



New Jersey Libertarian

General Meeting and Picnic Produces Changes

On a day free of rain, NJLP members met at the home of Len and Ginny Flynn for the annual General Meeting and Picnic. Two significant changes are below; for complete minutes of the event see the next issue of the NJL.

New Committee Formed at General Meeting

Regarding resolutions and standing rules, John Paff moved that any rules and resolutions not written shall expire at the November General Meeting. Dan Karlan seconded. Ray Cragle reported on the confusing state of past meeting minutes necessary for implementation of this motion. Len Flynn wanted to appoint a codification committee to look into this matter, but that was objected to as being out of order while the motion itself was pending. Karlan moved and Barry Allen seconded, to refer this matter to a committee to be constituted for this purpose. The referral passed on a voice vote. The committee consists of Paff (Chair), Flynn, Cragle, and Allen.

County Caucuses Result in New Reps

Pat Bontempo, former Chair of Libertarians of Monmouth County, was selected as the Ocean county representative to the State Board. John Taylor is the new Monmouth county representative.



Brenda Bell and Frank Warren, Somerset County Representative



Pat Bontempo, new State Board Representative from Ocean County



*Howard Schoen, Chair of the
LP of Somerset and Middlesex Counties.
Love the shirt, Howard!*



*Barry Allen, Middlesex County Representative, and
Ray Cragle, NJLP District 14 Senate Candidate*

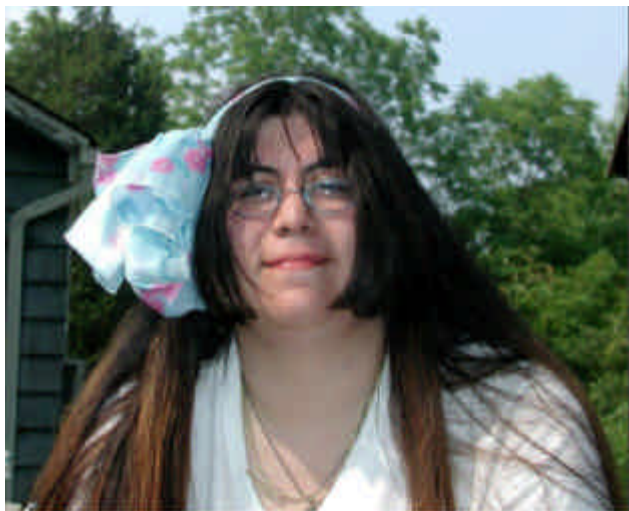
Picnic Pics

*Many thanks to John Paff for all the great
photos in this issue.*



Lou Stefanelli, NJLP Treasurer

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*John Taylor, Candidate for
Highlands Borough Council*



*Robert Hull, NJLP
Steering Committee Member At Large*

Minutes of the NJLP Steering Committee meeting of 10 June, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Present were Chair (Ellett), Vice-Chair (Flynn, arrived 7:35), Secretary (Karlan), Treasurer (Stefanelli, arrived 7:45), At-Large 1 (Hull), At-Large 2 (Kaplan), and At-Large 3 (Boucher).

The Agenda was adopted as presented.

The Minutes of the 8 April Steering Committee and 18 May State Board Meetings were read and approved.

Regarding Unfinished Business:

BCRA: Nothing to report.

Election Law: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: The problem of undeliverable (stuck-together) copies continues. Ellett has contacted Leesburg about correcting this problem.

Stefanelli and Hull are looking into a bulk rate permit for fundraising; Hull will pursue the permit at the Brielle Post Office.

Web Site: Currently contributions are entirely directed into the General Fund. There was discussion of segregating of funds.

Strategic Plan: Nothing to report.

The Treasurer arrived and presented his report. There was general discussion.

2004 Convention: Question/objection was raised to one of the speakers in light of his past statements. The co-coordinators will be advised of this objection.

Regarding New Business:

Fundraising: Campus outreach plans continue.

