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Election News

As we went to press we learned that Jennifer Carter and Joseph Conklin will be running as the Libertarian candidates for the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Robert Hull will be the LP candidate for County Clerk.

2002 DATES TO REMEMBER

October 8: Last day to register to vote in the November General Election.

October 29: Deadline for your County Clerk to receive by mail an absentee ballot application.

**November 5: General Election.
Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Redistricting Provides NJLP With Special Opportunity

By Pat Bontempo

New Jersey has a relatively easy requirement to get Congressional candidates on the ballot: just the signatures of 100 registered voters in the particular Congressional district. But because of redistricting, this year a candidate will only need 50 signatures.

A similar situation existed last year for candidates for the State Legislature. Unfortunately we didn't take full advantage of it and only had five candidates. Ideally this year we can use it to our advantage to produce a full slate of 13 Congressional candidates.

In order to withstand a challenge far more than 50 signatures will need to be submitted. Last year Diane Hittner in the 13th state legislative district submitted 67 signatures only to be challenged by the Republican State Committee.

While she won the challenge such a situation can be averted by submitting sufficient signatures. One hundred signatures this year should be enough to do it. If the requirement were 100 we'd have to submit at least 150, ideally more, so it should still be far easier this time around.

Keith Quarles of Wall Twp. has announced his intention to run in the 4th District, which includes parts of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties. Nominations will be awarded at the March 9 NJLP State Convention.

Petitions for Congressional candidates plus instructions can be obtained from the NJ Division of Election, 609-292-3760.

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Good Job, Diane!

NJLP member Diane Hittner has been appointed to the Old Bridge Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. Last year Diane was a candidate for the State Assembly in the 13th District.

Paff Keeps Pushin'

The New Jersey Law Journal calls him "*John Paff, a Franklin Resident who skewers errant county political figures in court and on a web site...*".

The article about John's suit to prevent William Welaj (recommended for suspension by the Disciplinary Review Board) from doing per diem work for the Somerset County Counsel is in the 12/24/01 Journal.

John's latest online endeavor is an internet forum that discusses attorney discipline. It's getting quite a bit of action. You can check it out at <http://forums.delphiforums.com/NJBartender/start>

Third Point of View Air Time Changed

Third Point of View, the half hour libertarian discussion program on Cablevision of Monmouth, has moved. It now airs a half hour later, at 10:30 p.m., on Wednesdays on Channel 71.

The program features host Shad Woolley and a panel of libertarian guests offering insight and commentary on current items in the news. An archive of past programs can be viewed on www.MonmouthLP.org.

Third Point of View can be seen by Cablevision subscribers in Asbury Park, Avon, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Brielle, Farmingdale, Howell, Interlaken, Jackson, Lakewood, Manasquan, Millstone, Neptune City, Neptune Twp. (including Ocean Grove), Ocean Twp., Sea Girt, South Belmar, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, Upper Freehold and Wall Twp..

*You Are Invited to Attend a
Wine & Cheese Reception
Saturday, March 9, 2001
4:30 p.m., following the
NJLP Convention, in the
Parlor Room at The
Ramada Inn, East Windsor,
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*Then, Please Join Us for
Dinner and an Evening of
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Tiffany's Restaurant, also at
The Ramada*

***To obtain a Voter Registration
Form, Voter Affiliation Card or
an Absentee Ballot Application
contact your county election
board or call 1-800-201-NJLP***

**The Cass County (Missouri) LP is
doing a straw poll on their website
for who should be the 2004 LP
presidential nominee.**

**Check it out at:
<http://cass.molp.org/polls.htm>**



New Jersey Libertarian Party
Annual Convention and
30 year Anniversary Celebration
9 March 2002

Location: The National Conference Center at the RAMADA® INN
379 Monmouth Street, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520

Schedule * : Business session; 09:00AM - 12:00 noon, Luncheon; 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Speakers * :

Bob Steiner: NJLP Founder and first Chair. Magician.

Reginald Jones: A radio talk show host.

Doug Leard, Separation of School and State: "Taking Back Responsibility for Education"

Clifford Wallace Thorton Jr: President of Efficacy. Efficacy advocates peaceful responses to social problems. Its primary effort is to promote open discussion of alternatives to the "war on drugs."

Allen Good: Fairtax. Fair is a tax reform organization that advocates replacing the income tax with a national sales tax.

Two Candidates for National Chair: Geoff Neale and Eli Israel.

*Speaker list, topics and schedule subject to change

For more information, contact Robert Jacobs at roberlj@yahoo.com or 908-303-3052.

