



New Jersey Libertarian



L-R: Host Shad Woolley, Jeff Pawlowski and Chris Koszalka on the set of *Third Point of View*. Photo by Ray Babecki.

Congressional Candidate Chazotte Covered in Pascack Press

Chazotte tapped by Libertarians

Congressional choice
Chazotte runs for U.S. Congress

“I am running because I strongly believe in the principles of individual liberty, personal responsibility, free markets and limited government,” Chazotte said. “I will fight to create and retain jobs by reducing the tax and regulatory burdens that make it attractive to send jobs overseas, to remove the influence of special interest groups from Washington, to overhaul Social Security in a way that benefits all Americans and to reduce the ineffective and unseemly partisan bickering that ultimately harms us all.”

“Chazotte attended schools in Woodcliff Lake and still has family that lives in the town. He is an independent computer consultant and resides in Marlboro Township in Monmouth County with his wife, Dana, and their son, Jack. The district is comprised of towns within Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset and Monmouth counties. The Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in the United States. Libertarians believe the answer to America’s political problems is the same commitment to freedom that earned America its greatness: a free market economy and the abundance and prosperity it brings; a dedication to civil liberties and personal freedom and maintaining a strong national defense while pursuing a foreign policy of non-intervention, peace, and free trade as prescribed by America’s founders.”

“The candidate was surprised to find that the number one issue on people’s minds was taxes... Similar issues concern the residents of Woodcliff Lake. Borough Mayor Joe LaPaglia focused his campaign around the topic of keeping taxes down in his successful bid for the seat last November. “I am very pleased that Ken Chazotte, Jr., is going to run for the U.S. Congress in New Jersey’s 12th district,” says LaPaglia. “He is from a fine family that has lived in Woodcliff Lake for many years.”

Pascack Press, May 5th, 2004

Candidates Pawlowski and Koszalka appear on TPOV

Jeff Pawlowski and Chris Koszalka are Libertarians running for Town Council in Sayreville, NJ. Jeff is planning the annual NJLP Summer Picnic, which will be designed as a combination picnic and event for their campaign.

New Location Set for Annual Picnic and General Meeting

Our Annual Picnic and General Meeting, hosted for years by Len and Ginny Flynn, will be held at the Polanka picnic grounds in South River this year, at 1 pm on July 10th. See Calendar on Page 3 for more info.

Union County Joins LPSMC: “Lipsmack” Renamed

The LPSMC having incorporated Union County into its territory changed its name at its May 18th meeting to: “Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey.”

The LPCNJ’s next meeting will be at the Lone Star restaurant, Route 22 W, Scotch Plains, NJ on June 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

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From The Chair By NJLP State Chair Vic Kaplan

The New Jersey Libertarian Party has been recruiting candidates for Congress. If the NJLP wants to be a part of the debate on national issues, then candidates for national office is the direction to go.

Want to see a Libertarian Presidential candidate offering voters a choice in New Jersey? Then contact the Division of Elections at 609-292-3760, and let me know once the petitioning is over on who possesses petitions, so that they can be picked up and delivered to an appropriate place. My contact info can be found at the bottom of the letter.

I was interviewed by NTV, the biggest Russian television station, in March. At the end of April, one of the guests on NTV's program "Ours With Lev Novozhzhenov" commented that the Libertarian Party stands for smaller government and individual liberty. In Russia, the Russian Libertarian Movement (the Russian version of the Libertarian Party) has been in existence since 2003.

Ken Chazzote <http://www.kenforcongress.com> has been running an active congressional race in the 12th district, with a press release at www.politicsnj.com and the Asbury Park Press and Pascack Press featuring a story about his candidacy. Ken's district includes parts of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset counties. Volunteers who would be willing to help his campaign are welcome to contact Ken Chazotte at 732 625-9320.

Ray Babecki is requesting volunteers to make the *Third Point of View* TV program, which was featured in the national LP News, bigger and better. He can be contacted from 6-9PM at 732 738-9148.

Chris Redwood, our new secretary of the NJLP, is planning to promote the Libertarian Party at Flava Restaurant & Lounge, 24 E Park St., Newark on June 19th. See "Greetings from Chris Redwood", this page, for more details.

The next Steering Committee meeting will take place on Sunday June 20 1PM at 1308 Spruce Avenue in Ocean (the Ellett residence), while the General Meeting will take place July 10 1pm, Polanka Park Grounds on Williams Street in South River, New Jersey

I can be reached at 908 887-0669 or vikaplan@hotmail.com. All questions and suggestions are welcome.

