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Lord Plays in Peoria and Then Some...

Libertarian vice-presidential candidate, Dr. Nancy Lord, campaigned in the north and central parts of the state from December 3 through 5 with the same energy and intellect that won her the nomination a few months ago in Chicago. She raised much needed ballot-access

funding as well as the respect from anyone in earshot. Increasing party membership was an added plus on the ledger.

Her campaign trek began in Chicago with a telephone interview with Lynn Sweet of the Chicago Sun Times. From there it was on to Peoria for a Wednesday 6:30 AM radio talk show on WTAZ with Paul Dunn. The show went quite well, highlighted by a lottery official calling in trying to defend the state lottery, saying that the average lottery player has an income of \$25,000, not the poor person portrayed by Lord as playing the lottery. Nancy pointed out that a person making 25 grand a year with a family of four is well below the poverty level—the lottery being a very regressive tax that doesn't even go to education as it was earmarked for. The



Nancy Lord inspires large libertarian crowd

lottery official reportedly was left to murmuring and mumbling. The station manager was so impressed that he hinted he would probably join the party.

From there the *Pekin Daily Times* and the *Peoria Journal Star* interviewed Dr. Lord. Dwayne Bartels, who writes for four community newspapers, also did an interview. Lunch with libertarian/conservative Art Palmer, editor/publisher of the Central Illinois Constitutional Caucus newsletter that reaches thousands of conservatives, went quite well with Mr. Palmer stating that libertarians and conservatives must coalesce on issues of agreement, and not be concerned about their differences.

From there Nancy traveled to La Salle and Ottawa where she did more radio and newspaper interviews, and one

Blaise and Goliath

Volunteers are in the process of gathering 600 plus signatures to assure ballot status in the March Primary for Blaise Grenke running for Congress in the new fifth district—the same district that Dan Rostenkowski will run in. The Libertarian Party obtained official party status in this congressional district a year ago when Dr. Robert Marshall received 21% of the vote opposing Rostenkowski, the chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

Blaise currently works as a semi-trailer truck driver for Custom Companies in Bensenville. His past work experience includes that of a cement mason both union and non-union. He attended Foreman High School and has his high school degree. Blaise has a wife, Anne Marie; and two children, Blaise—eight years old, and Sarah—two.

"Congressman Rostenkowski has been in Congress longer than I have been alive. It's time to send him home so that he can see the effect of the laws he has passed. It's time to elect a person who knows and has lived the problems of the average American citizen."

Blaise will run on the gradual elimination of taxes, starting with the working poor and working class. He will also call for a great reduction in all regulations that burden business and create unemployment. Mr. Grenke calls for the end of the destructive war on drugs. He also calls for the elimination of the FDA so that those people who freely choose to take experimental drugs to restore health (such as Aids victims) may do so.

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Club and Party Notes

WANTED! YOUR PHONE NUMBERS.

LPI is establishing a telephone tree so we can reach everyone quickly for local candidate appearances, ballot petitioning, canvassing, and other purposes.

We need home and work numbers, if you can get calls at work.

We also need to know what times we can call you, who we can leave messages with, and where else to try if we can't find you.

We expect things will happen during the upcoming campaign that will not give us the two or three weeks we need to reach everybody by mail, and we only have phone numbers for about one third of the members.

Even if you think we have your numbers, please send us an update to be sure.

Call Christopher Maxwell at 312-465-6288 or mail to 2421 W. Pratt, Box 230, Chicago, IL 60645.

LPI Structure

Recently, a newcomer to the LPI asked about the structure of our organization. The State Organizing Committee (SOC) runs the day-to-day operations of the state party. The LPI is an affiliated party of the National Libertarian Party. Illinois collects national dues for people within its boundaries, but neither the National Chair nor the National Libertarian Committee tell Illinois what to do or not to do except in general philosophical terms. Illinois is a member state of Region 7 of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC or NATCOM); Maggie Kohls of Des Plaines is our Rep. Region 7 is composed of: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri & Illinois. Illinois is indirectly represented by two members of its state party who serve as at large reps—Steve Givot of Barrington & Ken Prazak, Editor of the *Illinois Libertarian*. An LPI member is not a national member unless he pays dues to the national party, just as a national member is not an Illinois member unless he also joins the state party. Being a national member does count towards the number of delegates our state is entitled to when national conventions are held—every two years. Currently Illinois is the fifth largest state with over 400 national members—California, Texas, Pennsylvania & Florida are ahead of us. The next national convention will be in the summer of 1993 at a site to be determined.

