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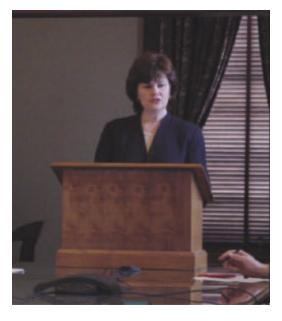
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Huntco Gets Attention With Trenton Tax Day Media Conference

By County Chair Hal Shute

On Tax Day April 15 a media conference was held by the NJLP in Room 103 of the Statehouse. The Hunterdon County Libertarians arranged the event. The purpose of the conference was twofold. First we wanted to get our top of the ticket candidate Liz Macron, who is running for U.S. Senate, some exposure to the statehouse reporters in order to establish credibility and introduce her campaign issues. Second, we wanted to take the opportunity to shed some libertarian light on the proposed New Jersey budget for 2003 as proposed by McGreevy. The timing for both was ideal as all the bloodthirsty tax and spend republicrats were hiding under rocks as the sullen citizens trudged to the local Post Office to pay their tribute. Other than the tourists we had the statehouse virtually to ourselves. Two very influential reporters attended the conference from Gannett and The Star Ledger.

Current NJLP Chair Emerson Ellett took the podium first and attacked the bloated, ill advised proposed budget, pointing out that just maybe the fact that the number of highly paid bureaucrats has skyrocketed in recent years has something to do with the \$5.3 billion budget deficit. He then responded to the governor's challenges that "If you cannot support my proposals then present me with an alternative". Pointing out that the responsibility for "homeland security" belongs solely with the federal government, he suggested that the governor rethink the appointment of a \$110,000 political hack, err, homeland defense advisor. Another McGreevey initiative, the creation of an Office of Ombudsman should be abandoned as a nonstarter and "budget buster". Ellett then called for the parole of all non-violent offenders in our state prisons as a cost saving initiative that would also help alleviate some of the case backlog in the appellate courts, a clever and politically viable approach to freeing some of those unjustly imprisoned by the War on Drugs. He also panned on the governor's stated policy of going after more revenue from the business tax as a jobs killer and double taxation since all corporate profits eventually flow to shareholders as dividends and capital gains which are then taxed as income.



Elizabeth Macron addressing media and supporters in the State House.

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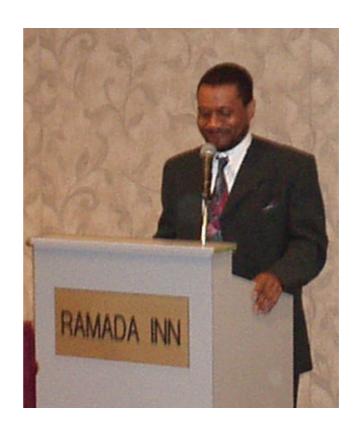
Convention Includes Fun and Fundraising

The NJLP Annual Convention and 30th Anniversary Celebration might well be remembered as the event that re-energized the party. Post-convention fervor is obvious in the energetic beginning of the campaign pre-season, and in promising fundraising tactics for NJLP candidates.

In largely uncontested elections, Emerson Ellett and Lou Stefanelli were re-elected as State Chair and Treasurer, respectively. Dan Karlan was nominated for Secretary and also enjoyed near unanimous votes placing him in office. Ned Kelley did not choose to seek re-election as Vice Chair, so members nominated and voted in Len Flynn.

Monmouth Chair Pat Bontempo passed the reins to Robert Hull, and the county caucus portion of the meeting saw Monmouth and Ocean counties combine. Caucus votes resulted in some changes at the county level (see page 22 for directory of county chairs, reps, and meeting info).

While speakers Reginald Jones, Doug Leard, Clifford Wallace Thorton Jr and Allen Good addressed the audience, Bob Steiner is the speaker who seems to have been most enjoyed. A founder and Life Member of the NJLP, Bob traveled from California to attend, and entertained in the hospitality suite, doing magic tricks and contributing to the success of the post-convention fundraiser. When asked what he thought of his offspring's 30th birthday, he called the party, the members and the convention "joyous".



Radio Talk Show Host Reginald Jones addressing NJLP members.



Members at Work... The Annual Convention addresses election of officers, selection of candidates and bylaws questions.

NJLP IN THE NEWS

Macron's Senate Bid Makes Front Page in *NJ Herald*

By RUSS FLANAGAN Herald Staff Writer

Liz Macron emerged as the Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate Saturday, saying her campaign will focus on promoting the party's platform. "The Libertarian Party will try to bring back the original form of government that the founding fathers had in mind" when they started this country, said Macron, a 46-year-old attorney from Monmouth County. "We believe government has gotten too big."

Macron enjoyed a bit of notoriety as an attorney when she took part in a case that had the state's civil forfeiture law altered to give property owners the right to a jury trial before being forced to forfeit their property.

While so-called third party candidates don't have a strong track record of success in New Jersey, they can serve as spoilers or use elections to promote party ideals. Macron said she will use her campaign platform to spread the Libertarian message.

"We're interested in spreading our ideals," Macron said. "That's a reasonable and sensible goal for a third party candidate."

Macron will join a campaign that already features a crowded field of GOP candidates and Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., who will be running for reelection.

The Republican crop includes state Sen. Diane Allen, R-7; businessman Douglas Forrester, Assemblyman Guy R. Gregg, R-24, whose district includes all of Sussex County; state Sen. John Matheussen, R-4; and Essex County Executive Jim Treffinger.

WHAT A JOY!

by Bob Steiner

What a joy it was to share time with the New Jersey Libertarian Party at the Thirtieth Anniversary Convention! You are a wonderful organization!