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RESERVATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Contact phone number: (____) _____ ☐ number of members
☐ number of non-members

☐ number for luncheon and all speakers @ \$50.00 each. ☐ number for speakers only, no luncheon @ \$20.00 each.

☐ number for luncheon and speakers STUDENT RATE, @ \$25.00 each. (valid student ID required at registration).

* All above reservations are additional \$10.00 at the door, (luncheon choice not guaranteed without reservation by 22 Feb 2002)

☐ number for business meeting ONLY, no luncheon, no speakers, no cost

Luncheon choice: ☐ BEEF ☐ CHICKEN ☐ VEGETARIAN

☐ Dietary restrictions, (religious, health, etc.) we will try to accommodate, but can not guarantee: _____

Please return with payment by 22 February 2002 to:
NJLP Convention, PO Box 56, Tennent, New Jersey, 07763

From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

Many members are helping advance our cause, and this month I'd like to pay tribute to Tom Abrams, Robert Jacobs, Liz Macron, Alex Pugliese and Lou Stefanelli.

Have you noticed the ads facing this page and elsewhere in the newsletter? Don't they look professional? Tom Abrams created them. They're in camera ready format, and they're all set to run in your local weekly or college newspaper. (One of the ads is already running through May in the NJ WebGuide, www.Njave.com).



Thanks, Tom!

We should decentralize action and individual responsibility as much as possible, I believe, and here's a chance for you, dear reader, to take action on your own! Just pick an ad you like and get it to your local paper's advertising manager. It's easy to do; WebGuide accepted a faxed ad. Classified rates are lower than display rates so you might choose to use Tom's copy and run it alone in the classified section.

There's no need to get anyone's approval if you pay for the ad yourself. If you'd rather that the NJLP place the ad send me the paper's rate card and we'll take care of it. To underwrite ads send a check payable to the NJLP General Fund. On the memo line write "Ads" and mail it to NJLP, Box 56, Tennent 07763. Of course you can donate through the web site too (www.njlp.org).

Also, please send me your ideas about copy for future ads in our on going print advertising campaign.

Robert Jacobs is working energetically to put together our Convention March 9. He recently signed up Doug Leard, of Separation of School and State, to give an address titled "Taking Back Responsibility for Education." To register see the Convention ad in this issue, or go to the web. Robert is offering a \$10 discount to people who pay in advance rather than at the door. To ensure your luncheon choice be sure to register no later than Feb. 22.

Thanks, Robert!

The holiday party was most convivial. Liz Macron and Lou Stefanelli opened their home and paid for all food and drink out of their own pocket. Not only are Liz and Lou warm hosts, but their initiative also helped raise a significant amount - \$1,005 – to put toward freedom projects.

Thanks, Liz and Lou!

Alex Pugliese is a true self-starter. On his own initiative he took out an advertisement in his local paper to promote our March 9th Convention. Additionally, he has written several letters to the editor and his community has reacted favorably to what he has to say.

Thanks, Alex!

Remember, if each of us pitches in as have Tom, Robert, Liz, Lou and Alex the cause of freedom will move steadily forward.

Contact me at chair@njlp.org or 732 774-3684 with ideas about how to advance our cause.

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NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Tactics: Support Your Local Classical Liberal/Libertarian

By Joe Swyers and Lisa Dowdney

To libertarians and classical liberals,

From my experience as a beleaguered libertarian on city council and that of my compatriot during her term six years ago... Find a local classical liberal board, council or commission member. Surely one exists even in the worst of the Democrat or Republican controlled big cities or counties. They will be the most libertarian of their comrades - even if they are one of the D's or R's.

Adopt him or her and use the same tactics the authoritarians used and will use on our weakest members - that of prying them away from their compatriots. Support them with letters to the editor or with verbal support from the floor during their meetings. During breaks and especially after meetings say "Thank You" to them for their attempts to introduce or defend liberty - even if after they try with speeches or motions, they are beaten down and end up voting with the opposition. Report their efforts to the papers with letters that explain the importance of their attempts.

When the opposition teams up against them, speak from the floor in their support (but please do your homework so your comments are relevant and listened to). After meetings when they feel their efforts are so futile, take them out for a beer or glass of wine. Help them wind down and help them plan how to do it better next time.

Support them with literature and research. Information is power. Many elected officials have no staff - but their opposition in the mayor's or chair's seat often does. Help them counter their opposition with information. Find out what is on the agenda and give them relevant material to fight with from CATO or Reason or Heritage or other classical liberal /libertarian think tanks.

