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LPNY HOLDS ANNUAL CONVENTION

The LPNY conducted its annual convention in Holtsville, NY on April 28th. New officers were elected, new bylaws adopted and new chapters welcomed. Jeffrey Russell of Clifton Park ran unopposed for LPNY chair. Without objection, he assumed the position. Jeff was the 2006 candidate for US Senate, running against Hillary Clinton. Chris Garvey and M Carling were elected as co-vice chairman. Gary Popkin was re-elected as Treasurer. Joseph Dobrian of Manhattan was elected Secretary. Donald Silberger, Audrey Capozzi, Christopher Edes, John Clifton and Werner Hetzner were all elected as At-Large rep-

resentatives. The treasurer's report indicated that even after convention costs, the LPNY has a very positive balance.

Several Presidential candidates spoke to the audience. George Phillis, Daniel Imperato, Alden Link and John Finan all spoke to the delegation of New Yorkers. Next year's convention should attract even more of the almost dozen candidates seeking the LP Presidential nomination.

Members of the convention opted to separate the Kings County and Queens chapters after some discussion. Chris Edes gave a report to



the convention about newly formed Greater Rochester LP.

Judge Ira Raab, and the LP's own Jim Lesczynski and Donald Silberger addressed the convention during lunch or dinner events. Next Year's convention will likely take place somewhere in the Metropolitan area because of the Presidential races.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Greater Rochester LP Chapter starts*
- *Convention Results*
- *2007 & Beyond*
- *Hardfire on CATV*
- *Membership Renewal*
- *Ballot Access Progress ?*
- *Membership feedback and contribution*
- *Writers & Candidates*

WELCOME GREATER ROCHESTER LP !

Newly elected At-large member of the State Committee, Chris Edes has helped form a new chapter in the Rochester area. Chris describes the process and it's success: "This represents a new day for the Greater Rochester area. Local Libertarians

have been very active the past two years in the political scene, on an ad-hoc basis. The addition of an organizational structure will facilitate even greater success in the future. Our efforts have already born fruit in our success in convincing the Rochester City Council

and Brighton Town Board to pass resolutions expressing their concern with the Patriot Act. In the case of Brighton, the Town is already establishing procedures for challenging federal requests under this unconstitutional law." We look forward to their success.

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Jim Lesczynski incognito near Central Park.

SERF'S UP AND ONLINE !

The Manhattan LP has been publishing and printing a publication called 'Serf City'. Now the hard hitting, indignant and irreverent content of Serf City is a blog near you. Any Internet user can now log in to; <http://serfcity.wordpress.com>.

Longtime activist and creative sledge hammer, Jim Lesczynski and his 'serf' cohorts bring a striking view to the most exciting city in the world. You can now find out

daily what inane adventure the average New Yorker faces as the war on freedom continues.

While Manhattan is usually not usually considered the most provincial place in the world, compared to the Internet, it's just another stop on the subway. The success of Serf City on the streets of Manhattan is now part of the 'blogosphere'. Can't find a copy in Essex or Niagara County? NO problem just

point your 'feeder' to the site for the everyday fun of criticizing the system, silly laws and ridiculous crack downs.

Reaching thousands, if not millions is the goal of the freedom message, let Jim and the writers know that your reading and thinking about issues. Leave snarky yet courteous opinions and comments. It helps the blog and it material get out there. Happy Serfing !

LONG ISLAND COOKOUT

The annual Long Island Cookout will be held on Saturday August 25th. Jim Harris is sponsoring and hosting the 11th annual Long Island Cookout in Plainview. Meet and greet fellow libertarians and enjoy hotdogs, hamburgers and anything else you might bring.

Directions: LIE to exit 44 (Rte 135) south or Southern

State to exit 28A (Rte 135) north. Go to exit 10 (Old Country Rd) east. Turn right (south) on Gerhard at traffic light (Hess Station). Turn left, east, at stop sign (Charlotte).

