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## Kaplan for Governor Campaign Updates: **Kaplan at Rutgers Fair**

By Ken Kaplan

On August 31, 2009 I participated with the Rutgers Libertarians in the Rutgers Student Involvement Fair held at Vorhees Plaza at the New Brunswick campus. I helped President, Brian Canares, Secretary, Matt Simcha, and other members of the group hand out literature and get students to sign up to receive the group's emails. Free pizza for those willing to provide their contact information was an early incentive, but sign-ups continued enthusiastically long after the pizza ran out.

Thousands of students passed the table and many took copies of the Bill of Rights and Constitution, or books about their free speech rights on campus. I handed out more flyers about my positions on the issues than at any other campaign stop so far. I also walked around and gave some of that literature to students manning tables for two gay rights groups and a women's political activism group, and I was very well received.



*"People were happy to meet me."*



Thousands of students showed up.

## **John Paff for Lieutenant Governor**

On Monday, July 27, 2009 Kenneth Kaplan announced that he had chosen John Paff as his Lieutenant Governor. Paff has chaired the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Open Government Advocacy Project for the past 5 years. Praising his work in that capacity, Kaplan said, "Paff has served as a watchdog for New Jersey citizens, assuring that the workings of local government are properly recorded and made available for public scrutiny. If we are elected, I will appoint him as Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, where his expertise on local government will stand New Jersey residents in good stead. He will only draw one salary. There will be no double dipping in a Kaplan administration."

Paff is a 1979 graduate of Rutgers University, where he



majoring in economics. He was president of City Line Insurance, Inc from 1979 – 1988, and currently manages rental real estate. A resident of Franklin Township for the past 23 years, he has been a member of the Middlebush Volunteer Fire Department in Somerset for 17 years and has been president of that fire company since 2008. He and

his wife, Diane, are the parents of 2 children.

Said Kaplan, "I cannot be happier that John has agreed to be my running mate. I have admired his long time volunteer work on behalf of open government in our state, and I am excited about what he would be able to do as the head of the Department of Community Affairs." For more information visit the campaign website at: <http://kaplanforgovernor.com/>.

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## South Jersey Libertarians Meet

By Kevin Ferrizzi

Camden and Gloucester Counties have met regularly and are happy to report having more than a dozen active members in attendance. We have also obtained the registered voter lists for Libertarians and Independents in our Counties. Note that the number of registered Libertarians in Camden and Gloucester Counties has nearly QUADRUPLED since 2005.

William Kern, our candidate for town council in Bellmawr, Camden County, has begun campaigning in earnest. Bobb Rayner is working on putting together an NJLP radio/internet broadcast, with the help of Jay and several other members. We are hoping to be ready for production by the end of next month.

I have been contacted by people looking to organize Ocean and Burlington Counties as well as two other gentlemen interested in running for office next year. More detail on these activities will follow after our meeting next month. For my part, I have updated all NJLP financial and professional records and reports and obtained original copies of all of these documents for our records as well as opened new State and Federal Funds.

I will be attending a speech by Rep. Rob Andrews (D-1st) at Rowan University in Glassboro, Gloucester County in August about the upcoming health care package. I am hoping to use it as an opportunity to engage him in debate and hopefully win over a few of the students so that I can set about organizing a campus group when the semester starts in September.

## NJLP Outreach – Warped Tour Report

By Jay Edgar

Our Warped Tour booths in Camden and Oceanport were a resounding success. We exposed hundreds of youth to the party, while enjoying ourselves at the festivals.



Kevin Ferrizzi and Melissa Edgar greet happy rock fans.

