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Chair's Message

By NJLP Chair Jay Edgar

Congratulations to Darren, Joe, Julian and Vinko for stepping up to the plate and running for State Assembly. I urge everyone to reach out to their campaigns with both your time and your financial donations.

We have recently uncovered several examples of police and the court systems not acting in a professional manner. As a result we have formed the NJLP Police Accountability Project. The goal of the project is to uncover and publicize misconduct and to help citizens find justice. See <http://njlp.org/policeaccountability> or use the QR code below. The acting chair of this committee, is overwhelmed with his activism as chair of the NJLP Open Government Taskforce. If anyone would like to take over as chair of this new project or assist the project, please contact me.

This year we are trying something different with our annual picnic. Our meeting is later than normal. After the picnic we will be showing libertarian oriented films. I hope to see you at our meeting and picnic and hope you stay for our evening of Guns And Weed Under the Stars.

chair@njlp.org



Future Meetings & Events

Monday, June 20 8:00 PM Steering Committee Meeting via conference call. Join by calling (218)339-2222 and using a conference Code of 901478

Saturday, July 9 3:30 - ? NJLP General Meeting, Picnic, and Guns and Weed Under the Stars

Thursday, July 21 Warped Tour Outreach, Camden, NJ

Sunday, July 24 Warped Tour Outreach, Oceanport, NJ

NJ Libertarian Party General Meeting, Picnic, and “Guns and Weed – Under the Stars”

By Jay Edgar

The NJLP Summer Picnic and General Membership Meeting is planned for Saturday July 9th starting at 3:00 PM at Len Flynn’s home in Morganville (Marlboro Township). The general membership meeting is scheduled to begin at 3:30 PM and the picnic will follow.

At dusk we will be kicking off an evening of libertarian movies with a showing of *Fight of the Century: Keynes vs. Hayek Round Two* and the documentary, *Guns and Weed: The Road to Freedom*.

Come hang out with fellow freedom lovers and meet our 2011 Candidates for Office.

Please bring: Your own meat plus one dish to share. Gas grill and tubs of ice with cold soft drinks will be provided along with snacks and picnic utensils. Extra lawn chairs would help.

For those willing to stay late the documentary will be followed by another libertarian themed movie. Bring a sleeping bag and a tent and stay the night!

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2011 NJ Libertarian Party Candidates

File for Office

By Jay Edgar

Legislative districts 21, 30, 37, and 38 will have choices for liberty in November.

Filing for the November Assembly election were Darren Young in the 21st district (Morris, Somerset, and Union Counties), Dave Schneck (<http://commonsensefornj.com>) in the 30th district (Monmouth and Ocean Counties), Julian Heicklen in the 37th district (Bergen County), and Vinko Grskovic in the 38th district (Bergen and Passaic Counties).

Complicating this years petitioning was the recent redistricting of the legislative districts. Fortunately during years of redistricting the number of signatures is relaxed to a minimum of 50. Thanks go out to the candidates and our petitioners.

Petitioning Honor Roll

Dave Schneck	98 Signatures
Joe Dunsay	64 Signatures
Julian Heicklen	61 Signatures
Darren Young	60 Signatures
Vinko Grskovic	26 Signatures
Betty Florentine	19 Signatures
Jay Edgar	6 Signatures
Harvey Sobel	4 Signatures
Joanne Solomon	4 Signatures

NJLP To Return to Warped Tour

by Jay Edgar .

Once again the NJ Libertarian Party will have a booth at the Warped Tour Concerts in NJ. On July 21st in Camden at the Susquehana Center and on July 24th in Oceanport at the Monmouth Raceway we will be exposing thousands of youth to the party and to the fight for freedom.

Our friends at the Campaign For Liberty will also be having a booth. If you are interested in helping out at the booth contact me at chair@njlp.org.

Visit Dave Schneck campaign website:
<http://commonsensefornj.com>



Neil Schloss Discusses the Goals and Aims of the Campaign For Liberty Organization at Our Convention

NJLP Complaint Results in Conviction Reversal and Refund of Fines

by John Paff

In April 2010, Police in Maplewood Township (Essex County) cited a man for violating the Township's "public intoxication" code even though the Township Committee repealed that provision of the code approximately a year and a half earlier. The municipal court accepted the man's guilty plea and assessed \$80 in fines and costs.

