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Busy Times at Hand

In the past, Nevada Libertarians have experienced one constant; post-election lulls. According to Al Western, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Clark County, "those days are over."

"I have some goals to implement over the next year or so," said Western, "one of the more immediate ones' is to provide local Libertarians an opportunity to participate on a consistent basis." Though he admits that the majority of LPCC functions are attended by the same individuals, he was quick to point out that "we are attracting new attendees all the time."

"I believe we have a great group of Libertarians in southern Nevada, now it's my job to enact programs to get them involved." One thing Western has done is to re-establish LP Committees. "Our By-Laws provide for standing committees," said Western, "Granted, some of the positions have yet to be filled, but we're working on it." According to Western, responsibilities accorded to committees that remain unfilled are assumed by others. For example, the Finance Commit-

tee, Chaired by Chuck Geshlinder, will begin to work on items that should be reserved for the Program Committee. Beginning this month, the Finance Committee will hold separate meetings from those of the LPCC. These meetings are designed to consider financial conditions, fund raising events, expenditure of funds, and report their findings, conclusions, and proposals to the LP membership at general LP business meetings.

Western would also like to see more Libertarian social events. Plans include LP dinners, Bar B-Q's, picnics, and "anything else we can come up with that will get people to participate."

Admittedly, Western has one primary reason for establishing these events. "I've studied recent election results and one theme is reoccurring, television legitimizes and produces results. "We must do everything possible to flood the television market with advertising in the 1990 election. Andre Marrou has been a proponent of this approach for years and it's time we start listening to the experience available to us."



From The Chair

by Al Western, Jr.

With the election over, one thing becomes perfectly clear; we must start on 1990 right now! You can expect to hear from me a lot this year. I'll be after you for membership dues, to support LP social functions, to give of yourself whenever possible.

Speaking of which, I think I speak for the entire membership when I offer a hearty and sincere "Thank you" to those individuals who ran for office under the LP banner last election. Gordon Morris had suggested that we honor all of the candidates by listing their names individually. Granted, a good suggestion, but let it suffice to say that this collective form of gratitude is offered to all on an individual plane.

To the future. As I announced at the last general meeting of the LPCC, my primary goal for 1990 is to put the LP in the public eye through television. I have proposed, under the suggestion of Andre Marrou, that a minimum of 50% of the funds raised by the LPCC be retained for television advertising.

So where's the money gonna come from? YOU! Face it. This is a political party in a democratic society. Without your participation, it simply doesn't exist. So pay your membership dues, gather your personal skills

together and volunteer them to the LP. We're working on 1990 now, and if there is going to be a Libertarian Party in the next election, we need you now.

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by Chuck Geshliger

Ahhh...the sweet feeling of accomplishment.

The final touches were put upon the structuring of the LPCC thanks predominantly to the efforts of Mike Prescott, Judicial Committee Chairman, and the introduction, (and unanimous passage), of the "Prescott Amendment."

Once and for all, the monthly meetings will never again become bogged down with parliamentary "B.S." so familiar to LP members who have long since become burnt out.

From here on in, discussion, debate, and voting upon By-Laws, will be reserved for our Bi-annual Convention. (Copies of the present By-Laws are available upon request.)

It feels great knowing that the February meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the Libertarian Party of California State Convention, will be aimed exclusively at imple-

menting goals.

The membership that has been showing up consistently is neatly organizing into committees which utilize the tools and abilities of each individual.

The Finance Committee, which I Chair, will begin its' own meetings on the second and fourth Monday of every month. This will coincide with the meetings of the Program Committee. If you can make it, (7:30 P.M. at Stay Healthy, 850 So. Rancho.) I'll be looking forward to having you chip in to accomplish our goals. It will be a pleasure to present a report to everyone at the February LPCC meeting listing nothing but productive activities.

To everyone who contributed to make this forward progress possible, a sincere "Thank You!" Come next election.....Look Out!!!

