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Tri-Cities Banquet a Hit

By Greg Stempfle

The Tri-Cities LP held their annual Freedom Dinner in Bay City on February 22. Guest speaker, Lawrence Reed, of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, delivered a spectacular speech titled "The Seven Principles of Sound Public Policy." The Mackinac Center is a Midland-based research and educational institute. The Center's mission is to equip Michigan citizens and other decision-makers to better evaluate Michigan public policy options and to do so from a "free market" perspective.

The Center has created a website called Michigan Votes which posts what happened in the State Legislature the very next day. This site is generally more up to date and easier to use than the State Legislature's own site. However, until the state budget gets passed few laws will be introduced. They also provide an overview of what each bill actually says. <http://www.michiganvotes.org/>

Mr. Reed's favorite American President was Grover Cleveland because he vetoed more bills than any President up till that time. Cleveland often gave his reason as the bill was not Constitutional and was a threat to Liberty. Mr. Reed even suggested that the Tri-Cities

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State Convention Right Around the Corner

by Emily Salvette

The LPM State Convention is coming up on Saturday, April 5 at the Eagle Crest Conference Resort in Ypsilanti. We are pleased to announce that LP National Chairman Geoffrey Neale and his wife Nancy will be attending our convention. Mr. Neale will be participating in the day's activities and will moderate the Drug Policy Forum at the evening banquet.

Several new speakers have been added to the day's lineup. Jon and Renae Coon will lead a discussion on Land Use Policies during the morning roundtable session starting at 10 a.m. Also added to the evening program's Drug Policy Forum is Clifford Thornton, Founder

and Director of Efficacy, a non-profit organization based in Hartford, CT that works for peaceful solutions to social problems. Mr. Thornton will discuss the issue of



National LP Chair, Geoffrey Neale, will speak at the the LPM Convention

race and the drug war.

If you want to stay overnight, don't forget to reserve your room at the Marriott by March 14 to get our special rate.

This will be an especially exciting convention as there are two candidates actively seeking the position of LPM Chair. Our current chair, James Hudler of Saline, is running for his second term. His reelection campaign will be up against West Michigan's Bill Gelineau. Both James and Bill are running active campaigns and have been speaking at affiliates across the state.

For more information about the convention, visit our presentation on the LPM website at www.lpmich.org.

Oakland Libertarians File Slander Lawsuit Against Troy Council Candidate

TROY MI.

In the recent Council of Troy Homeowners Association (COTHA) television debate candidate Cristina Pappageorge thought she had a free shot at one of her opponents, councilman Martin Howrylak. She used her two-minute closing statement to blast the three-year incumbent for his membership in the Libertarian Party.

Calling the local issues that had been the subject of the 1 ½ hour debate "a smokescreen," she

charged that Howrylak's reelection would encourage children to use marijuana, justifying their behavior to their parents with: "Mr. Howrylak is a city official; Mr. Howrylak is a Libertarian; Libertarians say it's okay to do drugs. So what's your gripe, if you voted for Mr. Howrylak?"

She went on to cite as "proof" a plank from the state Libertarian Party platform dealing with vice laws, telling viewers that a copy of a page from the party web site substantiating the allegation would be

distributed to the studio audience on their way out.

Having already given his two-minute closing statement before the attack, Howrylak had no opportunity to respond to the "pot shot." However, the Libertarian Party of Oakland County has responded. The LP affiliate has filed a slander suit against Pappageorge.

"The very web page she distributed clearly states our view that the law should be used to protect citizens

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From the Chair

by James Hudler

There is good news to report about the LPM:

1. Our NIDUS online database is a great resource. It's continually being updated and is the envy of other state parties across the country. Each of our nineteen affiliates can use NIDUS for their membership data and can update their membership lists online. Few affiliates are now using NIDUS. Please use this resource for your county. It is the easy way to find out who your new members are.

2. We now have a real-time online credit card transaction processing. You can renew your membership and donate to Operation Farm Team now on the LPM web page.

3. Operation Farm Team is closer to its first goal of raising \$10,000. After this goal is reached, we will hire our Field Director/Office Manager. So send us your donation today so that we may proceed with building the party.

4. The Libertarian Party made the front page of the Troy Eccentric (March 2, 2003) in connection with the Howlyrak for Troy City Council campaign: "Calling statements made during a candidate forum a 'slanderous misrepresentation,' the Libertarian party of Oakland County has filed a defamation lawsuit against Troy City Council candidate Chistina Pappageorge." Three cheers for the LPOC!

Troy mayor pro-tem Martin Howlyrak is waging a fierce battle to retain his seat on the Troy City Council. Aided by the LPM's three top campaign managers (Barb Goushaw, Greg Dirasian, and Fred Collins), Martin is up against the Oakland County Republican political machine in this non-partisan race. A campaign that would normally cost \$10,000 is pitted against an estimated \$50,000 from his Republican opponents. What are the Republicans afraid of? For more information, visit www.troycouncil.org.