We administered the World's Smallest Political quiz to 204 individuals. (for more about this quiz see the Self Government Advocates website at

<http://www.theadvocates.org/quiz>). We used

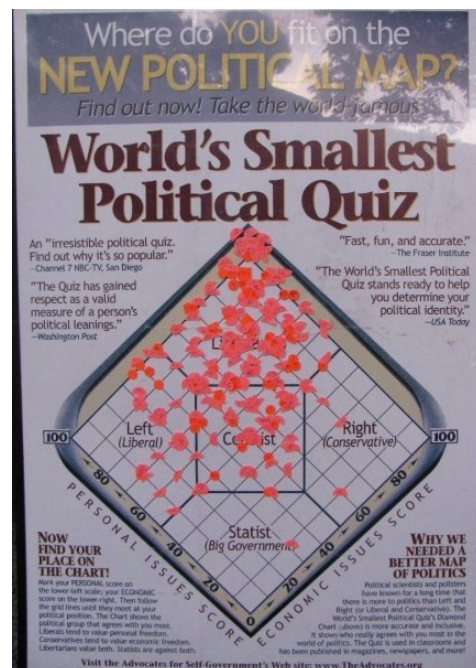
the quiz to educate and identify political ideologies. Everyone who took the quiz got a sticker posted at their location on a large version of the chart that we had.

The results were very encouraging and I believe represent a shift in our youth towards liberty. I noticed our booth was more popular than the several other left-leaning booths that were at the festival.

Of the 204 people who took the quiz:

- 104 were fully in the Libertarian quadrant!
- 23 were on the boundary of Libertarian and another quadrant
- 32 were Liberal (or on the boundary between Centrist and Liberal or Statist and Liberal)
- 3 were conservative (or on the boundary between centrist and conservative or statist and conservative)
- 39 were fully in the Centrist quadrant
- 3 were statist (or on the boundary between statist and centrist)

I thank all those who helped or donated.



Here is a picture of the chart with the stickers attached showing the cluster of political ideologies identified.

## Movie Review: The Cartel

By Jay Edgar

On Wednesday July 8, 2009 my daughter and I attended a screening of Bob Bowdon's documentary, "The Cartel." The film effectively presents what is wrong with our schools and presents some ideas for fixing the problems. Data is presented showing how poorly NJ schools perform compared to the rest of the world and the nation, despite having the highest funding in the world. Solutions presented all involve breaking up the

NJ education cartel and cultivating a free market approach that rewards the best schools and teachers.

New Jersey resident Bob Bowdon was a business reporter for Bloomberg Television. He has spent two and one half years creating this film, mostly with his own money. Mr. Bowdon now runs Bowdon Media, a video streaming for retail consulting and production company.

For at least a generation, American public schools have been growing progressively worse. According to the U.S. Department of Education national testing, only 35% of American high school seniors are proficient in reading. And fewer than one-in-four, 23%, are proficient in math. On the global stage, America ranks last in educational effectiveness among large industrialized countries despite the highest spending per student in the world.

There is one area where the United States and New Jersey leads the world—spending. In 2007, the United States accounted for 25% of worldwide spending on primary school education, yet holds only 4% of the world’s population. New Jersey is undoubtedly among the states with the highest education spending. Districts in New Jersey spend \$300,000 to \$430,000 per classroom. Yet only a small part of that money makes it into the classroom.

It presents something of a conundrum. The Cartel Website asks “How has the richest and most innovative society on earth suddenly lost the ability to teach its children at a level that other modern countries consider ‘basic’?” The Cartel effectively uncovers bloated pensions, salaries, and severance packages. Many of them are concentrated in New Jersey’s worst performing schools. The solutions explored all include accountability using market mechanisms. School choice options using vouchers, competing charter schools, and magnet schools are presented. A very emotional scene is presented at a lottery for a charter school admission in New Jersey. Parents and students are shown as being overjoyed at being selected, while those who are stuck in the government school system are reduced to tears.

After the movie a question and answer period was held with the filmmaker. There were government school union officials present for the showing. However they stormed out before the question and answer period. Mr. Bowdon answered questions from those attending with skill. Many government school teachers attending the screening agreed with the movie and were fed up with the system. Mr. Bowdon explained that he believes that there are many good school teachers and many bad ones. The problem with the school system in New Jersey is that it has become a cartel. The lack of a merit pay system protects bad teachers while penalizing good teachers. The cartel controls the entire system by controlling who gets elected to the school board, choosing which legislators they deal with, and pushing for the rejection of charter schools’ approvals.