And beyond that, help them apply that information to local issues so they are more effective in their efforts and arguments.

In time you may get a convert. But even if they stay a D or R in order to stay in the seat, the classical liberal/libertarian cause for liberty gains more political clout and hope. By nurturing an ally on the board, council or commission it will be far easier to persuade other libertarians to seriously try winning another seat.

Libertarians and classical liberals so often don't bother running for office because they realize their solo efforts will be so frustrating. They may have seen others beat their head against a brick wall and quit in disgust. But take it from two who have been there and have had friends on other boards - having even one compatriot will help them stay the course. Even if they are outnumbered five or seven or nine to two - they have an ally on the board to at least get motions seconded and into discussion. Just as important, they have a compatriot to commiserate with.

Nurturing an ally will make it easier to recruit a libertarian to run for another seat on that board, council or commission because they realize they won't be thrown in among the sharks to survive by themselves.

Furthermore, with a libertarian support group doing research for them they will be able to more effectively counter the information from the opposition's team.

So take it from two who have been there fighting the good fight on a city council even though we were outnumbered, with help and support we not only were able to hang in there, we were able to recruit two more allies and now we have a majority. We even have others who had been on boards who now see the cause is not futile and who are reinforcements waiting to take over if we should leave our seats to move up. In a few years we may even be able to leave office entirely because we have allies who will continue our work.

This can all start with getting our libertarian foot in the door by helping a classical liberal / libertarian who already has their foot in the door. Regardless of whether they are a Democrat or Republican, find the most libertarian on a board, council or commission and support them. You may get a convert. You certainly will then find libertarians willing to run for office when they see it won't be so futile because they have a team backing them up.

Sincerely,

Joe Swyers and Lisa Dowdney
Libertarian Councilmembers, Leadville. Colorado

One Small Thing for 2002

By Pat Bontempo

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The tradition of making new year's resolutions seems to exist now as only the basis for comic strip jokes or part of a late-night talk show monologue. That's understandable since it appears that stating such resolutions is only verbalizing what we know we won't be doing in the coming year.

Still the turning of the year causes us to naturally reflect on where we are in our lives and how that compares to where we want to be. For me there's little worth in turning such reflection into a broad resolution to, say, lose weight or exercise, but it often does suggest something small but worthwhile that I can do.

For example on the way home from dropping off a donation to the Monmouth County Humane Society I started thinking how I should do more to help. And being me the ideas were, well, a bit grand, and because of that I knew from experience I'd never do them. Then I thought, "How about one small thing? I'll skip going out to eat one week next year and donate that money to the Society."

OK, not only far from grand but also far from original. Far from what we normally consider a new year's resolution. But, far more importantly, it's one small thing which I actually could do.

Every so often Monmouth libertarians tell me how they've resolved to do more to help build the party here in our county. While their intentions vary they usually have one thing in common: they're grand. It can range from a coordinated campaign to send monthly letters to the editor of every county newspaper to going from door to door to every house in their town before the next election. And like those grand personal New Year's resolutions to drop 20 pounds or go to the gym three times a week, they seem to never get executed.

Instead of making a resolution, big or small, silent or verbalized, it would be so much better if all of us simply did one thing; one small but meaningful thing.

Write a letter -- one letter one time to one newspaper. Bring one neighbor one time to one event. Make one small donation one time to one candidate. Put one campaign lawn sign on your lawn or one bumper sticker on your car. Send the "Voter Declaration of Party Affiliation" card to the county election board in order to register as a Libertarian.

Like many in the post-WW II generation I derive no small amount of my personal philosophy from popular culture. At the risk of misquoting from memory, I think of Yoda's words: "Do or do not; there is no try." Or the message from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" -- "Don't dream it; be it."

A few real dollars to help rescue one stray animal is far more meaningful than the grandest resolution I could ever make to help the Humane Society. So too one letter to the editor or one bumper sticker on your car would do more to help build the LP here in Monmouth County than the grandest plans, no matter how worthwhile, that go unexecuted.