PS Wish list for HQ office: we need a new photocopy machine. Is the Easter Bunny listening?

The LPM needs volunteers to help with numerous tasks. If there is something in the list below that you feel you can do, please consider volunteering for the position. If you can do one of these tasks, please send an email to: volunteer@lpmich.org

1a. Press/Media release writer

1b. Press/Media release distribution administrator

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ARTICLE I, SECTION 5 Michigan Constitution

Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right; and no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.

Hash Bash: An Outreach Opportunity

by Rich Birkett

Once a year, people who support marijuana legalization gather at the University of Michigan campus. The Power Hour, starting at "High Noon," will feature pro-legalization speakers from around the country including the National Libertarian Party's Political Director, Ron Crickenberger. This is a great chance for us Libertarians to tell people about our political party—the only political party that promotes ending the War on Drugs.

The first Hash Bash in 1972 was a spontaneous event that came together to celebrate the change in state marijuana law reducing possession from a felony to a misdemeanor. Ironically, the Michigan Supreme Court invalidated the felony law 3 weeks earlier resulting in the release of John Sinclair and no state marijuana law. Yes,

it really happened. Back in 1971, before the state government had a chance to get their own law on the books, we actually had no drug laws in the state of Michigan. Those of us who believe in the right of responsible individuals to choose to smoke a joint still rally at the now annual Hash Bash event.

A lot of people in the Libertarian Party have talked about reaching out to young people. Well, this event takes place on the University of Michigan campus and is full of pro-choice, free-thinking college students. In other words: potential Libertarians.

Hash Bash is a lot of fun and it gets us all motivated about the drug issue. I hope you will all take advantage of this outreach opportunity and join me and the U. of M. students in cel-

ebrating the freedom to use at the 32nd Annual Hash Bash on Saturday, April 5th.

*A note from the Convention Committee: Vans will shuttle convention attendees from the Eagle Crest convention site to the Hash Bash starting at 11:00 am (weather permitting), and return you to the hotel in time for convention business starting at 1:30. Please note that it is not (yet!) legal to smoke marijuana at the Hash Bash. Sack lunches will be available for a small fee, so that those participating can eat in the van.

Rich Birkett attended that first Hash Bash and has been organizing the event since 1987. He presently serves as the Vice Chair of the Washtenaw LP.

Join the Coons for Land Use Liberty

by Renae Coon

The Smart Growth Network has been successful in pushing its agenda at the Federal and State level in this country, and now we are seeing it at the County level. This is a very large, well organized top-down initiative with international, not local origins. Find out what groups on both sides are saying about 'Smart' Growth, Urban Sprawl and Farmland Preservation. Learn about the loss of local control in Pennsylvania - an example that our new Michigan Governor is encouraging us to follow. Your land use rights are under discussion. If you believe, as we do, that we should keep all of our existing land rights, then please join us at the convention for a round table discussion hosted by Jon and Renae Coon (10am-11am). Allow us to share our experience and let us solicit your input for land use liberty.

*A note from the Convention Committee: We

hope you will join us on the morning of Convention-Day for unofficial Roundtable Discussions (they are not part of regular convention business). In addition to Jon and Renae's Land Use discussion, Ron Crickenberger will be available to discuss the state of the national LP; Greg Stempfle is seeking your input for the LPM newsletter; and current LPM Chair, James Hudler will discuss the state of the LPM. These informal discussions are your opportunity to have a dialogue with other Libertarians on issues of interest to you. Space is available for other discussions as may be desired. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there — remember: dialogue takes two, so we need you! For more information on the convention, which is being held on Saturday, April 5th in Ypsilanti, please visit www.lpmich.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

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2. Fundraising letter writer
3. Major donor development
- 4a. Membership Growth
- 4b. Membership Retention
- 4c. Membership Renewal Callers
- 4d. Thank You Note Writers (sends notes weekly)
- 4e. Inquiry Follow-up (follows-up with 4 days of receipt)
- 5a. Speakers Bureau Leader (Assigns speakers, promotes program)
- 5b. Speaker Bureau Speakers
6. Assistant Treasurer
7. WebMaster
8. Campaign Committee Chair
- 9a. Office Cleaners
- 9b. Office Receptionists
10. Speak-Out-Michigan Leader
11. Pledge Program Promoter
12. Pledge Program Administrator (sends out monthly reminders)
13. Letters to the Editor Organizer

LPM Picnic 2003

By Rae Jozwiak

It's time once again for all Libertarians to unite — to have fun!! So bring the family and/or some friends and join us for a day of fun, good food, and camaraderie at the 2003 LPM State Picnic.

The rain or shine event, hosted this year by the Tri-City affiliate, will take place on Sunday, July 20th, from 1:00–6:00 p.m. at Roethke Park. Roethke is located at 400 Leddy Road, just west of Saginaw (Leddy Road runs only south off of M-46 / Gratiot Road). So mark your calendar.

