

# The New Jersey LIBERTARIAN

## Howard Stern for NY Gov? (Yes! says Mike Pierone)



*Howard Stern for Governor of New York? You must be kidding, thought I. But wait—it gets worse. Howard Stern is running as a Libertarian party candidate! I thought, OH NO! Here I am trying my hardest to be taken seriously in Sussex County, and Howard Stern is going to make us into a joke. Well, I was wrong. After having had time to think about it, I realize that Howard Stern will provide us with more publicity and members in a short period of time than we have been able to reach in years. As for being taken as a joke, just the opposite happened. The reporters who know me still take me seriously, and they now take the party seriously as well. Let me reproduce here what I heard in New York by the person who said it best, Todd Seavey, a sometimes writer for Reason magazine.*

"I hope that all right-thinking libertarians support the idea of Howard Stern running for Governor of New York on the Libertarian Party ticket. To anyone still having doubts, though, I must admit there are three serious questions we must consider:

1. Will Howard Stern's candidacy be seen as increasing the authority of the government or the legitimacy of the current political process?

2. If Howard Stern were to espouse ludicrous positions, would the public assume that these positions

constituted libertarianism?

3. Will Howard Stern's candidacy damage the future of the Libertarian Party?

I think it should be obvious to any sane libertarian that the answer to all three questions is NO.

FIRST, there is no way that a jackanapes like Stern can be seen as increasing the legitimacy of government. Indeed, in the months ahead, he may produce louder and more insightful anti-government commentary than we've heard from any other politician in recent memory. And think of the enthusiasm of his millions of listeners, listeners who may well go on wondering about and sympathizing with the LP long after Stern has moved on to other projects. He is very popular with exactly the kind of mainstream anti-authoritarians the LP would have to attract if it were ever to be a serious political player. Please remember the enthusiasm that Ross Perot generated just by bearing a *slim resemblance* to a real political outsider with a tendency to shoot from the hip and talk straight. By endorsing Stern, we have an opportunity to boost what may prove to be the most spectacular piece of anti-government performance art in my lifetime. This is a man who isn't afraid to talk to the President's brother on the air about the new Mrs. Roger Clinton's measurements. A man who promises to bring

strippers to the LP convention can be COUNTED ON to spray seltzer in the face of the political establishment. This is beautifully, marvelously in keeping with the tradition of political satire so strong in England and America in the eighteenth century, when many of the ideals we fight for were first given clear formulation. His growing war against the FCC should in itself be reason for us to hope he enters the governor's race. Howard Stern IS a massive publicity engine, and there is just a chance that he could prove to be the greatest libertarian influence on this culture in the 1990's.

SECOND, although I think Stern can be trusted to stick to his simple three-point platform—reorganizing tollbooths, filling potholes, and reinstituting the death penalty—if Stern fails to stick to his LP pledge and begins to advocate loony positions, there will be an unprecedented opportunity for real libertarians to explain to the media their differences with Stern and, in so doing, to explain our philosophy to

an interested public. Already, a friend of mine who writes articles almost daily for the *New York Post* is looking forward with genuine enthusiasm and good humor to getting explanations from me of what real libertarians think of the Howard Stern situation. If some odd-ball celebrity were going to latch onto the LP, we could not have asked for an easier celebrity to distance ourselves from if he says things we disagree with. Think how much trickier it would be to distance ourselves from a non-joking celebrity like Clint Eastwood or Arnold Schwarzenegger. Everybody knows—whether they're fans of Stern or not—that he's a self-aggrandizing buffoon. Stern would be the first to admit it. He and his fans will be grateful to us, and his enemies might even feel sorry for us, but I see little danger that anyone with an IQ over 50 will believe he is a typical libertarian (whatever that is). The media may well be knocking on all our doors in the months ahead asking

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# Minutes of the 1994 State Convention of the New Jersey Libertarian Party

The chairman called the convention to order at La Villa Ristorante, Trenton, at 9:42 am February 27. Present: Layman, Flynn, Stefanelli, Grindlinger, Paff, Stoxen, Hill, Roselle, Peters, Quarles and Wiessmann. Absent: Glatter, Straughen and Enterline. Also present for the business session were about 20 members.

The chairman recapped the party's progress during 1993: Shad Woolley's weekly libertarian CATV show, the increased volume of letters to the editor, more media coverage, greater activism in the counties, regular FIJA leafletting and testifying in Trenton. Now we must move on to the next stage, he concluded.

The minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of January 16 were accepted, and the treasurer's report was received.

## New business.

**By-laws revision.** Major changes to the by-laws were proposed in order to bring them into line with current law, and to better position the NJLP to reach its political goals. RESOLVED, that all "A" revisions (as listed on the by-laws cover sheet) be accepted as amended: 1) Section 5.a., line 4: delete "and" and insert a comma after "Committee"; 2) Section 2., 3d para.: change Sections to Section; 3) Section 13: reword the first part of the sentence to read "The Steering Committee has the authority to propose to dissolve the NJLP, and following such proposal"; 4) Section 5, line 3: insert the words "or older after eighteen years of age"; 5) Section 6, line 4: insert the words "or older after eigh-

teen years." PASSED as amended.—RESOLVED, that all "B" revisions be accepted as amended: Section 4.d., line 4: insert after Board the phrase "provided that only those individuals qualified to select the County Representative may participate in the decision to remove and replace the County Representative." PASSED as amended.—RESOLVED, that all "C" revisions be accepted as amended: Section 2, 4th para., line 1: replace civil with civic. PASSED. **Election of officers.** The four 1993 officers were re-elected: Chair, Spencer Layman; Vice Chair, Len Flynn; Emerson Ellett, Secretary; Lou Stefanelli, Treasurer. Elected to the Steering Committee were Glenn Campbell, Larry Muentz and John Paff; Ben Grindlinger continues as

member-at-large. Elizabeth Macron was elected to a two year term as Trustee.

## 1994 Federal Candidates.

Ben Grindlinger is our Senate candidate. Herb Roselle, 2d District; and Roger Bacon, 5th District, are our House candidates to date; others may decide to run. NATCOM. Dan Karlan reported that Perry Willis is the new national director, and that 50% of the national committee is new. The 1996 convention will be held in Washington, DC. Regionally, Karlan is working to strengthen the cooperation among the states; for example, the upcoming Liberty Campaign Workshop which is being run jointly by NJ, Del., Md., and Pa. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emerson Ellett, Secretary

## Meeting of the N.J. Libertarian Party Steering Committee of March 29, 1994

The chairman called the meeting to order at Ben Grindlinger's house at 1:08 pm. Present: Layman, Flynn, Ellett, Stefanelli, Campbell, Grindlinger, Muentz, Paff. Absent: none.

The minutes of the Convention were accepted; the treasurer's report was received.

## Old business.

**Additional federal candidates.** We have none, beyond the three chosen at the Convention (Grindlinger, Senate; Roselle, 2d district; Bacon, 5th district).

**Grindlinger for Senate campaign.** Grindlinger reported on his campaign.

## New business.

**Assignment of responsibilities to Steering committee members.** Whereas in the past the Members at-large had no specific duties, and the officers had none beyond the duties outlined in the by-laws, the chairman made the following assignments: Development of 1995 electoral strategy (Layman, and Grindlinger after his campaign); Implementation of the by-laws changes approved at the Convention (Flynn and Stefanelli, in conjunction with Macron and Stoxen); TV show coordination and expansion (Ellett); New membership, including campus

recruitment (Campbell); Fund raising (Muentz); Publicity and media relations (Paff). Steering committee members are free to add others to their committees, whether NJLP members or not. Progress reports will be presented at each meeting; members unable to attend are to submit a written summary to the chairman one week prior to the meeting.

**Future meetings.** The date and the person responsible for choosing the location follow: April 17, Steering, Layman; May 15, Steering, Stefanelli; June 18 in Cape May, State, Muentz; July 3 in Morganville, General,

Flynn; August 21, Steering, Campbell; September 18, State, Paff; October 16, Steering, Ellett; Nov. 20, General, to be determined. **Newsletter.** Pierone will interview candidates for editor.

## Announcements.

**Gov. Whitman.** Layman will contact Sam Perelli, United Taxpayers of NJ, about a possible meeting with Whitman's people.

There will be a Friends of the National Rifle Association dinner May 6 at the Garden State Arts Center.

Paff will set up a meeting with Rep. Frank's aide to

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provide him with a libertarian perspective on the issues.

Feinstein amendment. Members were asked to urge their Representative in Washington to vote no on the proposal to ban certain firearms by name.

Fully Informed Jury Association and Break Free (from taxes) leaflets. Ellett and Flynn will mail three master leaflets to county chairs and representatives for reproduction: two FIJA, one from FIJA national and one prepared by the Libertarians of Monmouth County, for distribution at court houses on Monday mornings when

jurors assemble; and one anti-tax, to be distributed at post offices on April 15.