Resources for Activists and Candidates

PACs:

California Liberty PAC

Contact: Gail Lightfoot
<http://califlibpac.tripod.com/>

Libertarian Activist PAC

Contact: Mark Murphy
<http://www.libertarianactivist.com>

Liberty Slate Committee

Contact: J.R. Graham
<http://www.opine.org/slate.html>

Libertarian Victory Fund

Contact: Chris Azzaro
<http://www.libertarianvictoryfund.com/>

Washington Liberty Project

Contact: Mike Hihn
<http://www.waliberty.org>

Books:

"Winning Political Campaigns"

by: William S. Bike

"How to Win a Local Campaign"

by Lawrence Grey

"The Campaign Manager"

by Catherine M. Shaw & Michael E. Holstein

"The Art of Political War"

by David Horowitz

"Rules for Radicals"

by Saul Alinsky

Magazines:

Campaigns and Elections

***Highly recommended!
<http://www.campaignline.com>

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Web sites of interest:

Grow the LP

<http://growthelp.org>

Leadership Institute

<http://www.leadershipinstitute.org/home.htm>

The LI welcomes Libertarians to take their courses

Libertarian Strategy Caucus

<http://www.lp2000.com>

Private Solutions

<http://www.angelfire.com/pa/private/solutions/>

- *From the Libertarian Mainstream
Caucus, <http://users.ez2.net/lmc/>*

"After all - it's a great
country, but you
can't live in it for
nothing."

- *Will Rogers*

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The NJLP now has premium merchandise available as thank you gifts for contributors to our campaign funds. T-Shirts, coffee mugs, steins, sweatshirts and other items are available from the "Contribute" page on our web site. Just click on the "NJLP Premiums" link at www.njlp.org/donations.php

Best of Both Worlds

Many of you have noticed that, by the time you get your hard copy NJL each month, some of the events mentioned have passed.

Unfortunately, the downside to our cost-cutting switch from First Class mail means that local post offices can pretty much deliver your NJL when they feel like it. We've moved our deadline up 10 days (from the 20th to the 10th of every month) in an effort to solve the problem, but you also have another way to get your NJL.

If you have Internet access, check out the NJL each month on our state web site, www.njlp.org. Even if you choose to keep receiving the hard copy version, the ezine becomes available nearly three weeks before the paper NJL is delivered.

So why not enjoy the best of both worlds? Get your snazzy, full color NJL in a timely manner, simply by going to the web site, and still get your hard copy, which many members like to pass along or simply archive for themselves.

Announcements

The NJLP will be hosting a blood drive during the 2002 state convention, March 9th Hightstown Ramada Inn.

*You must register in advance to donate blood.
To register call Ned Kelley at 908-832-6338.*

This July there will be a National Convention, in Indianapolis. If you are interested in being considered as a delegate in the NJLP delegation, please forward your name to Dan Karlan. Use <DanKarlan@CompuServe.com> or 97 Manhattan Ave; Waldwick, NJ 07463-2228

*Want to get involved?
The NJLP has volunteer committees addressing fundraising, recruitment and membership, public relations, candidate recruitment and support and electronic access.
Please contact State Chair Emerson Ellett if you'd like to serve on one or more.*

*Monmouth Libertarians Shift
February Meeting - Libertarians of Monmouth County will return to the Alexis Steakhouse and Tavern, 403 Higgins Ave., Brielle for their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, February 10 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The move comes in response to members' reactions to the successful election presentation and meeting held there last month. Those attending can order food and drink on their own. For information and directions call 732-775-7263 or visit www.MonmouthLP.org and look on the Events page.*

DRAFT Minutes
NJLP Steering Committee Meeting December 16, 2001
Stefanelli's home in Tinton Falls

The meeting was called to order by Chair Emerson Ellett at 1:30 PM. Present along with Emerson were Ned Kelley, Lou Stefanelli, Len Flynn, Lou Elwell, Robert Hull, and Elizabeth Macron. Henry Cheney was absent. Following adoption of the agenda, the minutes of the November 11, 2001 General Meeting were reviewed and approved. Question was raised whether the Morris County Chair's office was vacant prior to its being filled during the county caucus part of the general meeting. Emerson will call the prior chair to check. Lou Stefanelli circulated the Treasurer's report and the members discussed it.