Electronic Communication: Boucher reported that we can now create e-mailing lists from the on-line database.

Recruitment and Membership: There was discussion of the utility of various recruitment tools. There was consensus that we should create a "Best of the NJL" for prospects.

Hull will solicit – using the Open Public Records law – for 21 County registration rolls. Karlan will repeat his solicitation as NJLP Secretary.

PR and Outreach: Nothing to report.

Candidate Recruitment and Support: There are 5 candidates on the ballot. There was discussion of ways to get more.

Kaplan moved that \$400 be provided to Libertarians of Monmouth and Ocean Counties provided that any excess over the dues-sharing amount be returned to the NJLP. Flynn seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Future Meetings and Events:

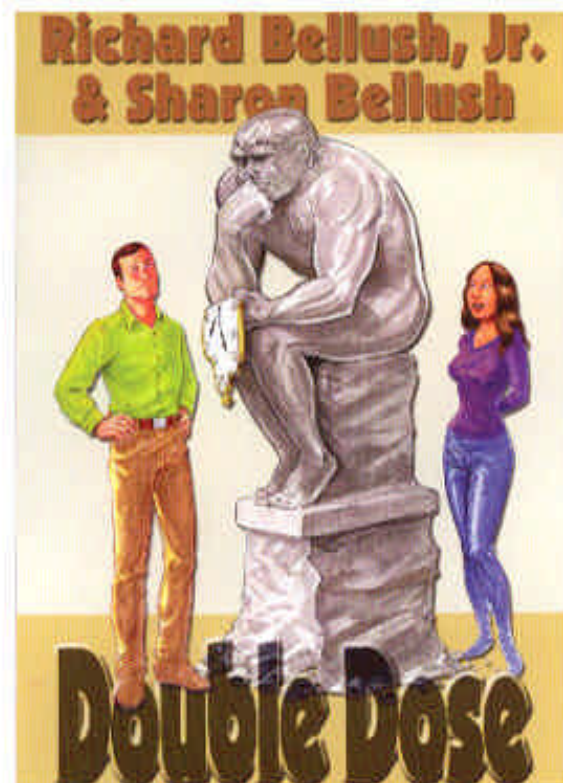
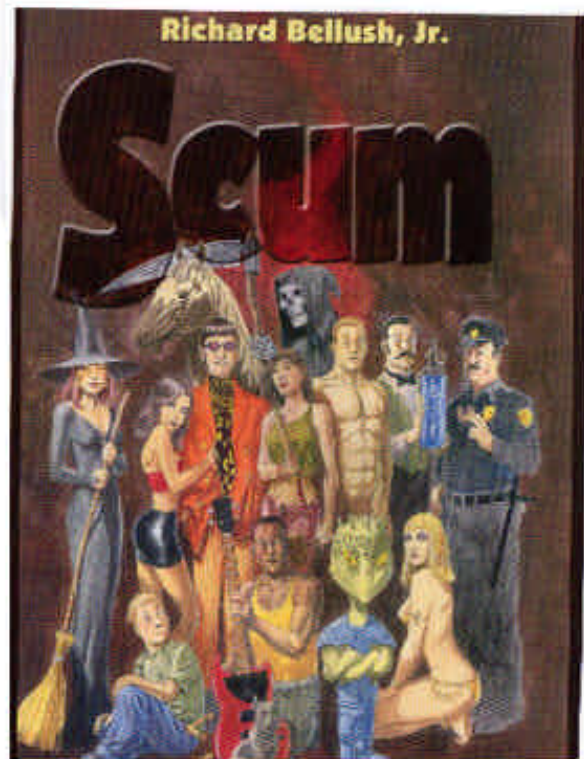
- General Meeting – July 5 (Saturday) at the Flynn residence
- Monmouth County Fair – July 24-27
- Steering Committee – August 12, Ellett residence, 7 PM
- State Board – September 21, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, 1PM
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- Annual Convention – March 26/27/28, Atlantic City area; there will likely be a Friday evening event, with convention business the following day(s); the agenda is being developed; note: as the National Convention 2 months later will be a Nominating Convention, the announced candidates for that nomination will be invited to attend.