I believe that it's reasonable for citizens, at a minimum, to expect government officials to refrain from enforcing laws that the government itself has previously repealed. Accordingly, I wrote to Maplewood Mayor Victor DeLuca and the Township Committee requesting that immediate steps be taken to prevent more people from being charged with repealed ordinances.

This letter was followed up with an Internal Affairs complaint and a letter to the Essex County Trial Court Administrator. As a result of the letters the matter was referred back to a judge who reversed the conviction and refunded all fines. In the reply from Trial Court Administrator, Collins Ijoma, he stated: "While the court makes every effort to prevent errors of this nature, it unfortunately failed to do so in this instance." Ijoma continues with the order to Maplewood Court to "review procedures and re-instruct staff as to the proper management of invalid complaints."

Links to the correspondence are posted in the story on this subject on the Police Accountability page at <http://njlp.org/policeaccountability>.

KEYNES:

We could have done better, had we only spent more
Too bad that only happens when there's a World War
You can carp all you want about stats and regression
Do you deny World War II cut short the Depression?

HAYEK:

Wow. One data point and you're jumping for joy
the Last time I checked, wars only destroy
There was no multiplier, consumption just shrank
As we used scarce resources for every new tank
Pretty perverse to call that prosperity
Rationed meat, Rationed butter... a life of austerity
When that war spending ended your friends cried disaster
yet the economy thrived and grew faster

KEYNES:

You too only see what you want to see
The spending on war clearly goosed GDP
Unemployment was over, almost down to zero
That's why I'm the master, that's why I'm the hero

HAYEK:

Creating employment's a straightforward craft
When the nation's at war, and there's a draft
If every worker was staffed in the army and fleet
We'd have full employment and nothing to eat
- Keynes vs. Hayek: The Fight of the Century Round 2

My View On the Liberty Movement

by Kevin Ferrizzi

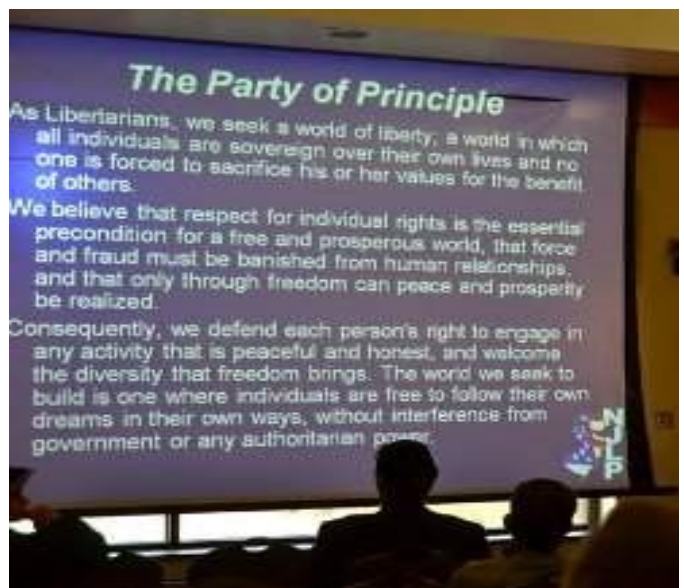
I have been pleasantly surprised lately by the amount of times I have read or heard the word libertarian in the news recently. The Students for Liberty, the Cato Institute, the ACLU, all seem to be getting more than just a little extra attention all of a sudden. I have heard the words "Libertarian Party" spoken aloud on TV, without laughter, more times in the last two years than in the previous decade. All of the numbers are up from the National Libertarian Party, from cash on hand, to number of registered voters, to number of LP members elected to office. It seems to me that America is finally starting to come to its senses.

When both the Democrats and Republicans are arguing that the debt that they helped create is unsustainable, even people that barely pay attention to politics knows things are bad. The vast majority of people I talk to hate both parties, and they use this as a reason for not voting at all. This is, in effect, letting the people you don't want to win to win without a fight. I do not remember lying down and getting trampled as being part of the American

political spirit, and I hold faith that when push comes to shove, a change will be made.

