



New Jersey Libertarian

Thank You, Candidates!

Tom Abrams, Barry Allen,
Raymond Byrne, Jennifer
Carter, Joe Conklin (pictured,
right), Colleen Fida Foster, Tim
Haas, Robert Hull, Ned Kelley,
Liz Macron, Mike Matthews,
Keith Quarles, Dick Roth,
Daniel Wright and
Darren Young



Conklin Earns Endorsements and Ink

While all of our candidates deserve a huge "thank you" for fighting the battle on the front line, Joe Conklin's run for Monmouth County Freeholder was an especially energetic one.

In the closing days of the campaign, Conklin made a huge stride by garnering the Reform Party's endorsement. In addition to the value of the endorsement itself, the development also earned Conklin's campaign yet more ink in local papers. The October 17th issue of the Atlantic Highlands Herald gave Joe and his team valuable exposure with the story:

AMERICAN REFORM PARTY ENDORSES LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE JOE CONKLIN

"Libertarian candidate Joe Conklin announced today that the American Reform Party has endorsed him for Monmouth County Freeholder. The American Reform Party has produced high profile candidates such as Ross Perot and Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura.

"This endorsement is testimony to our commitment to change government in Monmouth County. We are eager to bring new ideas to the table that will make Monmouth County the best county in New Jersey," Conklin states.

"Some of Conklin's ideas include banning county contracts for campaign donors and eliminating the salary for the Board of Freeholder office.

"In the upcoming weeks, Conklin anticipates additional endorsements, including a few surprises. "All across the county and state we are raising eyebrows. People know we are serious contenders in this election."

True to his word, on October 31st Joe announced that Brian Farrell, the Republican candidate for Piscataway town council had endorsed him for Monmouth County Freeholder. Mr. Farrell is also a Republican Committeeman in Piscataway Township.

Although vote totals can be discouraging, the amount of attention Conklin's campaign earned his team and the NJLP is an investment in future elections. Kudos to Conklin and his team and all the other candidates and volunteers. We hope Joe and the other NJLP candidates will consider "fighting the good fight" again in future elections.

2002 NJ Election Results

U.S. Senate

NJLP Candidate Liz Macron came in fourth with 12,375 votes or 0.60%, roughly half of the Green Party total of 24,066 or 1.16%. This is an improvement over both our statewide totals in 2000 and 2001 and far less of a gap between the NJLP and the Greens.

Liz's best showings were in Camden County where she came in third with 1,483 votes or 1.26% and Salem County where she also finished third with 210 votes or 1.04%. In Monmouth County she came in fourth but her 1,588 votes gave her 0.92% not too far behind the Greens with 1,870.

First Congressional District

Libertarian Timothy Haas was the only opposition to the Democrat's Rob Andrews and polled 9,356 votes or 7.26%. In the Camden County municipalities in the district he was even stronger polling 7.76% of the vote.

Second Congressional District

Libertarian Mike Matthews, Jr. finished fourth in a five-way race with 1,652 votes or 1.01% just behind the Green Party, which drew 1,686 votes, or 1.03%. He finished third in the district's Salem County municipalities with 1.47% while in Camden he finished just behind the Greens (54 to their 57) to earn 1.81% of the district vote in that county.

Third Congressional District

Libertarian Raymond Byrne finished third in a four-way race with 1,302 votes or 0.70%. He ran best in Camden County where he received 254 votes or 1.20%.

Fourth Congressional District

Libertarian Keith Quarles finished third in a five-person race receiving 1,863 votes or 1.08%.

Sixth Congressional District

Libertarian Barry Allen came in fourth in a five-way race with 1,189 votes or 0.87% not too far behind the Green candidate's 1,782 votes.

Seventh Congressional District

Libertarian Darren Young finished third in a three-way race with 2,016 votes or 1.12%.

Eleventh Congressional District

Libertarian Richard Roth finished third in a three-person race receiving 2,244 votes or 1.23%. This was our best showing at the district level outside the First CD.