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Green Party Update

The Green Party will field 11 county and local candidates in the November General Election, according to its state website. This will be in addition to its 39 state legislature candidates as noted in the last issue of the *New Jersey Libertarian*.

The Green Party will contest two Freeholder seats in Bergen County and one each in Atlantic, Monmouth and Union counties. They will also run a candidate for Atlantic County Executive. As of this writing the Democrats were still looking for a replacement candidate in the latter race.

There will be a match-up between the Green Party and the New Jersey Libertarian Party's lone county candidate. This will come in Monmouth County where our candidate will be Len Flynn.

Green Party candidates will also seek five local offices in New Jersey. The NJLP will have one in Dr. John Taylor who will be running for Highlands Boro Council in Monmouth County.

Highlands is a small community of about 5,100 residents. Two Republicans and two Democrats will also be in the race increasing the possibility for an NJLP victory.

John has begun building a base of electoral support and with sufficient resources could win a council seat in November. He has organized a campaign committee, Taylor for Borough Council, and it has begun receiving contributions. To volunteer, contribute or learn more contact:

Taylor for Borough Council
PO Box 371
Highlands NJ 07732-0371

Hello All at the NJLP:

It is such a joy to read the *New Jersey Libertarian* each month, and to see that my dear, thinking friends from back East continue to spread the word of liberty!

I see that the normally shy, retiring Bill Schetlick made two telephone calls and a short drive, and saved his town several million dollars! Way to go, Bill!

Emerson Ellett continues to be a Leader, with a capital "L"! It is a comfort to have someone at the helm who can be SO counted on to come through every month . . . every day!

Deb Sackett continues to do a superb job as Editor, keeping members and the public informed of the significant accomplishment of those dedicated to liberty!

Dan Karlan keeps plans going for freedom-oriented ideas, and invites and challenges members to both think and act!

And this is just a sampling from one issue of the *New Jersey Libertarian*--the June 2003 issue.

All best wishes.

Bob Steiner
Chair, NJLP, 1972-1973

P.S. After I visited the NJLP at your 2002 Thirtieth Anniversary Convention, I returned to my home back West in California . . . but you never hear anyone say "back West."

Volunteers Needed for OPH Booths

Volunteers are needed for the following OPH fairs that the LPSMC is scheduled to participate in:

Monroe Mothers Club Fair, Sunday, September 7, 2003, noon to 6

Metuchen Country Fair, Saturday, October 4, 2003, 10 to 4

Contact Howard Schoen at 732-572-0207 or hschoen@superlink.net for more information or to volunteer for any of these events.

Calendar

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Once Again, Paff Makes the Paper

By Tina Perrotta

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The ordinance addresses acts of disorderly conduct including fighting in public, trespassing, public nudity, two or more persons fighting or engaging in assault and battery, false fire alarms, false police calls or reports, impersonation, and throwing stones and other "hard or offensive" substances and certain types of firearm discharges.

The ordinance also addresses obstructing, molesting, hindering, annoying, frightening, threatening, insulting or interfering with any other person.

Paff's concern for people being charged under invalid laws has always been an interest to him, but his concern with Manville began last August.

As a member of the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties, he is now pursuing the case with Borough Attorney Doug Reina.

"We're concerned as a matter of principle that people could be stopped or arrested and have an ordinance against them when that ordinance could intrude on their rights," said Paff who acted as a watchdog against the abuses of power by former Somerset County Prosecutor Nicholas Bissell.

Paff claims all of these sections in Ordinance 396 are too general and are already covered by the state's statutes. He wants the law to be removed from Manville's Local Offense List.