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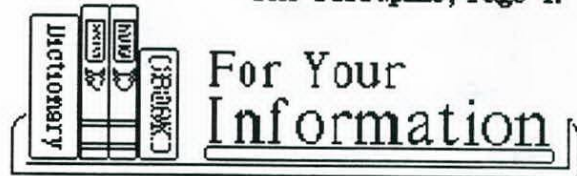
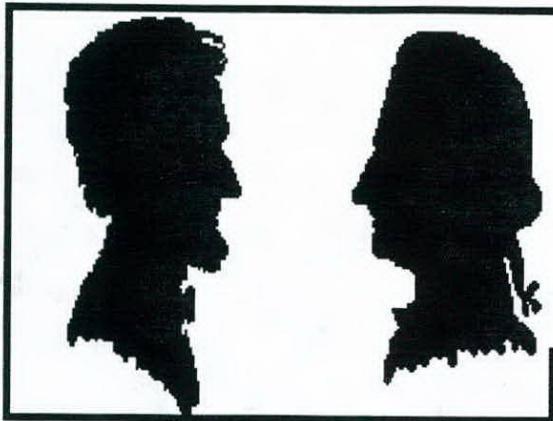
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According to Dan Becan, LPN State Chairman, February 28th is the last day to register Libertarians with the National Party for delegate consideration. National determines the number of delegates any one state can have by how many of its' state members are also members of the Libertarian Party of America.

Nevada Libertarians recently received the agenda for the Libertarian Party of Californias' State Convention to be held here in Las Vegas. Mr. Becan would also like to remind us that the deadline for purchasing tickets to dinner engagements, including speakers, is January 30. For quick info call Colleen Lang 213-595-6266.

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From the LPN Director

Gordon Morris

If you have questions regarding LP positions on the issues, LP news, LP activities, LP publications, or have some news we can use, don't wait for a newsletter. Just call me at 734-FREE.

Details about my (our) lawsuit, scuttlebutt about the party, and anything else that's not "fit to print" but really very interesting and even inspiring, can be found out only in this manner since I am the only one privy to such "nuts and bolts".

If its socializing you want - don't call. Like our monthly "business" meetings, it is not the answer for those who would gauge success by such "involvement".

Business meetings are just that. Not fun, but not entirely useless either. True, our business has been interrupted by would-be leaders with superfluous projects and questionable purposes, (such as the illegitimate, unchartered, quasi-libertarian invention by the name of "Libertarian Party of Southern Nevada" so called.

There is only one Libertarian Party of Nevada and it has a Southern Regional Representative - me. Read my quips: Our Union must be preserved. Such sidetracking only causes counter-productive factionalism and potential legal trouble for the renegades.

Accordingly, such squabbling at meetings only discourages the faint-hearted.

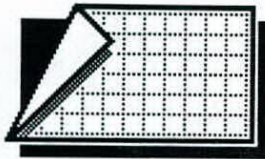
The real work of building a political movement is a daily grind consisting of phone-work, paperwork, letter writing, legal necessities, telling our message, registering members, and a host of unforeseen tasks that make business meetings look like a night out for dinner and conversation to me. However, out of all this has come a better central committee. With the LPCC by-laws, and through the dedicated service of our Judicial Committee Chairman, Mike Prescott, have come organizational clarity and strength which will make meetings more productive. This important work will be beneficial in conducting larger, future gatherings which will be chaos without it.

You too can join in the judicial work by becoming a member and, in the process, acquire a skill useful in any organization.

Similarly, Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Geshli-der is hard at work outlining strategy. His committee is in need of members unafraid of making money for the financing of our programs.

I have outlined the duties and strategy for our Program & Membership Committees and will combine the two in one meeting. (see Agenda).

Lastly, let me encourage your attendance at the events mentioned in the agenda.



Libertarian Agenda

February 13	LPCC Finance Committee Meeting 850 South Rancho - "Stay Healthy"	7:30 P. M. 9:00 P. M.
February 17	K. Goldsworthy- Who's Afraid of Robert's Rules? 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	7:00 P. M. 8:00 P. M.
February 17	LP California Cocktail Party 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	8:00 P. M. 9:00 P. M.
February 17	Timothy Leary- Intelligence = Freedom 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	9:00 P. M. 10:00 P. M.
February 17	LPCA Hospitality Suite 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	10:00 P. M. 12:00 P. M.
February 18	Libertarian Party of Nevada Business Session 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	10:00 A. M. 1:00 P. M.
February 18	D. Bergland- Libertarianism in One Lesson 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	2:00 P. M. 3:00 P. M.
February 18	M. Fritz- Does Christ Ask Us to be Libertarian? 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	2:00 P. M. 3:00 P. M.
February 18	D. Sharon- The End of the Gray Ages 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	3:00 P. M. 4:00 P. M.
February 18	J. Hummel- The Abolitionists, Slavery, Civil War 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	3:00 P. M. 4:00 P. M.
February 18	Ed Clark- The 1988 Elections 375 East Clark Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	4:00 P. M. 5:00 P. M.
February 18	T. Tyron- Promoting Freedom Locally 375 East Clark Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	4:00 P. M. 5:00 P. M.
February 18	J. Turney- A Look Into the Future of the LP 375 East Clark Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	5:00 P. M. 6:00 P. M.
February 18	R. Winger- LP Vote Analyzation 375 East Clark Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	5:00 P. M. 6:00 P. M.
February 18	A. Joseph- (L) Mayor of Big Water, Utah 375 East Clark Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	6:00 P. M. 7:00 P. M.