There is always a risk of omission when one names names in a thank-you article. Forgive me: I apologize to anyone whom I have left out. We shall go in chronological order, starting in the Twenty-First Century, and go forward. Thence back to the early 1970s.

My first contact was with Deb Sackett. She was enthusiastic and encouraging about the idea of my attendance. I am sorry that Deb was unable to attend the Convention. I was looking forward to meeting her.

Robert Jacobs took over, and was the general on setting up arrangements for my visit, and for my presentations at the Convention.

Dan Karlan's hitch ran from late Friday through Sunday. Dan was gracious enough to meet me at Newark Airport on Friday, and to deliver me back there on Sunday.

It was neat meeting Emerson Ellett, Chair of the NJLP. His dedication to the cause is palpable.



Reunited...Bill Schetlick (left) and Fred Stein (right) give
Bob Steiner (center) a warm welcome.

And now to Bill Schetlick and Fred Stein. Although we have not had contact in a quarter century, we picked up the conversation as though we were following through on what we had been discussing the evening before. We never missed a beat.

I met Fred and others in 1972, by appointment on some dark street somewhere in New Jersey. We were there to launch a new political party in New Jersey! Fred's wit, dedication, friendship, and organization skills were important in the organization phases of the NJLP.

Some short time later, Bill Schetlick came on board. His enthusiasm, and the ease with which he could approach total strangers, shake hands, and invite them to meet the candidate made it easy for me to ask Bill to please be my campaign manager. I asked, he accepted, and we functioned very well together. It was a fun experience.

The entire Convention was such a high for me! It was a day designed to make my day.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you all!

And one last thing which, all by itself, was a make-my-day action and comment. At the conclusion of my after-lunch talk to the NJLP, Bill Schetlick got up, walked over to me, gave me a hug, and said, "You haven't lost it, Bob!"

Bob Steiner was a founder and the first Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party in 1972. He was the first member of the NJLP to run for public office: U.S. House of Representatives, 1974. He is a Life Member of the NJLP. Bob flew in from California to join us at our Thirtieth Anniversary Convention, March 9, 2002.

HUNTCO LIBERTARIANS FACE DOWN AND CHALLENGE REP. RUSH HOLT

By Bill Schetlick HuntCo Media Director, *Pro Tem*

On Sunday, April 21, 2002, at 4:00 PM in Lambertville, New Jersey, several members of the Hunterdon County Libertarian Party attended and participated in a "Town Meeting" sponsored by Rep. Rush Holt (D. 12th C.D.). Chris Toto, Chair of the Mercer County Libertarian Party attended and participated as well. Approximately 40 – 60 people were in attendance.

At its recent April, 2002 meeting, the members of HuntCo agreed to and planned HuntCo's participation in the event, and agreed to coordinate all related activities with the Tom Abrams, Libertarian for Congress campaign. Mr. Abrams was nominated at the recent annual NJLP Convention to represent the Party as its standard-bearer in the 12th C.D. in 2002.

Prior to the event, the participating NJLP members met briefly at the home of Hal Shute, where they developed a series of questions to be orally presented to Rep. Holt, questioning his understanding of and adherence to the U.S. Constitution and smaller, limited government.

Chris Wuestefeld, who had previously met and spoken with Rep. Holt on such related issues, grilled the Congressman on the constitutional limits to congressional power, asking whether Congress was at all limited by the Constitution. Holt failed to identify any particular area of concern where Congress could not regulate or legislate, but indicated that Congress was constrained in some undefined and unidentified way by the document.

Bill Schetlick asked the Congressman to identify the specific, enumerated power of Congress set forth in the Constitution empowering that body to pass any legislation or regulation whatsoever in the area of education. In response, Holt opined that education was primarily the purview of state and local government, and outlined his view of the role and responsibility of the federal government to help fund "special education" and other educational endeavors. In his -up" question again asking where the alleged federal power resided,

Schetlick finally succeeded in getting Holt to admit that Congress had no specific, enumerated and delegated power to legislate or regulate in the area of education.

Chris Toto challenged Holt to address the problems associated with New Jersey's compulsory, automobile insurance law, indicating that the existing law made "criminals" out of those who simply could not afford to pay the very costly insurance premiums, thereby subjecting large numbers of our citizens to incarceration. Rep. Holt "dodged" the question, indicating that auto insurance, while a difficult problem, was not a federal issue and therefore not an issue he could officially address. Toto then urged the Congressman to use his position to prevail upon state and local officials to remediate and deal with this serious problem.

Tom Abrams publicly introduced himself to Mr. Holt as "the competition" in the 12th C.D. as the LP nominee for Congress, and challenged Holt to defend his position on Social Security. Holt defended the current system, and Abrams criticized it, calling the Social Security payroll tax "regressive", and the system a sure failure in the future. Abrams publicly challenged Holt to debate the Social Security issue and others issues as well. When Holt indicated that he was unaware that the LP was running a candidate in the 12th, Abrams simply said, "well, here I am!"

Finally, Hal Shute identified himself as aligned with the Hunterdon County LP, and gave Rush Holt a copy of the U.S. Constitution, a clear but friendly jab in the ribs that Holt took amiably. Shute then asked for Holt's position on private and home schooling. Holt indicated that he favored private and home schooling, but clearly not vouchers or any other direct or indirect government subsidy to private education, save possibly some form of a tax credit scheme.

Following the Town Meeting, the attending LP members discussed future plans to actively challenge Rush Holt in public throughout the campaign season, and to actively and enthusiastically support Tom Abrams' campaign in that District.

