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Calendar

April 24-25, 1999 - LPNY convention in Holtsville, Long Island

August 21, 1999 - 3rd annual LPNY picnic

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Address Changes

The mailing list for LPNY is now being maintained by national. All address changes/corrections can be sent to:

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LPNY Convention '99 Set For Holtsville, Long Island

The 1999 LPNY State Convention is set for Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25 in Holtsville, LI. The featured speakers will include Roy Innis from the Congress of Racial Equality, Steve Dastbach, former Chair and current Director of the national LP, David Nolan, one of the founders of the Libertarian Party, Social Security expert Michael Tanner of the Cato Institute, and Robert James Bidinotto from Institute of Objectivist Studies.

The convention will be at the Best Western MacArthur Hotel, 1730 North Ocean Avenue in Holtsville. It's located at exit 63 off the LIE.

The cost is \$99.99 for the complete package including lunch & dinner on Saturday and all speakers, \$79 for speakers and 1 meal, \$49 for speakers only. All prices are good through April 10. After that add \$10 per package.

Room rates for conventioners are \$99+tax and include a

continental breakfast.

For Hotel reservations: call 516/758-2900 or fax 516/758-2612. To get to the convention by train, take the Long Island Rail Road to Ronkonkoma station. Cabs are available there to take you to the hotel.

In addition to the speakers, the movie "Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life" will be shown. The movie will be auctioned off at the end of the convention along with the book and the poster.

The members at the convention will also elect new officers for the coming year, vote on the change to the bylaws that has been proposed and consider any other business that may come up. See page 6 for the proposed change to the bylaws.

For convention information: call 518/371-3641 or 516/292-8340, or send email to: LPNY98Campaign@hotmail.com. Make checks payable to the Libertarian Party of New York, and send them to PO Box 1036, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

For more convention details, see pages 4 and 5.

LI Convenes On March 27

You're invited to the Long Island Libertarian Convention on Saturday, March 27, 1999 from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at luxurious TANG's Castle at 712 Main St. (look for the beautiful fountain) Islip, Long Island, for an all-new sumptuous all-you-can-eat Chinese buffet. The cost is \$19.99 in advance -- \$25 at the door.

Speakers will include Bob Schulz, LPNY candidate for Governor in 1994, who will speak on "Corporate Welfare NY Style." Other speakers will be Gary Shaw from the Touro Law Center, Harvey Kash from Americans for Legal Reform and Gordian Raacke from Citizens Advisory Panel.

To get there, take the LIE 495 to exit 56; or Southern State to exit 43; or Sunrise Highway 27 to exit 45; then go south on Route 111 to Main St.; right onto Main St. (westbound), then a few car lengths to 712 Main St. TANGS is on your left.

The LIRR (516/822-5477) leaves from Penn Station at: 9:10 AM. Change at Jamaica and arrive at Islip 10:30 AM. Or take the 11:31 train from Penn Station, change at Babylon and arrive at Islip at 12:39 PM. If you have questions or need to be picked up at the train station, call Barry at: 543-3510.

Massachusetts LP To Convene On April 17 in Bedford

The Libertarian Party of Massachusetts will hold its annual convention on Saturday, April 17, 1999 at the Renaissance Bedford Hotel in Bedford, Massachusetts.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Potential Presidential Candidates Harry Browne and Jacob G. "Bumper" Hornberger
- Author Shelley Davis, Former IRS Historian (Lunch Speaker)
- Media Personality Gene Burns (Dinner Speaker)
- Author and Political Persuasionist, Michael Cloud on "The Freedom Store: The Libertarian Difference"
- Harvey Silverglate, Esquire

and Author of "The Shadow University: The Betrayal of Liberty on American Campuses."

- Brian Thomas, Cape Cod Media Personality, Elected Office Holder, and Long-time Libertarian

The convention fee is \$69/person if the ticket is purchased in advance and \$79/person if the ticket is purchased the day of the event. The convention fee does not include lunch fee.

Please contact Elaine Berchin at 1-800-JOIN-LPM or at "eberchin@la-ma.org" for more details.

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Queens Plans Tax Protest

Are income taxes just, ethical, or constitutional? Should they be made "fair," flat, or flat-out abolished? Is a sales tax a moral or viable alternative? Is a new tax rebellion needed? The Libertarian Party of Queens will present a panel discussion of these questions, covering major turning points in the history of taxation, groups that have organized to oppose the current kleptocracy, and more. They will also have pamphlets available for distribution in the LPQC's first April 15 protest.

