



# ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN

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## Dave Kelley for Alderman

Dave Kelley, Libertarian Party of Illinois Vice Chair, North, is officially a candidate for Alderman in Rockford. He will be campaigning against a Republican and a Democrat for the 9th Ward seat on the Rockford City Council.

In 1981 Dave got almost 10 percent of the vote for the Alderman's chair in the 4th Ward. Although he has been redistricted into a different ward, Dave thinks his chances of winning are far better this year. With Rockford among the top three cities in the country in number of unemployed workers, and after local tax increases totaling 30 percent over the past three years, "The time is ripe for a Libertarian program," Dave said.

Dave's campaign theme is "Let Rockford Work." He will focus on two main and related issues: Home Rule repeal and unemployment. He plans to propose Enterprise Areas for the City and to work with the Winnebago County Board to get an abatement from them of the 1 percent sales tax the County gets back from the State. "we have the solutions to all our problems. The people of Rockford can solve them," he said, "as soon as we get government out of the way."

Dave, an engineer, is a project manager with John Fridh and Sons, a general contracting firm. He grew up in Rockford and married Kathy during his three-year stint in the Army. They have lived in Rockford since his discharge from the military. Dave and Kathy joined the Libertarian Party in 1980 and organized the Rockford Area Libertarians soon afterward. They campaigned for Ed Crane and Bruce Green in 1980 and Dave ran for Lieutenant Governor on the Armstrong ticket in 1982. After he made his first try for an aldermanic post in 1981, Dave and Kathy coordinated a petition drive to cut by 25 percent the maximum tax rates for three of Winnebago County's funds. The tax-cut drive aborted when the County Board filled the allowable spots on the ballot with three phony tax-cut referenda (as County Boards have done in recent years in DuPage and Lake Counties).

This past fall, the Kelleys worked with the Winnebago Taxpayers Association in a successful drive to put a Repeal-Home-Rule referen-

dum on the April ballot for the City of Rockford (see the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN, V8,10/11/12). Dave will be educating the voters on the relationship between Home regulatory and taxing powers and the business climate--and hence the level of employment in the City.

Getting the word out is going to take money and a lot of volunteer hours. LPI Treasurer Kathy Kelley is the Treasurer of Dave's campaign committee. You can send your contributions to 3220 Louise Street, Rockford, IL 61113. To volunteer time, drop Dave a note or call him at 815/877-9605.

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### OTHER CAMPAIGNS

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Steve Johnson reports that three days after his campaign workers put up "Johnson for Commissioner" stickers on the lampposts at all the major intersections in Forest Park, some-one removed them. He is calling for a police investigation of the removal of public notices from taxpayers's property. More stickers will be posted the week end before the primary election.

Phone around evenings have been scheduled for February 9 and 16. Volunteers will be calling registered voters in Forest Park on those two Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00pm. Phone calls have proved in the past to be a very effective campaign tool. To volunteer, call Steve at 312/366-5623 or Rich Suter at 312/736-9572.

Additional campaign days are scheduled for noon Saturdays, February 12 and 19, and 1:00pm Sunday, February 20. Call Steve to let him know you're coming, or just show up at his house, 148 Circle Street, Forest Park. Or send your check, payable to Stephen Johnson for Commissioner. The Zip is 60130.

Gerry Walsh, gearing up for his campaign for Village Trustee in the Village of Roselle, has announced that Helen Heyden is chairing his Campaign Committee. Helen is the Libertarian precinct captain who brought in 4.5% of the vote in her precinct for Bea Armstrong. To volunteer to work on Gerry's campaign, call Helen at 312/529-1551. Or send your check, payable to VOTE FOR WALSH, to Gerry at 789 Overland Court, Roselle, IL 60172.

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MORE ABOUT CLARK/O'KEEFE

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by Jim Johnston

In a recent issue of the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN, State Chair Gerry Walsh wrote in his column, "ON THE FIRING OF ERIC O'KEEFE, Who cares!"

I hope this was a fleeting indiscretion, because we Libertarians are too few in number to indulge in the luxury of dismissing people and their contributions in such a flippant way.

I have had the pleasure of witnessing first hand the extraordinary competence of ex-National Director Eric O'Keefe. I have also witnessed in horror a kind of parliamentary ambush where any prepared deliberation of an important issue like Eric's dismissal was impossible.