The majority of the average Americans realize that something, if not everything, is wrong with our government. This outlook holds true whether you are talking about the President, the Congress, the Supreme Court, the Governor, the Legislature, the Town Council, and even the Fire Districts. Something has gone horribly wrong in this political experiment that is the United States. We are verging on stagnation, and my heart tells me that the people will not stand for it much longer. I have always received random phone calls from political dissidents since I began to try to increase the NJLP's presence in South Jersey, but now I get at least one a week, from an average person who is fed up and does not know what else to do. The American citizens are beginning to look outside of the box for answers to the problems created by the current duopoly held by the Democrats and Republicans.

Libertarians - we must be prepared to answer the call. We must continue our efforts to reach out to the public and be available to them. We must continue to offer to help them in even seemingly small ways. I have done some minor favors for people, mostly things they really could have done themselves, only to be perceived as someone willing to confront the government and get things done. When someone complains to you about something going on in town, find out what is going on, get involved, get answers, and spread the word. Let everyone know that there is nothing wrong with asking questions and making your opinion known. The more people we help in these ways, the more people we educate and empower to take back control of the government at all levels, the better our prospects will be for continued growth and future success at the polls.



NJLP Chair Discusses the Party Platform and Principles At our 2011 Convention



John Papola of EconStories.org Discusses various topics of Austrian Economics and the Production of Fear the Boom And Bust, A Hayek vs. Keynes Rap at the Convention

Atlas Shrugged: Part 1

by Jay Edgar

On April 15th the long awaited Atlas Shrugged movie opened in theaters nationwide. The NJLP organized two separate showings at theaters in Hamilton and Clifton. After both showings events were held at local restaurants for a post movie discussion.

Originally published in 1957, Atlas Shrugged is about the struggle of the productive class against a society that uses politics to limit the success of the productive for the benefit of those who are less capable. Communist laws such as the "Equalization of Opportunity Bill" force capable businessmen, engineers, scientists, and industrialists to withdraw from the system. The parasitic classes no longer have productive elements on which to feed. The "strike" forces society to fall apart.



The movie is set in modern times, covering the first third of the novel. Two additional movies are in the planning. John Agliandolo and Harmon Karslow have formed "The Strike" Productions, Inc. as the vehicle for producing the trilogy. The production of the movie was a long time in coming. Mr. Agliandolo acquired the rights to produce the movie back in 1992. After several failed attempts the movie has finally come together.

The casting was excellent. Michael Lerner as Wesley Mouch to me was the most known actor. He nails

Mouch, who in the movie has a very strong resemblance to Barney Frank. Taylor Schilling is excellent as Dagny Taggart and Grant Bowler is great as Hank Rearden. The Royal Gorge in Colorado with a bit of CGI mixed in provided an excellent footage of the new John Galt rail line.



Atlas Shrugged Coproducer, Harman Karslow with NJLP Chair Jay Edgar and his daughter, Melissa Edgar, at the NYC Premiere

Libertarians ask Egg Harbor Township to Revise its Police Internal Affairs Form

by Jay Edgar

In a May 23, 2011 letter, the chairman of the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Police Accountability Project asked Egg Harbor Township (Atlantic County) Mayor James McCullough to review and update the police department's on-line internal affairs reporting form.

In the letter, Project's chairman John Paff noted that the department's on-line form, upon which citizens are asked to report police misconduct, improperly requests that citizens submit their dates of birth, social security numbers and identify the race to which they belong. Paff claims that although complaint forms can be submitted without these questions being answered, asking for this highly sensitive information is likely to "dissuade many members of the public from bringing internal affairs complaints to the police administration's attention." Also, Paff questioned the police department's decision to put a photograph of a police SWAT team breaking down a residence's door at the top of the complaint form.

Lights, Camera, Action - Fight of the Century: Keynes vs. Hayek Round 2

by Kenneth Kaplan

On Sunday April 17, some NJLP members got to act in a music video that has already been seen by nearly 900,000 people on YouTube! Fight of the Century: Keynes vs. Hayek Round Two is the new economics hip-hop music video by John Papola and Russ Roberts. It can be viewed at <http://youtube.com/watch?v=GTQnarzmTOc> or at <http://EconStories.tv>. Mr. Papola was a speaker at our

most recent state convention, where attendees had a chance to view the original Keynes vs. Hayek video.