Ballot access & political campaigns in Illinois are governed by a Political Action Committee, called Libertarian Fair Ballot Access Committee Or LIFBAC. Sue Walton is the Chair. LIFBAC is separate from the LPI because it is a PAC; but it does work closely with the LPI.

Campaign Notes

- The following is a growing list of candidacies. If you would like to run for political office, contact campaign chair, Glenn Olofson at 312-274-6895.

Candidate	Office
Andre Marrou	President of the U. S.
Nancy Lord	Vice-president of the U. S.
Glenn Olofson	State Representative
Ted Beckman	State Representative
Paul Salander	State Representative
Ken Wolin	State Representative
Neal Reynolds	State Representative
Steve Bergauer	State Representative
Blaise Grenke	U.S. Congress

You should consider adding your name to this list. You should consider being a candidate.

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You should consider being a candidate.

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calling in to St. Charles radio station, WFXW.

On Thursday, she highlighted her Chicago trip with an interview with libertarian talk show host, Stacy Taylor, on WLS AM—50,000 watts worth. Every caller reacted positively to her and she answered the questions with great aplomb and forcefulness making sure to give the Libertarian telephone numbers air frequently. Stacy, almost taken aback by her savvy and brilliance, suggested seriously that she look into hosting radio talk shows. As one who listens to Stacy quite often, I can attest to the fact that I have never heard Stacy give any other guest such a compliment. The call-in board was lit up fully the whole time Nancy was on the radio. The Party received quite a few calls and some memberships from that interview. A cassette tape of Stacy's interview is available for five dollars from the party. The tape would be an excellent way to introduce newcomers to libertarian philosophy and the Party.

The campaign trip was capped off with a banquet at Zum Deutschen Eck Restaurant in Chicago, with 65 people attending. Again, Dr. Lord continued to inspire, motivate and captivate her audience. Libertarians got a welcome shot in the arm by her spirit and resolve. A growing number of Libertarians are deciding to run for office.

A video of the banquet speech is forthcoming. Also, we have made arrangements for Nancy to be interviewed by journalists for *The Reader* and *The Daily Herald*, interviews that the writers had cancelled because of personal conflicts.



Stacy and Nancy pause for a pose

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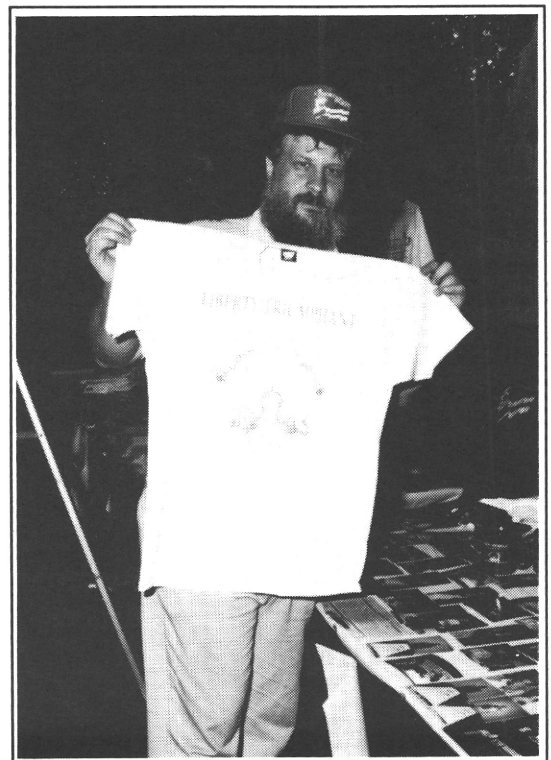
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Libertarian Leanings

Some thoughts about the Oath

by Steve Givot

While I personally had no problem signing the oath, I believe it to be an unnecessary barrier to "entry" into the LP.