I highly recommend this movie to every New Jersey resident. Two future screenings of this movie are Sunday, September 20 and Friday, September 25 at the New Jersey Film Festival

(Rutgers) in Scott Hall, Room 123. Scott Hall is at 43 College Avenue at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. Festival Screenings begin at 7pm and The Cartel begins at 8pm. Director Bob Bowdon hosts a Q&A after screening. Tickets are only available at the venue, beginning 6:30pm.

## Two New Books

The Case for Rational Optimism  
by Frank S. Robinson

I am pleased to announce release of my new book, *The Case for Rational Optimism*, by Transaction Books at Rutgers University -- "Publishers of Record in International Social Science." It shows not only how life and the world are improving, but analyzes the underlying causes, bringing in evolutionary biology, neuroscience, psychology, sociology, economics, and history. The book is a fun read that challenges many commonly held ideas, and it will lift your heart and change your thinking.

The book is grounded in a libertarian outlook, arguing that empowering people to make their own choices is the key to a better world. For more information and ordering details, please go to <http://www.fsrcoin.com/k.htm>

About the author: Frank S. Robinson is a graduate of NYU Law School and served for two decades as an administrative law judge. He is the author of four previous books: one about machine politics; a novel; a coin collecting guide; and *Life, Liberty, and Happiness*, which won the Spooner Award in 2006.

## *The Soprano State: New Jersey’s Culture of Corruption*

Reviewed by Len Flynn

I recently completed *The Soprano State: New Jersey’s Culture of Corruption (TSS)* by Bob Ingle and Sandy McClure. This book can easily serve as the basic reference source for this year’s race for Governor. Ingle and McClure document the extensive and enduring corruption in the Garden State, and their book is full of colorful insights demonstrating that fact.

Here are key thoughts from the introduction. “In New Jersey, government is ... about jobs. There is entirely too much government.” New Jersey has 1,969 taxing entities—counting the state as only one—and there are 154,500 state workers and 444,000 local government employees. The 19,110 elected officeholders in local government are each “part of a political fiefdom, a power base for politicians who employ supporters and ensure their loyalty with pay and pensions out of line with the real world.” Then there are the fifty state authorities—“unelected, unaccountable independent bodies with the power to float billions of dollars’ worth of bonds without being subject to the vote of the people or supervision of elected officials.”

One downside of the book is its undisguised favoritism toward U.S. Attorney and Republican Gubernatorial candidate Chris Christie. He is quoted saying “no one is above the law” at the



end of the successful prosecution of former State Senator John Lynch. Christie added, "There has got to be a point in time when public officials in this state get the picture." If they don't he says N.J. voters "have to elect better people and hold them accountable" (page 87). In case the reader still doesn't get the message Christie is described as "an honest, hard-driven G-man" (p. 172) who successfully prosecuted Essex County Executive Jim Treffinger for bribery and illegal campaign contributions. In thirteen months Christie had converted Treffinger from "promising U.S. Senate candidate to common criminal" with a successful conviction and a sentence of forty-one months in prison.

*The Soprano State* has one glaring omission that only the Kaplan for Governor campaign can provide. The laws that authorize the massive interventionist state are the ultimate source of corruption, and these laws and the bureaucracy they spawn must be eliminated. Instead, *TSS* presents a "White Knight" solution with Chris Christie portrayed as the gladiator who can stop the corrupt politicians, but this approach is doomed to fail if the interventionist/welfare state is kept in place.

The only real tax reform is tax reduction and this means less government—far fewer politicians and bureaucrats plus much less spending. No Republican or Democratic candidate for Governor (neither do I expect Independent and debate qualified candidate Daggett) would ever endorse this approach, so it is for Kaplan and Paff alone to promote.

Political power is the ultimate addicting drug. Both Corzine and Christie are hooked along with their supporters. **That** is the heart of NJ's corruption problem!

## Members Write to Newspapers

*Suburban Trends, West Milford*  
June 7, 2009

### Model U.N. brainwashing students

For nearly a month, we have seen several news articles in both *Suburban Trends* and *AIM West Milford* covering the Model United Nations (U.N.) program at West Milford High School.