Role of the NJLP Political Director

I Qualifications

The person seeking the office of Political Director should have excellent personal and social skills and practical political knowledge.

II Duties

A - Candidate Recruitment

The PD is responsible for recruiting candidates at all levels of involvement (trademark, impact, and challenge). It is the PD's prerogative to determine which offices (local, state, national) present the best opportunity for candidates, and to encourage potential candidates to run for offices that offer the best party building opportunity, especially offices uncontested by one of the old parties.

B – Ballot Petitions

The PD will advise candidates as to the requirements for becoming an official candidate in their district or municipality. The PD will coordinate with campaign staffs regarding the collection of ballot signatures to ensure that properly notarized petition (s) are submitted to the municipality or State Division of Elections as appropriate on time.

C - Candidate Support and Training

The Political Director will be available to advise candidates and their staff on running campaigns. Whenever possible he or she will schedule candidate training seminars for candidates and their staffs.

D - Coordination of Campaigns

Libertarian Party candidates can be more effective when campaign efforts are coordinated. For example, if a mailing or flyer distribution is being conducted for a local candidate a US House candidate can "piggyback". That is, their literature can be distributed with virtually no additional labor. The PD will encourage the coordination of all campaigns in order to help avoid duplication and waste, and to maximize opportunities for candidates to support each other.

III Term of Office

The PD will be appointed by the New Jersey Libertarian Party Chair with the advice and consent of the Steering Committee. The PD's appointment ends on the first Wednesday in November.

IV Compensation

Travel, phone and other related expenses incurred in responsibilities of PD will be reimbursed upon submission of expense vouchers.

V Authority

The PD will be given full access to NJLP databases and mailing lists.

If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact the chair or other member of the Steering Committee.

NJLP IN THE NEWS

LIBERTARIAN FREEHOLDER CANDIDATE CONKLIN ATTACKS REPUBLICAN ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD

Atlantic Highlands Herald, April 11, 2002

MIDDLETOWN, NJ — Libertarian Monmouth County Freeholder candidate Joe Conklin today condemned the incumbent Republicans and their questionable environmental record. The Republican Freeholders, Conklin contends, have caused Monmouth County to be "among the most polluted counties in the United States." Conklin believes that, "The six county operated golf courses are probably the largest polluting institutions within the county. The vast amounts of pesticides and fertilizers used to maintain the golf courses leach into the soil and groundwater, and eventually contaminate our streams, rivers, and oceans."

Conklin, who is a meteorologist, believes the county operated golf courses pose another environmental threat: depletion of our reservoirs. "A single golf course can waste well over a hundred thousand gallons of water per month, which is especially unwise during the recent drought warning," Conklin states.

To show his support for the environment, Conklin will attend Earth Day festivities in Atlantic Highlands on April 21st. According to the Earth Day Network, the purpose of Earth Day is to unite citizens and "join in a call for a rapid transition to energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy."

The Atlantic Highlands Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission are sponsoring several events on April 20th and 21st to celebrate Earth Day: Nature Hike in Lenape Woods Nature Preserve starting at 5pm on April 20th; Marine Ecology Exploration at Many Mind Creek at 10:30am on April 21st; Tree Planting in Lenape Woods Nature Preserve at 1pm on April 21st; Earth Day Fair at Veterans Park on First Avenue starting at 2pm on April 21st.

Conklin states, "These activities will help people gain a more respectful attitude toward the environment and demonstrate the need to significantly reduce pollution". He believes that pollution is better referred to as "environmental trespassing."

Conklin also believes personal responsibility is a key factor to environmental conservation. To play his part, Conklin has recently designed his own rainwater collection system that can hold over 50 gallons of water. These types of systems are easy and inexpensive to build, and can be used to water plants and vegetables in the yard or garden.

Conklin received his bachelor's degree from Cook College, the environmental college of Rutgers University. Conklin, 32, resides in Middletown. He is running with Jennifer Carter of Upper Freehold for the two seats up this year on the currently all-Republican Freeholder board.

Way to Go, Jay!

Bravo to Jay Edgar for running the following ad that appeared in Monmouth U's March 6 student newspaper <u>The Outlook</u>:

The New Jersey Libertarian Party Setting the Record Straight

The Federal Drug Czar's office has spent millions on a public relations campaign to make you believe that non-violent drug users are responsible for the actions of terrorist organizations. The truth is that the policies of the federal government benefit these organizations. The drug policy pushed by the Democrats and Republicans creates the criminal market that provide a steady source of funding to terrorist organizations. In addition the drug war: puts the lives of our police at risk, destroys the American way of life by destroying our constitution, drains society of immense wealth while providing little benefit, and burdens our prison system with non-violent offenders.

Help us defend your liberties.

www.njlp.org

Tom Abrams to Run in 12th CD Race

Tom Abrams, a long time resident of Princeton Township in Mercer County, was nominated and agreed to run for 12th Congressional District which spans several counties besides Mercer such as Monmouth (which will have a full "column" of libertarians in Monmouth voting districts) and Hunterdon and Middlesex.

Tom ran for NJ State Senate in the most recent election and several years ago ran for Mercer County Freeholder. Tom brings a lot of experience from the marketing and advertising business, which translates into a solid common sense professional demeanor.

Tom has also devoted much time to becoming familiar with scholarly policy discussions via participation at Cato events and Woodrow Wilson Policy presentations at Princeton University.

2002 Election Dates to Remember

Oct. 7: Last day to register to vote in the November General Election.

Oct. 29: Last day to apply by mail for absentee ballot for General Election.

