



Shore Liberty

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Upcoming Events!

January County Meeting

Next meeting January 14 --New School, 301 Middle Rd., Holmdel, Brunch 11:30 a.m., business meeting at noon. For info, call Pat Bontempo at 775-7263.

February County Meeting

Sunday, February 11 -- New School, 301 Middle Road, Holmdel, Brunch 11:30 a.m., business meeting at noon. For info, call Pat Bontempo at 775-7263.

Fully Informed Jury Association Leafleting

Every Monday morning at the Monmouth County Courthouse Court Street in Freehold from 8 - 9am. For information, call (732) 774-3684.

Surprise Guest Speaker

Wednesday, March 14 (tentative), 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. at the Manalapan Branch of the Monmouth County Public Library. Speaker and topic to be announced when final.

MONMOUTH COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS

By Pat Bontempo

As indicated on our Home Page, the Nov. 7 election returns are a mixed picture for Monmouth County. Liberty Coffeehouse

Unofficial returns show **Len Flynn** received 3,126 votes (1.36%) in his run as the Libertarian Party candidate for the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Incumbent Republican Ted Narozanick won with 121,159 votes (52.86%) followed by Democrat Mike Dowling with a surprisingly strong 104,937 votes (45.78%).

In six municipalities, Flynn scored over 2%, as he did among absentee ballots, and in two others, he finished just under 2%. In three municipalities (Eatontown, Keyport and Union Beach), his total was greater than the difference between the Democratic and Republican candidates.

It's difficult to compare results with last year since two seats were up for election yet not every voter cast two ballots, but in terms of raw numbers, it's up from the 2,594 **Ginny Flynn** and 2,027 **Robert Hull** received. Moreover, it compares well with the 2,118 votes or 1.4% Danny Maiullo received in his 1998 run for county sheriff.

To be sure, this was a three-way race in a presidential year when not only is turnout greater but more "third party" voters go to the polls potentially boosting Flynn's numbers. Again, it compares well with the past two years when our candidates did face other alternate party candidates as well as the Democrats and Republicans.

Unfortunately, we could not hold on to them in the US Senate and presidential races. **Emerson Ellett** ran a bit stronger than he did statewide, but still finished fifth in the US Senate race. For president, Harry Browne was much weaker placing sixth in Monmouth County. The perception of close races and a host of other alternate candidates no doubt depressed our totals.

In Monmouth County, our US Senate candidate **Emerson Ellett** came in fifth with 659 votes or 0.27%. Statewide he also finished fifth with 7,013 votes or 0.24%. Presidential hopeful Harry Browne placed sixth in Monmouth with 488 votes or 0.19%. Statewide he came in fourth with 7,133 or 0.23%.

Worth Winslow was our candidate for Congress in the 12th District, which includes a few Monmouth municipalities. In the county, he received 459 votes to finish fifth with 0.43%. The latest district wide results show him finishing fourth with 1,200 votes or 0.41%.

Our best showing was in Upper Freehold where Flynn won close to 4% with 63 votes. Ellett scored 0.86% and Winslow over half a percent. In the previously mentioned Eatontown both Ellett and Winslow scored over half a percent, and in Englishtown, where Flynn scored 2.57%, Winslow won close to 1%. Other good showings were in Belmar and Bradley Beach.

This was a close race between the old parties that most likely depressed our totals, but there is clearly a core of libertarian voters in Monmouth County and we'll keep working hard to organize them. For one thing, we can present a fuller ticket. Gaps on the ballot present a poor image to voters and discourage them from voting libertarian. A full ticket will also help generate publicity. Even the limited coverage Flynn received in the "Asbury Park Press" toward the end was no doubt a big help to his campaign.

In addition, keep in mind that campaigns, in and of themselves, regardless of results, serve as excellent outreach efforts. Every day from Oct. 19 to Nov. 6 inclusive there were Ellett ads on News12 NJ, backed up in Monmouth by ads on CNN and CNBC on the Cablevision and Comcast cable systems. And I don't think too many Monmouth voters missed seeing a Libertarian Party lawn sign.

Mark Edgerton is promising to run a vigorous campaign for governor next year. If we give him a full ticket, it will help his campaign immensely. And a strong gubernatorial campaign will be of great help to us in Monmouth. I think it's clear we should dedicate ourselves to challenging both Freeholder seats in 2001 and recruiting as many other candidates as possible.

How Renewing Helps Monmouth

By either joining the Libertarian Party through LMC, or renewing your membership through us, as opposed to going through either the state or national office, you are helping our county organization in a very direct monetary form.

When you join through LMC at the \$40 level, our county organization gets to keep \$15. For every renewal at that level, we keep \$10. When you join at the \$25 level, we keep \$8. For every renewal at that level, we keep \$5.

Doing either is simple. Use the form provided on page 3 of every issue of Shore Liberty. I know it doesn't sound like much, but if all 80 plus Monmouth members renewed through LMC, even at the lower level, we'd gain over \$400 a year.

And remember, you can renew at any time. Your membership will automatically be extended.

Liberty Coffee House

Libertarians of Monmouth County held a "Liberty Coffeehouse" on Friday, Dec. 8 at the Emeralds and Pearls Café in Asbury Park. Singer/songwriter **Tracey Lockwood** was the featured performer.



LMC also collected canned food and paper products that were donated to The Center in Asbury Park, which services the needs of those with HIV/AIDS.

You're a Click Away From Being Published

Let's face it: most of us don't have the time or energy to sit down and write a letter to the editor no matter how outraged we may be about what we read in the newspaper. E-mail, however, is a different story.

