



Shore Liberty

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Upcoming Events!

County Business Meeting

Next meeting July 8.

This month's meeting will be held during the NJLP's annual picnic to be held at the Flynn residence. Please note new start time this year is 12:00! 254 Tennent Rd, Morganville. There will be a State General Meeting starting at noon followed by the picnic, during which we'll hold a (very informal) meeting. For directions visit the website (www.MonmouthLP.org) or contact Len at 591-1328.

Fully Informed Jury Association Leafleting

Every Monday morning at the Monmouth County Courthouse Court Street in Freehold from 8 - 9am. Join us to help restore justice to the judicial system. For information call (732) 774-3684.

Monmouth County Fair

Wednesday, July 26 to Sunday, July 30 in East Freehold Park on Kozloski Rd (off Rt. 33) in Freehold. Volunteers needed! Contact Pat Bontempo at 775-7263 or at PDB10752@aol.com.

August County Meeting

August 13 --New School, 301 Middle Rd., Holmdel, Brunch 11:30AM, business meeting at noon.

NEEDED: ELECTION COORDINATOR

This year's drive to recruit candidates and get them on the ballot made one thing crystal clear: we have to do better. A possible solution is to establish the volunteer position of Election Coordinator for Libertarians of Monmouth County. His or her tasks would be simple, and vital:

1. Determine which offices are up for election in a given year.
2. Recruit candidates by canvassing members.
3. Recruit and coordinate other volunteers who will serve as signature gatherers to get our candidates on the ballot.

Note that once the actual campaign begins, the Election Coordinator's work ends. The job would be limited to securing needed candidates and getting people to get signatures for them. Once that's accomplished, it will be up to the candidate to conduct a campaign. The way the current election cycle runs, the Coordinator can reasonably expect to get started after the November election and finish by Primary Day in early June.

Moreover, the Coordinator won't have to go it alone. The Election Coordinator will work with county officers, activists and the candidates who sign on to achieve all this.

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Flynn for Freeholder



Dr. Leonard Flynn of Morganville succeeded in filing sufficient signatures by Primary Day to run as the Libertarian Party candidate for the one seat up for election this year on the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He is an independent regulatory and scientific consultant with a Ph. D. in organic chemistry from Purdue University.

Most of us know Len as the NJLP State Vice Chair as well as being our Registered Legislative Agent in Trenton. He is well known in his local community through his long service on the volunteer first aid squad. Last year his wife, Ginny, ran with Robert Hull for the two seats up that year.

Len will try for the seat currently held by Republican Ted Narozanik. Anyone interested in helping with the campaign can contact him at lenflynn@compuserve.com.

Candidate Report

There's good news, and bad.

Len Flynn successfully qualified to be our candidate for the one seat up for election this year on the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders. You can read more about him in the article in this issue or on the county website.

And Worthington "Worth" Winslow made it on to the ballot as our candidate in the 12th Congressional District, which covers a good portion of Monmouth County. He'll be running for the seat currently held by Democrat Rush Holt.

I'm also pleased to report that our own Emerson Ellett qualified as our US Senate candidate. Thanks to a lot of hard work -- with Emerson and his wife Marj leading the way -- we filed over 1,300 signatures on Primary Day, well in excess of the 800 needed. Danny Maiullo served as the volunteer coordinator for the effort and deserves our thanks, and praise.

Unfortunately, we failed to qualify our congressional candidates in the 4th and 6th districts. This is a shame since we could have fielded an especially strong ticket this year. In the 12th district, for example, voters will see a full Libertarian slate from President down to Freeholder. This is the standard we need to strive for in every district if we're to gain a good ballot position and start garnering significant vote totals.

Thanks to everyone who stepped forward to run, and to everyone who helped get them on the ballot. Visit www.MonmouthLP.org to learn more about any of the candidates. And remember: this is not the end of the campaign. They need your support, which includes money and votes. Let's all do our part.

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Summer Outreach Efforts

Our table at the giant Ocean Grove Community Flea Market June 3 was a big success. We gained a lot of signatures on nominating petitions and gave away about 100 copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. These were attractive Cato Institute booklets that were generously donated by Robert Hull.

Helping at the table were Pat Bontempo, David Duchai, Emerson Ellett, Lou Elwell, Ginny and Leonard Flynn, Steve Nagle and Mike Pannella.

Also Jack Fitzpatrick and Don Jamison stopped by rewarding the volunteers and keeping them motivated by treating them to refreshments. Jack also took a ballot petition for Len and began circulating it at once.

We also had two candidates -- Emerson Ellett and Len Flynn -- there to meet the voters and get their petitions signed. Visitors to the booth were delighted to question the candidates.