Roselle campaign.

Muentz gave a report.

NJLP Lending Library.

Thanks to the generosity of Steve Enterline the library now includes a complete 1993 set of The Freeman magazine, as well as *A New Beginning* by Ed Clark, *Plague of the Black Debt* by James Dale Davidson, *Wasting America's Money* by Gable & Lushin, *Burning Money* by J. Peter Grace, and *Life and Death of the Welfare State and Can We Keep Free Enterprise?* by Henry Hazlitt.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emerson Ellett, Secretary

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# Message From The Chair

by Spencer Layman

At the March Steering Committee meeting, each member of the Committee took responsibility for specific aspects of NJLP activities.

## I.

John Paff (908/873-1251) will be in charge of publicity and media relations; Emerson Ellet (908/774-3684) will coordinate the television show and its expansion to additional channels; Larry Muentz (609/978-1361) will manage our efforts to increase membership; Len Flynn (908/591-1328) and Lou Stefanelli (201/751-8675), along with NJLP members Elizabeth Macron and Doug Stoxen, will implement the By-Law revisions approved at the recent Convention; and Ben Grindlinger (after his Senate race) and I (908)583-0207 will develop our election strategy for 1995.

## II.

On occasion, I've re-

ceived comments concerning the content of the Newsletter. The Editor can work only with what he/she is given; it is YOUR Newsletter, and it will be as good as YOU make it. If you've got something to communicate to our members, submit it to the Editor. All are welcome.

## III.

Ben Grindlinger (609/585-0165 is our Senate Candidate; Herb Roselle (609/825-0510) and Roger Bacon (908/454-1083) are Congressional candidates in the Second and Fifth Districts respectively. Notwithstanding the ongoing debate about these types of candidates, the fact is that each has made a commitment in time, energy and resources to utilize such opportunities to spread our message to the public. Whether we will run such races in the future is moot; but they need your help now. It's a great way to become in-

involved in NJLP efforts and to learn some things about campaigning that can be put to good use in the near future. Give them a call.

## IV.

We must start planning in Spring, 1994 to be successful in November, 1995. To this end, representatives from the organized County LP's have been sent preliminary information to help select where to run races in 1995, along with sources of general information and legal/regulatory matters.

Once the new State Board is convened, the same information will be sent to the remaining counties. We expect to provide further information regarding

campaigning in the near future, and will supplement these materials throughout the year. We will also evaluate contesting selected County or State races in 1995. Anyone who might consider running in 1995 should call me as soon as possible. I'll be glad to help you get started.

## V.

The years 1994-1995 will be critical for us. We will professionalize all of our efforts, and recognize what we can and cannot do. We will not be taken seriously until we take ourselves seriously. We've begun to do so, and we'll get better as we progress. We need your help. GET INVOLVED NOW!

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# NOMINATION TIME!

We're looking for a few good Libertarians and you're just the person we need. "Moi?" you say, "What do you need me for?" We need your nominations for County Representative. County Representatives are the people who represent you and other Libertarians on our about-to-be-newly-constituted State Board.

You see, we used to get our County Representatives from those counties that have locally organized committees, but no more. We changed our Bylaws at the March Convention to elect Representatives directly. So now, even those members who don't have a local organization can have Representation in the State Party.

So if you have been dying to get involved but didn't know how, here is your chance. You can nominate yourself. Or if you have a member in mind who you would like to represent you, nominate him or her. The idea is to get more people involved and more hands on deck than just those of us who already have county organizations. (If you nominate yourself and ask for help, we'll send you contact information for other members in your county so you can lobby for their support.)

If you want to make some new friends, get your hands "dirty" and have some fun, nominate yourself today...and if not, nominate someone you'd like to represent you. The election is in July and nominations close (that is must be in our hands) on May 31, 1994. So don't delay. New rules and procedures for electing County Representatives are elsewhere in this issue. Please complete and return the form below.

## NOMINATION FOR COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

### I nominate:

☐ Myself; or

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

for County Representative of \_\_\_\_\_ County (person must be a member of the NJLP who lives or works in County of nomination).

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I ☐ live ☐ work (check one) in this county and will cast my ballot for County Representative in this county. I am a current member of the NJLP.

Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

Optional:

☐ I have nominated myself and would like assistance contacting other members in my County.

