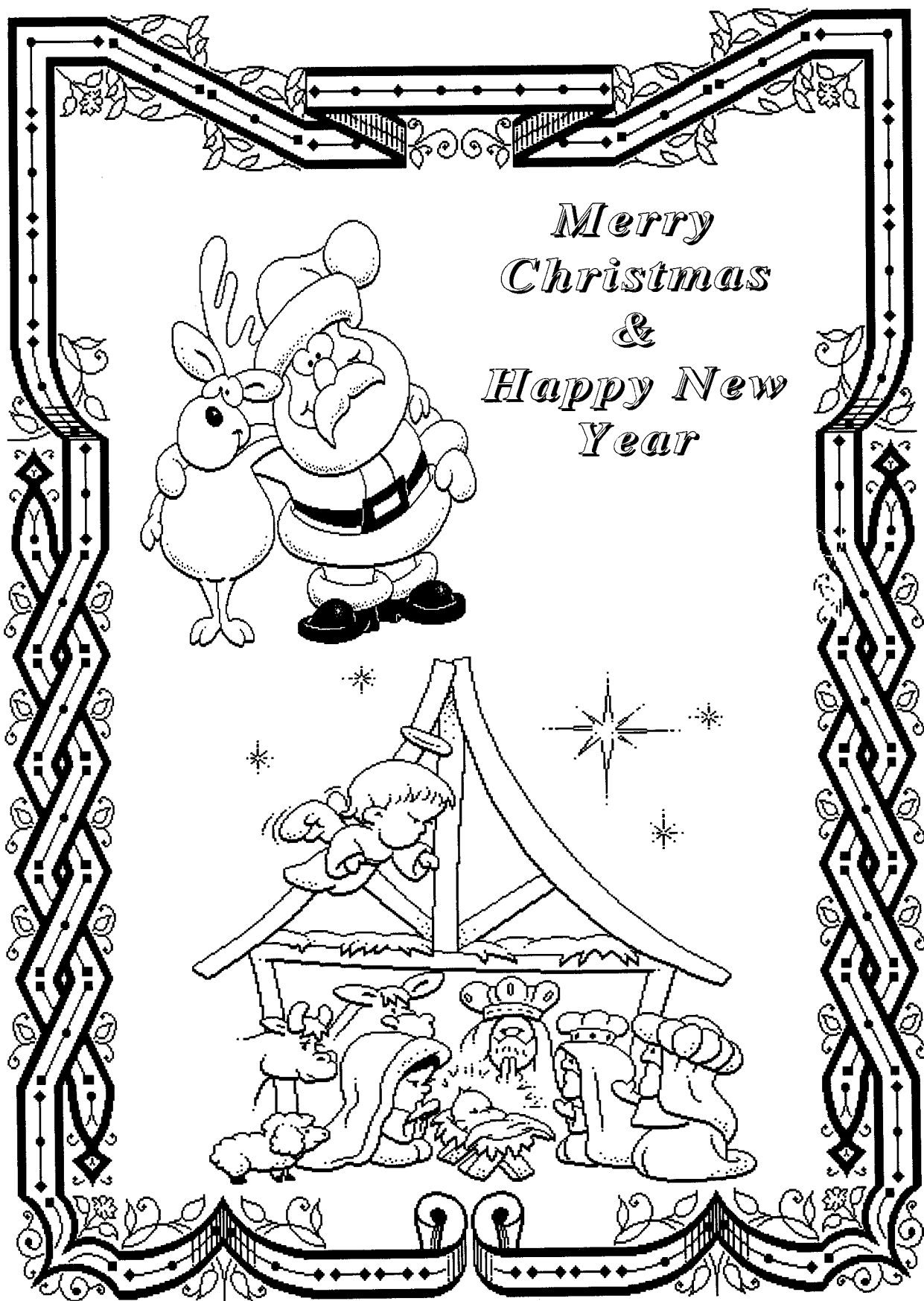
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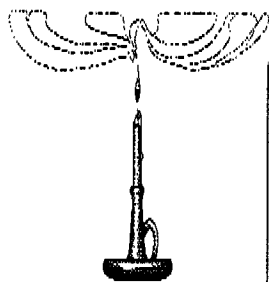
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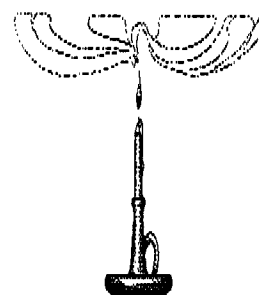
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***Ocean County Libertarians***  
***The Old Time Tavern***  
***Toms River, N.J.***