We count party membership different than the D's or the R's. "Members" of the D and R parties don't all carry cards, pay dues, or get a newsletter. People consider themselves to be members of these parties if they regularly support their candidates.

Not so with the LP.

In order to be a "member" of the LP, we require people to sign a very strong oath and pay an annual fee. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to recognize that this makes it more difficult or less desirable for some to consider themselves "members" of the LP.

I think that requiring members to sign the oath is effectively meaningless. Consider, if you will, some of the outrageous, false, fraudulent, and aggressive attacks initiated in certain "libertarian" publications over the past few years. The LP takes no action against the perpetrators, even though they are clearly violating their oath.

We are a new offering in a well-established market. When a new car is offered, buyers expect such statistics as gas mileage to be presented in a recognizable form. Miles per gallon—not kilometers per liter. When we are asked about membership, we tell the media we have about 10,000 members. The D's and R's talk about tens of millions! But they aren't talking about card-carrying, dues-paying people. (I understand that in the height of Soviet communism, there were only a few million card-carrying communist party members there.)

Let's reconsider what it means to be a "member" of the LP so that we can provide numbers more comparable to those expected from a meaningful political force. Let's eliminate both the oath and the requirement to pay dues as requirements for "membership".

Blaise (from page 1)

Blaise's campaign will emphasize the need to restore Congress to a citizen's legislature as our founding fathers intended, moving away from the hypocrisy and arrogance that now characterizes Congress and its members, epitomized by his opponent.

Anyone interested in being the campaign manager should contact Blaise, 312-278-0368.

Neal Reynolds Runs for State Representative

Neal Reynolds, a member of the Northwest Libertarian Club, has thrown his hat in the ring to run for state representative, most likely in the 45th district. Republican Kathleen Wojek is the current office holder in that district. This is the same district that Gerry Walsh ran for in 1988, but was beaten back in a challenge to the signatures gathered for ballot status.

Neal is 31 years old. For the last ten years he has worked as a computer programmer. In his spare time he performs in community theatre, writes letters to the editor, and is currently writing a play. Neal was valedictorian of his high school class. To contact him to help with the campaign, call Neal at 708-303-5085.

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(conceived by Karl Peterjohn of the Kansas LP)

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- **North Cook County Libertarian Club** Annual Christmas Party—\$7 buys you all the food and drink you can eat, Thursday, at the Henry George School, located at 1772 West Greenleaf, Chicago, Illinois 60626; phone 312-338-6698. More info: call Mike Woloshin, 312-525-0846, or Sue Walton, 475-0391.

December 15

- **Northwest Libertarian Club** Christmas Party; Sunday night; 5:00 PM; at Helen Heyden's house, 357 Countryside, Roselle; \$1 donation per person; and bring a dish. Call Helen at 708-529-1551 for more information.

December 29

- **La Salle County Libertarians** meeting Sunday 7:00 PM, at Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL. Meets here every last Sunday of month. More info: call Paul Salander, 815-539-7839.

January 6

- **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Monday, 6:30 PM, at the Fox Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, IL. Meets first Monday of every month same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 708-969-1088.

January 7

- **State Organizing Committee** meeting, Tuesday night, 7:00 PM. Call Steve Reed for more info: 312-764-5828.

January 9

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club** meeting, 7:00 PM., Thursday, at the Henry George School, located at 1772 West Greenleaf, Chicago, Illinois 60626; phone: 312-338-6698. More info: call Mike Woloshin, 312-525-0846.

January 12

- **La Salle County Libertarians**, meeting Sunday, 8 P.M., at the Waltham Curling Club, Triumph, IL. Meets 2cd Sunday of month here. More info: Call Paul Salander: 815-539-7839.

January 21

- **Northwest Libertarian Club** Tuesday night. Dinner at 7:00 PM, speaker at 8:00 PM. Location: Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim St., (one quarter block south of Algonquin Rd.) Des Plaines, IL. Call Jeanette Clinkinbroomer, 708-966-0565 for more information.

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