Twelfth Congressional District

Libertarian Tom Abrams finished fourth in a five-way race with 1,317 votes or 0.75%.

Camden County

Our candidates for the Camden County Freeholder seats up for election polled 6,913 votes or 3.12%. Colleen Fida Foster received 3,498 votes and Daniel S. Wright 3,415. There were no other alternative candidates on the ballot for these offices.

Lebanon Township

Ned Kelley earned 187 votes for township Committee.

Monmouth County Races

Our Monmouth County candidates set new records again this year in terms of both raw numbers and percentages. Jennifer Carter and Joe Conklin polled 9,163 votes for 2.84% of the total in their race for Freeholder seats. Carter was the top vote-getter with 4,949. In the race for Monmouth County Clerk Robert Hull received 3,672 votes or 2.27%. There were no other alternative party candidates on the ballot.

Libertarian Registration Number Growing in New Jersey

New figures released by the State show the number of New Jersey voters who have registered as Libertarians has grown to 208, up from 112 at the time of the June primary election. But the Green Party has kept pace with its number growing from 175 to 278.

On a positive note, the NJLP now has registered voters in all 21 counties, the only alternative party in the state to achieve this mark. The Green Party has no registered voters in Salem County.

We have also hit double digits in eight counties up from four in June. They are, in order, Monmouth, Camden, Ocean, Middlesex, Bergen, Morris, Essex and Union counties. The Greens have done the same.

These eight counties account for a bit over 74% of our number. The top four counties of Monmouth, Camden, Ocean and Middlesex account for a little over half our total number.

The NJLP is now the leading third party in seven counties (Gloucester, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem, Sussex, Union and Warren) down from eight in June. The Greens are ahead of us in 12 counties, up one from June. We're tied with the Greens in Camden and Hunterdon counties.

In Camden County we jumped from 4 registered Libertarians in June to 28 while in Ocean County we have gone from zero to 18.

In Burlington County our lone registered Libertarian not only leaves us behind the Green's 7 but tied with the Reform Party and U.S. Constitution Party which each have one. In Cape May our two registered voters leave us tied with the Reform Party, which also has two.

Statewide the Reform Party has 44 registered voters, the U.S. Constitution Party 29 and the Natural Law Party 22.

If you have not yet declared your party affiliation as Libertarian please use the form printed in this issue. You'll also find a list of county election boards. Simply complete the form and mail it to the board in your county.

Atlantic County

1333 Atlantic Ave., 4th Floor
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Bergen County

1 Bergen County Plaza, Room 310
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Burlington County

P.O. Box 6000
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Camden County

P.O. Box 1066
Camden, NJ 08101

Cape May County

10-12 W. Mechanic Street
Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210

Cumberland County

60 Broad St. W., Suite 210
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Essex County

33 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Gloucester County

P.O. Box 352
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Hudson County

595 Newark Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Hunterdon County

P.O. Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822-9952

Mercer County

P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, NJ 08650

Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form

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

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Residence: Street Address _____ Apt. No. _____

Municipality _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

Signature or mark of registered voter _____ Date _____

DECLARATION MUST BE FILED NO LATER THAN 50 DAYS PRECEDING THE PRIMARY IN WHICH THE VOTER WISHES TO VOTE.

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New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3605

Monmouth County

300 Halls Mill Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Morris County

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Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

Ocean County

P.O. Box 2006
Toms River, NJ 08754-2006

Passaic County

311 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Room 103
Paterson, NJ 07503

Salem County

90 Market Street
Salem, NJ 08079-9856

Somerset County

20 Grove Street
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

Sussex County

18 Church Street
Newton, NJ 07860-9965

Union County

271 North Broad Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

Warren County

413 Second Street
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Libertarians In Print

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Editor,

Russ Flanagan is right on the money when he describes as strange Lautenberg's position of agreeing to debate Forrester only if Green Party candidate Ted Glick and Libertarian Elizabeth Macron are invited to attend.