The ticket price of \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids (ages 10 and under) includes a complete picnic meal, children's activities, as well as a door prize drawing. There will be plenty to keep the kids busy. Park activities of fishing (children only), train ride, swimming (life guard on duty), and the use of the volley ball court are also available for a nominal fee.

When placing your ticket order please include your name, complete address, phone number and the number of Adult tickets and the number of Child tickets wanted. Send this info along with a check payable to the *Tri-City Libertarian Party* to:

Tri-City Libertarian Party
332 South Trumbull Road
Bay City, Michigan 48708

Your tickets will then be mailed to you, so please allow enough time for mailing. If you have any questions or need more info, contact Rosemarie at (989) 922-5226. Flyers with a printed map will be mailed to all affiliate chairs as a reminder. A map will also be printed on the back of the tickets. Hope to see you there!

Tri-Cities Banquet

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even change their banquet name in the future to the Grover Cleveland Dinner.

Below is a synopsis of the principles of a free economy that Mr. Reed spoke of.

PRINCIPLE #1: Free people are not equal, and equal people are not free (equality as in wealth). PRINCIPLE #2: What belongs to you, you tend to take care of; what belongs to no one or everyone tends to fall into disrepair.

PRINCIPLE #3: Sound policy requires that we consider long-run effects and all people, not simply short-run effects and a few people.

PRINCIPLE #4: If you encourage something, you get more of it; if you discourage something, you get less of it.

PRINCIPLE #5: Nobody spends somebody else's money as carefully as he spends his own.

PRINCIPLE #6: Government has nothing to give anybody except what it first takes from somebody, and a government that's big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take away everything you've got.

PRINCIPLE #7: Liberty makes all the difference in the world.

To view the entire text of the speech, please click on www.mackinac.org/article.asp?ID=3832

I urge all of our candidates and members to visit the Mackinac Center website. It is hands down the best place for information about Michigan from a libertarian perspective. Congratulations to Stephen Townsend and the Tri-Cities LP for hosting such a successful event.

LPOC Slander Lawsuit

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zens against force and fraud, and not in an effort to protect individuals from themselves," said Libertarian Communications director Greg Dirasian. "Nowhere does it say that we believe 'it's okay to use drugs.' This is a slanderous misrepresentation of our position and we intend to fight it."

"Libertarians are second to no one in our concern about the plague of drug abuse," added Oakland County Chairman, Nathan Allen. "That's why our platform calls upon lawmakers to repeal prohibition and end the failed War on Drugs. However, we simply demand that laws be changed," he said. "We certainly do not encourage people to break the law. But, of course, none of the viewers at home would have any way of knowing that."

Howrylak himself is not a plaintiff in the lawsuit. "This has nothing to do with the city council race," Dirasian noted. "That election ought to stay focused on issues of concern to Troy residents, not on state laws that can only be changed in Lansing," he said. "This action is being taken by our county party on behalf of Libertarians everywhere. We are law-abiding people, who seek change through the political process. And frankly," he concluded, "we've had enough of being slandered. We will no longer permit these derogatory allegations to go unchallenged."

The lawsuit was filed in Troy 52-4 District Court. No hearing date has been scheduled.



Bill Gelineau

For Chair of
the LPM

Making
membership
our #1 priority

I've worked for years to build affiliates on the West side of Michigan. I'd like the opportunity to work and build that enthusiasm all over the State of Michigan. Together, we can make the Libertarian Party a more powerful voice for freedom.

Bill Gelineau

LNC Region Three Representatives Report

by Mark Rutherford

It's beginning to look a lot like presidential election time for the Libertarian Party.

Since my last report, four individuals have announced their intentions to seriously seek the 2004 presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party. Pennsylvania State Chairman Ken Krawchuck, announced his intention to run last November. His web site is <http://www.geocities.com/krawchuk2004/>. This January, two individuals went public with their intentions to seek the LP's nod. One is Michael Badnarik, a computer consultant from Texas (but he was born in Region Three in Hammond, Indiana). His web site is <http://www.badnarik.org/>. The other is radio talk show host Gary Nolan. His web site is <http://www.garynolan.com/>. In early February, Judge James P. Gray announced his intentions. He is a Superior Court Judge in Orange County, California whose web site is <http://www.judgejimgray.com/>.

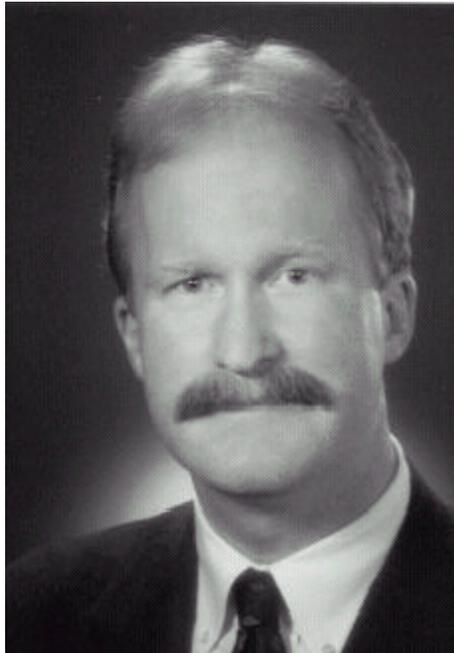
On December 21, 2002, I'm pleased to report that all four state chairs within Region Three participated in a telephone conference to discuss national's affairs and the affairs within our states after the events that transpired during the LNC meeting of December 14-15, 2002 near Washington, D.C. It was a successful teleconference, and all four state chairs decided to have teleconferences on a regular basis.