NJLP Chair, Jay Edgar, put out the call that the production company needed about 100 extras for scenes in the video depicting congressional hearings, a card game held in a smoke filled room, and audience shots at a boxing match. The principal actors did much of their work on April 16th, and the extras did their scenes the following day. Jay, his daughters, Allyson and Melissa, and this reporter were among the NJLP extras. Since I was one of the older extras, I was plucked for a “featured extra” role as a bank president. Since I was next to the actor who played Federal Reserve Bank Chairman, Ben Bernanke, for much of the shoot. I was lucky enough to be seen in several scenes of the finished video. It probably didn’t hurt that in real life “Bernanke” is actually Dr. John Papola, an ENT specialist in Allentown, PA, and father of the director.

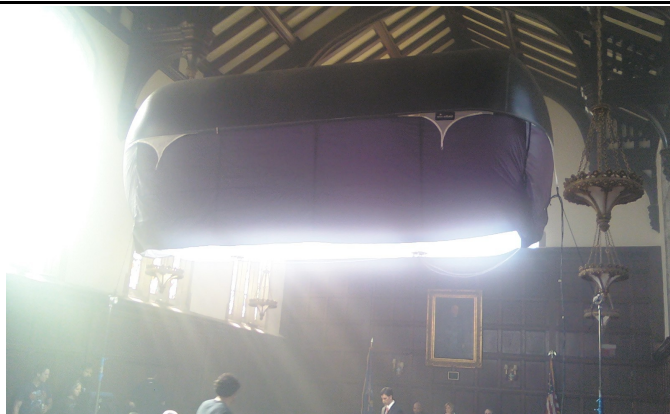


From l. to r. Kenneth Kaplan, Dr. John Papola, and Melissa Edgar

The filming, which took place in a couple of buildings at Drew University in Madison, lasted the entire day. Some of us had to report as early as 7:00 AM, and shooting didn’t wrap until 9:30 PM. Craft service kept the cast and crew fed all day. Everything about the production was highly professional. A New York crew was bussed to the site, and they brought state of the art equipment with them. In addition to normal lighting, suspended above the action was a helium filled blimp-like contraption with lights inside it. On one occasion, when it was being moved, it dipped on one end to cries of “Oh the humanity!”

See the entire video at

<http://youtube/watch?v=GTQnarzmTOc>



The “Hindenburg”

Keynes was played by Billy Scafuri and Hayek by Adam Lustick, both members of a New York comedy troupe. The extras came from everywhere, including the west coast. Financial gain was not the motivation, as extras only received \$50 each. Most were adherents of Hayek’s brand of economics, eager to spread the word. They included Bob Bowdon, producer of the education documentary, *The Cartel*, and Jodi Beggs, known as Eongirl on <http://economistsdoitwithmodels.com> in a series of educational videos about economics.

Brick Township Repeals Loitering Ordinance

by Jay Edgar

Brick Township has just repealed their loitering ordinance as a result of a request from the NJLP Pre-empted Ordinance Repeal Project. Brick is the 33rd town to repeal their ordinance as a result of a request from the NJLP.

The Brick Patch had an article on the repeal quoting project chair, John Paff: “The ordinances are clearly unenforceable, and they confuse people - including the police,” Paff said, explaining that a person mistakenly arrested or ticketed for loitering could turn and sue the township. “The laws against loitering were so often abused or misunderstood. It used to be just too easy to pick on certain groups.”



We Pause to Remember Ginny at Our Convention

Minutes of the March 12th 2011 General Meeting

by Emerson Ellett

Jay Edgar called the convention to order at 9:14 a.m. at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft.

The agenda was approved.

Secretary's report

The minutes of the State Board meeting of February 20 were approved.

Treasurer report

Kevin Ferrizzi reported that the 2010 budget closed out at \$8,0938.45, \$26.53 over budget. The 2011 budget will be presented for approval at the next State Board meeting.

Election of officers and at-large representatives

Jay Edgar was re-elected chair. Ken Kaplan, Emerson Ellett and Joe Siano were elected vice chair, secretary and treasurer respectively.

Bill Howcott, Kevin Ferrizzi and Bill Sihr were elected representatives at-large.

