



# Shore Liberty

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## *Upcoming Events!*

### **May County Meeting**

Sunday, May 13, New School, 301 Middle Rd., Holmdel. Meeting at Noon. All welcome. For information, call Pat Bontempo 775-7263.

### **Guest Speaker: Evan Nappen**

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

### **Ocean Grove Flea Market**

Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., outreach booth on the Great Lawn in front of the Great Auditorium. Volunteers needed, call 775-7263.

### **June County Meeting**

Sunday, June 10, New School, 301 Middle Rd., Holmdel. Meeting at noon. For info, call 775-7263.

### **Home Schoolers Outreach**

Saturday, June 30, outreach booth at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft at The Unschooler's Network book fair. Noon to 5 p.m., volunteers needed, call 775-7263.

### **FIJA Leafleting**

Every Monday morning at the Monmouth County Courthouse, Court Street in Freehold from 8 - 9a.m. For info. call 774-3684.

## **East Meets West And Both Meet Liberty**

*As taboos increase, people grow poorer;*

*When weapons abound, the state grows chaotic;*

*Where skills multiply, novelties flourish;*

*As statutes increase, more criminals start.*

*-- Taoist saying*



*Ned Kelley, Guest Speaker*

While the above is not exactly the musings of an ancient Asian Ayn Rand, it is a sample of the traditional Asian wisdom **Ned Kelley** reviewed in his March 14 talk, *The Tao of Liberty*.

Kelley's presentation at the Manalapan branch of the Monmouth County Public Library was sponsored by LMC. It included a review of Taoism, Buddhism and Confucianism followed by Martial Arts exercises in which the audience participated.

In one of these Kelley dramatically demonstrated how a person who launches an attack leaves himself open to a simple and

effective counter-blow -- a lesson America's military leaders need to learn before they again set out to project military force abroad.

The talk can be viewed at the Libertarians of Monmouth County website, [www.MonmouthLP.org](http://www.MonmouthLP.org).

## **Nappen To Address Gun Ownership Rights**

Noted attorney **Evan Nappen** will talk on the right to keep and bear arms on Tuesday, May 29 at the Monmouth County Public Library, located on Rt. 35, in Shrewsbury. The talk is being sponsored by Libertarians of Monmouth County. His address, entitled *Ready! Aim! Freedom?*, will begin at 7 p.m. It will be free and open to the public.

Nappen, an attorney with offices in Eatontown, is a widely respected authority on Second Amendment rights. He has been involved in numerous high-profile court cases and has successfully defended the rights of gun owners.

A published author, he is also an accomplished public speaker who can craft a passionate, articulate defense of the right to keep and bear arms.

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.

For more information, please call (732) 775-7263 or E-mail ShoreLiberty@aol.com.

## Return to Ocean Grove

Ocean Grove was established in the blissful days before the Welfare State, the Warfare State and the Nanny State -- the perfect setting for delivering the libertarian message.

And LMC will be there on Saturday, June 2 with an information table at the Ocean Grove Community Flea Market. The market is a Shore tradition drawing vendors and shoppers from throughout the local area and beyond.

The market begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m. on the Great Lawn in front of the Great Auditorium. This year LMC will be at Table No. 724 near the food vendors on Beach Avenue.

If you can spare even an hour or so to help staff the table it will be greatly appreciated. Before and after you can enjoy the market. To volunteer, contact Pat Bontempo at 775-7263 or online at ShoreLiberty@aol.com.

## Home Schoolers to Meet

The Unschoolers Network will return to Brookdale Community College in Lincroft with a convention on Saturday, June 30. LMC will have an information table at the convention's Book Fair from Noon to 5 p.m.

Home schoolers are a natural constituency for the LP and we were warmly received in the past. Again, we can use volunteers to help at the table; contact Pat Bontempo at 775-7263 or ShoreLiberty@aol.com.