"If Macron and Glick are such an integral part of the race, as Lautenberg seems to suggest," observes Mr. Flanagan, "maybe he should ask the court to reconsider the methodology it used to determine the validity of his candidacy."

Clearly the court ruled out any validity to third or fourth party candidates. They are tolerated, but not relevant. It seems to me that if maximum choice is at stake, the poorer candidates should be facilitated in exposure, not denied relevance. From my knowledge of Elizabeth Macron, there is no doubt in my mind that if Liz were known to the people of New Jersey she would defeat both of the lesser candidates, Forrester and Lautenberg. To think otherwise would be to insult the intelligence and the integrity of the electorate.

What a great irony it would be if Lautenberg's condition for the debate enables the electorate to learn that they have a real option bringing to naught the very purpose of the court ruling to protect the two party system--to which all the judges owe their judgeships-- that enabled Mr. Lautenberg to get on the ballot in the first place.

Sean Twomey
Lafayette

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"The hardest thing in the
world to understand is the
income tax"
– Albert Einstein

LPSMC asks Police and Fire Pension Board to Revise Form

By John Paff

On November 27, 2002, the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties formally requested the Police and Fire Retirement System Board to reword one of the questions on the certification form that must be completed before police and fire personnel may be awarded a pension. The question, as currently phrased, was answered by New Brunswick administrators in a technically correct manner; yet the answer misled pension officials into awarding over \$210,000 in disability pension payments to a former New Brunswick police officer who had faced departmental charges for the 1996 fatal shooting of an unarmed prostitute. Had the pension board been aware of the charges, it may have denied the pension application.

The question at issue asked whether or not the patrolman was facing disciplinary charges. City officials answer the question "no" because the patrolman, 29-year-old James Consalvo, retired the day prior to his departmental hearing on the charges. According to New Brunswick officials, the answer was proper because Consalvo was no longer employed by the city when the question was answered. Since non-employees cannot face departmental charges, reasoned city officials, the "no" answer was technically correct. Accordingly, Consalvo's application was not reviewed for any charges of misconduct even though he was facing a disciplinary hearing at the time of his resignation. "We rely on the municipality for that sort of information," a pension board official was quoted as saying.

In his letter to the pension board, LPSMC Chairman Howard Schoen stated that despite the fact that New Brunswick officials "may have been disingenuous in their response," that the question still needs to be more tightly worded "so that more reliable information can be gained by the Board in future cases."

Consalvo shot Carolyn "Sissy" Adams, a 39-year-old prostitute in September 1996. He said Adams bit his finger and refused to let go. Consalvo was cleared of criminal wrongdoing but he was charged internally with neglect of duty, unnecessary exercise of authority, negligence and conducting himself in a manner that is detrimental to the police department.

Consalvo is currently set to receive a \$37,000 yearly pension, with cost of living adjustments, for the rest of his life. It is a medical-disability pension based on Consalvo's claim of post-traumatic stress disorder arising out of his shooting of Adams. Pension officials have recently stated, however, that they will revisit Consalvo's continued eligibility for the pension now that they are aware of the departmental charges.

Support Freedom!

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Mug with NJLP Web Logo. Can be yours for the donation of \$25.00. Also available is a large mug with your donation of \$35.00

Mousepad with NJLP Stars Logo. Can be yours for the donation of \$25.00.



Member Bio Paul Makar

30 year old Paul Makar is a resident of Old Bridge and one of the NJLP's newest members. He caught John Paff's attention at a recent joint meeting LPSMC and Hunterdon county. "This guy is bright and has good ideas," John told me. "You really should talk to him. I think we've got a future candidate here."

When I called Paul for an interview I was prepared with my usual questions for a fellow member. It's always interesting to hear what led others to the party and compare war stories about local politics and political awakening. Like many of us, Paul's first realization that government intrusion has become intolerable was when he became a property owner. Between property taxes and zoning laws "I realized that I needed to be pro-active in my community. If I didn't become involved, other people would always be calling the shots."