When records are typed into the statewide Automated Complaint System (ACS), the system allows the municipal court to enter convictions without specifying the appropriate section of the ordinance.

"I have no way of knowing if Manville's enforcing the ordinance or not because I'm not allowed to look at the borough's ACS system," Paff said. "I asked they remove the ordinance so if the clerk tried to put it into the computer, it wouldn't work."

All municipal court convictions for statutory offenses and municipal ordinance violations must be entered into the ACS system.

This system only accepts convictions for those ordinances listed on the municipality's Local Offense List.

If court personnel attempts to enter a conviction for a municipal ordinance not on the Local Offense List, the ACS will not permit the entry unless the court administrator forces the entry by overriding the system, Paff said.

Instead of reviewing those sections of Ordinance 396 that do not appear on Manville's Local Offense List, Paff has reviewed those sections that do appear on the list. He found that sections 1, .5, 6, 3, 15, 27, and 31 are all on the list but are partially invalid because they are preempted by state law.

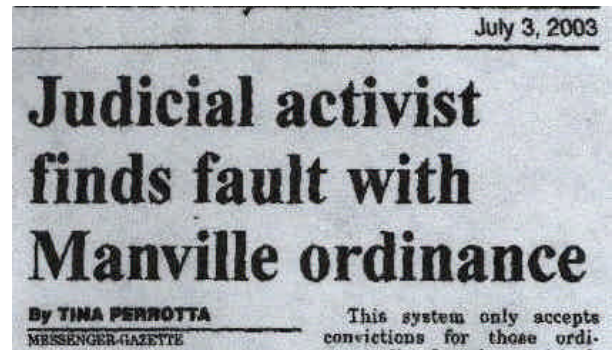
Ordinance 369-1, in particular, states "No person shall be . . . disorderly to the annoyance of . . . any person (in any public place). This ordinance, according to Paff, can leave people at the mercy of the authorities which is what he believes can happen to Manville.

"This ordinance was invalidated, on constitutional grounds, by the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court in *Guidi vs. City of Atlantic City*," Paff said. "The court struck down the ordinance because it was vague and overly broad. The court warned vague laws may trap the innocent by not providing fair warning"

Reina said the ordinances Paff is referring to are only pieces of history. "Years ago every municipality used to have a series of offenses which, to a greater or lesser extent, would mirror the state statutes of disorderly persons offenses," Reina said, "Back in the 1970s the state adopted a revision to the state criminal code, Title 2C, which stated the state statutes that already cover what municipalities have cannot be governed by the municipality. Basically, if you're charged by state statute it won't be reduced to an ordinance violation and the municipality can't keep the fine."

Reina said the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office has reminded the county's municipal courts of the state attorney general's opinion that municipal prosecutors and courts should observe the preemption of Title 2C.

But Manville will take Paff's concern even more seriously by updating the ordinances through codification by the end of the year in which the outdated ordinances can be removed.



Libertarian Registration Advances But Green Party Remains Ahead

An additional 36 New Jersey voters have declared their affiliation with the Libertarian Party bringing our total to 244 voters since the November, 2002 General Election.

Our numbers increased in 15 counties with Monmouth remaining the strongest at 48. The other top five counties are, in order, Camden, Ocean, Bergen and Middlesex. Together these five account for close to 53% of our total.

At the same time, however, the Green Party gained 88 voters bringing them to 366. Their numbers increased in 16 counties with Bergen remaining the strongest at 58. Their other top counties, in order, are Monmouth, Hudson, Camden and Middlesex with the five accounting for a little over 53% of their total as well.

Regrettably we dropped in one county, Passaic, from 3 to 2 and are now tied for second place there with the Reform Party. The same holds true in Cape May while in Middlesex we are in third place, with 17, the Reform Party having jumped from zero to 20.

All told the Green Party leads among alternative parties in 15 counties while we lead in six: Gloucester, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem, Sussex and Warren counties.