Below are E-mail addresses for letters to the editor to various Monmouth County newspapers. Clip this out and keep it near your computer or add the information to your computer's address book. Next time something outrages you; you'll

only be a couple of minutes and a click away from responding.

Remember: be brief, be polite and be sure to mention either the word libertarian or the Libertarian Party. Most papers take letters no longer than 250 to 300 words. And be sure to give your name and a telephone number so the paper can verify your letter if needed.

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yourviews@app.com

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The Coaster (Asbury Park)
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The Examiner (Upper Freehold, Roosevelt, Allentown & Millstone)
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If any of the addresses don't work, or if you know of more, please share the information with us. And share any success. We're always looking for published letters to post on the website. Please send anything you get published to the Editor at ShoreLiberty@aol.com.

County Chair Report
Looking Behind, and Ahead
By **Pat Bontempo**

As the year 2000 closes, we can look back with some satisfaction. Our county organization is stronger.

In the face of declining statewide membership, Monmouth County has retained its base. Indeed, we've grown a bit to 81 current, dues-paying members. We successfully launched "Shore Liberty", our county newsletter, in May. In addition, we dramatically increased our outreach efforts.

Back in February, we sponsored a successful public talk examining the racist origin of gun control. In April, we held our first ever Open House. And on Dec. 8, we had yet another successful event: our first coffeehouse.

Better still, we garnered coverage for these events in newspapers throughout the county. Readers of the Asbury Park Press, Atlanticville, The Coaster, TriCity News, The Courier, Shore View, The Two River Times and the Times at the Jersey Shore read about our activities. And these are only the papers I personally saw.

Our new county Secretary **Lou Elwell** has proven to be one of our strongest assets. His witty, insightful columns have given us a voice in the

Asbury Park Press, the Star-Ledger, Tri-City News and the Ocean County Observer.

All of this came in addition to our regular schedule of activities such as our booth at the Monmouth County Fair and the Ocean Grove Community Flea Market, a dramatically increased presence in both the "New Jersey Libertarian" and the "LP News" and the continued success of "Third Point of View" and our county website, our thanks going to **Shad Woolley** and **Robert Hull** respectively for those outstanding tools.

We can also draw satisfaction from the performance of **Len Flynn**, our Freeholder candidate, who garnered 3,126 votes (1.36%) in a very tight election year. And we can draw encouragement from now having an Election Coordinator, **Richard J. Edgar**, for the battles ahead.

To be sure, not everything was on the plus side of the ledger. Our presidential and senate races were disappointing. But even there, we saw daily cable TV ads throughout the county for our candidates in addition to a heartening array of lawn signs.

In short, we're in good shape for the new year. It won't be a walk in the park. Our finances are still precarious and the hunt for candidates is as difficult as ever. Nevertheless, we're strong. We're fighting. And we're moving ahead.

LMC Library Donations

LMC made the following donations:

One copy of Harry Browne's "Why Government Doesn't Work" to each of the following libraries in Monmouth: Allentown, Belmar and Bradley Beach.

One copy of the videotape "Waco: The Rules of Engagement" to each of the following libraries: Allentown, Bradley Beach, Monmouth Beach, Neptune Twp. and Spring Lake.

Special thanks to **Robert Hull** for donating the tapes and to **Mike Panella** for donating the books.

Short Quip

In 1555, Nostradamus wrote:
Come the millennium, month 12,
In the home of greatest power,
The village idiot will come forth
To be acclaimed the leader.

Membership application – Please renew/join through Libertarians of Monmouth County so we get \$\$\$

Please sign me up as a proud, dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party.

- Enclosed is \$15 for annual membership in **NJLP only**. I'll receive a one-year subscription to the New Jersey Libertarian.
- Enclosed is \$25 for annual membership in the **National LP only**. I'll receive a one-year subscription to the LP News.
- Enclosed is \$40 for annual membership in the **National and New Jersey Libertarian Party**. I'll receive a one-year subscription to the LP News and the New Jersey Libertarian.

To publicly affirm our principles and ensure we never stray from them, all members are required to sign this pledge:

I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social or political goals.

Signature _____

I want to help continue the growth of the Libertarian Party in Monmouth County with my contribution of:

- \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other _____

Every donor of \$10 or more will receive a one-year subscription (six issues) to Shore Liberty. Every donor of \$100 or more will receive a complimentary NJLP T-shirt upon request.

- Please contact me about volunteering.

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Third Point of View!

"Third Point of View" -- your weekly half hour of quality libertarian television is on Channel 71 on Monmouth Cablevision at 10 p.m. Wednesdays.

You can see host **Shad Woolley** and his guests if you're a Cablevision subscriber in Asbury Park, Avon, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Brielle, Farmingdale, Howell, Interlaken, Jackson, Lakewood, Manasquan, Millstone, Neptune City, Neptune Twp (including Ocean Grove), Ocean Twp, Sea Girt, South Belmar, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, Upper Freehold and Wall Twp.

And of course you can access an archive of past programs no matter where you live by visiting the TPOV Archive at LMC's web site www.MonmouthLP.org.

Stay In Touch The Easy Way

We maintain an E-mail list called Monmouth-Talk to keep all Monmouth County members up to date on forthcoming events and late-breaking news. If you're not receiving Monmouth-Talk E-mail and would like to, please send an E-mail to majordomo@wallnet.com and in the body of the message state: subscribe monmouth-talk followed by your E-mail address.

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