The main topics of our discussion were national's request to defer UMP payments, national's unilateral action to make a partial payment in November and the LNC's failure at the meeting to clearly delineate its immediate vision for our success. We also, discussed much more pleasant events, such as our individual state's successes (of which there are many) and our wonderful state conventions coming up this Spring.

National's financial situation had been presented as difficult during the September LNC meeting, but with much grandeur, assurances were made that the UMP payments would be made and that progress was being made to work with vendors. Unfortunately, the UMP pay-

ments for November were only partially funded, without advance notice to the States.

Needless to say, the December LNC meeting was quite difficult and stressful due to the partial UMP payments and the gravity of the developing financial situation. The December meeting is the LNC's budget meeting. On the positive side, the LNC has a cash flow adequate to run a basic national office and national party. On the negative side, cuts are going to have to be made to live within that cash flow, as well as increased fund raising if the special projects of the past are to continue.



Mark Rutherford is the Libertarian Party representative for Region 3, which includes Michigan

Like all organizations, finances tend to be cyclical. There are up and down cycles. In this down cycle, national is being forced to be smarter and better with its money, which is very positive. As I mentioned, national has a very good cash flow sufficient to run an adequate national office. However, we can't be as luxurious with our national office for the short term.

Currently, I'm seeing that unlike times in the past, national's financial problem is not as painful to the States. All the State LP's in our region are continuing with their programs, growing,

spreading the Libertarian message, and getting Libertarians elected to office. I'm very pleased that the ebb and flow of our national office is not preventing the forward progress of Region Three's members.

Highlights of the December 14-15, 2002 LNC meeting include:

1. Treasurer Deryl Martin's assessment that measures taken so far can bring national into balance in the long term but short-term financial issues remain a problem.

2. The LNC adopted a budget with revenues and expenses of approximately \$1.4 million. This is based on a staffing level significantly reduced in comparison with recent years. Also, "special projects" such as ballot access, branding, campaign training and support, campus support, the new database system (Raiser's Edge), and other computer system improvements were not funded, but incentives for fund raising with our senior staff are to be developed to help support special projects.

3. A policy was adopted allowing for use of promissory notes in managing overdue accounts payable during a "state of financial exigency". A state of financial exigency was declared to exist.

4. Chairman Neale and Treasurer Martin were authorized to negotiate with willing state affiliates for a voluntary deferral of UMP payments.

5. Future meetings are scheduled for March 22-23 2003 in Atlanta, June 28-29, 2003 in Seattle, and September 13-14, 2003 in Denver.

Lastly, Marketing Director Mark Schreiber is working to develop the vision needed to elect Libertarians. He has been doing his homework by determining our natural consistencies (small businesses for one) and determining who we are (in 10 words or less – all most voters will give us). He's begun to share his vision with our major donors and state chairs. The result so far has been very positive. This only further convinces me that the Libertarian Party inevitably will be one of America's major parties in the very near future.

Candidate Statements

All LPM member who have announced their candidacy for a party officer were permitted a brief statement in this newsletter, here are the responses

James Hudler Chair

My goals for my second term as Chair are:

1. Continue implementing Operation Farm Team, our initiative to hire a state Field Director who will staff our Headquarters office, help raise funds and build membership, and assist affiliates in recruiting candidates for local non-partisan and partisan races. We are currently in fund-raising mode and are halfway to our goal of \$10,000 in operating capital.
2. Support administratively the LPM's local affiliates, the organizations where we best grow the party to get candidates elected.
3. Increase use of our Metro Detroit office. This office is supported by monthly pledges generously given for that exact purpose. I plan to keep this office open.
4. Research the opening of a second office in the Lansing area, supported by it's own pledge program.
5. Set up a media committee to issue LPM news releases and to help affiliates with news releases of their own.

I have a long-term perspective on the LPM, having been one of its founders in 1972 and serving as Chair several times in the 1970s and '80s. We need now to move the LPM forward by professionalizing it and by implementing my aforementioned goals. Please help me do this.

