



Shore Liberty

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Upcoming Events!

March County Meeting

Sunday, March 11, New School, 301 Middle Rd., Holmdel. Meeting at Noon. All welcome. For info, call Pat Bontempo 775-7263.

Guest Speaker: Ned Kelley

Wed., March 14, "The Tao of Liberty," at the Monmouth County Public Library, 125 Symmes Dr., Manalapan at 7 p.m. Free & open to public. Ned will discuss the agreement between traditional Asian philosophy and libertarianism.

NJLP State Convention

Saturday, March 24, Ramada Inn in East Windsor.

April County Meeting

Sunday, April 8, New School, 301 Middle Road, Holmdel. Meeting at noon. For info, call Pat Bontempo at 775-7263.

Tax Day Protests at Local Post Offices

Monday, April 16. Details to be announced.

Guest Speaker: Evan Nappen

Tuesday, May 29, "Ready, Aim, Freedom?" Monmouth County Library, Route 35, Shrewsbury, 7 p.m. For info, call 775-7263.

Monmouth Turns Out For Edgerton

Four members of the Monmouth County Libertarian Party were on hand at the Metropark Train Station in Woodbridge Feb. 1 to greet the special NJ Chamber of Commerce train taking state politicians to Washington, DC.

Every year corporate interests join state political leaders in trekking to the nation's capital to argue on behalf of their special interests for a larger slice of the ever-growing taxpayer-baked pie.

The protest was part of the Edgerton for Governor campaign and the large crowds on the platform saw Edgerton buttons and bumper stickers as well as Monmouth LP signs.

Vic Kaplan and Chris Wiemann joined local LMC members **Jay Boucher, Pat Bontempo, Emerson Ellett** and **Robert Hull** for the late-morning event.

LMC Member Bob Hull Appointed to NJLP SC

Bob Hull was appointed to the NJLP Steering Committee as an At-Large member and will serve in that capacity until the State Convention. At the previous State meeting in January, Bob was appointed the Webmaster for the NJLP.

County Ticket Taking Shape

Our ticket for the 2001 general election is shaping up nicely. For the third consecutive year, LMC will contest the seats up for election on the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders. **Jennifer Carter** and **Richard "Jay" Edgar**, both of Cream Ridge, have announced they will run for the two open seats. In addition, **Jay Boucher** of Lincroft announced he would run for Monmouth County Sheriff. This should give us an especially strong ticket on the county level.

This year all 120 seats in the State Legislature will also be up for election. Currently there are five state legislative districts covering at least part of Monmouth County, the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 30th.

Unfortunately, there will be redistricting this year to adjust for the latest Census and it appears the new district boundaries will not be known until early April. Since our candidate-filing deadline is the June primary, this will not give us much time to gather signatures for legislative candidates.

With this in mind we want to wrap up the signature gathering process for our county office candidates as quickly as possible. And to this end **Robert Hull** has mailed every Monmouth member an

abbreviated version of the nominating petitions.

If you are a registered voter in Monmouth County, please sign the petitions for our Freeholder and Sheriff candidates. If you can, try to get other registered Monmouth voters to sign as well. Simply ask family, friends and coworkers to help you get our candidates on the ballot.

Robert is also sending out an abbreviated version of the petition for our gubernatorial candidate, Mark Edgerton. Any registered New Jersey voter may sign this petition.

When you feel you've obtained all the signatures you can, please have the petition notarized (the last page; it says "affidavit") and return it to Robert in the postage paid reply envelope he'll supply. If you want to do more, contact Robert as indicated in his letter or Pat Bontempo at 775-7263 or PDB10752@aol.com.

Recruitment for state legislative candidates continues. If you are interested, or simply curious about the process, contact Pat as above.

A Great Loss to the Fight

I'm sad to report that **Jim Van Blarcom** has passed away.

Many of you will recall Jim as first the editor of our previous county newsletter and later as editor of our state newsletter. He was a prolific and effective writer and his commentaries, under the pen name J. Van Amos, appeared in newspapers throughout the state. Jim was an intelligent, articulate voice for liberty. He'll be greatly missed.

Jim, 53, was a South Belmar resident. A CPA, he was the proprietor of Tinton-Falls based New Age Management, a property management firm serving residential communities in Monmouth and Ocean counties. A Jersey City native, he was graduated from St. Peter's Preparatory School and St. Peter's College.