Nov. 4: Last day to apply in person for absentee ballot for General Election.

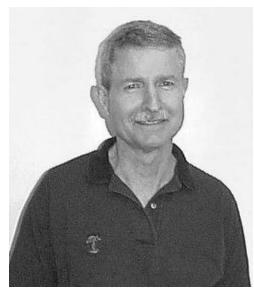
Nov. 5: Election Day. Polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

Our legal challenge to Title 19, the discriminatory NJ election law, is about to resume. Counsel for the Council of Alternative Parties, of which the NJLP is a member, is readying a new assault. Though the exact wording of the complaint has not been finalized our legal standing in the case is based on the argument that because for many years we have run candidates for partisan political office we are therefore entitled to the same consideration as the two statutorily recognized political parties.

In preparation for the current lawsuit counsel was interested only in two things, how often we elect officers (it's done annually), and the number of candidates we have run for partisan office between 1996-2001.



For federal office during that period NJ voters had the opportunity to cast ballots for Libertarian Party presidential candidate Harry Browne (twice), a U.S. Senate candidate (myself) and 20 House candidates (Mike Edmondson, Janice Presser twice, Bob Figueroa, Dan Karlan, Keith Quarles twice, Leon Myerson, Austin Lett twice, Virginia Flynn, Mike Buoncristiano, David West, Glenn Campbell, Thomas Wright, Steve Nagle, Darren Young twice, Joseph Siano and Worth Winslow.)

State office ballots included gubernatorial candidates Murray Sabrin and Mark Edgerton, 3 State Senate candidates (Steve Nagel, Bob Mongdock and Tom Abrams) and ten Assembly candidates (Janice Presser, Betty Florentine, Chris Kawa, Jeff Polachek, Tom Fischetti, Barbara A. Jones, Robert Hull, John M. Taylor, Diane Hittner and Christopher C. Toto).

County office seekers for the period 1996-2001 included 13 Freeholder candidates (Dan Maiullo, Ed Aregood, Karl Klepac, Tom Abrams, Jeff Pfeiffer, Darren Young, Lila Lett, Martin Domacasse, Virginia Flynn, Robert Hull, Len Flynn, Jennifer Carter and Richard Edgar) and two Sheriff candidates (Dan Maiullo and Jay Boucher).

Libertarian municipal candidates Steve Nagel, Dino Toro, Tom Abrams and Henry Cheney ran in six races. Toro and Abrams ran twice.

Thank you, candidates! Your decision to seek office at all four levels of elective office has given us the standing on which to challenge the discriminatory NJ election law!

And thanks too the people who stepped forward at the Convention to seek office this year: U.S. Senate, Elizabeth Macron; U.S. House: Keith Quarles, 4th CD; Dan Karlan, 5th CD; Barry Allen, 6th CD; Darren Young, 7th CD; Tom Abrams, 12th CD. County office seekers are Joe Conklin and Jennifer Carter, Freeholder, and Robert Hull County Clerk, all of Monmouth County. Municipal candidates are John Taylor, Highlands Boro Council, Monmouth County, and Ned Kelley, Lebanon Township Committee, Hunterdon County.

But many other Libertarians are battling for freedom. Honored at the Convention in addition to our 2001candidates were Pat Bontempo, Monmouth County chair, most number of candidates on ballot (six); Liz Macron and Lou Stefanelli, best fund raising event; Alex Pugliese, most prolific writer of letters to the editor; Vic Kaplan, writer of brochures and TV and radio ads; Robert Jacobs, Convention Chair; and Jay Boucher, Lou Elwell, Robert Hull and Chris Weimann of the Electronics Upgrade Committee. Their work will enable county chairs and others to gain direct access to our database.

We still need House candidates in eight Congressional districts: 1st (parts of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties), 2d (Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem; parts of Burlington and Gloucester); 3d (parts of Burlington, Camden and Ocean); 8th (parts of Essex and Passaic); 9th (parts of Bergen and Hudson); 10th (parts of Essex, Hudson and Union); 11th (parts of Essex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset and Sussex); 13th (parts of Essex, Hudson, Middlesex and Union).

Contact the Steering Committee or myself at chair@njlp.org or 732 774-3684 if you are interested in assisting the party in any way.



FREE STATE PROJECT Liberty in Our Lifetime

"A free state might show the rest of the world what can be done...Let's think seriously about this." --Claire Wolfe

As featured on Free-Market.Net, LewRockwell.com, "The Libertarian Enterprise," "The Sierra Times," Anti-State.Com, and Brian Wilson, KSFO Radio...

"The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to a single state of the U.S. to secure a free society there. We will accomplish this by first reforming state law, opting out of federal mandates, and finally negotiating directly with the federal government for appropriate political autonomy. We will be a community of freedom-loving individuals and families, and create a shining example of liberty for the rest of the nation and the world." (from the Free State Project website, www.freestateproject.com)

The Free State Project is a **new** strategy for freedom. Rather than continuing the same failed strategies aimed at bringing Washington, D.C. to the light, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state. What can be done in a single state? A great deal. We could repeal state taxes and wasteful state government programs. We could end the collaboration between state and federal law enforcement officials in enforcing unconstitutional federal laws. We could end asset forfeiture and abuses of eminent domain. We could privatize utilities and end inefficient regulations and monopolies. Then we could negotiate directly with the federal government for more autonomy. In other countries, provinces have obtained the right to opt out of national programs and receive a tax rebate instead. We could do the same.