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February 18	A. Clark- The American Constitution 375 East Clark Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	6:00 P. M. 7:00 P. M.
February 19	Libertarian Party of Nevada Business Sesion 375 East Clark Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	9:00 A. M. 1:00 P. M.
February 19	State Chairman's Meeting 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	9:00 A. M. 1:00 P. M.
February 19	S. Foster- A Close Look at the U. N. 375 East Clark Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	3:00 P. M. 4:00 P. M.
February 19	R. Grindle- LP Voter Registration Project 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	3:00 P. M. 4:00 P. M.
February 19	B. Legasse- An Armed Society is a Polite One 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	4:00 P. M. 5:00 P. M.
February 19	J. Dentinger- The Future of Freedom 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	4:00 P. M. 5:00 P. M.
February 19	M. Emerling- The Games Libertarians Play 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	5:00 P. M. 6:00 P. M.
February 19	L. Rockwell- von Mises Institute 375 East Clark Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	5:00 P. M. 6:00 P. M.
February 19	No Host Cocktails 375 East Harmon Ave. (Alexis Park Resort)	7:00 P. M. 8:00 P. M.
February 20	Libertarian Party of Clark County 3558 South Las Vegas Blvd. (Denny's)	8:00 P. M. 10:00 P. M.
February 27	LPCC Finance Committee Meeting 850 South Rancho (Stay Healthy)	7:30 P. M. 9:00 P. M.
February 28	LPN Program/Membership Committee 1419 Phillips Ave. (phone 734-FREE)	7:30 P. M. 9:30 P. M.
March 4	Las Vegas Jefferson Meeting U.N.L.V.-Beam Hall (phone 732-1359)	T. B. A. T. B. A.
March 6	LPCC Finance Committee Meeting 850 South Rancho (Stay Healthy)	7:30 P. M. 9:00 P. M.
March 12	LPCC Social Dinner 1078 North Rancho (Sapporo Restaurant)	7:00 P. M. 8:30 P. M.

1989 National Convention Announced

The 1989 bi-annual National Convention of the Libertarian Party will take place Thursday August 31 through Sunday, September 3rd, in center-city Philadelphia at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel. Themed "Proclaim Liberty" after the inscription on the Liberty Bell, it marks the return of the LP conventions to the East Coast after four of five being west of Kansas.

The organizers, Proclaim Liberty Convention Associates, are long-time Libertarian activists Don Ernsberger, Linda Morrison, and Dave Walter. PLCA is developing a "don't want to miss" program and has set the lowest full convention package price in years for advance reservations; only \$199.95 until April 15th.

The Libertarian Party of Nevada will be choosing delegates and alternates in the near future. The number of delegates chosen can be increased by one for every 20 national members we add by February 28th. National members receive the national newsletter and even if you aren't a delegate, by joining the national party you add to Nevada's delegate strength by increasing the number eligible. There will be plenty of work for delegates and lots of fun for non-delegates.

While there will be the usual business sessions, speakers, and exhibitors, it is being billed as the convention where the LP's direction for the future is decided. The entire Convention will hear panel discussions on the Party's future and consider such questions as "should our Presidential candidates accept taxpayers' matching funds," "should presidential campaigns be de-emphasized," and "should the national Committee's size and duties be altered?" Visions of new goals and strategies will be an important part of the decision on a new Chair for the Party with a three way contest appearing probable.

The program features "nuts and bolts" sessions on political techniques, of course, along with speakers on issues and ideology.

"Special Events" scheduled include a trip to Atlantic City's casinos and famous boardwalk, a tour of historic olde Philadelphia including Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, the gala Banquet on Saturday night, and 3 breakfasts with top Libertarian celebrities. An extra event you might wish to attend will be the Society for Individual Liberty's "20th Anniversary of the Movement" banquet on Wednesday night, honoring LP News editor Karl Hess.

New National Chair Dave Walter described the Convention thusly: "All-in-all, this is the convention to attend if you want to participate in setting the Party's agenda for the 1990's."



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