His interest in politics led him to such authors as Gordon Liddy ("When I Was A Kid This Was A Free Nation") and Jesse Ventura ("I Ain't Got Time to Bleed" and "Do I Stand Alone?"). Then, "back in October I read two books that turned me on to the Libertarian Party. Both were by Larry Elder; one was "Showdown" and the other was "Ten Things You Can't Say in America". They had so many things that I agreed with – personal responsibility is something that I've always believed in, and our country has gotten to the point where many people expect the government's protection in every aspect of their lives. Social Security and the Equal Opportunity laws are perfect examples of the government removing incentive and creating a society of dependent people."

For a young man, Paul comes to the party armed with an impressive amount of skills and knowledge. Following his Navy ROTC education at the Maritime College in New York he served as a Lieutenant in the Navy for six years and worked in the Merchant Marine as an engineer. He worked in the private sector for Budweiser and is currently working as an engineer for a local firm. He credits many of his ideas on waging local elections to his first hand observations of military servicemen, union workers, and his studies of war tactics and battle maneuvers. "Just like in battle, you need to study your opponent, learn his weaknesses and exploit them," he told me. "As a small party, we can use "guerrilla tactics"; no one is paying much attention to us in the established parties. While they're flooding the tv with ads, we can be a true grass roots organization and do person-to-person contact at the local level."

Paul is seriously considering running for local office in the future. At the moment, he feels he must increase his knowledge, arming himself with solutions to the problems that most impact voters. "I think the key issue in local politics is property taxes, and I have some ideas about how to deal with that. I think an attractive solution is to give residents without children a 50% cut on their property taxes, and I'm a big fan of voucher programs in education. But I admit that I've still got things to learn, and for the moment, while I'm developing concrete solutions, I'm going to be a fly on the wall, attend meetings and develop contacts."

Paul's battle plan is the perfect one for a Libertarian preparing himself to run for office. He's attending one to two town and other local meetings per month; he's going to begin running ads in local papers for the party; he's educating himself on the issues and solutions; he's working on his exposure to other residents. We discussed volunteering for appointed office and becoming the "Fairy Godmother" of current elected officials, as well as using marketing techniques for outreach. "If you're familiar with Amway and other network marketers, they've developed techniques that are ideal for a small political party," Paul said. "You talk to a few people, and get a commitment from them to talk to a few more."

Paul feels that even a small political party has the chance to win elections, once a concrete goal is developed. "Maybe you pick one town, or one district, where you really have a shot at electing someone, and you throw everything at that," he said. "By all means, field a lot of candidates, but by focusing all your resources on one or two winnable races you stand a good chance of getting someone elected."

"Reaching young voters, new voters, is key," he told me. "A lot of college students don't realize that the age limit for local office is sometimes as young as 18 or 21. You get someone when they're fresh, when voting is still a novelty, you expose them to Libertarian principles, and you might find that they're far more receptive than someone who has already been voting the party line for years."

It was a pleasure speaking to a new member and Paul's enthusiasm was infectious. Welcome aboard, Paul!

If you know a member who would be willing to be interviewed for a Member Bio, please contact Deb Sackett at editor@njlp.org or at P.O. Box 870, Malaga, NJ 08328.

Minutes of the NJLP Steering Committee meeting of 17 September, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Chair (Ellett), Secretary (Karlán), Treasurer (Stefanelli), At-Large 1 (Hull), and At-Large 4 (Macron). Vice-Chair (Flynn) arrived at 7:35. Absent were At-Large 2 (Kaplan) and At-Large-3 (Elwell).

The Agenda was adopted.

The Minutes of the August 17 State Board meeting were read and approved, after the suggestion that the absent members be specifically noted.

The Treasurer distributed his reports. There was discussion, extending to the implications of BCRA and the various ways of resolving the conflict. Stefanelli moved that we adopt new banking resolution for Sovereign Bank. Karlán seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote. After discussion revealed the oversight, Karlán moved to reconsider that motion for the purpose of adding the Valley Bank paperwork. The reconsideration and addition were approved on a voice vote.