Where will the Free State Project succeed where others have failed? First, we aren't asking for "donations" in exchange for your participation; the F.S.P. is not a scheme for making money. Second, we formulate strategy and policy by consulting the membership; unlike some other failed "free nation" attempts, this is not some cult of personality. Third, we will choose our destination rationally and by looking at all the available evidence. **The state where we will move will be decided by a vote of the full F.S.P. membership after research has been done on all the candidate states.** The vote will be conducted according to the method of Cumulative Count, which more closely approximates the ideal of individual choice than simple majority rule.

The Free State Project unequivocally rejects violence, racism, and fraud. We are a peaceful, legal group, and we support working within the electoral process.

Join the Free State Project and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing *liberty in our lifetime*. We don't want your money, just your signature - and when the time comes, your willingness to carry through on your word of honor.

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NJLP: Party of Principle or Party of Cowards?

By Len Flynn, NJLP Vice Chair

These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it NOW, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. - Thomas Paine, The Crisis

Back in 1980 our party had only about 115 members but we were able to run 15 candidates, a full slate, for federal office (U.S. Senate and House of Representatives). Since then the number of members has grown many fold (now around 750) but only in 1992 did the NJLP succeed again in running a full slate (13) for Congress. In recent years NJLP Congressional candidates are becoming scarce on N.J. ballots: we had 9 in 1998 but just two (2) lonely members ran in 2000 (thank you Worth Winslow and Darren Young!) along with Emerson Ellett for Senate. That year the rival N.J. Green Party ran nearly a full slate (12 candidates) for Congress, leaving out one district where the Republicrat incumbent was so ecofascist that the Greens did not want to challenge! Most N.J. voters in 2000 had no freedom advocates to choose for Congress at all - just various shades of socialists.

Now comes 2002 with the Nazi style anti-terrorist legislation (misnamed the USA Patriot Act for the true American patriotism the act suppresses) in place and the Bill of Rights legislated out of existence. The Drug War also rages on and State Socialism has been reborn with government handouts of taxpayer dollars to politically well-connected companies (e.g., airlines and airport security firms) and outright nationalization of airport security personnel. Ironically, the feds monstrously failed to provide any security against the September 11 attacks, yet they gained full control of air security now!

Where will N.J. voters hear the voice for freedom this year? Or will the statists go largely unchallenged? We have five (5) candidates for Congress to date but most Congressional districts are devoid of NJLP standard bearers. Our excellent candidate for U.S. Senate Elizabeth Macron will do her best, but she needs help to spread the word. We need NJLP candidates in these CDs: 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,13 and these districts comprise most of New Jersey's counties: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Burlington, Camden, Salem, Ocean, Essex, Passaic, Hudson, Bergen, Union, Morris, Sussex, Somerset and Middlesex. Only Monmouth, Hunterdon, Warren, and Mercer County voters will all have an NJLP choice for Congress this year.

Can you help your party - and your country - this year? Contact your State Board Representative or any of the state party officers to serve as a candidate or to volunteer to circulate a petition to put another NJLP member on the ballot. The deadline for NJLP approval of new candidates is no later than the May 19, 2002 State Board meeting and petitions must be filed by the primary election day on June 4.

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Liz Macron then followed with a welldelivered talk on the federal budget morass and her main campaign initiatives. She offered the fact that 70% of government welfare spending is consumed by overhead, whereas private charities manage to keep their overhead in the range of 10-20%. She then focused on three major programs with significant budgetary and liberty enhancing potential. The pentagon "notoriously bloated with military budaet. boondoggles" can only be brought under control by legislators "who will vote to confine the military budget to military purposes, and renounce the use of the military budget as a means to subsidize jobs and contractors for their friends and constituents". Moving to the FDA, Ms. Macron suggested lives as well as dollars could be saved by moving to a private drug certification process similar to Underwriters Laboratories. Lastly, she skewered the war on Drugs as a "heart-rending exercise in futility", and neatly segued into an expert description of the use of civil asset forfeitures by government. She wound up her remarks with an outline of four legislative proposals which she pledged to introduce if elected Senator.

1-Repeal of all civil asset forfeiture laws directed at property that merely "facilitated" an alleged crime.

2-An across the board reduction of 10% on spending by each agency of the federal government, without accounting tricks and without adjustments for inflation or projected future spending growth.

3-No collection of payroll taxes at any income below the poverty threshold, set at \$9214 in 2001.

4-Elimination of all programs administered by the Department of Education.

Each of these proposals was explained and rationalized by Ms. Macron.

Following was a good question and answer exchange with the reporters. All involved declared the event a success, and agreed that the Trenton Tax Day Media Conference should become a planned annual event for the NJLP.



NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett fields a question during Huntco's Tax Day Media Conference.

Way to Go, Ron!

After serving on the Manalapan Township Planning Board, other members of the board have chosen Ron, longtime NJLP member, as Secretary of the Board.

Minutes of the 2002 NJLP Annual Convention Ramada Inn, Hightstown, NJ March 9, 2002

Called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Emerson Ellett and presence of a quorum was established. Meeting agenda was reviewed then approved by general consent. Minutes of the February 14, 2002 Steering Committee meeting were presented by Secretary Len Flynn. Treasurer Lou Stefanelli presented the NJLP 2002 budget. He then introduced the State Board's proposal to increase NJLP lifetime membership dues from its current \$300 to \$500, with the effective date for the increase to be October 1, 2002. The dues increase motion carried.

Bylaws proposals:

At 9:15 a.m. Bylaws Committee Chair Robert Hull introduced the three proposed amendments that had been published with the notice for the convention. A suggestion by Dan Karlan to divide the question so that the three amendments could be considered individually was accepted without objection. The first proposed amendment to eliminate special "nominating conventions" prior to the regular annual convention plus designate the three party officers below the Chair as the Trustees passed unanimously. The second proposal to clarify designation of candidates by county committees also received unanimous approval.