I had hoped that the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) or some other patriotic group would lodge a protest about the pro-U.N. ideas being taught to students, and so far, there has been nothing but silence. I had even hoped that at least one of our council members would object to the pro-U.N. agenda at the high school, or maybe even one of the candidates for school board (one of whom cites his involvement with a fundamentalist Christian church here in town as a qualification to hold elected office) would speak up. Again, there was silence.

The United Nations is and always has been a forum for advancing the ideas of one-world globalist collectivism that is totally at odds with the American heritage of independence, personal and economic liberty, and the ideas and philosophy of individualism. The founders of our republic warned against  
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"foreign entanglements and alliances," and the U.N. is a perfect example of that!

The American people don't owe the world anything. If other countries wish to advance themselves, let them follow what had been our excellent example. They have mired themselves down with socialism of varying types, and now wish to pull us down to their level via our membership in the U.N.

That students in West Milford High School are being taught that the U.N. is a good thing is indeed an outrage. Evidently, the same government-worshipping curriculum that was being taught when yours truly was a student at West Milford over 35 years ago is still being taught!

Our interventionist foreign policy is directly tied to our U.N. membership, and the combat deaths of our service personnel, since being ensnared by the U.N. is part of this legacy. How many more streets, parks, post offices, and schools have to be named in honor of those who died because we were lied into war on behalf of U.N. treaties, pacts, and various international agreements?

Congressman Ron Paul of Texas, the most Libertarian-oriented member of the House of Representatives, has introduced legislation on numerous occasions to end all U.S. funding of the U.N. as well as other government-funded foreign aid, and to terminate American membership in that parasite palace on the East River. Sadly, his efforts didn't get enough votes to pass.

What a great day it will be if we ever leave the U.N. with billions of dollars saved by the American taxpayers and no more seeing our troops dying for nothing, as cheap cannon fodder for our U.N. commitments. A good place to start would be by demanding that our local politicians oppose the pro-U.N. brainwashing being done to students who don't know any better. Will the American people ever figure out what is being done to them? Let's hope so!

Mark Richards  
West Milford

## Don is Free! Here's His Essay for Action

By Len Flynn

I am very pleased to report that long time NJLP activist Don Meinshausen is free from prison and living at his brother's home in Kentucky. Here is his recent article suggesting new activism and protests.

## Time to Hit the Streets for Liberty

By street fighting man Don Meinshausen

These are times that try our spirits. Our liberty is being attacked on almost every front. We now have to stop attacking each other for a while (just a little while). This is just a short list of happenings that could take our message to the activists who have not heard about us.

## Don, continued

(1) During the recess many Congresscritters are having **town meetings**. You have seen these events on You Tube become great confrontations on bailouts, socialized medicine and cap and trade. Do your part to make sure that these events are principled, and well attended. Show the Campaign for Liberty and other allied groups that we are on their side. Help keep these sessions focused on the issues and peaceful so that they won't be called off. Bring literature and collect a mailing list.

We can find new friends here. What labor organizing is to the left, taxpayer organizing is to us. Show the ACORN and other leftists that they are supporting the banksters and the war by supporting Obama. Hit the fundraisers as well as other events supporting the feudalistic federals. Don't be afraid of going to ACORN functions and other leftie forums.

(2) On 9/17-19 there is an **anti-tax rally** in Valley Forge, PA. **Campaign for Liberty** is a sponsor and page 6 has the speakers.. The LP is not allowed to be a sponsor because that would mean that the GOP could also be a sponsor and we don't want that.

We need to show that the GOP and the conservatives do not speak for the tax revolt. They have sold us out too many times. We need to be there in large numbers. No, we should not assemble as a group, but circulate through the crowd and pass out LP literature, do OPH etc.

If that is not your thing, distribute anti-war and anti-drug war literature that is framed as a way of reducing taxes in libertarian or conservative language. We can recruit candidates, donors and activists here as well as doing education and showing solidarity.

They will remember that we came to support them and they will then support us. Ride with a chartered bus or car pool with them so as to spend quality time to explain who we are and how we can work together.