## Monmouth Taxpayers Get the Message

Monmouth County libertarians distributed close to 1,000 Million Dollar Bills to last-minute income tax filers at the Hazlet and Long Branch post offices on April 16.

**Jay Edgar**, one of our Freeholder candidates, was ordered to the sidewalk shortly after starting at Hazlet at 6:30 p.m. **Ginny Flynn** and **Pat Bontempo** joined him shortly afterward.



*L to R: Ginny Flynn, Jay Edgar and Pat Bontempo at Hazlet*

After a cool conversation with the powers that be, the trio politely ignored instructions and took up the traditional post at the ramp leading from the parking lot without incident. Libertarians of Monmouth County have been leafleting at this site for about 10 years.

**John Taylor**, a candidate for the State Assembly, and **Len Flynn** joined Jay later in the evening. They continued leafleting until they exhausted their supply of bills at about 10:30 p.m.



*L to R: Pat Bontempo, Emerson Ellett, Bob Jenkins and Lou Elwell*

**Emerson Ellett** and **Bob Jenkins** began leafleting at the Long Branch post office at 8 p.m. **Lou Elwell** and **Pat Bontempo** joined them later and the group continued

leafleting until the post office closed at midnight.

This year the bills were stamped with a message inviting recipients to visit the county website, [www.MonmouthLP.org](http://www.MonmouthLP.org).



*Pat Bontempo at Long Branch with the million dollar bills*

## Don't Forget Petitions

Some time ago **Robert Hull** sent every Monmouth member nominating petitions for county and state candidates. Because of confusion over redistricting on the state level, there's some uncertainty at this time over filing deadlines, but there's no uncertainty that we'll need to be ready to file an adequate number of signatures.

If you're a registered voter, please take a few minutes to sign the petitions. Any county resident can sign the Freeholder and Sheriff petitions. Any state resident can sign the Governor petition. Even if it's just you, your signature is needed.

When you've obtained as many as you feel you can, please return them to Robert Hull, 1591 Laurel Ct., Manasquan NJ 08736-1529. Please be sure to have it notarized before you return it.

If you misplaced yours, didn't receive any or want more contact Pat Bontempo at 775-7263 or PDB10752@aol.com. If you'd rather just sign someone else's, again let Pat know and we'll make arrangements to get one to you for you to sign.

## FIJA: Help Wanted

One of our on-going activities is the weekly leafleting of prospective jurors on Mondays at the Monmouth County Courthouse in Freehold, but help is needed to keep it going.

Jurors receive a copy of the *True or False?* brochure published by the Fully Informed Jury Association. It explains the right of a jury to decide both the law as well as the facts in dispute at a trial.

All that's involved is handing the brochure to jurors as they file in from the parking lot starting no later than 8 a.m. and lasting no more than an hour. Volunteers typically take no more than one Monday a month.

If you're interested or want more information, leave a message at 775-7263 or E-mail PDB10752@aol.com

## The Importance of Renewing

Opponents of the Libertarian Party have learned the best way to counter us is not to engage in a debate over principles or program. Instead, they seek to dismiss us as irrelevant, and they do so with three simple questions:

*How many elections have you won? How many votes did you get? How many members do you have?*

While we do have some electoral successes we can boast about, and they're good in comparison to other new parties, the reality is that we can't produce impressive numbers. Nor is there anything simple we can do overnight to generate higher numbers at the polls.

But that's not the case with membership. We could generate impressive numbers if only libertarians would renew their party membership on a timely, consistent basis. And while strong membership figures may indeed mean little in the greater scheme of things, they are not unimportant.

Membership gives us not only necessary financial resources; it gives us standing as a credible, viable party. A Monmouth LP with hundreds of members will be treated far more seriously than one with 80.

If your membership has lapsed, please take the time to use the coupon in this issue to renew. Under new NJLP policy, in fact, LMC will be entitled to dues sharing based on the number of state members we have in our county. So your renewal will not only strengthen the LP in general, it will help us continue to build the party here at the Shore.