The third proposal intended to clarify the hierarchy of authority among the NJLP meetings to "recognize the largest collection of members is empowered to perform any action that a smaller sub-group is empowered to perform". At this point in the debate Keith Quarles made a motion with Barry Allen seconding to reword the suggested change to section 14(c) of the bylaws, which concerns amending the certificate of incorporation, to replace "entire membership" with "members present". Howard Schoen raised a Point of Order that Keith's motion was out of order because it had not been published as required with the meeting notice and represented a material change in the Bylaws. The Chair ruled that the proposed amendment was in order but Dan Karlan appealed the ruling. On a vote of 8-12 the Chair's ruling was overturned; therefore, the Quarles amendment was removed from consideration. The third bylaws amendment was subsequently approved by the delegates at 9:45 am.

<u>Elections</u>: New NJLP Officers & At-Large Representatives to the Steering Committee were elected with the following results:

Chair:	Emerson Ellett 24	None-	of-the-above (N	OTA) 3	Write-in: Fred Stein 1
Vice Chair	Len Flynn	25	NOTA 3	Write in: Stein	1
Secretary	Dan Karlan	27	NOTA 2		
Treasurer	Lou Stefanelli	27	NOTA 1		
At-Large	Robert Hull	25*			
	Ken Kaplan	21*			
	Lou Elwell	18*	* Elected 3		
	Elizabeth Macron	17			
	Henry Cheney	10			

Elizabeth remains an At-Large Steering Committee member by virtue of her prior nomination by petition for the position. The petition remains sufficient (5% of 853 + 5 signatures), so Elizabeth continues on the committee.

A total of 29 national LP delegates were nominated and elected by voice vote. The delegates selected were:

Sean Twomey	Emerson Ellett	Keith Quarles	Elizabeth Macron	Lou Stefanelli
Jim Harshmann	Len Flynn	Lou Elwell	Bob Hull	Bill Schetlick
Ned Kelley	Ginny Flynn	Janice Elwell	Frank Warren	Suzanne
Barry Allen	Henry Cheney	Michael Lehmann	John Taylor	Laguerre
Tom Wright	Mark Edgerton	Chris Weimann	Rob Tannen	Brian White
Lila Lett	Austin Lett	Jay Boucher	Lou Stefanelli	John Paff
		•		Diane Adler

The nominations were unusual in that the convention delegates nominated several individuals who were not present. Despite the likelihood that many of the 29 nominees might drop out, the total was still short of the maximum of 32 allowed by National LP for New Jersey. National LP rules also permit 50 alternates to be nominated. According to NJLP convention rules such alternates can be chosen by written notice received up to the NJLP meeting 30 days prior to the 2002 national convention on July 3, 2002. This would make the deadline the May 19 State Board meeting.

County caucuses At 10:15 a.m. the convention recessed for county caucuses. Results were:

Bergen County --

Chair and State Board Representative None

LP of Monmouth and Ocean Counties --

Chair	Robert Hull	
Vice Chair	John Taylor	
Secretary	Lou Elwell	
Treasurer	Ginny Flynn	

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St. Bd. Reps. Jay Edger/ Monmouth

Chris Weimann/ Ocean

Candidates

Freeholder Jennifer Carter Freeholder Joe Conklin Clerk Robert Hull

Highlands Boro Council John Taylor

Sussex County --

Chair & Rep. Sean Twomey

Mercer County --

Chair Chris Toto St. Bd. Rep. Andrea Nadolny

Hunterdon County --

Chair Hal Shute St. Bd. Rep. Robert Jacobs

Candidate

Town Committee of Lebanon Twp. Ned Kelley

South Jersey LP (Atlantic, Cumberland, Camden, Cape May, Salem, Gloucester, Burlington)

Chair Henry Cheney

St. Bd. Rep. Henry Cheney/ Gloucester

LP of Somerset & Middlesex Counties --

Chair Howard Schoen
Vice Chair Ray Babecki
Treasurer Barry Allen

St. Bd. Rep. Frank Warren (Somerset)
St. Bd. Rep. Barry Allen (Middlesex)

<u>Candidate approval</u> -- The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m. and the following federal candidates were unanimously approved by the delegates.

U.S. Senate Liz Macron

Congress

4th CD Keith Quarles 5th CD Dan Karlan 6th CD Barry Allen 7th CD Darren Young 12th CD Tom Abrams

Sean Twomey gave an enthusiastic nomination for Elizabeth Macron then Len Flynn described her extraordinary qualifications as an LP candidate in his seconding speech. She first ran as a Libertarian candidate for State Assembly in 1977 and is a top-flight attorney. Liz won a UNANIMOUS verdict in the New Jersey Supreme Court that established the right to a jury trial in civil asset forfeiture cases.

Liz accepted the nomination describing her campaign platform to include the theme "Freedom Works" and "liberty, free minds and free markets". She emphasized ending the drug war and repealing all civil asset forfeiture laws.

<u>Candidate address</u>: George Phillies is running for the office of National LP Chair and he urged the NJLP delegates to support him at the national convention this July.