Please send information to (address/phone): \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form before May 31, 1994 (i.e., must be in our hands by then) to:  
Emerson Ellett 1308 Spruce Avenue, Ocean, NJ, 07712;  
908-774-3684.**

# **Election Rules and Procedure for NJLP State Board County Representatives**

## **Section 1 General Rules**

1. Each County Representative shall hold office until his or her successor is elected then and qualified at a meeting of the State Board. However, any County Representative who resigns, dies or is removed for other reasons shall be replaced by appointment or election.
2. Qualification consists of attendance at a meeting and certification by the Treasurer at that meeting that the prospective County Representative is a member in good standing in the NJLP.
3. County Representatives shall be elected annually in June after 1994. In 1994, the election shall be in July.
4. Electors for County Representatives consist of any NJLP member in good standing residing or working in the county. Each Elector may only vote for one County Representative.
5. Election for County Representative shall be by ballot.

## **Section 2 Removal of State Board County Representatives**

A majority of Electors of a County Representative may remove their County Representative without cause by petition. The petition for the removal of a County Representative shall be submitted to the Secretary for validation. Validation shall be completed in thirty days. Once a petition is validated, the County Representative position is vacant.

## **Section 3 Election Procedures for County Representatives**

1. During the month of March (or three months preceding the month of election if the election

is not in June) the Secretary shall notify all members in writing requesting nominations for County Representative. The date of election and the due date for nominations shall be included in the notice. Nominations shall be filed in writing with the Secretary and contain the name of the Elector making the nomination. Electors may nominate any Elector in their county including themselves without need of second. Nominations received after the last day of April (or equivalent) shall not be accepted.

2. During the month of May (or one month preceding the month of election if the election is not in June), the Secretary shall provide to each NJLP Elector, the list of nominations for the county and a ballot for the election of the County Representative. The ballot shall provide for write-in votes and "None of the Above" and shall provide instructions for returning the ballot to the Secretary. The Elector's State ID number shall be included in the ballot transmittal package.
3. The ballots shall be sealed in an envelope by the Elector and the Elector shall ensure the name of the county and the Elector's State ID number are written on the outside of the envelope. Ballots shall be opened and counted in the presence of the Secretary and at least one other officer of the NJLP. Ballots shall not be accepted by the Secretary that are received later than the last day of June.
4. The Secretary shall present the results of the election to the Chair for certification and once certified by the Chair, the Secretary shall notify the winning candidates. In addition, the Secretary shall cause the results of the election to be printed in the NJLP newsletter and shall retain all ballots for at least three months, thereafter.

# Another Voice in the "Paper Candidate" Debate

I have been reading the debate in the last few issues about running paper candidates.

As a candidate or campaign manager every year from 1974 to 1980, I'm strongly in favor of getting as many names on the ballot as possible. If nothing else, it gets the Libertarian name out there every year so when a strong candidate is running there is some history and legitimacy. And more important, it gives us a chance to get our views heard. We may never win but during the campaign Republicans and Democrats do read the newspapers. If an activist puts out press releases for our candidates, our views get more attention than just a letter to the editor. I can't say the incumbents have become libertarian but at least they are less autocratic than they would have been without LP opponents.

Having many LP candidates encourages others to run more active races. In 1975 I ran for Assembly but I only did it after getting someone to run in the adjoining district — and then we had two candidates. In 1980 I ran for Congress in Florio's district in South Jersey so the NJLP could have a candidate in every district. You don't have to live in the district to run for Congress. We didn't have any members in Camden and Gloucester Counties in 1980, but after the election we finally had a few.

Many people who are still active in the NJLP first heard of us from the campaign in 1975. Some of them chose to run and others who did not want to be as active were convinced to let the rest of us circulate the petitions and write press releases for them to run. Since Libertarians don't have to take a poll to determine our positions, I was able to use the

same press releases from year to year — just change the name and the title of the office. We were tactful, but since we weren't worried about winning we weren't worried that stating the Libertarian position might lose votes.

Those who feel that they have to win to make their efforts worthwhile might be better off working within a major party trying to influence those candidates in a libertarian direction. I do that too, and I have been appointed to my township Zoning Board where I have been Chair or Vice Chair most of the past 6 years. There is probably nothing less Libertarian than zoning, but I feel I am doing my part to let people be at least partly free to use their property.