The meeting will be on April 10th, from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at Bohemian Hall, 29-19 24th Avenue, Astoria (one block north of the Astoria Blvd. N train station, just west of 31st St.). For more information, call: (718) 670-3270, visit the web page at: <http://members.aol.com/lpqc>, or send e-mail to: LPQC@aol.com.

by John Reed

Recently, LPNY has been growing on line slowly, but surely. We have two discussion lists and one announcement list, so we are confident one will fit your needs.

If you only have a couple of minutes per month to spare, join the "LPNY Announcements" list. This list is for monthly or bi-monthly announcements only. It's a one way press-release list. No discussion here, you will just receive current New York State Libertarian Announcements. (Currently 28 members).

Now if you have a little more time on your hands, and you'd like to interact with other Libertarians in New York, join the "LPNY_Discuss" list. This list is for Plain Libertarian Discussion about Libertarian philosophy and LPNY State issues. (Currently 120 members) (Note, in the future, if this list becomes too large, an additional Discuss list will have to be created, we'll possibly organize the Discuss lists by

region)

Finally for you who care for real live personal interaction with other Libertarians in New York, join the "LPNY_Activist" list. This list is for Planning activities like OPH- Operation Politically Homeless, Seminars, and Rallies. No philosophy questions here, like, "If the Borg are the collective, would that make Worf a libertarian?" (Currently 18 members)

If you would like to be added to any of these E-group Lists, please respond to john_reed@hotmail.com, and let me know which one you'd like to be on.

In addition, if you decide to remove yourself from any of the E-group Lists, don't worry, it's easy to drop the list. I personally think the lists are great! But don't take my word for it, try one out yourself.

The Libertarian Party of New York -- E-group Lists <http://www.ny.lp.org/online/lists.htm>

Local Chapters

<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u>Local Contact</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Meetings</u>
Suffolk	Barry Loberfield	(516) 543-3510	call for details
Nassau	Vincent O'Neill	(516) 676-8029	3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM 230 Hilton Ave., Hempstead
Queens	Brad Arter	(718) 670-3270	2nd Saturday at 10 AM Bohemian Hall, 29-19 24th Avenue, Astoria
Thomas Paine	Blay Tarnoff	(914) 949-1945	
Hudson Valley	Donald Silberger	(914) 255-8819	1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM College Diner, Route 299, New Paltz
Capital District	Jeff Russell	(518) 371-3641	2nd Tuesday at 6:00 PM Branch Restaurant, Maiden Lane, Albany
Southern Tier	Will Kone	(607) 687-7597	

Libertarian Party of New York 1999 State Convention

April 24 & 25

Best Western MacArthur Hotel,
1730 North Ocean Ave., Holtsville, NY

Speakers Include:

Robert James Bidinotto,
Director of Special Projects for the Objectivist Institute

Michael Tanner, Cato Author

Roy Innis, Director of CORE

David Nolan, founder of the Libertarian Party

cost \$99.99 for complete package,
includes lunch & dinner on Saturday & all speakers

\$79 for speakers and 1 meal

\$49 for speakers only

all prices are good through April 10
after that add \$10 per package

room rates for conventioners \$99 + tax includes continental breakfast
hotel is located right off exit 63 of the Long Island Expressway on the south service road
for reservations call (516) 758-2900 or fax (516) 758-2612

for more information call (518) 371-3641

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ lunch

☐ dinner

☐ lunch & dinner

☐ speakers only

☐ appetizers at 6 PM Friday. If you plan to attend, please check here so we can get a headcount

make checks payable to the Libertarian Party of New York, and mail to LPNY, PO Box 1036, Rockville
Centre, NY 11571

Tentative Convention Schedule

Friday, April 23

6:00 PM: Pre-convention social hour in hotel restaurant with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday, April 24

8:30 to 9:30: Registration / Information Booths / Coffee

9:30 to 9:45: Welcome: Jim Harris, Chair of NY Libertarian Party

9:45 to 10:30: Steve Dasbach, former Chair and current Director of National LP

10:30 to 10:45: Break

10:45 to 11:30: Panel Discussion: Local Elections (Caryn Cohen: Moderator)