Bill Gelineau Chair

Fellow Libertarians:

Here is a list of things to tell you a little more about me and the future I envision for the LPM. Feel free to call me at home 616-897-0488 or e-mail freedomlover59@hotmail.com

- Former Chairman of the Libertarian Party of West Michigan, having served on the LEC twice during the last 4 years.
- Has consistently promoted a system of representative conventions, open budgeting, and strengthening the role and responsibility of affiliates to build membership.
- Largely supports the principles and proposals within the Van Oast - Salvette Organizational Plan.
- Believes in a vigorous debate of subjects such as the state office, paid staff, and affiliate training. No closed meetings.... no hush rules. Would schedule a special convention to settle long-standing differences.
- Advocates geographic centering of election year conventions with off-year rotation.
- Promotes a stronger and financially supported affiliates committee.
- Would explore options to the Unified Membership Plan....and would expect the National LP to honor its commitments to fund at agreed levels.
- Has advanced the "priority district" plan for consistently contesting the 20% of districts evenly balanced between R's and D's.

Paul Hitch Vice Chair

My name is Paul Hitch, and I would like to announce my candidacy for Vice-Chair of the LPM. Currently, I am serving on the Executive Committee as Director-at-Large, and have assisted the Vice-Chair with the Affiliate Committee. For several years, I have been the Chair of the Thumb Area LPM Affiliate, formerly called the Lapeer/Genesee LPM Affiliate. Last year I received approximately 25% of the vote in the Lapeer School Board of Directors race, and was runner-up to the returning incumbents.

I am the principal owner of Camelot Staffing Solutions, L.L.C., and also work at Oakland University as a Job Development Coordinator. I have held various Management positions including Personnel Analyst, Team Leader, Recruiting Manager and recently, CEO. My education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources Development from Oakland University, and an Associate of Applied Science in Personnel Administration from the Community College of the Air Force. I am a Gulf War Veteran of the United States Air Force, where I held the rank of Senior Airman. I also served in the Michigan Air National Guard as a Staff Sergeant.

My family includes my wife, Lisa, and our five-year old daughter, Melissa.

Thank you for your consideration.

Keith Wesselmann Treasurer

I have enjoyed learning, and to some extent assisting with, the responsibilities of LPM Treasurer under Mr. Bachrach's direction and I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve in that capacity in the year ahead."

Jerry Bloom At-Large Director

If nominated, I will run for an LPM At-Large Director position.

As Vice Chair for the last 9 months I have reconnected the LEC with the Affiliate Organizations. I have consolidated non functioning Affiliates with functioning Affiliates. I have tried to re-activate viable but dormant Affiliates.

I have conducted a Leadership Conference to re-establish a dialog between the LEC and the Affiliate Chairs. I held an LPM Activist meeting to promote and encourage the election of Libertarians to public office.

I have learned a lot in these few months and I would hope to share it with next year's officers. I support Operation Farm Team and the retention of the Headquarters in Hazel Park. I would support the opening of an additional office in Lansing if it would

Candidate Statements

Todd Andrew Barnett At-Large Director

Greetings fellow Libertarians and the Officers of the Libertarian Executive Committee:

I am here announcing to every one of you that I am running for LEC At-Large Director again. I am running again because I am concerned about the direction of our party. I am running again because I am very concerned about the lack of membership growth and the lack of resources, resulting in our failure to sustain that growth.

If elected, I will implement the following platform:

I will work to help close down the Michigan LP HQ and, if needed, relocate the office to the Lansing area

I will work to repeal the current Farm Team plan and will work with the LEC on any proposed plans and to encourage discussion among party officers and members on said proposals.

I will work to create a mobile "LEC-on-the-road" program, with the help of the board, to bring LEC meetings to nearly every county.

I will work to urge the state party to reconsider its role with UMP and to find alternative ways to finance its day-to-day operations.

www.geocities.com/todd_barnett26/ToddforLEC2003.html

Leonard Schwartz At-Large Director

Leonard Schwartz is a candidate for at-large director. He has been a member of the Libertarian Party since 1980.

He served on the 2001 Ballot Access Restoration Committee. During the petition drive, he came in second place in total points and first place in signatures. He collected 2295 signatures.

For several years he has provided free legal services to the party and its candidates. Leonard is LPM's election law adviser, tax law adviser, and campaign finance law adviser.

In 2000 Leonard was LPM's candidate for Oakland County Prosecutor. In 2002 he was a candidate for a nonpartisan judgeship.

Leonard was an LPM at-large director during 2001-2002. Currently he is the secretary of the Libertarian Party of Oakland County.

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Medical Marijuana Petition Drive Treasurer Wanted

by JP Denoyer

Hello Everyone, I'm leading a petition drive for medical marijuana. Actually there will be three petitions circulated simultaneously in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Saline. The Petitions will kick off April 5th, the day of the Hash Bash. The name of the committee is MMAAYS (Medical Marijuana In Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Saline). Petitioners are encouraged to wear maize. Mike Segesta, a member of the NORML legal team, is drafting the text. Currently we are in need of a treasurer. Anyone interested in helping with the petitions can call (734) 395-5732 or e-mail mmaays@yahoo.com. Donation can be mailed to MMAAYS, PO Box 980604, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or sent via Pay Pal to mmaays@yahoo.com.