This is a great opportunity to end your summer with the spirit and cookout fires of Liberty. Don't miss this chance and bring a friend or

two who share the Liberty outlook.

WHEN: Saturday August 25, 2007 2-8 PM

WHERE: 27 Charlotte Place

Plainview, NY 11803

Phone: 631-269-5711

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WITH FELLOW
LIBERTARIANS
AND HELP TAKE
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LIVE FREE OR DIE ON CATV

'Hardfire' producer Gary Popkin is trying to get his engaging program on a cable access channel near you. Gary's show features the best in Libertarian discussion and engagement from all walks of New York life. Issues like Eminent Domain, 9/11 investigations, candidate interviews and debates all highlight a program whose content and

focus you are not likely to see in any outlet.

Most cable franchises allow residents to submit copies of programming of public interest. Gary's program is of high professional output and should make any franchise eager to add to their current content. It usually only takes one 'application' or letter and

then you can submit Gary's program on a weekly basis.

To view previous shows of Hardfire goto <http://Hardfire.net>

Contact Gary at:

HardfireTV@gmail.com

Help keep the torch of Liberty burning in New York !



Let's get Hardfire on every available cable outlet in New York

SUPPORT SB29 AND AB575

Senator DeFrancisco of the Syracuse area has introduced legislation that will reduce the amount of signatures required to run as an 'independent' in half of the current requirements.

If you ever suffered through a petition drive in the middle of the summer, you know the task is not easy. You probably also know that despite the fact that the law is justified to represent support for a given candidate, the reality is that

most voters are indifferent, if not difficult when it comes to 'signing' something.

While the current session will probably expire before this publication is distributed, contacting your legislator at the start of the next session if this doesn't pass or is delayed, will still go a long way.

Last year the LPNY made the ballot for statewide candidates as it has for over thirty years. One of our Congres-

sional candidates was booted by the same crew that clashed in Bush/Gore in Florida. Reducing these signatures will save time and money for the party and its candidates. Take to the time to email, write or call your legislator and let them know you support these bills.

The future of our movement, Party and state could be positively affected by your influence in this matter. Please help.



Prior to the late 19th Century, no signatures were required to run for office.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP, 2007 & BEYOND

Being a member of the LPNY no longer means that you are current on your National, local membership or state enrollment. While it's not necessary to be enrolled as a Libertarian to be an LPNY member, it helps build the 'official' number. Until the LPNY becomes ballot qualified, you can become a member simply by sending as little as \$15. Likewise you should

check your national membership at www.lp.org to find out if your donations are having an impact throughout the country.

While members may have differing opinions on what being a 'libertarian' means or should be, we have to acknowledge that beyond our differences is a world increasingly moving away from Lib-

erty. Since 1972 the Libertarian Party has been a pirate ship in a sea of blue and red navies. While money isn't the most important thing in the world to some, it does allow us to send this newsletter, try to achieve ballot access for candidates and hold annual conventions. The LP needs your support to thrive and continue the message of Liberty. Be generous to it.

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LARGEST THIRD
PARTY. BE A
PART OF THE
DIFFERENCE.

WANTED: WRITERS & CANDIDATES

Do you have a liberty story or concern? Free New York is taking submissions for its Fall issue. Are you considering running for a local, state or Federal office? Let us know. We want to know and will try to help. Free New York has been dormant for a while because the burden often falls on reluctant hands that have been furling the skull and

bones of liberty for a long time. Maybe you're a 'salty dog' of Liberty already and want to see an issue or idea unburied, not lost at sea.

You want to run for office? Even better. The LPNY can help candidates get their bearings, organize raids or just get some helpful advice from people who have run cam-

paigns and organized events. Bottom line: Get involved. Write, lobby, be on TV and run for office. Without you there will be no voice of reason or common sense. Sometimes, less government, more freedom and better ideas just need some shipmates to steer a better course, let alone take on the limeys.



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