Greetings from Chris Redwood

New NJLP Secretary/Essex Rep to
Register Voters, DJ General Meeting

Greetings to all!

My name is Chris Redwood, and I'm a new member of the New Jersey Libertarian Party. I have accepted the roles of NJLP secretary and representative for Essex County, New Jersey. I am a professional graphic artist, DJ/music producer, real estate agent, and writer.

At the May 16th Steering Committee meeting we discussed various ways of reaching out to young people. Advertising in college newspapers was suggested and looked into. Being a DJ, I'm compiling a CD of freedom-oriented music with liner notes that will include various Libertarian URLs and a suggested reading list that will include Rothbard, Friedman, Harry Browne, etc.

There will be a Hip Hop Political Convention (<http://www.hiphopconvention.org/>) in Newark, June 16-19 at Rutgers University. The purpose of this convention is articulate a political stance for the "Hip Hop Generation". This could be fertile ground for the Libertarian Party, so I plan to be there and if given an opportunity, I will speak. I will also be promoting an after party at Flava Restaurant & Lounge 24 E Park St Newark at which I'll be registering people to vote and of course encouraging them to vote Libertarian. This will be the beginning for the Essex County LP Chapter. The date set for this is Saturday, June 19th. I'll be releasing the aforementioned CD on that date also.

As a DJ/producer and graphic artist, if anyone is in need of help putting together spots for the radio or any kind of print graphic, or even if you have a book you want to self-publish, I am more than willing to help.

I look forward to the July 10 General Meeting in South River. I will be the DJ there and if Jeff Pawlowski wants to give us a campaign speech on his run for Sayreville Town Council, I'll make sure he is heard loud and clear!

I can be reached at mannafest2000@hotmail.com or 973) 230 8560

Did you know...?

...that the great guys at Wallnet offer a terrific bunch of online tools for Libertarians?

If you're interested in discussion, check out www.liberty-talk.org, where items of interest are posted, polls are conducted, and you can get the opinions of other NJLP members and post your own. Liberty-talk.org does a great job of collecting articles and posting those found by subscribers.

Also, if you haven't already done so, now is the time to sign up for the announce mailing list. This list is for up-to-the-minute information on your party. You can subscribe either through the interactive menu button on the NJLP state web site (www.njlp.org) or by sending an email to announce-request@njlp.org with the word "subscribe" in the body of the email.

Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting of May 16, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM. Present were Emerson Ellett, Lou Stefanelli, Len Flynn and Ray Lehmann. Other NJLP members who are not on the Steering Committee were also present. Lou Stefanelli agreed to act as Secretary for the meeting.

Emerson Ellett read the minutes of the April Steering Committee meeting. The minutes were accepted without amendment.

Lou Stefanelli presented the Treasurer's report. There was brief discussion of the contents of the report.

College outreach was the next topic of discussion. Ray Lehmann presented quotes from Monmouth University and the Targum of Rutgers University. An outline of an advertising plan was described and suggestions from the attendees solicited.

Jeff Pawlowski, the NJLP candidate for Sayerville Town Council, talked about his campaign plans. Specifically, he described how he plans to canvass key districts in town with the help of Villa Nova college students.

Ken Chazotte gave a summary of his campaign for the 12th district house seat. He showed cards and buttons he was distributing and talked about the tee shirts he is having made. He also talked about the good reception he is getting presenting himself to voters in neighbor's homes. He wants to do many more such get-togethers.

Chris Redwood, a new member from Newark, expressed interest in starting an Essex County or Newark chapter of the NJLP. Suggestions for doing the startup followed his inquiry.

A motion was made to move the July 10 General Meeting from its traditional location at the Flynn residence in Morganville to the Polanka Park Grounds on Williams Street in South River, New Jersey. Park facilities and advantages were described and the possible boost the event could give to the campaign for Sayerville Town Council were noted. Motion passed on a voice vote, unanimously.

Brenda Bell put on the table, the question of how to decide who to vote for among the various candidates seeking the LP Presidential nomination. There was some discussion of the relative merits of some of the candidates, but finally, it was concluded that party building was the most important criteria for a presidential nominee. The candidates should be measured for what they could do to bring in new members and resources.

At Len Flynn's suggestion, the Chair ruled that State Board members who missed the meeting should not have it count against them given that notice for the meeting and whether it should be a State Board or General meeting were not properly handled. (The lack of a quorum for a State Board meeting is the reason a Steering Committee meeting was conducted.)