Ongoing Business & ad hoc committees At 11:50 a.m. updates on the following items began:

- C. CAPP lawsuit (Emerson Ellett) A slate of candidates will be the key to progress.
- C. NJLP newsletter -- Editor Deb Sackett was ill and did not present a report. Several members praised the newsletter and its editor.
 - C. Fundraising (Ned Kelley) Martelle Green is sponsoring a fundraising cocktail party in Suite 303.
- D) Electronic Communications Lou Stefanelli announced that using the e-newsletter as the "official notice" for NJLP meetings has been implemented. He cited Lou Elwell as "inspiring" this committee's tasks.
- E) Recruitment & Membership Lou Stefanelli mentioned that the committee will meet to recapture past members and enlist new recruits.
- F) Candidate Recruitment & Support -- Former New Hampshire state legislator Don Gorman is available for \$800-1,000 for a weekend of training for LP candidates and their staff.
 - G) State Chairs Convention Emerson Ellett attended the Feb. 23-24 conference in Memphis.
 - H) 2001 Tax Protest Day 4/15/02 Kits are available for this event.

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New Business

a) Member recognition (Lou Elwell)

Exemplary Service Awards

Pat Bontempo Outstanding county chair

Deb Sackett NJLP newsletter editor

Lou Stefanelli & Liz Macron Best fundraiser

Bob Jacobs Convention coordinator

Jay Boucher, Robert Hull, Chris Weimann Electronic Communications Committee

Alex Pugliese Most letters to the Editor

Certificates of Appreciation for candidates

Tom Abrams Jay Edger Bob Hull Jennifer Carter Mark Edgerton John Taylor

Henry Cheney Diane Hittner Chris Toto

b) Volunteers sign-up sheets were circulated.

Report from National LP Dan Karlan reported on recent activities by National LP and NatCom.

Announcements

Rooms 303-305 Hospitality Suite around 4:00 p.m.

Petitions available

Fundraising forms distributed by Len Flynn

NJLP radio ads played and delegates applauded

Future meetings schedule: (All meetings begin 1:00 p.m., unless specified otherwise)

Sunday 4/21 Steering Committee @ Emerson Ellett's home

Sunday 5/19 State Board at Tumulty's Pub 361 George Street in New Brunswick (732/545-6205)

Sunday 6/16 Steering Committee at location to be determined

Saturday 7/14 NJLP annual picnic

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Libertarians In Print

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The Leader, Published 4/22/02

<u>Libertarian is Strong on the Issues</u>

To the Editor,

Darren Young is a respected software developer who works for Fashion Marketing in Carteret. He is also the Libertarian Party candidate for the U.S. Congress in the 7th Congressional District, which includes Union and Somerset counties. He is running against first-term Republican incumbent Mike Ferguson.

Why should a successful businessman make the decision to run for Congress on a third-party ticket? Young replied, "I want to publicize the Libertarian message and give people an opportunity to vote for a person with intelligence and integrity"

The issues that Young wants to address in this election are many. Young elieves that the time has come to end the drug war. Young calls the war a failure that has violated the civil liberties of all Americans, and is a war where over \$40 billion has been wasted with no results whatsoever. Drugs are still coming into the U.S. Young believes in the legalization of drugs.

Young believes that Social Security should be privatized based on invidivdual retirement accounts. This would give recipients true ownership of retirement benefits and higher rates of return on their money.

According to Young, U.S. currency has been declining overseas and in the U.S. since 1971 when the gold standard was eliminated. By restoring the gold standard, Young believes that the value of the dollar would increase greatly here and abroad.

Young feels that the reason medical costs have skyrocketed is because of excessive regulation in matters concerning doctors, medical personnel and medicine. Young believes that if the regulations were repealed, the cost of health care would be made more affordable for all. He also believes, just as with Social Security, Medicare should be privatized as well.

Young believes that the federal Department of Education should be and that power should be returned to local school districts. This approach would save billions of dollars and would improve education.

Young believes strongly in limited the terms for members of Congress. This, according to Young, would end careerism and would bring about the creation of a citizen legislator as envisioned by the Founding Fathers.

Young believes in the right of citizens to bear arms and that that right should never be violated. He has vowed to oppose any legislaton that restricts gun ownership.

Young understands that the road to victory is very difficult indeed for a third party candidate. From witnessing many election runs myself, there is no doubt that the obstacles are tremendous. Just ask Congressmen Bernie Sanders, IVT and Virgil Goode, -I-VA, as well as others. Young understands that, yet is not deterred. He wants to present an alternative voice and is hoping that his ideas will be heard and debated. There is a great deal of hard work ahead of him. I wish him the best of luck.

If you are interested in Young's campaign or just wish to talk to him about his candidacy, call his campaign headquarters at 908-608-1976 or e-mail him at DarrenYoung@Comcast.net.

Alex Pugliese, Kenilworth

Libertarians In Print

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The New Jersey Herald, Published March 13, 2002

Editor:

I would like to participate in the discussion between Libertarian Tony Federici and Fair president, Lois A. Pellow. Some time ago on a different issue I remarked to Tony that he was applying Libertarian principles to a non-Libertarian society. Most people make no distinction between government grants derived forcibly from the people and trust funds, bequests donated by private individuals. With a bequest nobody loses and no force is involved. With public funding everybody, all taxpayers lose and some gain. There are no neutrals: there is no middle ground; justice is not an option. A government grant that is accepted includes a part of ones own tax payments, but in total, probably represents a gain to the recipient; refusal definitely incurs a loss. If here and there along the way if we accept all we can, some of us may break even, although overall, allowing for the cost of administration, there must be loss.

In a Libertarian society, the energies now used for forced collection and favored distribution would be devoted to production. But as society is not Libertarian (small 'd' democratic), I suggest that a thorough Libertarian that refuses all redistribution from forcible taxation will not survive. The situation is not black and white otherwise accepting taxpayers money would not differ in principle from compelling people to buy tickets to a Fair they did not wish to attend.