## State Convention & Officer Elections

The NJLP State Convention held March 24 was well attended by Monmouth LP members. During the county caucus portion, LMC re-elected **Pat Bontempo** as County Chair, **Ginny Flynn** as Treasurer and **Lou Elwell** as Secretary. **John Taylor** (who will also be running for State Legislature this year) was elected for the first time as our new Vice-Chair.

**Emerson Ellett**, our past Vice-Chair, did not seek re-election since he was elected as the Chair of the NJLP. Our thanks (for previous service) and congratulations (on his new position) go to Emerson.

**Mike Panella** was also re-elected as the County Representative to the State Board of the NJLP.

Several other LMC members also were elected to positions in the NJLP: **Lou Stefanelli** was re-elected as the Treasurer, **Len Flynn** was elected Secretary, and **Lou Elwell**, **Bob Hull** and **Liz Macron** were elected to At-Large positions on the NJLP Steering Committee.

The state convention is a great way to meet and mingle with libertarians from across New Jersey.

If you missed it this year, plan to be there next year!

## Government At Work

Once upon a time, the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert. Congress said someone might steal from it at night, so they created a night watchman position (GS-4) and hired a person for the job.

Then Congress said, "How does the watchman do his job without instruction?" So they created a planning position and hired two people: one person to write the instructions (GS-12) and one person to do time studies (GS-11).

Then Congress said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly?" Therefore, they created a Quality Control position and hired two people, one GS-9 to do the studies and one GS-11 to write the reports.

Then Congress said, "How are these people going to get paid?" So they created the following positions: a timekeeper (GS-9) and a payroll officer (GS-11), and hired two people.

Then Congress said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?" So they created an administrative position and hired three people: an Administrative Officer (GM-13), an Assistant Administrative Officer (GS-13) and a Legal Secretary (GS-8).

Then Congress said, "We have had this command in operation for one year and we are \$18,000 over budget. We must cutback overall costs."

So they laid off the night watchman.

## Chair Report

### *Voices of Sanity*

By **Pat Bontempo**

If you listen closely, you can hear voices of reason, even here in Monmouth County amidst all the nonsense.

Down in Belmar they've established provisions for a no-smoking section on the beach complete with fines to fatten the municipal coffers. No doubt, the extra summer personnel to enforce the law will shortly follow. But at least one resident asked the right questions at the April 11th public hearing.

"Where are our rights as smokers?" Diane Marquez asked. "We are paying a phenomenal amount of money to live in Belmar. Where are our freedom and choice? We should have the right to do what we want and go where we want because this is a public area."

Over in West Long Branch the municipal council has proposed a Gun Free School Zone ordinance in response to a newly opened gun shop. Local resident Gerald Natale, however, got it right with his comments at the April 25th council session: "I'm outraged that the members of the council, many of whom I've supported over the years, have taken on an agenda that is anti-constitutional, anti-freedom and prejudiced against legal firearm owners, only to be politically correct to those who choose to be blind and deaf to the legal and safe use of recreational firearms."

Another resident who had been shot only two months earlier also supported the storeowner and hinted that objectors didn't trust their own children, adding that they should teach their children that violence is not an answer.

Actually, my favorite quote came in Greg Kelly's "Monmouth Beach Life" column in the "Atlanticville". Commenting on the

upcoming municipal election he noted, "Granted, running little Monmouth Beach doesn't involve much Washingtonian political wisdom."

So true Greg. Yet time and again municipal officials attempt to apply the same type of social engineering concepts favored by their DC counterparts to local issues. And with this comes the same high taxes, bigger government and curtailment of individual freedom.

To all who raise their voices in opposition, I say thank you. And I'll voice a request: Remember in November.

## Short Quip

A man decided to take a trip north on the newly named Ronald Reagan Turnpike. As soon as he got on the Turnpike, he forgot where he was going. ☺

### ***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!

"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](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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