## ***Annual Christmas Party***

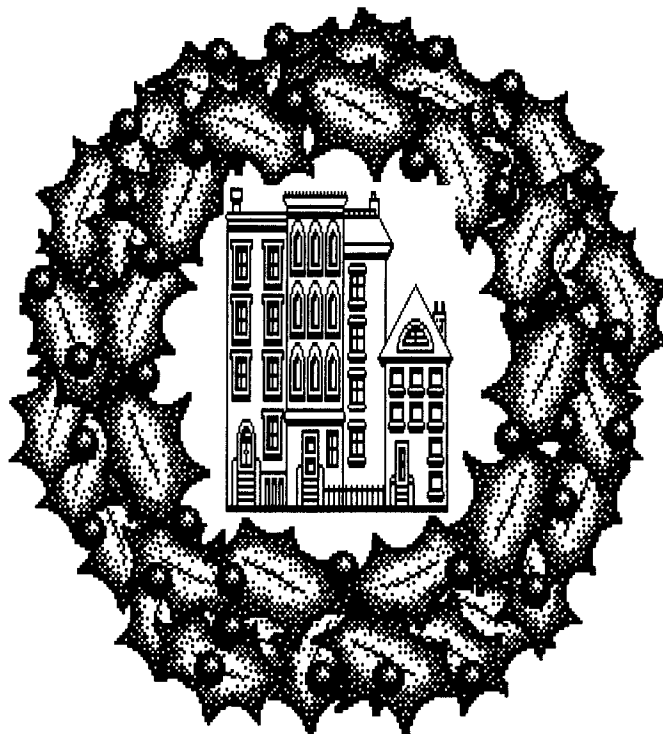
***Saturday, December 23, 1995***  
***7 PM to 11 PM***



***Four Hour Open Bar***  
***Dinner Buffet***

***Chicken Oreganato***  
***Stuffed Flounder***  
***Swedish Meatballs***  
***Sausage & Peppers***  
***Vegetables***  
***Fruit Salad***  
***Tossed Salad***  
***Pasta Salad***  
***Ham, Roast Beef &***  
***Turkey Cold Platter***  
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***Dessert & Coffee***



***Ticket Order: # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X\$35.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_***

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***Mail to; Elizabeth Macron***  
***PO Box 438***  
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## ***Minutes NJLP General Meeting of Nov., 11, 1995***

A quorum of fifteen members lacking, the chair introduced the speaker Mrs. Zhadanov, at 1:18 PM at Holy Trinity Church, Somerset. Present (by 1:35 PM when a quorum was constituted): Flynn, Wiessmann, Ellett and Stefanelli; Grindlinger, Mehaffey, Pfeiffer and Quarles; Adler, Babecki, J. Eden, V. Flynn, Karlan, E. Macron, Panella, Pearce, and Stein. Also present were Mrs. Zhadanov, her son Eli, a reporter and her companion.

The minutes of the State Board meeting of Oct. 15 were received and accepted as amended. The Treasurer's report on the General Fund was received.