However, for those who feel that they can win a local race and can turn their town into a libertarian haven, in NJ the municipalities and county governments must operate within the rules established by the legislature under the state constitution. If a town council votes no on every tax and expenditure the state will just take over and make them do it. We have to win state and national elections to change the rules.

In summary, the NJLP should let each member work at whatever level he or she wishes, at the top or bottom. But I think we need national and state candidates to give us a name and legitimacy and to get our positions known. Otherwise local candidates are more like the independents who win municipal office fairly often on local issues, not as part of a national or state party. We want to promote the libertarian philosophy of individual control of one's life and property in place of government control.

*By Ronald K. Wishart*

## Howard Stern for Governor? cont. from p.1

what libertarianism really is—and this is going to be a damn fun assignment for a lot of bored reporters, not just in New York, but across the nation. Let us get behind this Howard Stern movement and use it as a chance to explain to the world why, for instance, Groucho Marx was a more admirable and productive person than Karl Marx.

THIRD, Howard Stern's candidacy will clearly not hurt the future of the New York LP. Some of his hordes of fans may well retain their membership after Stern has left us, taking a sincere interest in our views. But even if that didn't happen, the party is likely to get over 50,000 votes in the election because of Stern, a turnout that could mean greater attention for the LP in future years if it runs more serious and traditional candidates. I hope you're all aware that he may single-handedly have clinched the narrow defeat of tax-crazed New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio by endorsing Christine Todd Whitman on his show. I don't know exactly what the year ahead will bring, but how can any serious friend of liberty be so humorless and so cold-hearted, so lacking in curiosity, that he does not want to see how it all turns out if Stern runs? Need I remind you that he might win and actually pursue libertarian policies? That even if he doesn't, his campaign is bound to be more fun than a rock concert tour and a Malcolm S. Forbes birthday party put together? That it'll all be a glorious roadshow for anti-statism? That principled libertarian humorists like Dave Barry and P.J. O'Rourke—

not to mention me—are likely to comment on the campaign and its meaning to their many readers? Are you aware that Letterman considers Stern a friend, has had him on the show repeatedly, and is rumored to have voted Libertarian in the past? Have you considered the possibilities for an amazing media snowball effect here? And if, when it's all over, one side effect of the political carnival that lies ahead is that some people think of Howard Stern when they think of the New York Libertarian Party, is that so damn bad?

Are we interested in preserving the dignity—and the obscurity—of the party at all costs, or are we interested in seizing a magical, hilarious opportunity to further the cause of human freedom? I HOPE the answer is obvious. You can always run traditional candidates later—probably with newfound success. I know what H.L. Mencken would want us to do. I know what Dave Barry and P.J. O'Rourke would like to see us do. I know what I desperately hope we do. Please, please endorse Howard Stern—even if only as a one-year experiment, after which you can run all the Andre Marrou and Joe Brennans and Nancy Lords you want. Seize this opportunity, or spend the rest of your lives wondering if you passed up the biggest chance the state party has ever had to influence this entire culture's political climate." *Lets laugh at ourselves a bit, and find the courage to deal with our new situation. If Republicans can survive David Duke, and Democrats can survive Lin-don LaRouche then we can survive Howard Stern.*

## Newsletter Editor Needed!

The NJLP is looking for a new NEWSLETTER Editor(s). The embarrassing truth is that I (Mike Pierone) am not able to keep up with the demands on my time and should never have kept the spot. Some of you had already expressed interest in the job, but I foolishly held onto it. Now we need someone who has better control on her or his time and will commit to getting out the Newsletter on a timely basis; it pays monthly about \$60.00. A free (legit) copy of PageMaker 4.0 for Windows goes to the new editor(s) (it's a great opportunity for job-sharing). Call Mike Pierone at (201)827-5840 for info or to volunteer.

## "Paper Candidates" Supported

There has been a great deal of talk about becoming a real political party instead of being a debating club. Well if you don't have a candidate on the ballot, how are you a political party? The "Road To Obscurity" article mentioned a reluctant candidate covered on late night television who won in spite of himself. That was a real election, with a "paper candidate", but he won.

Who is a "paper candidate"? Is it any candidate who doesn't have \$52,000 to spend on a political consultant along with additional funds for a salaried office staff with its very own refrigerator, all according to Mr. Guzzetta's rigorous specifications? Is a paper candidate any candidate with a small budget? Is it a candidate who gives nothing but his name to the election? Is it bad to be a "paper candidate" or to vote for one?