11:30 to 1:00: Lunch and Speaker: Roy Innis

1:00 to 2:00: Bob Schulz speaking on the Charter School Movement

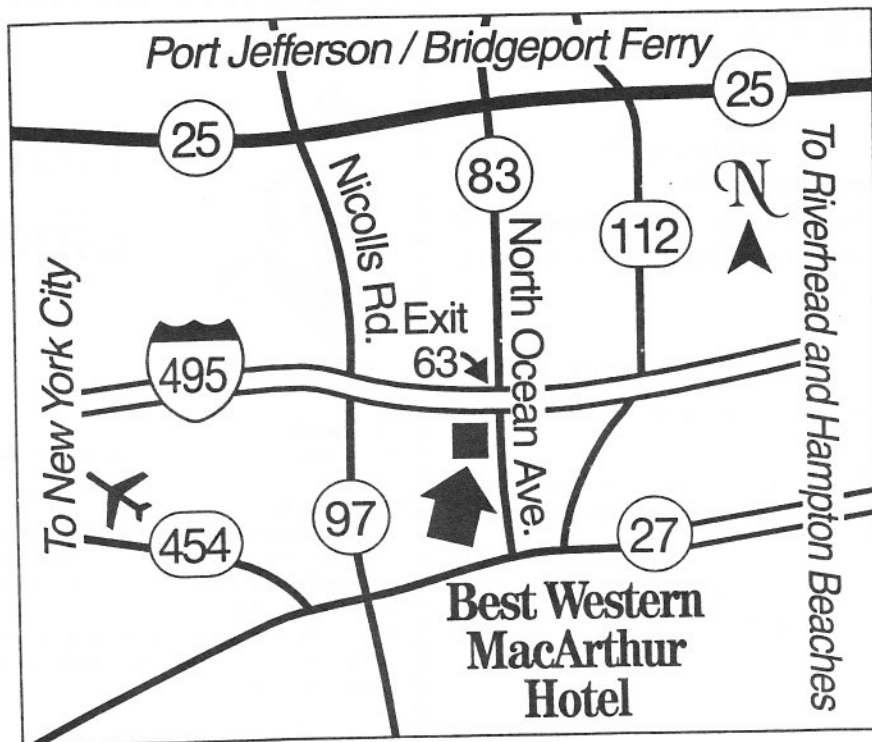
2:00 to 2:30: Break / Booths

2:30 to 3:30: Steve Dasbach, former Chair and current Director of National LP

3:30 to 4:30: David Nolan, one of the founders of the LP

6:00 to 7:00: Cocktail hour

7:00 to 9:00: Dinner and



Directions: At exit 63 on I-495 South Service Road – 6 miles Northeast of MacArthur Airport, 42 miles East of JFK/LAG Airport, 42 miles East of New York City, and 8 miles South of Port Jefferson/Bridgeport Ferry, and 20 miles West of Hampton Beaches.

Speaker: Robert James Bidinotto from Institute of Objectivist Studies

9:30 to 11:30: Movie and Silent Auction (Passion of Ayn Rand)

Sunday, April 25

8:30 to 9:00: Coffee / Information Booths

9:00 to 10:30: Party Business: Elections of State Committee Officers and Bylaws Discussion

10:30 to 10:45: Break

10:45 to 11:45: Michael Tanner from Cato to speak on Social Security

Clifton Running For School Board

The LP of Queens County's newsletter editor and former Chair, John Clifton, is currently running for School Board in the county's 28th District. This represents the first candidacy of a Libertarian in Queens since LPQC's founding in late 1994. Clifton is running on a "more choices in education, more parental control, more accountability by schools" general agenda. The school board elections will be held in May. For further information, or to provide assistance, contact Mr. Clifton at (718) 670-3270.

Change to Bylaws Proposed

The following changes have been proposed to LPNY's bylaws. These changes will be debated and voted on at the annual convention in Holtsville on April 24 and 25.

Article 8, Endorsements, in 1998 had added to it paragraph E:

"No candidate shall appear on the Libertarian Party line for any political office in New York State who is not a member in good standing of the Libertarian Party of New York."

Proposal 1 changes this to read:

"No candidate shall appear on the Libertarian Party line for any political office in New York State who does not subscribe to the Principles and Objectives of the Libertarian Party of New York."

Proposal 2 changes it to read:

"No candidate shall appear on the Libertarian Party line for any political office in New York State who has not certified in writing, 'I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.'"

The reason for either of these changes is to allow greater flexibility of the state and county LPs in choosing candidates, who may not want to belong to the national AND state parties, as now required by paragraph E with the Unified Membership Plan in force.



How to Join the Libertarian Party

Our Objective:

The extension of individual freedom to its furthest limits.

Our Principles:

1. Each individual possesses the inalienable right to life, liberty and justly acquired property.
2. No person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of force against another.
3. All individuals are entitled to choose their own lifestyles, as long as they do not forcibly impose their values on others.
4. The only moral basis of politics is the preservation and protection of individual rights.
5. The voluntary and unrestricted exchange of goods and services is fundamental to a peaceful and harmonious society.

I hereby subscribe to the Objectives and Principles of the Libertarian Party of New York, certifying that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(signature required for membership, not required for subscription only)

Print Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County: _____ (we organize by county)

E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

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