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NEWSLETTER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA

"You are too fond of your liberty."

"Yes, I think I am very fond of it. But I always want to know the things one shouldn't do."

"So as to do them?"

"So as to choose," said Isabel.

--Henry James, *Portrait of a Lady*

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### Delaware Valley

The following will be more of a commentary than a report on chapter activities, for, except for a very few individuals, this chapter has been rather inactive for the past several months.

When state headquarters changed its location from the Philadelphia area to York, those members who live in the Philadelphia area and had been in the habit of attending the monthly state organization meetings here, realized that in order to continue functioning as a group we would need to establish a local chapter. The groundwork for this chapter was begun when 7 members (the required number) signed and filed an affiliation petition with the state office...we do not have chapter officers. In other words, as it now stands, members of the Libertarian Party living in the Delaware Valley area are members of Delaware Valley Chapter and each has the opportunity to take the initiative and call a meeting, start a project or whatever. However,

when no move was made in this direction I arranged a meeting in January. Attendance was far from good, but those of us who were there, again discussed the direction that we must take in order to achieve the goals of the LP. It was concluded that we must take a more direct move toward political action. I then agreed to investigate the requirements and then consider the possibilities of running for a school board position in Warminster Twp. I have learned that it is fairly simple to get on the ballot as an Independent. The requirements are that we have an established organization with at least 3 sponsoring members and that we file a petition between March 12 and April 2 containing signatures totalling 2% of the highest number of votes in the last election for school board (this would mean about 50 signatures.)

Now the problem: after much serious consideration, with particular attention to a rather involved personal situation that could very well become critical if I were to enter the limelight of political life, I have decided not to seek election at this time. What I have done, and will be doing, is join 2 citizen's action groups, in connection with the school district, where I have found that it is very easy to interject libertarian ideas on a continuing basis. I'm personally concerned with the problems caused by the public education system and this is the area in which I will become politically active when the time is right for me.

Back to the matter of our chapter organization. I was appointed, at our last meeting, temporary chapter representative to act as liaison for state headquarters, and chapter members; therefore, I will take the initiative in arranging one more chapter meeting and ask all those Libertarians living in and around Philadelphia who have yet to introduce themselves personally, please come and join those of us who have been involved.

The particulars of the meeting are not complete. Notices will be mailed separately.

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A REMINDER: DVC of the LP will join SIL (Society for Individual Liberty) in a nationwide tax protest on Sat. April 12. We will march to protest taxation in front of the IRS office at 6th and Arch Sts., Philadelphia, 11 am. Plan to be there. It's easy, fun, and effective.

--Olga Chauncey

## Central

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter devoted most of its March meeting to discussion of plans for National Tax Protest Day, April 12. Present plans include a multi-organizational rally in Continental Square (the York IRS building isn't in a very good 'traffic' location) with participants handing out SIL 'Taxation is Theft' flyers and relevant LP literature. Other local organizations with strong anti-tax views will be contacted within the next two weeks to supply additional people-power, and their suggestions will be incorporated to formulate final plans. If you are interested in helping to plan and/or protest, contact Gary Shoemaker at (717)767-5214. This will be the Spring Biggie for the CPC, and one of the outstanding tax protests in the nation. Tentative plans include a giant federal octopus as a focal point--anyone willing to serve as engineering consultant, paper-mache maker or financial backer for said animal, contact Jo Chernow at 792-1750.

Also discussed were plans to have a literature table at an upcoming Women's Political Action Seminar to be held in York on April 19. Anyone interested in helping with plans for this activity contact the Editor.

It was decided in the absence of a constitution that Jo Chernow would be the new CPC Chairperson, after which she resigned as State Secretary in order not to be in conflict with the State Constitution. Roy Euvrard was requested to do research into a chapter constitution.

Roger MacBride of Virginia has announced his candidacy for the '76 LP Presidential nomination. Anyone else interested in running for the LP Presidential or Vice-Presidential nomination should contact National Headquarters (and how about giving the Libertarian Penn a 'scoop' on the story?)

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