On both accounts the libertarian movement sustained serious injury. We lost a talented and dedicated activist and we lost the ability to consider carefully the advisability of a crucial action.

The aftermath was an understandable controversy of great magnitude. Indeed, it was incumbent upon responsible Libertarians who witnessed the act to raise questions about the prudence and the legality, and most importantly, to see to it that the dispute be submitted for settlement to the appropriate body, namely, the Judicial Committee.

Gathering enough signatures to submit the issue to the Judicial Committee was met with a barrage of venom from Alicia Clark and the rest of the Evers-Rothbard faction. Nevertheless, of the members in Illinois and those across the nation who were asked to sign the petition, an impressive 30 percent responded by saying yes. One could say they truly care, which is probably why they are Libertarians.

It must be admitted that there was a handful who responded with invective, and true to form, all but one hid their identity. Clearly, they are a tiny minority and quite uncharacteristic of mainstream Libertarians.

In response to Gerry Walsh's, "Who cares!" it can be said with confidence that those who do outnumber those who do not by nearly 20 to one.

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LETTERS to the Editor

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One Malcolm Thane of Aloha, Oregon, apparently in a high state of incensement, wrote to protest the content of the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN (V8, 10/11/12). Since he forbade our printing any portion of his letter unless we printed all of it, readers will be deprived of the flavor of his writing. Nonetheless, we'd like to share his objections.

He thought Stephen Boydston's article was saying women don't always have the right to control their own bodies, and if that is the case, we shouldn't have printed it. He wanted to know why G. Walsh helped found the or-

ganization R.O.S.E. (Residents Organized to Serve and Enlighten)--the "S" seems to be antithetical to his idea of Gerry's rational self interest. Finally, he castigates the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN for accepting advertising from someone who has been accused of something and suggests the newsletter not associate with an accused till exonerated.

Although Mr. Thane does not say he is a Libertarian or even a libertarian, he seems to be concerned that we uphold libertarian principles as he understands them through our editorial policy and our individual actions (in Gerry's case). His letter is the strongest argument we've seen in favor of the Libertarian Party's intensifying its educational efforts, internal as well as external.

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from the CHAIR

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DON'T CRAWL INTO THE WOODWORK

The gubernatorial election is over, and the holiday season is over. It's time to start planning activities for 1983. I chose the title for this column because of the bromide "Minor parties crawl out of the woodwork only during presidential elections." For Libertarians, they might add, "and during gubernatorial and congressional elections." We can't stop there.

Below is a list of events already planned for 1983. There may be a draft protest in the spring also. The list does not include parades, county fairs, or other activities which local clubs are organizing. (P.S., Please submit these to the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN. It may give other clubs ideas and show that these things can be done.) Please contact your local Rep for more information.

Events to put in your calendar for 1983:

- Feb. 12 - LIFBAC Banquet, Chicago
- Feb. 28 - Number of Illinois delegates to Presidential Nominating Convention will be determined by the number of LP National members in Illinois on this date
- April 2,3,9,10 - Literature drops for local candidates
- April 12 - Local elections
- April 15 - Tax Protest Chicago, Rockford, Barrington, and DuPage
- May 13 - Outreach program, Chicago
- May 14-15 - State Convention, Chicago
- June 25 - Annual Libertarian Picnic (tentative date)
- Aug. 29-Sept.5 - Presidential Convention, New York City

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from the EDITOR'S DESK

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE--We need to be recruiting new members and bringing lapsed members back into the fold all year long. But right now is the time for the big push. See Feb. 28, "from the Chair."

LIFBAC DINNER, Feb. 12--Don't forget to send your reservations to P.O. Box 1776--\$25/person, indicate "filet" or "scrod" choice.

HEIDENFELDER, TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE?--Three pols are fighting over the Assessor's job. It'll be some time before the dust settles.

CONTRIBUTION--Our thanks to the non-member whose generous gift paid first class postage for this issue.