(3) There are many of us who want to run around the streets with black flags. Do not do that with first two suggested actions. If you want to be rowdy and don't mind getting tear-gassed then here is your venue. On **Sep 24/25<sup>th</sup>** there will be a **G20 meeting in Pittsburgh** with protests against the states running the world economy. This makes sense even if the protesters don't. I did all that stuff in the 60's and the 70's and I can't outrun the cops anymore, so I have to take a pass.

There is also the option of arranging a debate on free trade with the protesters at some nearby university. [**Done!** See **Griffin** on page 9. *Editor*] Hopefully, we'll get some radical Rothbardian to defend our case. In this case the Mises is the Medium. So if the political people can put together a program for our progress, this is potentially powerful.

If you have more actions, let Don and everyone else know. You can write him at: 1142 N. Logsdon Parkway Radcliff, KY 40160. Don's phone is: 270-351-1550 and his e-address is: [freedomnow@yahoo.com](mailto:freedomnow@yahoo.com) . **Glad to have you back, Don!**

## What's John Paff Doing?

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How can you follow what NJLP activist extraordinaire and NJLP candidate for Lieutenant Governor John Paff is up to these days? John tells us that "whenever I do or find anything that I consider noteworthy, I post it on one of my three blogs:" <http://njopengovt.blogspot.com/>  
<http://njcivilsettlements.blogspot.com/>  
<http://njpublicemployeediscipline.blogspot.com/>

In future *NJL* articles, we shall review the extensive scope of the Open Government Task Force's efforts to defeat government secrecy and promote public accountability. John is a panelist at the **Open Government Symposium** along with attorney Walter Luers. See page 6 for information.

## The Letter

A Short Story by Robert Sproule

"Ladies and gentlemen: The President of The United States." The President stepped up to the podium and looked out over a sea of reporters from every country on earth. His message would be broadcast via radio and television around the world. While the content of the President's speech had not been leaked, its importance had. Reporters with contacts in very high places had heard comments like "You won't believe it," "I don't understand it," "It's not possible," "It shouldn't be made public."

The President raised his hands in a motion that asked for silence. He began, "Ladies and gentlemen, I am here today to bring you a message of crucial importance to the future of our civilization. But first, a few facts. As you are all aware, a few years ago we launched a series of NEATs – Near Earth Asteroids Telescopes."

"Oh, my God!" was the horrified reaction from the crowd. The President held up his hands: "No, we have not discovered any life threatening asteroids on a collision course with earth." He paused, and hesitated slightly as if his next sentence was not part of his prepared text. "What we *have* discovered is a warning of a danger greater than almost any asteroid could threaten. Let me continue. Two years ago we discovered what was first thought to be a very small asteroid. Further investigation determined that it was, in fact, an artificial satellite. We checked all records and databases around the world in an effort to determine its origin. We found no such record. Exhaustive efforts turned up nothing. Either the record of its launch had been lost, or the satellite was of alien origin.

Six months ago I authorized a mission to retrieve the satellite. For the past three months we have been studying its contents. We have discovered, ladies and gentlemen, that this satellite was launched almost one million years ago. We know its launch date and its exact place of origin. We know that the civilization that launched it was a little more advanced, technologically speaking, than our own. But there is little to be learned from this satellite in the way of technological

advancements. The elements used in its construction are the same. There are a few alloys that appear to be stronger and lighter than what we currently produce, but nothing beyond our capability. ”

“The crucial importance of this satellite is in a letter and a map placed inside the satellite. The letter is in another language, but its author, anticipating that its reader would not speak his language, provided a legend for easy translation. The letter has been translated into twenty-nine different languages and will now be broadcast simultaneously around the world. On the large screen behind me, you will see its English translation appear as I read it aloud for our radio audience.” The letter rose from the bottom of the giant screen as the President read: “Greetings from another civilization:

Since you have recovered this deep space probe, you are obviously an advanced technological society. You must have discovered certain principles – principles that any rational being, anywhere in the universe, must discover in order to become a technological society. You must have discovered that reality is an absolute, that it exists, that it exists without contradiction, and that it exists independent of the mind. You must have discovered that the survival of a rational being depends on the non-contradictory identification of the facts of reality – that survival depends on reason! You must have had an age of reason, and enlightenment. And you discovered how to reshape your world for your own comfort and pleasure – you had an Industrial Revolution! My world too made these discoveries and rose to these achievements. But my world is doomed.”