Stop 27% Minority Rule in Michigan by Tom Jones

Michigan has an ANTI-Democracy minority rule government due to corrupt and evil gerrymanders for electing each house of the Michigan Legislature. In the November, 2002 election 27.64 percent of the voters elected 20 of 38 state senators and 27.09 percent of the voters elected 56 of 110 state representatives. (OFFICIAL RESULTS) The *REAL* indirect minority rule is much worse due to plurality nominations in the D/R primaries.

Calendar of Events

The calendar of events, affiliate meetings, and contact information were taken from the State Party website. If any of this information is incorrect, please let myself know or contact Ben Bachrach (ben45@aol.com) so that the necessary changes can be made.

April 5.....LPM State Convention, see ad in newsletter

April 7.....Troy City Council Elections, LP member Martin Howrylak is facing re-election

July 20.....LPM Picnic, Saginaw

November 4...General Election. Several LP members are facing re-election campaigns. Andy LeCureaux in Hazel Park, Mark Owen in Owosso, and Bill Bradley in South Haven.

Affiliate Meetings

Allegan County

Monthly meetings are the third Tuesday of the month. Location: Dutkiewicz residence on Lake Allegan. Directions: take M-40 to Monroe Road (118th St.), go 3 miles west to 39th Street, turn right on 39th and go straight one half mile, straight down to bottom of the hill - 3901 Papoose Trail. Contact: Rick Dutkiewicz Phone: (269) 673-5503 E-mail: rdoogie@chartermi.net

Clare-Cladwin Counties

Meets the second Monday of each month at Grant Township Hall located on Surrey Road 1 mile west of Jays Sporting Goods in Clare at 7pm. Chair, Ghazey Aleck, (517) 386-5407, aleckfamily@voyager.net

Kalamazoo County (includes St. Joseph)

Meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at TGI Friday's Restaurant in Oshtemo, Michigan. Chair, Gerald Phillips, gaphillips@jasnetworks.net, (269) 382-0927

Livingston County

Chair, David Buck, (810) 220-5741, davebarysas@aol.com

Macomb County

The LMC holds regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding December) at Mile's World 17689 Masonic (near Groesbeck), Fraser, MI 48026. Join us for cocktails and/or dinner at 6:00 pm, business begins at 7:00 pm.

Chair, Keith Edwards, (810) 777-7468, keithmarni@aol.com

Mid Michigan (Clinton, Eaton, Ingham)

Chair William White N/A whitewi5@msu.edu

Mid-West Michigan (Lake, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola, Wexford)

General Membership meetings are every second Saturday at 6:00pm at Kountry Kitchen Restaurant, 1920 N. Mitchell in Cadillac.

Chair, Brian Kluesner, (616) 723-7087, chair@lpmwm.org

Oakland County

Meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at Sila's, 4033 W. 12 Mile Rd, Berkley. Sila's is 2 blocks east of Greenfield on the south side of 12 Mile Road.

Chair, Fred Martin, (248) 394-0449, Fredtmartin@aol.com

Shiawassee County

Meets the first and third Sunday of the month, 7:00pm, at 701 S. Chipman, Owosso. Chair, David Keyes, (517) 725-3100, dnskeyes@chartermi.net

Saint Clair County

Chair, Mark Byrne, (810) 987-9856, iwantska@hotmail.com

South Central (Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee)

Chair, James Parker, (517) 439-0643, jamesp@hillsdale.epcorp.com

Thumb Area (Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola)

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at Whitey's Restaurant in Davison. Chair, Paul Hitch, phitch@intouchmi.com

Traverse Bay (Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau)

Chair, Jerold Coon, (231) 369-2395, jtcoon@gtii.com

Tri-Cities (Bay, Midland, Saginaw)

The Tri-City Libertarian Party holds a general meeting on the first Monday of each month at Damon's Grill on Tittabawassee Road in Saginaw (near I-675). Dinner is followed by the evening's guest speaker at 7:30 and the business meeting shortly afterward. Chair Stephen Townsend (989) 631-4853 cooljay@triton.net

University of Michigan Libertarians

Meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month in the Crofoot Rm of the Michigan Union on 530 S. State Street @ 6:30 PM. Chair, Daniel Sheill, dsheill@umich.edu

Upper Peninsula

Chair, John Loosemore, (906) 334-2922, jwl@up.net

Van Buren County

Meets on the third Thursday of the month, and as always; our meetings are open to the public. For the time being, we are meeting at the home of Bill and Barbara Bradley, 746 Lee Street, South Haven at 7:00pm. Chair Bill Bradley 616-637-4525, bbradley@cybersol.com.

