



# Shore Liberty

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### Official Monmouth County Ballot

		COLUMN 1 REPUBLICAN	COLUMN 2 DEMOCRATIC	COLUMN 3 NOMINATION BY PETITION
1	FOR GOVERNOR Full Term (Vote for One)	SMET SCHMIDLER	JAMES E. MC GHEEVEY	Libertarian Party MARK EDGERTON
2	FOR STATE SENATOR 11th Legislative District Full Term (Vote for One)	JOSEPH A. POLAIA	MAUREEN O'DOURKE	
3	FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 11th Legislative District	STEVE COROENUS	WARREN GOODE	Libertarian Party ROBERT HULL
4	Full Term (Vote for Two)	TOM SMITH	JIM REILLY	Libertarian Party JOHN M. TAYLOR
5	FOR SHERIFF Full Term (Vote for One)	JOE DIXLEY	MICHAEL W. BOWLING	Libertarian Party HOWARD JAY BOUCHER
6	FOR SHERIFF Full Term (Vote for One)	SARIE A. MUEHLER	HONORA O'BRIEN KIRGALLEN	
7	FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS	AMY H. HANDLICH	THOMAS BYRNE	Libertarian Party JENNIFER CARTER
8	Full Term (Vote for Two)	EDWARD J. STOMASIO	REBECCA AARONSON	Libertarian Party RICHARD J. EDGAR, JR.

### Special January 13 County Meeting To Discuss Goals for 2002 Election

In an effort to build on the gains made in November, Libertarians of Monmouth County will hold a special 2002 Election Presentation on Sunday, January 13 at the Alexus Steakhouse and Tavern, 403 Higgins Ave., Brielle starting at 1:30 p.m.

At the December county meeting LMC agreed on two goals for this year's election: to field a full ticket in Monmouth County for every office above the municipal level and to increase the Libertarian vote total in countywide races by 50%.

Last year LMC fielded its strongest ticket to date. In the 11th State Legislative District, the Libertarian Party contested all but two offices. As a result, the LP was given the third column on the ballot and county voters could see at a glance that there is a growing, viable third party -- a real alternative to the Democrats and Republicans -- here in Monmouth County.

The stronger ticket also won the LP increased attention from the media, and that plus the better ballot placement produced a small but not insignificant increase in LP vote totals for county offices. Whereas traditionally the LP draws about 1.4% of the vote in countywide races, our Sheriff candidate received 1.64% and our Freeholder candidates 1.73%.

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A full ticket this year should again secure the Monmouth LP the third column on the ballot, and that combined with continued grassroots efforts should produce more votes. According to **Pat Bontempo**, County Chair, it's part of the slow but necessary process of building credibility with voters.

"Two Freeholder candidates this year will mark the fourth consecutive year in a row that the Libertarian Party contested all the seats up for election on the county Board of Chosen Freeholders," he noted. "It demonstrates to voters that we're not one of those here-today and gone-tomorrow movements, but instead a real political party worthy of their support. A full ticket strengthens our position."

In order to achieve this objective county Libertarians will also need a candidate for County Clerk as well as candidates for the three House of Representative districts that cover Monmouth. Elizabeth "Liz" Macron of Tinton Falls has indicated her interest in being the NJLP candidate for the US Senate seat currently held by Democrat Robert Torricelli.

The purpose of the Jan. 13 meeting -- which will be held in lieu of the regular LMC county meeting -- is to get the earliest possible start on election planning. Anyone interested in running for office is encouraged to attend to learn more about the process for getting on the ballot and the type of campaigns they can undertake.

"We'll cover nuts-and-bolts matters such as the circulation of nominating petitions and meeting campaign reporting requirements," Bontempo explained. "We'll also review the sorts of campaign activities available to candidates such as participation in debates and newspaper editorial board meetings. The candidate himself or herself gets to determine the level of campaigning he or she wants."

The meeting will include brief talks by past candidates about their campaigns for a first-hand look at the process. It will also cover the various volunteer opportunities available to those who want to help candidates. The formal nomination of candidates will come at the March 9 NJLP State Convention. (Please see related story.)