Karlán moved that the Steering Committee approve the resolution to place on the Agenda for the November General Meeting the proposal to change the Bylaws to allow dues to be changed at any General Meeting. (The precise text of the proposal is 'to delete "to set dues;" from 5.b.1 paragraph 1 sentence 1, and to add to 5.a.5 "Specifically, any General Meeting may set dues." ') Discussion followed. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Ellett reported that CAPP consultant Larotunda was bowing out of further activity in this matter. The dismissal of the lawsuit, even in error, concludes the case, so a new lawsuit is required if we want to go further. Other discriminatory provisions are affected. Discussion followed. Regarding the victory already won (declaration of party affiliation), the Secretary suggested that he contact the Bergen County Clerk for a list of registered Libertarians in his home county. The Chair reminded the Secretary that, as Secretary, he had standing to make that request for all counties. Without objection, the idea was approved.

There was discussion of the postal discount problem. Flynn moved that the Steering Committee authorize \$250 to reinstate the postal permit. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Web site was discussed.

The Convention was discussed; Bob Jacobs is coordinating.

Karlán moved that the Steering Committee approve the change to the Bylaws drafted by Pat Bontempo and himself: Insert the phrase "and registered Libertarian," after the word "members" in 9.c, so that the sentence would read "All candidates must be NJLP members and registered Libertarians, and run under the designation of 'Libertarian Party' in partisan elections." The motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

There was some discussion of the Political Director role. It was determined that no Bylaws changes are appropriate at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10.

NJLP Members In Public Office

Elected Officials:

John Aglialoro, Commissioner of Tavistock (Camden County)

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

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

Appointed Officials:

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

Tony Federici, Community Dispute Resolution Committee, Vernon Township

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

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

Joseph Higgins, Woodcliff Lake Borough Emergency Management Coordinator

Paul Horuzy, Commissioner, Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority

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

John Paff, Member, Franklin Township (Somerset County) Attorney Ethics Committee

Hal Shute, West Amwell Township Open Space Committee and West Amwell Zoning Board of Adjustment

Bill Thawley, 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

Frank Warren, member North Plainfield Environmental Commission

Ronald Wishart, Secretary, Manalapan Township Planning Board

Thanks, Folks!

Minutes of the NJLP State Board Meeting of October 20, 2002

The meeting was called to order at Tumulty's Pub at 1:25 PM. Present were Emerson Ellett (Chair), Len Flynn (Vice-Chair), Dan Karlan (Secretary), Robert Hull (At-Large), Ken Kaplan (At-Large), Andrea Nadolny (Mercer), Bob Jacobs (Hunterdon), Frank Warren (Somerset). Pat Bontempo was admitted at 1:30 as proxy for Chris Weimann (Ocean). Absent were Lou Elwell and Elizabeth Macron (both At-Large). Lou Stefanelli (Treasurer) arrived at 1:55.

Because Jay Edgar (Monmouth) and Henry Cheney (Camden) have missed the past 3 meetings, those seats are declared vacant in accordance with NJLP Bylaws (the Bylaws specify 2 missed meetings, but confusion regarding the August meeting admitted of the additional miss). Absent but not declared vacant were Sussex (Sean Twomey, who attended the August meeting) and Middlesex (Barry Allen, who attended the May meeting). Also present as observer was Alon Rand, who re-joined the NJLP at the meeting.

The agenda was adopted as amended with the addition of a report from Flynn concerning the Law Revision Commission.

The minutes of the 17 September Steering Committee meeting were read and approved.