“In my world there are no principles. The first principle we abandoned was the concept of an objective reality – that reality exists independent of the mind. We are taught that reality is subjective – no, very subjective – that it’s a product of our imagination, and everyone’s contradictory view of reality is just as valid as any other – forgetting the fact that imagination requires a *thing* to imagine. We ignore reality – and reality will wipe us out. We have abandoned reason. Reason is the non-contradictory identification of the facts of reality. But since we have abandoned the concept of an objective reality, reason is not possible. Without reason, understanding, purpose, or any meaning in their lives, the vast majority of our species has turned to faith – a belief, without a single fact of reality to support it. Well, God help us! There is, now, an open attack on the Industrial Revolution: we are taught that we must consume less – not that we should create more; we are taught that our ancestral savages had an idyllic life; we are taught that every life form on our planet has a right to exist – except our own.”

“Our culture is doomed to return to savagery, where reality is feared instead of understood – because we have given up our means of understanding – reason. I’m not sure I fully understand the reason for being unreasonable. Perhaps, it’s that no one with enough influence has risen to say – ‘You can’t get away with it!’”

“I am the chief engineer of this deep space probe and, as such, have had little influence on the direction of my culture. Perhaps, if this letter is made known, I will have some influence on yours.”

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As the last piece of text rose from the bottom of the screen, one could see what appeared to be the beginnings of a map. "Ladies and gentlemen," the President said, "as I have said, we know this satellite's launch date and its exact place of origin. This satellite takes two hundred and forty-seven years to orbit our sun and, according to the orbital counter on board, has made four thousand and nine orbits. And, as you can now see on the map behind me, it was launched from the east coast of Africa.”

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## Campaign for Liberty

Northeast Regional Conference in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania on Constitution Day weekend September 17-19, 2009. Join Peter Schiff, Daniel Hannan, Judge Andrew Napolitano, Phil Giraldo, Thomas Woods and Congressman Ron Paul. For details and registration information go online to: <http://www.campaignforliberty.com/event/2009northeast.php>

## Open Government Symposium

Co-Starring John Paff and Walter Luers

“Fixing Open Government in New Jersey”

**Friday, September 25, 2009** from 9:45 am to 12:15 pm  
State Capital Complex, 125 West State St., Committee Room #6, Trenton, NJ

**“Sunshine is the best disinfectant.”**

Open government needs to become a top priority for our governor and state officials. There is no denying that New Jersey has a culture of corruption. Our leaders need to understand that secrecy in government is the incubator for corruption and a public armed with effective tools to ensure transparency is the best weapon to fight it.

The Government Records Council was created under the Open Public Records Act as a fast, no cost way to resolve routine concerns and questions about access to public documents, but its promise has so far been unfulfilled, primarily because state officials have not been committed to making it effective. Provided only limited staff and funding, the council has been proven less effective in helping citizens gain access to records than the courts. The GRC needs to increase their efficiency of service, have independence from both the Attorney General and the Department of Community Affairs, and set an example by being open itself. This seminar will be a productive three hours for everyone interested in improving open government and transparency in New Jersey.

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# Intercourse & Conception:

The adult magazine for consenting adults

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River Edge, NJ is a sleepy little town in suburban Bergen County. It has been growing bluer over the decades, and the current town council is made entirely of Democrats. That's why I was a bit surprised to learn last winter about my town's local law against selling pornography. To protest this law, I made a short amateur porn clip and posted it on an adult website. The response was encouraging. Half a dozen posts later, my views were pass the 11,000 mark. Not a bad start for someone living in a town of 10,000. This response was 100 times greater than any of the views for my political posts on YouTube. Apparently the average person is more interested in sex than in Constitutional law. Who knew?