Ongoing business

Bylaws committee report

The convention approved three bylaws changes:

- Paragraph 5b. Change Treasurer to Membership Coordinator and move this paragraph to the end of 9g.
- Paragraph 5c. Move the text of this paragraph to the end Section II Fiscal Policy
- Paragraph 5d. Move to new paragraph 7e.

Review and approval of candidates

The convention approved a motion nominating five candidates: David Schneck, 11th Assembly District; Darren Young, 21st AD; Julian Heicklen, 37th AD; Vinko Grskovic, 38th AD; and Allyson Edgar, Monmouth County sheriff. Two other motions carried, one withholding approval of 4 candidates pending face-to-face meetings, one removing a potential candidate from consideration.

Campaign support and petitioning.

Petitions must be filed by June 6. Even though redistricting has not been completed candidates should begin gathering signatures now. Invalid names can be stricken when redistricting results are known.

Newsletter

The last newsletter was a combined Jan-Feb issue. The next issue will include convention results.

Membership report

Membership coordinator Joe Denise reported that at the end of February paid membership stood at 149, down 12 from the corresponding period in 2010.

New business

County Caucus Reports

During a recess county caucuses chose their 2011 leaders:

Mercer County. Chair, David Trend; representative to the State Board, Ray Cragle.

LP of Central New Jersey (Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties). Frank Warren, Jr., Vice Chair; Howard Schoen, Treasurer. Frank Warren, Somerset County representative to the State Board.

Monmouth County. Leo Zaccari chair and representative to the State Board. Jay Edgar, Treasurer.

Southern NJLP (Ocean, Burlington, Gloucester and Camden Counties). Joe DeNise, chair; Bob Rayner, vice chair; Greg Iavarone, secretary. County representatives: Christopher Feeney, Gloucester; Russ Conger, Ocean; Joe Siano, Burlington; Kevin Ferrizzi, Camden.

Cape May. Ed Reeves, Chair and County Representative

National LP report

The 2012 convention will be held in Las Vegas.

2012 State Convention

There is a possibility of a joint NJ-PA convention. A separate NJ-only business meeting could be held at a low cost venue such as a fire house.

Future meetings

Steering Committee, Sunday April 17 via conference call

State Board, Sunday May 15 at Tumulty's Pub

Steering Committee, Sunday June 19 location TBD

General meeting and picnic, Saturday July 9 location TBD

Announcements and special presentations

An April 15 "Atlas Shrugged" event is being planned.

Bill Sihr, Campus Coordinator, gave a comprehensive presentation on the methods that can be employed for campus outreach throughout New Jersey.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Emerson Ellett**



Brian Aitken Tells Convention Attendees of His Ordeal In Jail For Possessing Legal Guns

NJ Medical Marijuana Expo 2011

by Jay Edgar

On June 25th a Medical Marijuana Expo will be held in West Atlantic City at the Lakes Bay Resort. The event will consist of an all-day expo featuring medical marijuana advocacy groups, publications, health groups, technology providers, crafters and other vendors associated with medical marijuana.

Scheduled to speak at the expo will be Ken Wolski, Executive Director of The Coalition for Medical Marijuana–NJ, Inc. “CMMNJ is very happy to take part in the medical marijuana expo on June 25th in Atlantic City,” said Wolski. “This expo will help to further the CMMNJ’s mission which is to educate the public about the benefits of legal access to medical marijuana. Marijuana is a safe and effective treatment for a wide variety of diseases, symptoms and conditions. There are many myths and much misinformation about medical marijuana. This expo will help to spread the truth about marijuana as well as give an update on the implementation of the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act.”

For more information see <http://njmarijuanaexpo.com>.

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Directions to The NJLP Picnic

Call 732-591-1328 or 848-525-0578 if you get lost. The picnic is one mile EAST of Routes 18 and 520 on Tennent Road. From Route 18 South (leaving New Brunswick), take the second ramp (Morganville exit) at the first exit AFTER you pass over U.S. Route 9. This exits directly onto Tennent Rd., just go 1/2 mile to Flynn's.

Going north on Route 18 from the Jersey shore take the Morganville exit, which is about 3 miles past the Route 79 exit. After the jughandle, turn LEFT onto Tennent Rd. and go 1/2 mile.

The Flynn abode is the blue colonial farmhouse on the left in front of "Tires to Go." Park up the hill in the lot in front of the tire company and walk down to the house.

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