Under Old Business:

1. CAPP: Ellett reported that CAPP has been told that another suit challenging NJ election law will be filed after the election. A press release (from CAPP) advocating debate participation by (among others) Macron is being prepared.
2. Karlan reported on the receipt of reports from 11 counties on Libertarian voter registration. There was some discussion of the rules of acquisition of voter registration lists. The list of registered Libertarians in 12 counties is appended to this report (counties reporting since the Steering Committee meeting are represented in this list).
3. The Newsletter: There was some discussion of the absence of news. Karlan moved to designate all county chairs to be agents of the newsletter to transmit county news to the NJL Editor. Bontempo seconded. After some debate, the motion was amended to request that county chairs accept responsibility for transmitting county news to the NJL Editor. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Treasurer arrived and presented his report. There was some discussion, in particular regarding the decline in telephone expense. Stefanelli will investigate. Flynn moved that we allocate up to \$400 to implement Yellow Pages listings of the NJLP, starting in the more populous counties. Bontempo seconded. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn and a substitute was proposed: That we allocate up to \$800 to implement White Pages listings of the NJLP throughout the state. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

There was discussion of BCRA.

There was discussion of the Web site, in particular of Vic Kaplan's proposal to make specific pages on the site of interest to teens.

4. The 2003 Convention: there was some discussion of the nature of a Citizen's Award. Flynn moved that the NJLP present a Citizen's Award in memory of Sam Pirelli for his lifetime on behalf of New Jersey taxpayers, to be presented to United Taxpayers of New Jersey (Paula Brown to be invited to accept). The motion passed on a voice vote.

Flynn reported on the activity of the Law Revision Commission. He, Ellett, and Bontempo have commented to the Commission. There are some proposed changes that are positive (in Flynn's view; Ellett disagrees). A new State Commission on Elections has been proposed, with 2 members NOT to be Democrat or Republican. In addition, they have proposed that each County Board of Elections be changed from 4 members (2 Democrat and 2 Republican) to 5, with the fifth member neither Democrat nor Republican. Finally, they have recommended that "Poll Officials" not be required to be Democrat or Republican. All these recommendations are tentative, as the Commission has not completed their work.

Under New Business:

1. Fundraising: it was suggested that we drop *Why Government Doesn't Work* from the form (exhaustion of supply); other changes were discussed.
2. Electronic Communication: nothing to report.
3. Recruitment and Membership: There was discussion of Vic Kaplan's proposed flyers. Alon Rand was approved as Chair of the Recruitment Committee. There was also mention of sending county-specific lists of lapsed members for prospecting by the individual counties. A list of lapsed members will be sent to organized counties for recruitment and follow-up.
4. Public Relations: there was discussion of the purchase of ads by the Monmouth County organization. Flynn moved that we allocate up to 50% of ads promoting the LP in weekly local and college papers up to a maximum of \$500 per county or individual, upon approval of the ad by the Steering Committee. The motion passed on a voice vote.
5. Candidate Recruitment and Support: nothing to report.

Future Meetings:

- General Meeting – November 10, 1PM, at Tumulty's Pub (New Brunswick)
- Steering Committee – December 10, 7:30PM, at the Stefanelli-Macron residence
- State Board – January 19, 1PM, Tumulty's Pub.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

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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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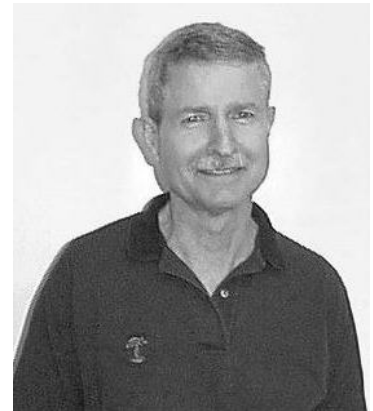
From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

Most voters had a chance to vote Libertarian this year, thanks to 15 candidates: Tom Abrams, Barry Allen, Raymond Byrne, Jennifer Carter, Joe Conklin, Colleen Fida Foster, Tim Haas, Robert Hull, Ned Kelley, Liz Macron, Mike Matthews, Keith Quarles, Dick Roth, Daniel Wright, Darren Young.

Many thanks, too, to petitioners, donors and everyone else who supported our stalwart front line freedom fighters!