Hudson County produced good news with registration jumping from 7 to 14 even though we've exhibited little organizational strength there. Yet we remain stuck at 4 in Hunterdon County where the Greens now lead us with 6. And while we increased in Mercer from 5 to 8, the Greens there went from 17 to 27.

No doubt the Green Party will not only be heartened by their improvement, they'll also be able to use these figures to try and cement their claim to be being NJ's third party. It should be noted that they can now boast, like us, that they have a registered voter in every county in the state.

But it should be relatively easy for us to pass them. In counties such as Camden and Union they only lead by one or two voters while our membership figures indicate it should be easy to gain voters in places like Hunterdon, Mercer and even Middlesex counties.

Past issues of the New Jersey Libertarian have addressed some of the reasons members have given for not affiliating, such as a desire to retain the option to vote in primary elections. But as the Affiliation Form indicates if you wish to do so all you need do is mail in a new form declaring for the other party, and you can just as easily switch back later.

The NJLP, along with the other five alternative parties, fought hard to win the right to register as a voter with our own party. It's an important step on the road to gaining full equality with the Democrats and Republicans -- they know that and that's why they fought it.

The fight isn't over. This phase requires you to take a minute to complete the form and spend 37 cents to mail it to your county election board. You'll find the address on the page with the form. The State will issue the next update just prior to the November election at which time we should be able to demonstrate which is NJ's true alternative party.

***REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE
PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 3, 2003**

County	Democrat	Republican	Unaffiliated	Independents	Green Party	Libertarian Party	Natural Law Party	Reform Party	U.S. Constitution Party	TOTAL
ATLANTIC	25,877	36,270	74,165	328	11	6	0	0	3	136,660
BERGEN	103,957	98,167	272,591	1,839	58	17	0	2	0	476,631
BURLINGTON	52,063	51,650	133,227	951	8	2	0	1	1	237,903
CAMDEN	90,779	35,312	165,516	942	31	29	17	13	19	292,658
CAPE MAY	9,032	26,668	27,816	296	7	2	0	2	0	63,823
CUMBERLAND	15,890	13,262	45,320	171	16	3	0	1	0	74,663
ESSEX	150,328	42,951	189,100	24	22	14	0	4	0	382,443
GLOUCESTER	43,182	26,161	83,961	955	4	7	0	0	3	154,273
HUDSON	119,851	23,607	121,449	365	35	14	1	1	0	268,323
HUNTERDON	8,961	25,371	38,306	237	6	4	0	3	0	72,888
MERCER	51,572	26,483	107,116	996	23	8	2	2	0	186,200
MIDDLESEX	114,171	45,148	245,025	1,297	27	17	0	20	1	405,706
MONMOUTH	66,465	72,671	230,053	902	44	48	2	4	0	370,189
MORRIS	40,018	95,429	151,812	789	20	15	0	1	1	288,085
OCEAN	48,078	76,769	193,980	940	15	18	0	3	0	319,803
PASSAIC	51,219	41,701	132,371	905	6	2	0	2	0	228,206
SALEM	8,706	7,338	22,828	175	1	3	0	0	0	39,051
SOMERSET	21,961	37,108	89,766	411	11	7	0	2	0	149,266
SUSSEX	8,344	28,698	42,485	205	5	9	0	0	0	79,746
UNION	85,980	40,265	130,404	614	15	14	0	5	3	257,300
WARREN	9,612	17,909	28,598	200	1	5	0	1	1	56,327
TOTAL	1,126,846	870,936	2,525,889	13,542	366	244	22	67	32	4,537,144
*These figures were provided to the Division of Elections by the County Commissioners of Registration, who are responsible for voter registration in their respective jurisdiction.										

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Atlantic City, NJ 08401

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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

Middlesex County

777 Jersey Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3605

Monmouth County

300 Halls Mill Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Morris County

P.O. Box 900
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

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271 North Broad Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

Warren County

413 Second Street
Belvidere, NJ 07823

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