This summer I decided to take it up a notch. With a book on web programming for Dummies in one hand and a fertile "imagination" in the other I started producing content for my own adult oriented website. The current web host restricts adult content, so the erotica section is a link to my stories on Literotica. After all, I can respect restrictions that are part of a voluntary contract. The remainder of the site looks at the politics, science, technology, and culture surrounding reproduction. Writings will examine the entire process, from getting a home, to finding someone to share that home with, to producing and raising a family in it. If you've ever read Playboy for the articles, this is a chance to get more of those articles.

Headlines are updated daily and new original articles go online every Friday. Next week is the UN General Assembly meeting and the New York City Fashion Week. I'll be reporting on which ever events I don't get kicked out of. So, if you are interesting in watching an upstart magazine grow, check out [www.intercourseandconception.info](http://www.intercourseandconception.info) today.

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## **NJLP Annual Picnic General Meeting Minutes -** Written by Kevin Ferrizzi

Meeting called to Order by the Chair at 3:40 pm on July 11, 2009 at the Polish War Veterans Memorial Park (Polanka Park). With 16 members present, quorum was established.

Sean Colón made opening statements directing the membership to make the Kaplan for Governor campaign a Party priority. He also mentioned the success we have had with recent website updates, including the addition of T-shirt sales. The Chair also talked about his initiative to defeat Kyleigh's Law which mandates decals to be placed on the vehicles driven by teenagers. Sean remarked on the NJLP's improvement in the number of prospects, members, and volunteers that have joined the Party in the last year.

Jay Edgar read the minutes from the April State Board meeting and the May Steering Committee meeting. Both sets of minutes were accepted unanimously.

Kevin Ferrizzi provided the Treasurer's Report. He stated the current NJLP General Fund balance to be \$4,144. Kevin also talked about the steps being taken to straighten out the other NJLP accounts and opening new State and Federal Funds.

### **Old Business:**

The position of Urban Outreach Coordinator was discussed more fully. It has been referred to the Bylaws Committee to define the position further. It was agreed that Daryl Brooks will maintain the position.

### **New Business:**

Kaplan for Governor

Ken spoke about his participation and giving speeches at the Tea Party events as well as coordinating campaign events with the Campaign for Liberty and other civic groups. He asked that any member aware of an event in which the Democrat or Republicans will be attending to notify him so that the Libertarian Party can have a presence. Ken expressed that he is unafraid of being arrested for protesting being shut out of a political event. Contributions are needed in order for the campaign to reach the \$340,000 threshold to be invited to participate in the NJN gubernatorial debates. Len Flynn moved to donate up to \$1200 from the State Fund to the Kaplan campaign as soon as the NJLP Treasury is straightened out. The motion was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Ken took questions from the floor regarding his campaign and his stances on the issues. Mr. Kaplan pointed out that he was supporting a platform that is neither conservative nor liberal at its heart. When asked how he would describe such a stance he responded that he considered himself an "all-out libertarian."

### **NJLP Membership**

Jay Edgar reported that membership and contact requests are still on the rise. It was moved to include a party affiliation form in with the prospect information packet. Obtaining a state-wide list of citizens registered to vote as Libertarians was also discussed. It was decided that a letter should be sent to the State Board of Election to determine what, if any cost is associated with obtaining that list.

### **Warped Tour**

Warped Tour booths are set up for July 17th in Camden and 19th in Oceanport. Jay Edgar is heading up the volunteer effort. A tent, banner, and pamphlets have all been purchased to provide a professional booth. The NJLP should seek to recoup the costs of this through fundraising.

### **Bylaws Committee Report**

Dan Karlan reported 5 proposals by the Bylaws Committee. It was unanimously approved to move the reimbursement policy to the newly created article on fiscal policy. The other four proposals were tabled until the next meeting, pending announcement of the changes.

### **County Dues Shares**

The Treasurer was directed to send out information to all recognized County Chairs and Treasurers regarding the reporting information required to receive their County Dues Shares from the NJLP Treasury.