In addition to his work on behalf of libertarianism, Jim was a pacifist, vegetarian and environmental activist. A nice sampling of his work, including his wonderful columns of libertarian analysis and a copy of one of his New Jersey Libertarian issues, was displayed at his viewing in Belmar.

He is survived by his father, Amos Van Blarcom of Whiting; sister Susan Van Blarcom of Pittstown; daughter Jennifer Van Blarcom of Rutherford; son James Van Blarcom, Jr. of Wall; former wife Margaret Zoch of East Rutherford; and his dear friend Ellie Vecchia of West End.

The family suggested in lieu of flowers donations to any of the following: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, 501 Front St., Norfolk VA 23510; Green Peace, PO Box 96128, Washington DC 20090; and the Salvation Army of Asbury Park, 510 Grand Ave., Asbury Park NJ 07712.

Libertarians of Monmouth County took up a special collection at its January 14 meeting and made a donation to the Salvation Army of Asbury Park in Jim's memory.

Something Different With Kelley Talk

Ned Kelley will give a talk on Wednesday, March 14 that should be of interest to Libertarian Party members as well as the general public.

Ned, a Martial Arts expert, will compare concepts from traditional Asian philosophy and libertarianism in his talk, *The Tao of Liberty*, at the Monmouth County Public Library, 125 Symmes Dr., Manalapan.

The free talk will begin at 7 p.m. The library is conveniently located off of Rt. 9. Among the items he'll cover are the principle of the non-initiation of force and the matter of self-defense.

Ned is the Founder and Head Instructor of the Califon Karate Academy. He is also an at-large member of the NJLP State Steering Committee. The talk is being sponsored by LMC.

On Tuesday, May 29, LMC will sponsor a free talk by **Evan Nappen** entitled *Ready! Aim! Freedom?* at the Shrewsbury branch of the Monmouth County Public Library on Rt. 35. This discussion of our right to keep and bear arms will also begin at 7 p.m.

Those who attended last year's NJLP State Convention will recall Evan's rousing talk at the luncheon. He is a highly respected attorney and an expert on the laws pertaining to gun ownership.

LMC is hosting these talks on weeknights in new venues and on popular topics in the hope of attracting new people. Please help spread the word about them and invite a friend or two to join you when you attend.

State Convention & Officer Elections

The NJLP State Convention will be held Saturday, March 24 at the National Conference Center of the Ramada Inn, 379 Monmouth St., East Windsor. This is the same site as last year and is easily accessible off of Rt. 33, just outside Hightstown.

The business session, which is free, will begin at 9 a.m. Among other items, we will elect a new slate of state officers. During the county caucus portion, we'll elect our county officers as well: chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer and county representative.

The state convention is a great way to meet and mingle with libertarians from across New Jersey. If you can't stay for the luncheon, try to make at least the business session.



New Jersey Libertarian Party Annual Convention March 24, 2001

Location: The National Conference Center at the RAMADA® INN
379 Monmouth Street, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520
Schedule: Business session; 9:00AM - 12:00 noon, Luncheon; 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Speakers (Speaker list, topics and schedule subject to change):

Doug Bandow: Senior Fellow of the CATO institute.
Topic: "The Libertarian Movement: Where We Are, Where We Are Going"

Sharon Harris: President of the Advocates for Self Government.
Topic: To be announced

Roy Innis: National Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of the Congress of Racial Equality.
Topic: To be announced

Doug Friedline: Mark Edgerton's campaign manager.
Topic: To be announced

James Lark: Chair of the Libertarian Party.
Topic: Washington's Politics of Envy

Vendors: Vendor room, tables available. Contact Robert Jacobs 908-534-6764 for information.

RESERVATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Contact phone number: (____) _____ number of members number of non-members

Number for luncheon and all speakers @ \$50.00 each. Number for speakers only, no luncheon @ \$20.00 each.

} Number for luncheon and speakers STUDENT RATE, @ \$25.00 each. (Valid student ID required at registration).

* All above reservations are additional \$5.00 at the door, (luncheon choice not guaranteed without reservation by 10 March 2001)

Number for business meeting ONLY, no luncheon, no speakers and no cost

Luncheon choice: BEEF CHICKEN VEGETARIAN

Dietary restrictions, (religious, health, etc.) we will try to accommodate, but can not guarantee: _____

Vendor tables: quantity @ \$20.00, Company or organization name: _____

Speakers and luncheon not included. Please fill in contact info using fields at top of form. If a vendor wishes to attend any part of the rest of the convention, please include the appropriate additional charges.