Unfinished Business

- Bylaws -- Robert Hull and Dan Karlan presented specific bylaws amendments that will be published in the next N.J. Libertarian so they can be voted on at the 3-9-02 NJLP annual convention. The State Board will formally review the proposed amendments and the Board's approval will be sought at their January 20, 2002 meeting.
- b. CAPP registration appeal -- Albert Larotonda, head of CAPP, has reported that nothing happened yet on challenging the automatic reserved lines (or columns) 1 and 2 for the Republicrats. (The 12/13/01 CAPP meeting was cancelled.) Lawsuit options will be discussed by a committee of Liz Macron, Lou Stefanelli, and John Paff.
 - c. Newsletter -- Online NJL issues are helpful because it saves the NJLP money. The membership application certification needs the word "goals" added.
 - d. 2002 convention -- Questions about a "fair tax" advocate speaker were countered by two observations: he is not a paid speaker and the suggested 23% sales tax would make taxes (finally) obvious to taxpayers. The possibility of transferring frequent flier miles to the convention speaker coming from California will be investigated. The meeting agenda needs to include the State Board recommendation to raise Life Member dues from \$300 to \$500.
 - e. Standing order on motion from the LP of Somerset & Middlesex Counties (LPSMC) to review and compile past resolutions Robert Hull reported that all documents had been scanned and Ray Cragle will now begin to review and summarize them.
 - f. Political Director Ned will develop a job description and circulate it by 1-13-02.
1. LNC report Dan Karlan reported on last month's Libertarian National Committee meeting. He has been selected by LNC to serve on the national LP bylaws committee. Copies of the national LP strategic plan are to be supplied to State Board members as the NJLP membership had requested on 11-10-01.

New Business (4:00 PM)

- a. NJLP blood drive Ned Kelley is planning to have a blood drive at the March 9, 2002 NJLP annual convention.
- b. Volunteer Committees
 1. Fundraising -- A monthly pledge form has been set up on the NJLP website. Political organizations are explicitly prohibited from holding raffles, but we could do a give-away instead. Drawings for e.g. a gun are less fruitful than cash raffles but may raise excess donations. Lou Elwell will transfer information on these fundraisers to Ned Kelley.
 2. Electronic communications -- Progress has been made on Lou Elwell's list of specific items for NJLP implementation. The on-line members database is under way. A form to gather e-mail addresses for the convention registration is being drawn up. The on-line membership renewal form with PayPal is in place on the NJLP website.
 3. Recruitment & membership -- The Recruitment/Membership committee will follow up to assure that duplicate meeting notices and information in hard copy will be sent to members who request only electronic submissions. (This is due to N.J. state law requirements for corporations.) Lou Stefanelli and Henry Cheney will prepare an outline of proposed actions needed to gain members.
 4. Public relations -- Page 12 of the New Jersey Webguide has NJLP advertising. Copies of several radio ads are already available, including thirdwheel.com mentioned in LP News.
 5. Candidate recruitment and support -- A meeting of LP county officials has been called and representatives of Monmouth, Mercer, & Hunterdon counties are planning to meet in Brielle. 2002 candidate/campaign goals will be developed by Lou Elwell.
 6. County committees -- See above for county meetings about candidates.
 7. Improvements & deficiencies -- Emerson solicited comments around the table from the meeting participants.

Announcements -- Len Flynn told the group he had copies of Poker Face's CD with their hit "I'd rather die than be your slave" for sale.

Future meetings -- (Unless otherwise noted, all meetings begin at 1:00 PM)

Sunday January 20, 2002 State Board at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick

Sunday February 17, Steering Committee at Len Flynn's home in Morganville (Marlboro Twp.)

Saturday March 9, NJLP Annual Convention in Hightstown, general meeting at 9:00 AM

Adjournment -- The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM. The NJLP holiday party festivities commenced immediately thereafter.

Letters to Louise

Dear Libertarian Louise:

I find it awfully suspicious that you suddenly appear after Libertarian Lou disappears. Do you think we're fools?

Signed: Aware in Alpine

Dear Aware:

Libertarian Lou in drag? Now there's a picture. I suppose anything is possible with that Monmouth crew. The rumor I heard is that he's hiding from Pat Bontempo until after the election for a new county chair. By the way, thanks for the opening with that question but our editor tells me I have to start behaving better.

Dear Libertarian Louise:

In response to your request for strategies to achieve success, in my opinion I think we should adopt the tactic of "hitting them where they're not." You know, contest races for offices where there is only one party running or for offices the Democrats and Republicans don't want. What do you think?

Signed: A New Approach

Dear New:

First off, allow me to assure you and all readers that I never asked for anyone's opinion about anything. I have more than enough of my own to handle, thank you.

As for your suggestion: Using that logic Gen. Eisenhower would have defeated Nazi Germany by invading Mozambique. Think again.



Dear Libertarian Louise:

Judging from your photo last month, you're a dog. How can a dog be a member of the NJLP?

Signed: Dubious in Delran

Dear Dubious:

If a jackass can be a member of the NJLP, why not a dog?

Dear Libertarian Louise:

Love your stuff. Was hoping you'd be a candidate for us some day, but it looks like you're a dog so I guess not.

Signed: Disappointed in Dumont

Dear Disappointed:

Please see answer to previous question.