Bontempo urged those not yet ready to seek office but who may wish to do so in coming years to attend. "An early start is the most important element to a smooth, effective

campaign," he said. "It's never too early to start thinking and planning."

Because Monmouth's three Congressional districts include portions of nearby counties members from outside Monmouth are encouraged to attend as well. A Congressional candidate from say Mercer or Ocean would go far in helping to achieve the 2002 goal.

Lawyers for CAPP -- the Coalition of Alternative Political Parties, of which the NJLP is a member -- have indicated their willingness to undertake a legal challenge to the current Democrat and Republican monopoly on the first two ballot columns. In order to do so, however, they feel they need to have a full third-party ticket in at least one county. (Ballot layout is determined by each county's Board of Elections.)

"If Monmouth Libertarians could supply the CAPP lawyers with the basis for a lawsuit that would be an additional benefit to having a full ticket," Bontempo noted. "And a court victory on that point together with the recent win on the right to register as Libertarians would be a big boost to the party."

For those who missed the results, our top vote-getter last year was Freeholder candidate **Jennifer Carter** with 3,352 votes. Her running mate **Jay Edgar** received 2,504. Sheriff candidate **Jay Boucher** received 2,839 votes.

In the 11th District Assembly race the Libertarian team of **Robert Hull** (676 votes) and **Dr. John Taylor** (658) received 1.14%. In the 13th District, the lone LP Assembly candidate, **Diane Hittner**, received 723 votes or .75%. Monmouth gave gubernatorial candidate **Mark Edgerton** his best county showing, 694 votes or .4% of the county returns.

Bontempo emphasized that the goal in all this is not to obtain additional protest votes but instead to strengthen and grow the Libertarian Party in Monmouth County. He notes that securing better ballot placement to increase the party's visibility and credibility is a significant part of the process.

### **NJLP State Convention Scheduled for March 9**

The 2002 New Jersey Libertarian Party annual state convention will be held Saturday, March 9 at the National Conference Center at the Ramada Inn, 379 Monmouth St., East Windsor starting at 9 a.m.

This is the same site as the past few years. The Ramada is conventionally located off Rt. 33 just outside of Hightstown not far from Exit 8 on the NJ Turnpike.

During the county caucus portion of the morning business meeting, we will elect county officers. Current County Chair Pat Bontempo will be stepping down. Other county offices to be filled will be Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and County Representative to the State Board.

Members will also elect NJLP state officers, decide on proposed changes to the state By-laws and award nominations for 2002 candidates during the morning session which will run from 9 a.m. to Noon.

The luncheon is scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. As of this writing, featured speakers will include NJLP Founder and first State Chair Robert Steiner as well as popular radio talk show host Reginald Jones. Other scheduled speakers will include Clifford Wallace, President of Efficacy, which advocates peaceful responses to social problems. Its primary effort is to promote open discussion of alternatives to the War on Drugs.

Those attending will also hear from Allen Good of Fairtax, a tax reform organization which advocates replacing the current national income tax with a national sales tax. In addition two candidates for LP National Chair, Jeff Neil and Eli Israel, will address convention goers.

There is no charge to attend the morning business session. You must be current on your dues in order to vote. The cost for the afternoon luncheon and speakers will be \$50 per person (\$60 at the door).

If you'd like to skip the luncheon but hear the speakers, the cost will be \$20 (\$30 at the door). There is a special \$25 student rate for luncheon and speakers (\$35 at the door; valid student ID required at registration).

For more information, contact Robert Jacobs at roberlj@yahoo.com or phone 908-303-3052. Additional information is available at the state website, www.njlp.org, and in the *New Jersey Libertarian*.

Payment, due by February 22, should be sent to NJLP Convention, PO Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763. Please make checks payable to the NJLP.

The state convention is your chance to meet libertarians from across New Jersey, hear some fascinating speakers and enjoy a great meal. If you can't stay for the luncheon, your attendance at the morning session is still important as we assemble our officers and candidates for the new year.