We'll be distributing even more of the booklets of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, as well as numerous pieces of Libertarian Party literature, at our booth at the Monmouth County Fair, which will be held from Wednesday, July 26 to Sunday, July 30 in East Freehold Park on Kozloski Rd (off Rt. 33) in Freehold.

We'll need many more volunteers to staff that booth so if you can help, even for a few hours on one of those days, please contact Pat Bontempo ASAP. You'll receive a free pass to the Fair in return.

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www.MonmouthLP.org

Monmouth Candidates

Candidates for Congress
12th District-- Worth Winslow,
www.worthwinslow.org

Senate -- Emerson Ellett,
www.ellett2000.org

County Office
Monmouth County Freeholder --
Dr. Len Flynn,
lenflynn@compuserve.com

NJLP State Picnic

Our July meeting will be held in conjunction with the NJLP State Picnic on Saturday, July 8 at the home of Ginny & Len Flynn, 254 Tennent Rd, Morganville. You can find directions and a map on the website (www.MonmouthLP.org) or call Len at 591-1328.

The general meeting starts at 12 noon, it customarily started at 3 PM in past years, so this notice is an important change. We'll hold our county meeting during the picnic portion. If past experience is a guide, it will be short and sweet. Feel free to bring family and friends.

Everyone attending is asked to bring their own meat plus a dish to share with others. All the necessary picnic paraphernalia will be supplied but extra lawn chairs would help.

Activists in Action

Congratulations to Sam Collins for his Letter to the Editor in the Asbury Park Press. To see the complete text, please visit the website (MonmouthLP.org) where you will find it in its entirety as well as the published items of other members. Here is the Sam's first paragraph:

Armed citizens can overcome

Once again, the Press' bias or lack of world history distorts your view of guns in America. ("An incentive to turn in guns," June 10.) The editorial states that people who believe that guns would protect them against criminals or government are delusional.

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County Chair Report

So what do you guys do?

By Pat Bontempo

One of the most frequent questions I'm asked is: "What actually happens at those county meetings?" I'm tempted to reply, "Come and find out." But it's a reasonable question deserving of a straightforward answer.

While specifics vary from month to month, the meetings have two basic components. First we review the past month's activities, and I'm pleased to say there is always something to review. What worked? What didn't? Why? How can we do better?

Then we plan future activities. Even a routine event, such as the County Fair, requires planning and preparation. What deadlines are looming? Do we have enough literature? What giveaways will we have? Who'll do the set-up, staff the booth, and close up?

We're always exploring new avenues of outreach and ways to gain publicity, with some constant items, such as candidates and fundraising.

Perhaps it's more important to explain what doesn't happen. There's no mind-numbing series of motions and amendments; no squabbling over Roberts Rules of Order. There's no endless debate over theory. There are no routine lectures on topics you already know inside out.

The emphasis is on activity, and activity that can yield results. And we keep the meetings short, usually wrapping it up in two hours or less.

Of course there's plenty of time to socialize or to discuss general theory. Many of the members stick around afterward for lively discussion. Or come early for the brunch when you can meet and chat with other libertarians.

The brunch is informal. Donuts and juice are the usual fare, though sometimes a member gets ambitious and brings along a real treat.

For many, walking in to a meeting for the first time is as intimidating as public speaking. Others have painful memories of meetings heavy with bureaucratic BS and dominated by a few old-timers. This is not the way Libertarians of Monmouth County works.

But don't take my word for it: test us. Stop in and see for yourself.

Registration Update

NJ libertarians have won the right in court to register with the county Board of Elections as Libertarians, as other parties have been allowed to do. The State and the Republican Party are appealing the decision, but the county is accepting requests to change registration.

If you would like to change your registration, just E-mail Pat Bontempo your request and he will send you the necessary form.

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But by giving the Election Coordinator the lead role, and keeping him/her focused for the roughly seven-month period, we should dramatically increase our results.

Yes, it seems awfully early to advertise this. But it's clear that starting too early is not one of our problems. So if this sounds at all appealing to you, please contact Pat Bontempo at PDB10752@aol.com, or by calling 775-7263.

Membership application -- How to Help!

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

Enclosed is \$40 for annual membership in the national and New Jersey Libertarian Party. I'll receive a year's subscription to the LP News and the New Jersey Libertarian.

Enclosed is \$25 for annual membership in only the national LP. I'll receive a year's subscription to the LP News.

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please make all checks payable to Libertarians of Monmouth County and mail to:

LMC, PO Box 121, Tenant, NJ 07763

Don't forget to visit our
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www.MonmouthLP.org

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Election Coordinator, **YOU???**

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.

Liberty Online

What's happening in Monmouth County? Want to stay in touch? If you're online, visit the county website, www.MonmouthLP.org for the latest news. If you'd like to receive notices online, send a request to PDB10752@aol.com and Pat will put you on the Monmouth-Talk list