Regardless of how a "paper candidate" is defined or maligned, the Libertarian Party should continue to run candidates for President of the United States. We should

have as many Libertarian candidates listed on as many ballots, in as many places, as is possible.

It costs little to run a paper candidate and if that is done at the same time as Guzzetta-trained local candidates are doing their work, the paper candidate and the party can only benefit from spillover votes. Why not concentrate our money and efforts on the local races, but continue to run the paper candidates? The fact that they will probably not win does not mean that they do not serve a useful purpose. The paper candidate who participates in debates and writes letters to the editor serves to educate people about our party and its principles. He also enables voters to express their support for us.

There already exist voters who are as loyal to our party as a typical Republican or Democrat is to his party. These voters don't become involved in the party, but they consistently give the party their vote. Many of them only vote in the major

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# Paper Candidates Supported cont.

elections. Just having a name on the ballot enables people who already want to vote Libertarian to do so. The number of these voters is growing. If we don't provide candidates, we lose these voters and we will lose the credibility they give to the party.

That the number of Libertarian votes cast impresses the press and public cannot be disputed. Most of the recent articles about Howard Stern have mentioned that our party is the third largest in the country and that the Libertarian party got 1.8 million votes in 1990. Had the party limited itself to local, winnable elections, we would never have gotten close to two million votes.

In addition to boosting our credibility with the press and public, the growing number of Libertarian votes bolsters our claim that we should be officially recognized as a political party. If that can be accomplished,

and voters are permitted to register as Libertarians, our campaigns at every level will be more effective and non-libertarians will be less inclined to view a Libertarian vote as a throwaway vote.

Each Libertarian vote cast is meaningful to the person who cast it, useful to the party, and it is also meaningful to every candidate it was cast against.

That major party candidates have recently embraced libertarian ideas is significant. It means that the climate is right for libertarian victories. We should take full advantage of this climate. Ready or not, our candidates should be there to be voted for and take office. Being on the ballot everywhere, every time would provide the opportunity of having a peaceful revolution. Each and every American takes his vote seriously. If they were to take their freedom seriously, they would vote Libertarian. Not because our candidates spent

a lot of money, researched the district or communicated with labor unions, but because they, the voters, wanted to live responsibly in freedom.

To believe that we will fail at government because of lack of expertise in the political process, is to accept the premise that the political process as it now exists is legitimate. Of course it isn't. Let's not re-debate what has been considered, analyzed, understood and explained by the greatest libertarian thinkers of the ages. Ideas do matter. Freedom does matter. The rules are objective. Playing into and by the rules of the political plunderers is a fatal mistake. They are the ones who say the masses do not think. They are the ones who therefore say that the freedom of the individual does not matter. People are ready to hear our message and to vote for us, for the right reasons.

Libertarians elected to office will not fail or disap-

point. Unlike a seasoned politician, the greenest of libertarians can immediately detect a waste of taxpayers dollars or a threat to human rights. Libertarian office holders will think for themselves. They will already know that government is the problem, not the solution. These are the people we want in office.

If Mr. Guzzeta will tell our candidates things like shave the beard, don't chew gum and wear a blue suit, then I'm all for him. But if his advice is to research the centers of power and feel out the labor vote, then we should kiss him good-bye, or join one of the major parties. No research is needed to know that they have the political clout we lack. If our goal is just to get elected, then the best approach, especially at the local level, is to join a major party. Our goal should be to get elected on our principles.

*By Elizabeth Macron*



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**The Mercer County Libertarians** will meet regularly on the second Sunday of each month, at 2:30 p.m. Location will vary. Call **Ben Grindlinger**, 609-585-4128 for info.

**The Salem County Libertarian Party** will meet regularly on the last Wednesday of each month. For meeting location, phone

**Doug Stoxen**, 609-678-7018.

**Morris/Essex County LP** members meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Morris County library in Whippany. Phone **Lou Stefanelli**, 201-751-8675 for info.

**Monmouth County Libertarians** will be meeting for Liberty Brunch at the home of Helen Radder and Al Medwin on May 22nd call (908) 938-2784 for Info.

**Gloucester County Libertarian Party** holds its regular meeting the fourth Thursday of each month. Guests are

welcome. For more info, phone **John Hill**, 609-468-9571 or **Brian Waters**, 609-845-9581.

**Burlington County Libertarian Party** meets the second thursday of each month 7 pm, upstairs at Whistler's Inn, 901 Route 130, Cinnaminson. All are welcome.

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