### **Billy VerPlank**

Jay Edgar read aloud to the members a letter received by the NJLP from Billy's widow Marlene VerPlank. She thanked the NJLP for its memorial of Billy in the last issue of the NJ Libertarian.

County Caucuses

LPCNJ – elected Howard Schoen as the county Treasurer.



## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Written by Derek Demarco (These minutes were APPROVED at the July General Meeting.)

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M on May 31, 2009 at Molly McGuire's Center in Clark, New Jersey. Quorum was satisfied by a majority (3/5) of the Steering Committee members (Jay Edgar, Paul Tahan and Derek DeMarco) being present. Due to Sean Colón's absence, the meeting was headed by Jay Edgar.

### New Business

Walter Luers discussed his campaign for town council in the town of Oxford. Kan Kaplan discussed the launch of his gubernatorial campaign, his interview with New Jersey Jewish News and his recent debate. We certified and counted the signatures we collected. At about 2:00 P.M. we had 524 signatures on hand and certified.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M. The next meeting was to be a State Board meeting, location to be determined, on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> but it was canceled.

### NJLP Invited to Join G. Edward Griffin In Pittsburgh!

By Gary Denese <dragonflydreams2@hotmail.com>

#### Announcing "Freedom Conference 2009: Alternatives to G-20"

Just preceding the G-20 Summit of world economic leaders including President Obama in Pittsburgh, the Freedom Conference is a free market alternative to the globalist G-20 on **Tuesday, September 22nd** from 4-6PM (Expo) 7-10 PM (Speakers) in historic Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, 4141 Fifth Ave, the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh 15213. <http://www.soldiersandsailorshall.org/>

The focus of the conference will be to educate the public about the history of the G-20 (an economic forum consisting of 19 of the world's largest economies plus the European Union.), the costs and consequences of their policies, as well as offer free-market alternatives to the Globalist Agenda. We will also explore how we can apply the concepts of free markets, personal liberty and responsibility to key policy debates. For conference details, go to <http://www.freedomconference2009.com/> Featured speakers are :

G Edward Griffin, film producer, author of *The Creature From Jekyll Island*, and long-time political activist and lecturer. He has opposed the Federal Reserve since the 1960s, saying it constitutes a banking cartel and an instrument of war and totalitarianism. In 2002, Mr. Griffin founded the individualist network, Freedom Force International.

Thomas Woods, New York Times bestselling author of nine books including *Meltdown: A Free-Market Look at Why the Stock Market Collapsed, the Economy Tanked, and Government Bailouts Will Make Things Worse*. Mr. Woods is a senior fellow at the Ludwig von Mises Institute.

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Joan Veon, author of *Prince Charles the Sustainable Prince* has been following the G8 summits for years, and has been in attendance at each of the previous conferences as an independent journalist and investigator.

Tickets may be purchased online at <http://freedomconference2009.com/tickets.php> or by printing out the mail-in form and sending with payment to Freedom Conference 2009 c/o Western PA Liberty PAC, 3945 Forbes Ave #463, Pittsburgh PA 15213. General seating is \$25, VIP event is \$100, Student tickets (with ID) are \$10.

### Future Meetings & Events

**Tuesday, September 22nd** – "Freedom Conference 2009: Alternatives to G-20" in Pittsburgh. See article on left.

**Friday, September 25** – Open Government Symposium in Trenton. See page 6 article.

**Sunday October 4** – NJLP Steering Committee Meeting. 1:00 PM Tumulty;s New Brunswick.

**Tuesday October 6** – monthly meeting of the Libertarian Party of South Jersey at 7 pm at Grabbe's Seafood Restaurant in Westville. Contact Kevin Ferrizzi at 609-980-8903 or [kevinferrizzi@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinferrizzi@yahoo.com) for info.

**Monday, November 9th** Tribute to Billy VerPlanck. See information online at:

<http://www.marleneverplanck.com/billy.html>

### "End the Fed" Rap Song by Sleuth

Can't make it to Pittsburgh this month? Well just sing along with Sleuth and his End the Fed song. Hear the 6 minute Rap song on the NJLP website [www.njlp.org](http://www.njlp.org) .

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