THE UNITED POLICE STATE OF AMERICA

John Marshall Law School Professor Mel Lewis will speak on "The United Police State of America" at 7:30pm Wednesday, February 16, in the Loop. He will discuss police activities and court decisions which are destroying our freedom and leading us rapidly toward a completely centralized police system. Mel, a practicing attorney, is Chairman of the Criminal Justice Counsel and President of the Criminal Defense Lawyers section of the Illinois Bar Association. If you would like to hear Mel's talk and join in the discussion afterward, call the Editor for more information.--Meet for dinner at 5:30 or 6:00?

CALENDAR

ILLINOIS VALLEY LIBERTARIAN ASSOCIATION-- 3pm second Sunday, 725 E. Kansas, Peoria-- Scott Tillman 382-2892.

KANE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7:30pm first Wednesday, St. Charles Savings and Loan, St. Charles--Pat Schultz 426-9187.

LIBERTARIAN CLUB OF DU PAGE--8pm first and second Mondays, College of DuPage, followed by Cafe Discussion at Alfie's Restaurant; 8pm last Wednesday, Don Parrish's house-- Pat Peterson, H.830-8468, O.832-3130.

McHENRY COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7pm third Thursday, Branded Steak House, Crystal Lake-- Joan Jarosz 658-6335 or Steve Garcia 639-8112.

NORTH COOK COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY--7pm second Sunday; STUDY GROUP--7pm fourth Sunday-- for more information, call Ray 4721536, Kris 327-9681, or Stephen 883-5199.

NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY LIBERTARIAN ORGANIZATION--from 6pm on, Wednesdays, Feb. 9, 16, 6545 W. Addison, Unit H, Chicago; noon Saturdays, Feb. 12, 19, and 1pm Sunday, Feb.20, 248 Circle Street, Forest Park--Steve Johnson 366-5623 or Rich Suter 736-9572.

PRAIRIELANDS LIBERTARIAN ASSOCIATION--4pm first Sunday, 1501 N. School, Normal--Bob Johnston 452-1219.

SOCIAL SECURITY CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Bruce Daniel, National Coordinator for the LP Social Security Project, announced that Libertarians throughout the country will be staging a telethon the first week in February. To participate, all you need do is call the District (Home) Offices of members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives and tie up their phones while you explain the Libertarian Alternative to the SSS. In Illinois, the people to call are Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski and Representatives Marty Russo and Philip M. Crane. Crane is also a member of the Subcommittee on Social Security.

On Feb. 7 and 8, delegations of Libertarians will be visiting the District Offices of Ways and Means Committee members, and on Feb. 25, delegations will visit all Congressional District Offices. Demonstrations will also be held outside the offices on the 25.

Some time during February Rep. Ron Paul of Texas will introduce a bill in the House which will make continued participation in the Social Security System voluntary for those already in it, and will prohibit the enrollment of any new workers. Those who opt out of the system, and their employers, will no longer be required to pay SS taxes, and the individuals will voluntarily waive their claims to future benefits. Those who stay the course with the SSS will continue to pay the tax and will be entitled to benefits--if their gamble pays off!

The ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN will print the best letters readers send us which they have written to editors or to congressmen advocating the Libertarian Alternative to the SSS. Have you written yours yet?

+++++ LATE FLASH! Scott Tillman, LPI Vice Chair, South, announces plans to run for Alderman in Marquette Heights. More later. +++++

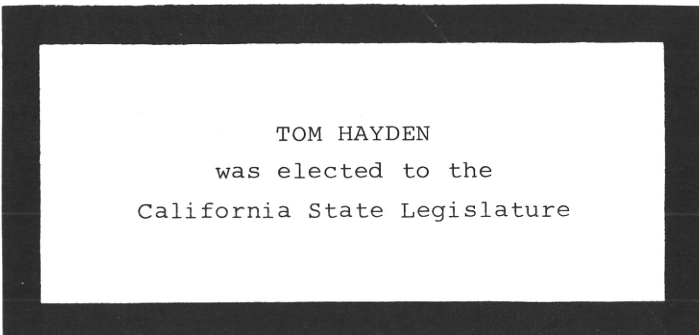
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## NEXT SCC MEETING FEBRUARY 6

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The next State Central Committee meeting will be at 1:00pm Sunday, February 6, at Lee Euchler's home. Call the LPI number for directions. The SCC meets every month. Although only State Representatives may vote, any LPI member is welcome at the meetings.

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