The election was notable on at least three counts: For the first time our U.S. Senate candidate, Liz Macron, was included in a televised program that included all candidates. Secondly, two counties (Camden and Monmouth) ran full slates, a feat that should bolster our next lawsuit. Finally, Tim Haas, 1st Congressional District, received 7% of the vote, the all time high for us. (The *Star-Ledger* simply reported the incumbent with 93% with a note: "Did not face Republican challenger." Maybe next year we'll break through to the media.)



Our lawsuit (Docket No. MER-C-00006-99), brought against the State of New Jersey by the Council of Alternative Political Parties on behalf of five alternative parties, has been concluded. Here's a summary of the three year saga: CAPP filed the suit Jan. 20, 1999 in Superior Court, Chancery Division, in Mercer County. On April 25 2000 Superior Court Judge Anthony J. Parillo ruled that we and the other four plaintiffs must be allowed to declare our party affiliation on voter declaration cards on the grounds that the election law denies us equal protection of the law by "unnecessarily burdening" our First and Fourteenth Amendment right to political association. Judge Parillo also ordered the State to take "any and all action necessary by September 1, 2000 to ensure that political party declaration forms provide space for a voter to affiliate with any of the plaintiff political organizations and that plaintiff political organizations be provided with government-compiled voter registration lists that designate those voters who have chosen to affiliate with them on the political party declaration forms on the same terms and in the same manner as the two recognized political parties." On January 3, 2002 Judge Neil H. Shuster of the Mercer Vicinage, Chancery Division, issued an Order of Disposition dismissing all outstanding motions as moot, and granting CAPP's pro bono attorneys \$45,000 in fees. We had been led to believe that the attorneys would attempt to get Judge Shuster to reinstate the outstanding motions. However that did not happen. The CAPP coordinator has assured us that another suit challenging the State's election law will be initiated "after the 2002 elections."

September 1, 2000 has come and gone and the State still has not implemented Judge Parillo's order. However, that has not stopped Pat Bontempo who has been coordinating the Libertarian voter drive, and Dan Karlan who has contacted all 21 county clerks for a list of registered Libertarians. We (myself at present) will compare the county lists with our membership list and will mail recruitment material to everyone who is not party a member. -- If you can assist in this effort please let me know.

Next year we have an opportunity and (I believe) the obligation to present our state platform and program to the voters. The opportunity is there because all 40 State Senate and all 80 Assembly seats will be up for election. Though we have a state platform (www.njlp.org/platform) we do not have a program to implement it. For example, "We call for the abolition of the Department of Banking and Insurance and all their advisory committees, councils and boards." (II.5) Okay, but just exactly how will the abolition of advisory committee A and council B benefit the people? How much money will the abolition of Banking save the taxpayer? Are there any legitimate functions that can be undertaken by private or nonprofit entities? What are they? We need to articulate the costs and benefits not only for the voters and media but perhaps most importantly for our candidates and ourselves. If we don't understand the specifics, can we credibly defend our platform? Therefore what I hope we can do is to begin to prepare a detailed program linked to the platform so that people can judge the efficacy of what we are trying to do. Of course this will require volunteers! And so, dear reader, let me or the Steering Committee know which small part of the platform you'll research; then write up your findings and send them in. Please.

Congratulations to Terry M. Wintroub, our liaison for firearms. Be sure to read his Nov. 7 "Smart" gun testimony to the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on the web.

Congratulations, too, to Scott Lenger, the new Union County chair selected at the November General Meeting.

Please contact the Steering Committee or myself at chair@njlp.org or 732 774-3684 if you are able to assist the party in any way.



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9 am- Noon – Business Session
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Food for Thought...

- The number of physicians in the US is 700,000.
- Accidental deaths caused by Physicians per year are 120,000.
 - Accidental deaths per physician are 0.171.
(US Dept. of Health & Human Services)
 - The number of gun owners in the US is 80,000,000.
 - The number of accidental gun deaths per year (all age groups) is 1,500.
 - The number of accidental deaths per gun owner is 0.0000188.

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