Letters To the Editor

Dear Editor,

After reading Bob Heitner's article, "Learning from the Edgerton Campaign" in the November issue of the New Jersey Libertarian, was left with two questions that were unanswered: 1 - Why did Mr. Edgerton choose the Libertarian party in the first place, and 2 - Why didn't the Libertarian party admit its mistake after Mr. Edgerton's first few questionable actions?

Aside from the sometimes-harsh critiques of Mark in the Heitner article, I felt it had good information and guidelines for the future. However, the first step in any campaign must be in choosing the right candidate, and as the party espousing personal responsibility, I don't understand why we didn't extend that philosophy to admitting we'd chosen wrongly to begin with. Personal responsibility means admission of mistakes and rectifying them when possible. The time, effort and funds of the party and many volunteers would have been spared for campaigns that had a chance at making a difference, if the NLJP had been willing to admit its error.

I don't think the Edgerton campaign has to be looked back on as a catastrophe - but only if we can learn enough from our mistakes and his to be successful in the future.

Mike Curci

Dear Editor,

From what I've read in the NJ Libertarian, and from what I've heard, our gubernatorial candidate made some mistakes, attacked some people, and made some enemies within the party. Nevertheless, he was our candidate and I don't think we had many others interested in running and putting in all the time and effort. For that he deserves at least some credit.

What I learned from last month's article "Learning from the Edgerton Campaign" (Nov/Dec2001 Issue, Page 5) could have been summarized in one sentence: Anything our candidate did or said had to be wrong. I think 5 pages of criticism was at least 4 pages too long.

Ron Wishart

NJLP Members In Public Office

Elected Officials:

John Aglialoro, Commissioner of Tavistock (Camden County)

William Krouse, Franklin Township (Warren County) Board of Education

Christian Joest, Blairstown Township (Warren County) Board of Education

Appointed Officials:

Paul Anderson, Chairman of the Chester Boro Planning Board; Member, Chester Boro Historic Preservation Committee

Tony Federici, Community Dispute Resolution Committee, Vernon Township

Ken Hetrick, Administrator, Chatham Township; Acting Town Manager, West Milford Township

Diane Hittner, Old Bridge Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

Joseph Higgins, Woodcliff Lake Borough Emergency Management Coordinator

Paul Horuzy, Commissioner, Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority

Ned Kelley, Hunterdon County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

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Thanks, Folks!

Calendar

Sunday February 17, 1 PM
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"Sometimes
people call me
an idealist.
Well, that is
the way I know
I am an
American.
America is the
only idealistic
nation in the
world."
- Woodrow
Wilson



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Calendar of County Meetings

The public is invited and guests are very welcome.

Hunterdon County generally on the first or second Monday of each month. The agenda is split between business and social activities. Contact Hal Shute at 609-397-5913 for information or shute@blast.net to be added to announce list.

Mercer County Call David Trend at 609 466 2469

Middlesex/Somerset Counties: For information, join the LPSMC announce list (LPSMC-Announce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or contact Howard Schoen at 732-572-0207.

Monmouth County: Second Sunday of the month at the Alexis Steakhouse & Tavern, 403 Higgins Ave., Brielle starting at 1:30 p.m. For more information and directions contact Pat Bontempo (732 775-7263; PDB10752@aol.com) or visit www.MonmouthLP.org.

South Jersey Libertarian Party call Steve Lang, Chair, at 856 678-7758 for information.

Sussex County, call Tony Federici at 973 764 7289.



Pat Bontempo, Monmouth County Chair, speaking at the January 13th special 2002 Election Presentation, offered by Libertarians of Monmouth County.

CAPP Founder to Address Monmouth Libertarians

Albert LaRotunda, Founder of the Coalition of Alternative Political Parties (CAPP), will address the regular monthly meeting of Libertarians of Monmouth County on Sunday, February 10th at 1:30 p.m. at the Alexis Steakhouse, 403 Higgins Ave., Brielle.

CAPP has been in the forefront of the fight for election law reform in New Jersey. LaRotunda is expected to discuss, among other items, the current CAPP lawsuit which has already won us the right to register as Libertarians.

The public is invited. The Alexis Steakhouse is conveniently located off of Rts. 35 and 71. For directions and more information call 732-775-7263 or visit www.MonmouthLib.org

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**The deadline for the NJL is
the 10th of every month.**

Libertarian Links and Lists

This Month's Pick is the new website for the LMC (Libertarian Mainstream Caucus). Gene Trosper announces it with:

It has been quite a while since I have communicated with members of the Libertarian Mainstream Caucus. For that, I would like to apologize. Why has it been so long?