Address by Anna Zhadanov. Mrs. Z brought us up to date on the plight of her 70 yr. old husband, Sam, an immigrant Russian entrepreneur and forfeiture victim who is imprisoned at a federal lock up in Allenwood, PA., for a term of five years plus five years supervised release. (Mrs. Z had addressed this meeting one year ago.) His "crime" was that he unwittingly manufactured plastic crack cocaine vials. His appeal was recently denied without comment. The next step is to file a 2255 motion on the grounds that his attorney, a former federal prosecutor, had a conflict of interest. He got Mr. Z to plead guilty, and then remained silent when the prosecutor accused him of being involved in a major drug ring. In return the government released the attorney's fee from Mr. Z's forfeited assets. If the 2255 motion fails he says he will go on a hunger strike. **RESOLVED:** that Diane Adler write a press release, contact ABC 20/20, orchestrate a letter writing campaign and contact the Irv Homer and Dennis Malloy talk radio shows with regard to the Zhadanov case. **PASSED:** Ellett will arrange for Eli Zhadanov to appear on Shad Woolley's CATV show "A Third Point of View."

**Standing Committee reports:** (Wiessmann, coordinator) **Fund Raising and Public Relations:** About \$4,000 has been raised to date for the State HQ in Trenton. Libertarian leaning organizations will be solicited after Thanksgiving. **Recruitment and Membership:**

Saint Andre and Konek are working on this. **County Committee (Pfeiffer):** Six or seven people attended the reorganization meeting in Hudson Co.; Buoncristiano is the chairman. Flynn allocated \$15 from his discretionary account for the purchase of a county organization manual from the Monticello Group, for Pfeiffer's use.

**On going business and ad hoc committee reports:** **1995 Campaigns:** Presser, 8th Assembly District, was endorsed by the Camden Courier-Post. The Conservative Party out polled Figueora in the 15th District. Stefanelli reported that the Lett/Connors Campaign in Chatham Twsp. raised about \$9,000; contacted 1,600 voters directly by canvassing and phone (400 of whom were identified as supporters), sent out 3,300 individualized mailings, and planted 500 signs. Lett caught a Republican candidate stealing signs (the court hearing is Nov. 22), the Republicans also mailed a glossy attack piece accusing the Libertarians of being financed by radicals throughout the country. In a field of six running for two seats, Lett came in third and Connors came in fifth. The team will put together a campaign summary report and have it analyzed by a professional such as Sal Guzzetta. Preliminary lesson learned: start earlier. Howley, Burlington Co. freeholder, no report. **Cable TV Project:** Eli Zhadanov will be a guest on "A Third Point of View." Members interested in being a guest or having the show aired on their local public access CATV or municipal channel should contact Ellett. **State Platform Comm. (Quarles):** The platform will be ready for discussion and ratification at the March 96 convention. The next meeting is Dec. 2. **Newsletter:** The November issue is ready. Paula Brown will work with the editor on the production end. Saint-Andre and Wiessmann have also volunteered their assistance. **By-Laws (Flynn): Suggested** changes, including the delegate selection procedure for national conventions will be reviewed at the Dec. Steering Committee meeting. **1996 Convention (Stefanelli):** The convention will be held at the Landmark Inn, Woodbridge, Saturday, March 16. Lionel, the radio talk show host may be the keynote speaker. **Candidate Re-**

**cruitment:** National wants to run 218 House Candidates, the number required to govern; Hudson Co. has already pledged to run a House Candidate. Anyone interested in running for the House or any other office should contact Pfeiffer. In the meantime he will contact the counties. **State House Office (Pfeiffer):** See fund raising. **County committees and NJLP cooperation:** Call Flynn about how the State Party can assist the county and municipal parties.

**New Business: United Taxpayers of New Jersey:** Ellett will notify UTNJ of our interest in joining together in coalition on such projects as State Mandate/State Pay, a question ratified by the voters in the last election. **NJLP Home Page:** The NJLP gratefully accepted Quarles' offer to establish a no cost home page on the WWW.