### **County Briefs**

Starting January 9, LMC will be running a classified ad in the *Examiner*, the *TriTown News* and the *News Transcript* promoting our county website. The NJLP has an ad running in the *NJ Webguide* promoting the state website, which is linked to ours.

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The February LMC meeting will be held back at the New School, 301 Middle Road, Holmdel, on Sunday, February 10 starting at noon.

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FIJA leafleting of prospective jurors continues on Monday mornings at the Monmouth County Courthouse in Freehold. If you can volunteer one hour (starting at 8 a.m.), once a month E-mail Emerson Ellett at fellett@ix.netcom.com or call 732-774-3684.

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The listing of Monmouth County newspaper information available on our website, www.MonmouthLP.org, has been recently updated. It includes more E-mail addresses so you can easily send in a letter to the editor. Click on Commentary on the Home Page menu bar and proceed from there.

## Chair Report

*One Small Thing for 2002*

By **Pat Bontempo**

The tradition of making New Year's resolutions seems to exist now as only the basis for comic strip jokes or part of a late-night talk show monologue. That's understandable since it appears that stating such resolutions is only verbalizing what we know we won't be doing in the coming year.

Still the turning of the year causes us to naturally reflect on where we are in our lives and how that compares to where we want to be. For me there's little worth in turning such reflection into a broad resolution to, say, lose weight or exercise, but it often does suggest something small but worthwhile that I can do.

For example, on the way home from dropping off a donation to the Monmouth County Humane Society I started thinking how I should do more to help. And being me, the ideas were, well, a bit grand, and because of that I knew from experience I'd never do them. Then I thought, "How about one small thing? I'll skip going out to eat one week next year and donate that money to the Society."

OK, not only far from grand but also far from original. Far from what we normally consider a New Year's resolution, but, far more importantly, it's one small thing that I actually could do.

Every so often Monmouth libertarians tell me how they've resolved to do more to help build the party here in our county. While their intentions vary, they usually have

one thing in common: they're grand. It can range from a coordinated campaign to send monthly letters to the editor of every county newspaper to going from door to door to every house in their town before the next election. And like those grand personal New Year's resolutions to drop 20 pounds or go to the gym three times a week, they seem to never get executed.

Instead of making a resolution, big or small, silent or verbalized, it would be so much better if all of us simply did one thing; one small but meaningful thing.

Write a letter -- one letter one time to one newspaper. Bring one neighbor one time to one event. Make one small donation one time to one candidate. Put one campaign lawn sign on your lawn or one bumper sticker on your car. Send the "Voter Declaration of Party Affiliation" card to the county election board in order to register as a Libertarian.

Like many in the post-WW II generation, I derive no small amount of my personal philosophy from popular culture. At the risk of misquoting from memory, I think of Yoda's words: "Do or do not; there is no try." Or the message from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" -- "Don't dream it; be it."

A few real dollars to help rescue one stray animal is far more meaningful than the grandest resolution I could ever make to help the Humane Society. So, too, one letter to the editor or one bumper sticker on your car would do more to help build the LP here in Monmouth County than the grandest plans, no matter how worthwhile, that go unexecuted.

### ***Membership application***

Please sign me up as a proud, dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party. I want to join at the level indicated:

? \$40 for a one-year membership in the National and NJLP. I'll receive a year's subscription to the *LP News* & the *New Jersey Libertarian*.

? \$25 for a one-year membership in only the national LP. I'll receive the *LP News* and four issues of the *New Jersey Libertarian*.

? \$15 for a one-year membership in only the NJLP. I'll receive a year's subscription to 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help the work here in Monmouth County.

**Note:** All Monmouth County members receive a one-year (six issue) subscription to *Shore Liberty*. Non-members can receive a year's subscription for \$10. Please check here ?

? Please contact me about volunteering.

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"Third Point of View" -- your weekly half hour of quality libertarian television is on Channel 71 on Monmouth Cablevision at **10:30 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](http://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](mailto:majordomo@wallnet.com) and in the body of the message state: subscribe monmouth-talk followed by your E-mail address.

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"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

--William Pitt, 1783