1. Not much activity within the LP due to it being an off year.
2. September 11 was quite an important distraction. For many, politics just didn't seem THAT important (myself included).
3. The holiday season was another distraction with shopping and travel to visit friends and family.
4. My employer required more of my time for a three month period.
5. A nasty "bug" that kept me and my family ill on and off for a six week period.

The LMC didn't go away...it just hibernated for a spell! Now that we have entered a new year, the LMC has an important mission between now and July when we hold our National Convention. Now is the time to seriously organize and mobilize. The first step toward this is to introduce.... OUR NEW WEB DOMAIN!

Thanks to the generosity of Washington State LMC member Mike Hihn, we now have our own web domain at <http://www.mainstreamlibs.com>. Note also the change in design! Please take a moment to inform other Libertarians of our new domain address via e-mail.

Secondly, I urge all LMC members to download our introductory flyer available at our website and distribute it as widely as possible. This is particularly important at local meetings and state conventions where delegates will be chosen (and influenced). This is all in preparation for our National Convention being held in Indianapolis. In coming weeks, expect more news from the LMC, more information to distribute and suggestions for specific actions to be taken.

I hope you have taken this down time to relax and re-energize. Now, more than ever, we need to work for an effective and successful Libertarian Party. Your involvement will be crucial.

It's good to be back! Please tell your friends to visit the site! It's a great resource!

www.njlp.org. The homepage of the NJLP

www.lp.org. Homepage of the National Libertarian Party.

www.lppa.org. Homepage of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

www.monmouthlp.org. Homepage of Libertarians of Monmouth County.

www.cjnj.org. Citizens for Justice in NJ's homepage, including John Paff's Bartender List.

www.lp2000.com Libertarian Strategy Caucus

www.politicsnj.com. The New Jersey Political scene. Great site!

www.freemarket.net. The starting point for libertarianism on the web.

www.cato.org. The premier libertarian think tank.

www.reason.com. Homepage of the Reason Foundation and Reason magazine.

http://www.njlp.org/html/bartender_list.html. John Paff's Bartender list. If you're thinking of hiring a lawyer in NJ, you might want to check him out here.

www.lp.org. Homepage of the National Libertarian Party.

www.freecannon.com Garry Reed's "The Loose Cannon" column site

www.self-gov.org. Homepage of Advocates for Self Government.

www.lp2000.com. Liberty Strategy Caucus

www.laissezfaire.org. Homepage of Laissez-Faire books.

www.ij.org. Libertarian organization committed to achieving justice through action in the courts.

www.drcnet.org. The central homepage dedicated to the reform of American drug laws.

www.guntruths.com. Defending second amendment rights through common sense and truth.

www.friedmanfoundation.org. Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman's foundation to free children from the government monopoly on schools.

www.atr.org. The homepage of Americans for tax reform.

www.fff.org. The homepage of the Future of Freedom Foundation.

www.deathtax.com Changing the way you leave your money

www.libertarianrock.com A great site for younger libertarians

www.pokerface.com Freedom Rocks with this Allentown band

Sign up! Many of the sites above provide free email updates. Also, Wallnet offers superb services like *Announce* and *LibertyTalk* mailing lists. Sign up at www.njlp.org.

Where's Louise's Column?

Our newest contributor sent us this email:

To: Editor, NJL
From: Libertarian Louise
Subject: My column

Hey... Sorry, but there won't be a Libertarian Louise column this month. I apologize if this causes a problem, but as I write as a volunteer, well... you get what you pay for. I did answer my correspondence (see Page 11), but I'm too irritated to write a column.

It's been a bad week. First, I went to get my bangs trimmed the other day, and the idiot cut them too short and cut them crookedly. Talk about your bad hair days... this will result in two bad hair weeks.

When I pointed to the State of New Jersey License hanging on the wall of the establishment, and said something along the lines of "hey, moron, how did you manage to get that license? Didn't you have to prove that you knew how scissors worked?" the witless nincompoop explained, "oh, no, I had to prove it 15 years ago when I first got started. Since then, I just send in my fee every two years." When I asked her why she had to get licensed at all, she solemnly said "it could be a real problem, if unlicensed stylists were allowed to cut hair".

To soothe my soul, I stopped at a little ice cream shop that just opened near me. Still smarting from the hairdresser's License To Butcher, I immediately noticed *their* license, hanging in a spanking new frame by the front door.

Now, I was ordering ice cream, mind you. Nothing too difficult to prepare or serve. But the table and floor were sticky, the waitress must have been related to the hairdresser, since it took her two attempts to get my order (Death by Chocolate, of course) correct, and when the dish of ice cream arrived it was melted and soupy and in a questionably clean dish.