**Announcements:** Hudson Co. will meet Nov. 21 at a TBD location. The NJLP and Coalition of NJ Sportsmen will meet Nov. 30 @ 7:30 PM in Holmdel. The Ocean County LP is hosting a Christmas Party Dec. 22 @ the Old Time Tavern, Toms River. \$35 per person, Contact Liz Macron. Ray Babecki, NJLP historian, requests libertarian news clippings and campaign material be sent to him at 5 Evergreen Ave., Fords NJ 08863, Roger Bacon ran for Mayor in Phillipsburg in the Republican Primary garnering 40% (?) of the vote. Members were asked not to bring food to meetings held in Tumulty's Pub. Frank Pimmich, our Gubernatorial candidate in 1977 died recently. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM. Respectfully submitted, Emerson Ellett.

***New Editor  
Letters to the Editor  
&  
other material may be  
sent to Paula Brown  
our new Editor. See  
page 3***

## ADVERTISING RATES

**Full Page \$60.00**

**1/4 = \$25.00**

**Business Card \$15.00**

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**1/8=\$15.00**

**Inserts \$25.00**

**Additional fees for typesetting**

**12 issue prepaid discount = 10% 6 issue prepaid discount = 4%**

**>>>> NEW LIBERTARIAN WEB SITE <<<<**

**>> The FIRST Libertarian Web Site in New Jersey! <<**

The Morris/Essex Libertarian WEB site is up and running on the Internet! Drop in and visit us at: <http://www.hicom.net/~portland/melp>.

This new site is the beginning of what we hope will be an exciting and fruitful endeavor allowing us to publish, advertise our party, market libertarian ideas, expound on philosophy, argue, debate, keep others up to date on what we're doing, make our positions known on the issues, gather information and to generate new ideas.

### BE A CONTENT PROVIDER

The MELP site will offer sections on a number of topics, and we expect to expand and adapt the offerings as seems appropriate. We are actively seeking "content providers" for the following categories: Letters to the Editor - Position Papers- Editorials- Philosophy- Humor- Links (to other libertarian WEB sites)

If you have ever wanted a forum in which to air your libertarian viewpoint, this is it! You can send copies of letters

to the editor, position papers, legislative alerts, editorials, philosophical musings, humor, etc. to: [portland@hicom.net](mailto:portland@hicom.net)

Please send your content in either plain ASCII text, WinWord format, or RTF format. All mail will be reviewed and posted under the appropriate heading. Please state in your mailing whether you wish to be cited for your contribution.

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- David Arndt Chair, Morris/Essex Libertarian Party



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*(Signature required for membership only)*

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☐ Please remove my name from the mailing list

Make check payable to NJLP and mail to:

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## *Calendar of Events*

**Burlington County LP** meets the second Thursday of each Month at 7 PM upstairs at the Whistler's Inn, 901 Rte. 130, Cinnaminson. All are welcome. Hotline: 609-866-3535.

**Camden LP** invites the public to a monthly meeting. Call Miranda Mehaffey @ 609-869-9213

**Gloucester County LP** holds its regular meeting the fourth Thursday of each month. Guests are welcome. Call John Hill @609-468-9571 or Brian Waters @609-845-9581 for info.

**Mercer County LP** meets on the second Sunday of each Month at 2:30PM. Location will vary. Call Ben Grindlinger @609-585-4128 for info.

**Middlesex/Somerset LP** invites the public to its monthly meeting at 7pm on the 4th Monday of every month at Tumulty's Pub, 361 George St, New Brunswick

**Monmouth County LP:** meets the second Sunday of each month. Liberty Brunch at 11Am, meeting at Noon. Call Keith Quarles @908-280-9615 for location and details.

**Morris / Essex LP** meets at 7 PM on the last Tuesday of each month. Call Dave Arndt 201-228-7116 for information.

**Ocean County LP:** meets the second Wed. of each month @ Betty Florentine's house. Call 908-477-8496 for info or contact Chairman Glenn Campbell @ 609-978-1361

**Salem County LP** meets regularly on the last Saturday of each month at 2 PM. For locations call Robert Dyson @609-678-8034.

**Sussex County LP:** call Tony Federici @201-764-7289 for meeting info.

