

Free Orange County

"The kind of man who demands that government enforce his ideas is always the kind whose ideas are idiotic."

— H . L .
Mencken

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OCLP to elect officers, lift activism

By David Bergland

It happens every March. Orange County Libertarians will elect local party officers to lead the party for the coming year at this month's regular meeting.

All offices are open: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Outgoing Chair Roger Bloxham, whose office in Costa Mesa serves as the regular meeting site, states that he is looking forward to seeing some of the new, young and enthusiastic members assuming leadership roles. This attitude is in keeping with sound management and a healthy organization. We will grow faster and be more effective to the degree that new members see opportunities for themselves to make the LP a significant force in Orange County.

The coming year provides a great deal of

opportunity for libertarian activism. The most obvious is gearing up for the 1992 elections: selecting races and candidates and putting together campaign organizations. For any libertarian wishing to have an impact, there will be plenty to do and nothing to stop you. A few examples: letters to the editor; high school outreach speaking program; voter registration drive; City Council watchdog; cable TV advertising; college campus organizing; Fully Informed Jury Amendment Initiative petitioning.

Current OCLP members and leaders are committed to making the coming year our most active yet, with activities of interest made available for everyone. You should be a part of that. Please attend the meeting this month and help us elect an active team of officeholders.

LPC state convention report

California Libertarians met for the Party's annual convention in Monterey last month, making major changes in the party structure and electing officers for the coming year.

Pat Wright, computer programmer and former San Diego Chair, was elected State Chair. Other officers elected were **Mark Hinkle** (Northern Vice Chair), **Kim Goldsworthy** (Southern Vice Chair), **Ed Moss** (Secretary) and **Bonnie Flickinger** (Treasurer). Wright said his main goal is to increase party membership, just as he increased San Diego's membership by 600% during the time he served as Chair in that county.

Delegates also restructured the unwieldy 47 member Executive Committee by reducing it to 15 members. The ExComm is now composed of the five officers, five members from the five largest counties and five members elected at large. Congratulations

to **Terry Dunn**, elected to the ExComm from Orange County.

In addition to party business matters, the delegates heard from LP presidential contenders **Dick Boddie** and **Andre Marrou** and heard a fascinating debate on the propriety of an LP presidential taking federal matchin funds between Marrou's campaign advisor, **Michael Emerling**, (pro) and California NatComm member **Steve Alexander** (con).

FOC Light edition

Hectic personal schedules for editor David Bergland and layout artist Scott Bieser precluded the usual 4-page issue of *Free Orange County* this month. We hope two pages will suffice this time and promise to return with our regular format next month.

Meeting Time & Place

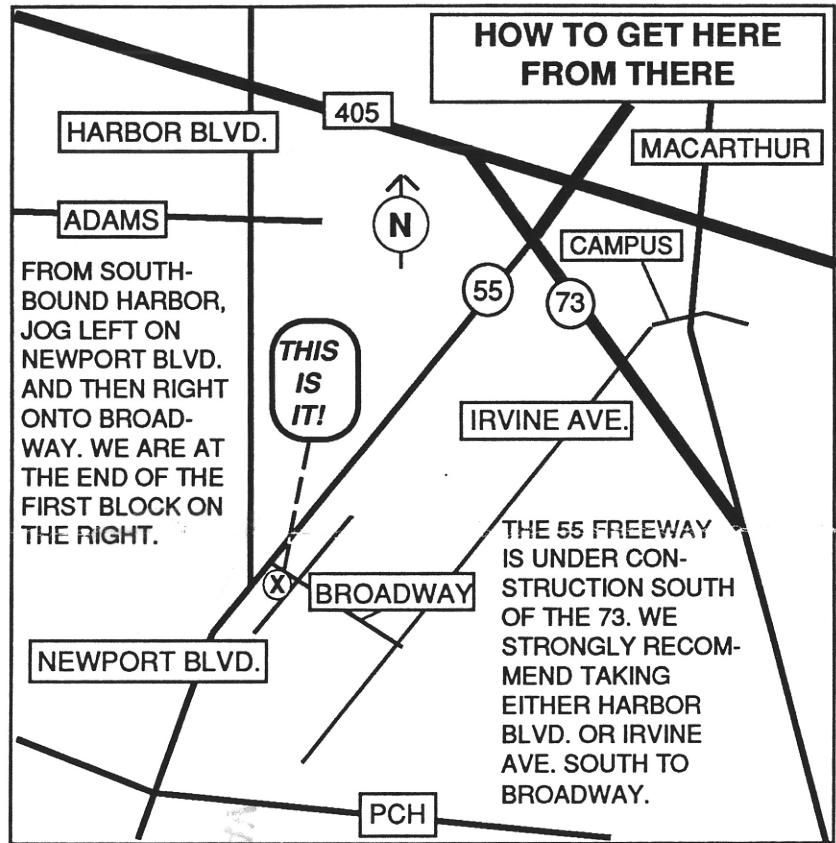
The Orange County Libertarian Party will meet Tuesday, March 19 at 149 Broadway in Costa Mesa. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For up-to-the-minute details concerning the next meeting please call party Chair Roger Bloxham at (714) 642-2002.

South County Meeting

Libertarians in the southern party of the county also meet the fourth Tuesday of each month in Laguna Beach.

Jim and Linda Rushing organize these meetings at the Laguna Beach Hotel, 425 S. Coast Highway. This month the meeting will be in the Catalina Room from 7 to 10 p.m.



Get out the vote for Eric Sprik

Tuesday, March 19 (meeting date) is your day to vote for Libertarian Eric Sprik for State Senator in the 35th district. Eric is the only Libertarian in the race and is virtually assured of making the general election if no candidate receives a majority of the votes. With 8 Republicans, that's unlikely.

The run-off election is sched-

uled for May 14. Get out the vote for Eric so that he makes a newsworthy showing. More important, get active in Eric's campaign and make it a successful vehicle for bringing in more members between now and May 14. Call Eric or his campaign manager, Dr. Craig Chaffin, at (714) 650-7072 and tell them how you can help. Eric will appreciate it.

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