An appeal was made for someone to fill the vacant Secretary position. Chris Redwood volunteered to take on the position. He was then nominated and elected on a voice vote. Len Flynn noted that the Steering Committee could act for the State Board, which is charged in the by-laws with filling Steering Committee vacancies.

There were a couple of announcements. The next meeting is a Steering Committee meeting on Sunday, June 20, 2004 at 1:00 PM. at the Ellett residence.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Calendar

Hip-Hop Political Convention

Rutgers, Newark, June 16-19th.
"After party", Flava Restaurant and Lounge, East Park St., Newark. Voter Registration on site with new NJLP Secretary Chris Redwood.

Steering Committee Meeting

Sunday June 20, 1pm, 1308 Spruce Avenue, Ocean, NJ (Ellett residence)

Annual Picnic and General Meeting

Saturday July 10, 1pm, Polanka Park Grounds on Williams Street in South River, New Jersey. Directions are obtainable at Mapquest.com, or you can contact Chair Vic Kaplan at vikaplan@hotmail.com or 908 887 0669.

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Libertarians in Print

Are you a Libertarian in Print? You are if you're an NJLP member who has had a Letter to the Editor printed. And, we've changed the rules! Reprinting in the NJL no longer requires use of the "L" word, although we do love to see it.

Suburban Trends, April 4, 2004

Dear Editor:

I wish to commend your guest columnist Vivienne Erk for her fine March 28 article "Democrats and history", in *Suburban Trends* in which she correctly exposes the fallacies of socialism.

I would add however, that America's drift away from individual liberty and towards socialized collectivism began a long time ago and can't be laid solely on the Democratic Party, the Republicans are just as guilty!

The first Republican President was Abraham Lincoln and contrary to the popular mythology that passes for history in our public (government) schools, he was no friend of personal liberty or the Constitution. The Civil War, which he presided over, was not fought to end slavery, but rather to make the federal government a strong centralized power that couldn't be challenged by the individual states, which created the federal government in the first place. The Lincoln regime saw the introduction of military conscription for the first time in American history, the suspension of civil liberties in wartime, and government subsidies to business (railroad construction).

Is it any wonder that Establishment historians of both the "Liberal" and "Conservative" persuasions are infatuated with Lincoln and his legacy?

Moving ahead 40 years to the early 20th century, we had another Republican in the White House named Teddy Roosevelt. This bombastic loudmouth was an advocate of government intervention over the economy here at home but also a militant interventionist in foreign affairs as well. You can't have an interventionist foreign policy without having big government here to administer it.

When we get to Democrat Woodrow Wilson we really start to see the march to collectivism begin in earnest. Under Wilson we got the Federal income tax in 1913 (a plank lifted direct from Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto", incidentally). Plus all kinds of wartime controls after Wilson maneuvered America into World War I.

Twenty years later we had a repeat performance under Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who ushered in his quasi-socialist New Deal and also lied America into war. Since 1945, it hasn't mattered if a Democrat or a Republican is in the Oval Office, the policies both foreign and domestic don't really change in any significant way.

Sadly, most Americans will keep voting these types into office, because the lemming-like population doesn't really value freedom anymore.

The typical American of 2004 regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual preference or any other characteristic you care to think of, wants "security" over liberty. Those who fought at Lexington and Concord are the ones who must be truly spinning in their graves! All is not lost however, we Libertarians offer a real alternative to the anti-freedom policies of both the Democrats and Republicans. Our web site is LP.org.

If you can think for yourself you should check us out.

Mark Richards
West Milford

The Sentinel, May 6, 2004

Dear Editor,

The April 22 issue of *The Sentinel* had a story on the Smith-Mayer support of the "Clean Elections" program.

Taxpayers have a vital need to eliminate the corruption in elections, so I was surprised that Assemblymen Smith and Mayer neglected to mention one important piece of information – where will the money for the "Clean Elections" program come from?

The program will be providing funds to candidates via "a voluntary, constitutional and competitive public financing system", according to Ev Liebman, NJ Citizen Action Assistant Program Director.

But nowhere does the story explain exactly what that means. If Smith and Mayer need public support, the public needs more information.

Further, I was disappointed to read that the "Clean Elections" program incorporates the McCain-Feingold restrictions on issue advertisements. Just as misled Americans read "good" for "Green", lets not blindly assume that "Clean" is really clean. There's nothing clean in the McCain-Feingold ruling.

US Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was one of the dissenters in the 5-4 vote on McCain-Feingold, and he is as enraged as we all should be. He wrote: "This is a sad day for freedom of speech. Who could have imagined that the same Court which, within the past four years, has sternly disapproved restrictions upon such inconsequential forms of expression as virtual child pornography and sexually explicit cable programming, would smile with favor upon a law that cuts to the heart of what the First Amendment is meant to protect: the right to criticize the government."

The McCain-Feingold ruling means that from now on, the only voices you'll hear in the media will be those of the candidates. No organization can name candidates in advertisements stating their stands on issues. The anti-gun lobby can't tell you that Senator X has a history of voting for anti-gun legislation. The pro-lifers can't tell you that Senator Y spoke or voted in favor of abortion. Candidates can't be named even in reference to the bills they've authored.

The only people who can now give a candidate's history on issues are the candidates and their opponents. For 30 days prior to a primary election and 60 days prior to a general election, all the watchdogs will be gagged and the only voices heard will be those of the professional politicians.

The first step in "Clean Elections", in "Clean" politics at all, is abiding by the constitution, not eliminating its specific controls as the McCain-Feingold ruling does. Any "clean up" attempt that enlists McCain-Feingold as a way to ignore or circumvent our preeminent law of the land is nothing more than yet another rob or trick or mislead voters.

If Smith and Mayer want the "Clean Elections" program to be supported, they need to be sure that it is in fact so clean itself that it follows the Constitution, and that its source of funding needn't be vaguely alluded to, but can be clearly explained to John Q. Public.

Deb Sackett
Malaga



*On the set at a recent taping of Third Point of View.
Photo courtesy of Ray Babecki*

Third Point of View Puts out the Call

How many television shows can you think of that promote libertarianism?

Exactly. That's what makes *Third Point of View* so unique and necessary. Recently featured in LP News, the program has been the only libertarian voice on television in our area for years.

NJLP member Ray Babecki has been part of TPOV's team for some time, and wants to see greater participation from NJLP members. Not only is it an opportunity to be behind the scenes on a TV program (and how many chances are there to do that?), Ray is hoping to make TPOV even bigger and better. If you'd like to talk with Ray about what you can do to participate, you can reach him from 6-9PM at 732 738-9148, or you can email him at mr.science@erols.com



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Send to a Friend

I have a friend who might be interested in the NJLP. Please send a complimentary copy of the *New Jersey Libertarian* to:

The inter-party document below was sent anonymously to the NJLP

Republican Party Census Document

Dear Fellow Republican,

You are among a select group of Republicans who have been chosen to take part in the official Census of the Republican Party. Enclosed is your GOP Census Document, which was assigned and prepared especially for you as a representative of all Republicans living in your voting district. Your answers will be used to develop a blueprint for the Republican Party for the next 10 years. Please complete this document and return in the next 7 days along with \$2000 to ensure that we get ample and accurate results.

(Check all that apply)

Question #1: In your opinion, President G.W. Bush's performance in office could be improved by:

- a) A shake up of the cabinet
- b) Increased government spending and employee bonuses
- c) An increase in G.W.'s daily Ritalin dosage
- d) Getting laid once in awhile

Question #2: Concerning the deplorable treatment of Iraqi citizens held prisoner, do you:

- a) Want a special "directors cut" DVD for only \$19.95 plus s & h
- b) Wish to see those soldiers responsible punished fully (DVD may be pre-ordered)
- c) Just don't see what all of the fuss is about
- d) Think it's pretty much the way they do it in Texas

Question #3: Concerning President Bush's new Homeland Security Department, do you:

- a) Think the uniforms they wear at the airport look really sharp
- b) Feel as a major contributor you should get preferential treatment (above and beyond what you are currently receiving)
- c) Feel all Americans should live in gated communities to be safe
- d) Think AmeriCorps and its budget should be absorbed into it

Question #4: Do you support President Bush's initiatives to save marriage as we know it?

- a) Yes, marriage should always be between a man and a woman
- b) Yes, Men and women should get married as often as they want
- c) Yes, God loves queers, but only a government can make marriage legal
- d) Yes, God intended for men and women to get married so that we could tax it

Question #5: Should teachers, students, and administrators be held to higher standards?

- a) No, most of them already get A's and B's
- b) No, they would only ask for more lunch money
- c) Yes, standards are good, higher standards are gooder
- d) Yes, the current low standards only promote the left-wing media bias