Legally as individuals or groups we are forbidden to rob, but may elect someone to rob for us. For a Libertarian, robbery is robbery. A majority may make it legal, but it is still robbery no matter what the number. A pernicious aspect of the 'take and give' is that politicians get elected for giving. In times past the politicians own money was used to bribe voters, now it is the voters' money is used. Sen. Little is not to be singled out for condemnation, but he and all other representatives are favored with votes according to favors bestowed, and reform in that area is not mentioned. Such money should not be there for distribution in the first place-- It would not be there under a Libertarian government.

I haven't the slightest doubt that both the Senator and Ms. Pellow are dedicated, hardworking, principled persons who do great good and profit many, indeed do more good than most. Understandably, but unfortunately, we are part of a system that has departed from the basic intent of contractual community for the protection of individual's property. The government abuses its power, originally limited to the means necessary to protect each and every individual in the absolute right to his property, but now perversely misused to rob him or her. I know that I have no democratic or moral right to vote on a budget that will deprive others, perhaps even force them from their homes, for my benefit.

Sean Twomey, Lafayette

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Save \$200! Become a \$300 Lifetime Member today!

Lifetime Membership in the N.J. Libertarian Party will rise to \$500 starting October 1. But if you upgrade your membership to Lifetime before October 1 you'll only pay \$300. The increase is the first in 30 years, so take advantage on this limited time offer while it lasts.

Save \$200! Become a \$300 Lifetime Member today!

Let's have some more fun, please...

On March 9, a post-convention fundraiser was held in a private suite at the Ramada Inn in Hightstown. Light snacks were served with beer, wine and soda.

At this event, we were graced with the "magical" presence of Bob Steiner and some of his tricks. Fun was had by all for several hours. We managed to raise almost \$400.00, which was a nice way to close this day.

Since the response to this fete was overwhelming, I have agreed to work with Ned Kelley, Fundraising Chair, in order to produce similar events. We are currently developing an all day affair. PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US!!! Our mission is to raise money for the NJLP Candidates' campaigns -- and to have LOTS of fun, which is an important factor in our growth.

If you are interested in helping us build up the Party in this way, please feel free to call Ned [(908 832-6338] or me at [(201) 825-3643].

Martelle Green

Announcements

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.

Support the NJLP and receive a Premium Thank You gift!

Merchandise Now Available to Donors!

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

Members Honored at Convention

The following members were honored for their contributions to liberty at the Convention March 9

Candidates:

Mark Edgerton, Governor
Tom Abrams, 15th District, Senate
Robert Hull, 11th District, Assembly
John M. Taylor, 11th District, Assembly
Diane Hittner, 13th District, Assembly
Christopher C. Toto, 15th District Assembly
Jennifer Carter, Monmouth County Freeholder
Richard Edgar, Monmouth County Freeholder
Howard Jay Boucher, Monmouth County Sheriff
Henry Cheney, Haddonfield Borough Commissioner

County Chair:

Pat Bontempo, most number of candidates on ballot (6)

Most prolific Letter to the Editor writer:

Alex Pugliese

Best fundraisers:

Liz Macron & Lou Stefanelli

TV, radio, flyer and brochure writer Extraordinaire:

Vic Kaplan

Electronic Communications Upgrade Team:

Jay Boucher Lou Elwell Robert Hull Chris Weimann

Convention Chair:

Robert Jacobs

Thank you for your dedication to freedom!

We Need YOU!

Interested in being the liaison between the NJLP and any of the following groups for the purpose of initiating combined activity? If so, contact Emerson Ellett at chair@njlp.org

- 1. United Taxpayers of New Jersey http://www.utnj.org/ utnj@aol.com PO Box 103 Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (973) 890-0271
- 2. National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) 2 South Main St. Lodi, NJ 07644 Phone: (973) 777-6422

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Contact: Fred DiMaria, Alan Marain

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- 4. Stop The Debt http://www.stopthedebt.com/ P.O. Box 252 Bogota, NJ 07603
- 5. TCNJ Ayn Rand Society http://www.tcnj.edu/~aynrand/society.htm President: Jennifer Scricco JerseyChemGirl@yahoo.com Ewing, NJ, The College of New Jersey (609) 637-5980

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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

<u>Ken Hetrick,</u> Administrator, Chatham Township; Acting Town Manager, West Milford Township

<u>Diane Hittner</u>, Old Bridge Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

<u>Joseph Higgins</u>, Woodcliff Lake Borough Emergency Management Coordinator

<u>Paul Horuzy</u>, Commissioner, Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority

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

<u>John Paff,</u> Member, Franklin Township (Somerset County) Attorney Ethics Committee

<u>Hal Shute</u>, West Amwell Township Open Space Committee and West Amwell Zoning Board of Adjustment

<u>Bill Thawley,</u> Cape May Mayor's Advisory Council and Transportation Committee

Ed Wiessmann, Chairman, Sparta Township Community Dispute Resolution Committee; Member, Vernon Township Community Dispute Resolution Committee

<u>Frank Warren</u>, member North Plainfield Environmental Commission

Ronald Wishart, Secretary, Manalapan Township Planning Board

Thanks, Folks!

Calendar

Sunday 5/19 1 PM, State Board at Tumulty's Pub 361 George Street in New Brunswick (732/545-6205)

Sunday 6/16, 1 PM, Steering Committee at location to be determined

Saturday 7/14 NJLP annual picnic



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Feel free to contact these organizations through any of the individuals listed. If you do not see your county listed, please contact Chair Emerson Ellett for information on activism in your area.

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