Please return with payment by March 10, 2000 to:
NJLP Convention, PO Box 56, Tennent, New Jersey 07763

LIBERTARIANS OF MONMOUTH COUNTY

Monmouth County Affiliate of the Libertarian Party

Monthly Meeting

Second Sunday of the Month

12:00 (Noon) at the

New School, 301 Middle Road, Holmdel

ALL INVITED

For further information, contact:

Pat Bontempo, Chairman

(732) 775-7263 or PDB10752@aol.com

Help Increase

Membership

Simply clip the meeting notice above and post it in a public place. We were to make a full page of this with three notices on it and ask that you make copies and post is all over town. However, we are making just one notice and asking everyone to do his or her part. By having just one notice to post, we are hopeful that everyone will participate.

Suggested locations include supermarkets, laundromats, restaurants, and any other locations that has a place to post notices.

Please do your part to help.

Joke of the Month

President George Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney go out to lunch. When the waitress comes to the table, Dick orders the Heart Healthy salad.

The waitress then asks President Bush what he would like and he responds, "I would like a "quickie."

The waitress is flabbergasted and responds that she thought this

administration would be more moral than the previous one, and that if she knew he was going to be like this she would not have voted for him. She then storms off.

Dick turns to George and says, "I think that's pronounced, "quiche."

Letter to the Editor

We have a little extra room this month, so here is the complete text of a Letter to the Editor written by **Pat Bontempo**:

Dear Editor:

In his Jan. 14, 2001 column, Jon Shure called for an elected lieutenant governor for New Jersey. This would be a totally unnecessary expense.

The State Senate president can easily fill in during a temporary absence of the governor. And a simple change to our State Constitution would handle the rare situation that arises such as now with Whitman resigning.

Change the constitution so that in such cases the Senate President becomes the governor, but losing his

position in the State Senate. Then establish a procedure for the State Senate to select a new leader.

True the new governor would have been unelected, but while unfortunate it would be no different from the situation we faced after Watergate. No one outside his Michigan congressional district every voted for the new president, Gerald Ford. Nor did we elect his vice president, Nelson Rockefeller, to that post.

Keep in mind we would not just pay a lieutenant governor's salary. We'd pay for staff, offices and expenses. And the new officeholder would fight for real duties and powers, both to justify the post and to better prepare for a future State House run.

The only beneficiaries of this proposal would be politicians who would have a new job to fight over, and the vast industry of lawyers, consultants, ad agencies and everyone else who would profit from adding a new, costly election race to the schedule.

Sincerely,

Pat Bontempo, Chairman

Chair Report

The Cost of Success

By **Pat Bontempo**

Anyone in a successful personal relationship has learned one of life's great lessons: The trick is not to land a spouse or partner, that's actually relatively easy. The trick is to keep the relationship going. That applies to everything, be it college, a job or politics.

Any reasonably intelligent group of people can, with a bit of work, launch a newsletter or website. They can even call themselves a political party and successfully organize and run a campaign. But can they keep it going year after year after year?

It's tough. There's always a crisis. There are always distractions and conflicting desires. There are personality conflicts, burnout, disenchantment and most of all work. It's tempting to say, "OK, I succeeded. I'm secure in this marriage or job so now I can focus on other things."

But you can't. You only succeeded in securing the first objective and must now work to make it succeed over the long haul. Good intentions are not sufficient to ensure continued success. It comes down to practical, mundane matters.

In the case of politics, the most important practical consideration is money. A political party without money is like a marriage in which neither partner is employed. No matter how much they love each other the relationship will eventually fall apart unless the financial difficulty is overcome.

In Monmouth County, we're fortunate to have a committed group of activists determined to keep our political party going and growing. But just as a relationship will not last if only one partner is working to maintain it, so too a party cannot succeed unless everyone is doing at least a little bit to keep it alive.

By the time you read this, you'll have received our annual county

fundraising appeal. Look through this month's issue of *Shore Liberty*. Look at the website. Consider all we did last year and the year before that. Consider all we could -- and should -- still do.

If you think the LP in Monmouth is worth supporting, please take this opportunity to make a donation. It need not be large; we literally need every dollar. Please don't think that because we are doing well we can rest now. Like everything else in life, we must keep working at it.

The mailing also contains a volunteer sign up form. A donation of your time and talent is also needed. Take a minute to review it to see if there is some way you can help.

If you misplaced or didn't receive the mailing, please use the form on page three to donate. You can also donate via credit card online at www.MonmouthLP.org. Just remember, success comes at a cost.

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

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www.MonmouthLP.org

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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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