Washtenaw County

Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Cubs AC Restaurant located in the Colonial Lanes Bowling Center, 1950 S Industrial Hwy, Ann Arbor. All meetings are open to the public. The first Thursday of every month is a business meeting. Other meetings feature speakers, project work, or social events. For more information contact Emily Salvette, salvette@ameritech.net, 734-668-2607 (days). Chair, Brett Cashman, (734) 481-1354, bjcash@aol.com

Wayne County (includes Monroe)

Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at City Tavern Restaurant in Dearborn at 14316 Michigan Ave., between Greenfield and Schaefer. Meeting begin at 7:30 pm, dinner orders are taken at 6:30. Chair, Greg Stempfle, (313) 359-3240, stempfle@hotmail.com

West Michigan (Barry, Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa)

Monthly meetings held in Grand Rapids at Club North's Banquet Room at 1359 Plainfield NE, just north of Leonard. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Chair, Tom Quinn, (616) 887-3053, mrtomq@yahoo.com

Affiliate News

Bylaw and Platform Chairs Named

The 2003 Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee Chair positions were appointed by James Hudler on Sunday. LPM Vice-Chair Jerry Bloom has been named Chair of the Platform Committee and Newsletter Editor Greg Stempfle will be chairing the Bylaws Committee. These two committees will meet the morning of the State Convention to discuss proposed bylaws and platform changes. Their recommendations will be presented to the convention at large later in the day for a vote. The committees will consist of one delegate chosen from each of the five largest affiliates. All party members may introduce proposed changes to the committees for consideration. Changes may also be presented during floor debates, however the committee reports will be presented first. If you would like to introduce a platform change, please send it to jerryliberty@hotmail.com. Bylaws changes can be sent to stempfle@hotmail.com

Oakland Libertarians Elect Officers

by Leonard Schwartz

At the January 23 general meeting, which doubles as the annual convention, the LPOC elected its officers for 2003. Serving for the next 12 months are:

Chair: Nathan Allen

Vice-chair: Keith Wesselmann

Treasurer: Dianne Szabla

Secretary: Leonard Schwartz

Membership Director: Fred Martin

Fundraising Director: Jerry Bloom

Communications Director: Greg Dirasian

Kalamazoo County

Gerald Phillips has been elected as Chair of Kalamazoo County.

Young LP Member Sparks Free Speech Debate

A sixteen year old Dearborn High student and Wayne Co LP member was sent home from school last week for refusing to take off a t-shirt with a picture of George W Bush with the caption "International Terrorist" under his picture. Brett Barber didn't think the shirt was a big deal to begin with but news of his incident quickly swept over the county sparking a renewed debate about free speech in the public schools. Brett even appeared on CNN and was interviewed by Connie Chung.

Brett became active in libertarian politics in 2000 when he helped out with a couple of State Representative races in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

LPM Committee Meeting Minutes

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Committee. It is possible that there will be additions or corrections at the next Committee meeting. If so, they will be published here

LEC Meeting
February 9, 2003

Called to order by Chairman James Hudler at 1:00pm.

Roll Call:

Chair	James Hudler	present
Vice-chair	Jerry Bloom	present
Secretary	Keith Wesselmann	present
Treasurer	Ben Bachrach	present
At-Large Director	Diane Barnes	present
At-Large Director	Dave Collver	absent
At-Large Director	Paul Hitch	present
At-Large Director	Sara Sjoberg	absent
At-Large Director	Erin Stahl	present

JH-Motion by Jerry Bloom, second by Paul Hitch, to accept proposed agenda (attached), with the addition of five minutes for Membership Committee following Carpeting HQ Proposal, followed by five minutes for New Business. Carried by voice vote.

JH-Opening Remarks. . A telethon is being planned to raise additional money for Operation Farm Team. The Martin Howrylak campaign for re-election to Troy City Council is underway. Richard Jozwiak has expressed interest in hosting the annual picnic in July and will be encouraged to do so. Will order more literature from National to have available at Convention and to have on hand at Headquarters.

KW-Secretary report. Motion by Jerry Bloom, second by Paul Hitch, to accept minutes of the December 8 LEC meeting, distributed prior to the meeting. Carried by voice vote.

BB-Treasurer report has been distributed (attached). Motion by Jerry Bloom, second by Erin Stahl, to accept the Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget. Carried by voice vote.

JB-Affiliate Report. Little progress has been made since the December meeting regarding St. Clair County and the unaffiliated areas of the state. At this point Mark Owen is the only active member in Shiawassee County.

GS-Newsletter Report. The January-February newsletter has been printed and sent to the mailing house and will arrive in mailboxes in the week ahead. March 3 is the deadline for the March-April issue, in which each candidate for

LEC and LPM Office will be given up to 200 words to promote his or her candidacy.

JH-Convention Report (attached). LNC Chairman Geoff Neale will probably be in attendance. The Washtenaw affiliate is planning to conduct a t-shirt fundraiser.

Motion by Ben Bachrach, second by Jerry Bloom, to revise the proposed schedule (noted on attachment). Carried by voice vote.

Motion by Ben Bachrach, second by Paul Hitch, to shorten State of the LPM Report to 10:00-10:20am and add 10:20am-11:00am (also noted on attachment). Carried by voice vote.