I didn't eat it, and this time I didn't bother asking what the State License was supposed to be insuring. I just went grumpily home, stopping at the post office first to collect my mail.

In it were my driver's license renewal notice (to insure that only good drivers are on our roads); my car's registration renewal (to insure only safe and insured vehicles will be ditto) and my quarterly property tax bill - which arrived two days before the payment deadline, since it was generated by a lazy and inefficient government bureaucracy and delivered by a lazier and even more inefficient quasi-government monopoly.

Maybe if the government employees had to be licensed, it would have been on time.

Anyway, sorry about this month's column. I'll be back next month - maybe.

Libertarian Louise

Editor's Note: The item below was first run in our July 2000 issue. In the ensuing 18 months, the court battle to register as a Libertarian was appealed, and we fought that appeal successfully.

*If you didn't opt to use this information when we first ran it, and you're still an unregistered voter, now's the time to change that - now that you can register as a **Libertarian**. Don't let this important victory go to waste.*

Voting – the Forgotten First Step?

If you're reading this newsletter, you're a libertarian.

But are you a **Libertarian**? Only recently, a hard fought battle got us (so far) the right to register as Libertarians in New Jersey. The importance of that victory can't be overstated. Each voter who registers as a Libertarian is sending a message to the Republican Oppression Machine. Each voter who registers as a Libertarian tells statist in office that we're a growing number, a strengthening voice. And each voter who registers as a Libertarian carries us farther from being perceived as a "fringe" element. Just as members who attain local office are accomplishing big things in small steps, every vote is one step closer to eventual freedom.

In our June issue we ran registration forms for unregistered members. For registered and unregistered members to register as Libertarians, we ran the form below for registering as a Libertarian. If you missed the forms, you can get the voter registration form by emailing editor@njlp.org and requesting one.

VOTER DECLARATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION N.J. 3027

I, being a registered voter at the address listed below, do hereby declare that I desire to vote in the primary election of the Libertarian Party Political Party. (Name of Party)

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Residence: Street Address _____ Apt. No. _____

Municipality _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

Signature or mark of registered voter _____ Date _____

DECLARATION MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRECEDING THE PRIMARY IN WHICH THE VOTER WISHES TO VOTE.

☐ Marque aquí si usted desea recibir materiales de las elecciones en Español.

Okay, so you want to register as a **Libertarian**, and you've clipped out the form and filled it out. Now what? Ever active Pat Bontempo and John Paff have provided the following list of county election boards. You can go down there to register and break some... stones. Get a look at the faces of the election board workers when they see the L word on your form. And please, let us know how your registration process goes! We want to hear and share your victories and (sigh) horror stories about an unwilling bureaucracy faced with an enabled public.

ATLANTIC COUNTY
1333 Atlantic Ave., 4th floor
Atlantic City

BERGEN COUNTY
21 Main Street, Room 16E
Hackensack

BURLINGTON COUNTY
755 Eyerstown Rd.
Mount Holly

CAMDEN COUNTY
600 Market Street
Camden

CAPE MAY COUNTY
10-12 W. Mechanic Street
Cape May Courthouse

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
60 Broad St. W., Suite 210
Bridgeton

ESSEX COUNTY
33 Washington St.
Newark

GLOUCESTER COUNTY
55 Delaware Street
Woodbury

HUDSON COUNTY
595 Newark Ave.
Jersey City

HUNTERDON COUNTY
1 E. Main Street
Flemington

MERCER COUNTY
640 S. Broad Street
Trenton

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
777 Jersey Avenue
New Brunswick

MONMOUTH COUNTY
300 Halls Mill Road
Freehold

MORRIS COUNTY
P.O. Box 900
Morristown

OCEAN COUNTY
129 Hooper Avenue
Toms River

PASSAIC COUNTY
311 Pennsylvania Ave.
Room 103
Paterson

SALEM COUNTY
90 Market Street
Salem

SOMERSET COUNTY
20 Grove Street
Somerville

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18 Church Street
Newton

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271 North Broad Street
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1 800 201-NJLP**

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 political or social goals.

(Signature required for membership only) X _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone () _____ Email _____

Occupation & Employer (optional) _____

Yes! Please sign me up as a full member of the Libertarian Party.

My dues are enclosed as follows:

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Make check payable to NJLP and mail to: NJLP, c/o Jack Toussaint, 66 Cortlandt St., Belleville, NJ 07109

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

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