JH-Jerry Bloom appointed Platform Committee chair. Greg Stempfle appointed Bylaws Committee chair.

JH-Motion by Keith Wesselmann, second by Ben Bachrach, to adopt proposed Standing Rules (attached) for the 2003 LPM Convention. Carried by voice vote.

JH-Motion by Jerry Bloom, second by Paul Hitch, to appoint Ben Bachrach and Jim Fitzpatrick to Credentials Committee. Carried by voice vote.

JH-Operation Farm Team fundraising effort has generated 70 contributions totaling just over \$4,000. Thank-you notes are going out, and a telethon is being planned to raise more money. GD-Window of opportunity to purchase carpet for the office has passed.

ES-Membership committee has been mostly inactive, but we have several ideas to work with the affiliates to increase membership.

JH-New Business. Greg Stempfle announced that at 7:00pm on Sunday, March 2, there will be a memorial service in honor of Bill Shotey at LPM Headquarters.

Motion by Ben Bachrach, second by James Hudler, to pass a resolution reading, "Until the government of Iraq attempts to attack a geo-

graphical area in the world in which a majority of the people there file IRS Form 1040, the Libertarian Party of Michigan opposes any military attack on Iraq by the United States government."

Motion by Erin Stahl to clarify reasoning behind the reference to IRS Form 1040. Motion not seconded.

Original motion carried by voice vote.

JH-Members Speaking Session. Bob Broda distributed an essay addressing current situation in Iraq (attached). JP Denoyer expressed his wish to see the LPM accept contributions in the form of Online Liberty Dollars and E-certificates for gold, platinum, and silver. Leonard Schwartz announced plans to throw out broken and obsolete computer/printer/copying equipment at LPM Headquarters. Several members in attendance announced whether they intend to run for state office/LEC. Bill Gelineau distributed literature (attached) announcing his intention to run for LPM Chair.

JH-Motion by Jerry Bloom, second by Paul Hitch, to adjourn. Carried by voice vote at 2:46pm.

**ADDENDUM

An e-mail discussion took place in the wake of this meeting regarding the decision to motion to revise the 2003 Convention Schedule.

On February 15, 2003, motion by Ben Bachrach, second by Keith Wesselmann: On the basis of new information provided, the LEC rescinds the vote of February 9 setting the agenda for the LPM Convention, and accepts the agenda recommended by the Convention Committee. Votes:

Ben Bachrach	yes
Diane Barnes	yes
Keith Wesselmann	yes
Jerry Bloom	yes
Dave Collver	yes
Erin Stahl	yes

Three did not vote.
Motion carries.

Respectively submitted,
Keith Wesselmann, LPM Secretary



**Saturday
April 5, 2003**

9:00am-9:30pm

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NEW ROUNDTABLE ADDED!

Land Use Liberty with Jon & Renae Coor.

MORNING DISCUSSIONS

starting at 9 a.m.

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shuttles leave at 11 a.m.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS

starting at 1:30 p.m.

NEW FORUM SPEAKERS ADDED!

Joining the Drug Policy Forum are **Clifford Thornton** of *Efficacy* who will explore the issue of race in the drug war, and **Debra Wright**, an Ann Arbor social worker and drug reform activist who will put a personal spin on drug prohibition. National LP Chairman **Geoffrey Neale** will moderate the forum.

EVENING BANQUET

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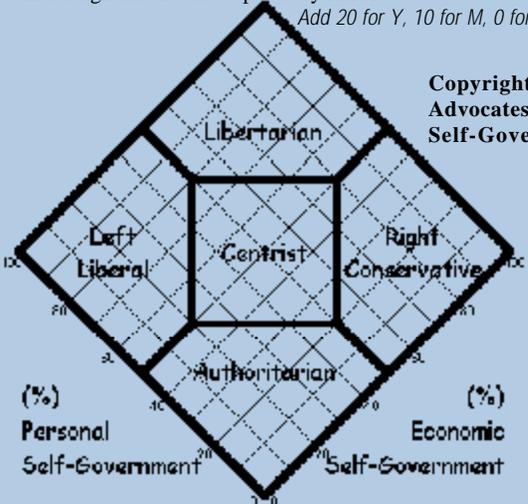
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Personal Issues	Y	M	N
Military service should be voluntary. (No draft)	O	O	O
Govt. should not control radio, TV, the press or the Internet	O	O	O
Repeal regulations on sex for consenting adults	O	O	O
Drug laws do more harm than good. Repeal them.	O	O	O
Let peaceful people cross borders freely.	O	O	O
<i>Add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for N</i>			

Economic Issues	Y	M	N
Businesses and farms should operate without govt subsidies	O	O	O
People are better off with free trade than with tariffs.	O	O	O
Minimum wage laws cause unemployment. Repeal them.	O	O	O
End taxes. Pay for services with user fees.	O	O	O
All foreign aid should be privately funded.	O	O	O
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