

# Alaska Libertarian



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FLASH!

## LIBERTARIAN BEATS THEM ALL!

State House Libertarian Wins Again

The Alaska State House of Representatives has six seats to fill every two years in the Fairbanks district. In 1978, Libertarian Dick Randolph won the last seat, sixth in a seventeen candidate race. But, Dick has been working hard for the last two years.

November 4, 1980, Representative Dick Randolph received his THANK YOU for a job well done. Our Lone Libertarian came through the race as the TOP vote-getter IN THE STATE! He received 11,110 votes in an eighteen candidate race. Three incumbent Democrats and one incumbent Republican retained their seats in second, third, fifth and sixth position.

BUT, will wonders never cease! In the fourth position with an impressive 9,769 votes was ANOTHER LIBERTARIAN - game guide, lands lobbyist and Real Alaska Coalition director Ken Fanning. DICK and Ken will make a strong partnership in Juneau for the next two years.

Our other four Libertarians were hurt by a very nasty, last-minute smear campaign because they did not have past records to fall back on. But, we are still proud of Ed Hoch, Bill Waugaman, Pete Schnaars, and Gary Cotten for their efforts to educate the people about our fight for freedom.

BEWARE -- Freedom IS Coming Again!

THEY THAT CAN GIVE UP ESSENTIAL LIBERTY  
TO OBTAIN A LITTLE TEMPORARY SAFETY  
DESERVE NEITHER LIBERTY NOR SAFETY.

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## CLARK MAKES ALASKA LIBS LEGAL

No More Signatures!!

Alaskans can claim a second victory on Nov. 4th. In 1980, in order for Ed Clark and David Koch to be on the ballot, signatures of three percent of registered voters in the state had to be collected on a petition. Never again! In order to recognize the Libertarian Party as a political party instead of a political group, the Clark/Koch ticket had to receive at least 10% of the vote statewide. They garnered not 10%, but 12%. Federal Libertarian candidates now have permanent ballot status in Alaska.

Credit for this victory can be attributed to the hard work of Judy Clarke, Clark State Coordinator, and her many statewide volunteers.



Chugiak --

Libertarians Susan Bickman and Carole Stafford deliver Clark for President pamphlets door-to-door in rural Alaska in spite of the first snow of the season.

During the past few weeks more than 80 volunteers have delivered more than 70,000 pamphlets statewide.

THANKS,  
MISS ELLIE

1980 proved too big for the permanent Libertarian Party office in Fairbanks. A mobile home was set up two blocks from the office to be used as the combined campaign headquarters for Clark and the State House candidates. That was no problem. The trailer and furnishings were donated. But who do you get to manage the office full time so the campaign can run smoothly? Ellie Smith, who was Dick's secretary in Juneau, and State House candidate Pete Schnaars' wife, volunteered to take on that monstrous job, and did it well.

We all owe Ellie a great big THANK YOU!!

Ed Clark is to be congratulated for taking an interest in Alaska, the stepchild that no other Presidential candidate considered worth the effort of making even one appearance. Ed Clark came to Alaska three times, and it paid off in votes.

Clark won over Reagan and Carter in Manley, Central, Teller and Trappers Creek. Clark beat Carter and Anderson in Valdez, Palmer, Big Delta, Clear, Healy, Livengood, Cantwell, Chicken, and Chatanika. Clark also beat Carter and Anderson in 12 precincts in the Fairbanks area.

We are winning, and we must not give up the fight. Education and hard work are the key. FREEDOM IS THE PRIZE -- RESPONSIBILITY THE PRICE.

## Stan Wins Mayor Race

A record setting run-off election on October 28th put Stan Thompson back in the driver's seat as Kenai Borough Mayor. Thompson lost the seat five years ago, but this year regained it with a 1430 vote difference over his opponent.

Stan is well known as a prime sponsor of the Income Tax Initiative, which brought tax repeal, and is a prime sponsor of the current Tundra Rebellion Initiative.

### PRESIDENT ALSO LIBERTARIAN

Another Libertarian, John Davis, was elected President of the Kenai Borough Assembly. John was not a Libertarian when he was first elected to the Borough Assembly, but joined the LP a year ago. Johns owns and runs the radio station in Kenai.

## District 9 House Race

John Phillips was the Libertarian candidate for State House in District 9 (Anchorage), where two seats were up for grabs. He garnered 11% of the totals, 804 votes, coming in fourth of six candidates.

John was able to campaign only 5 to 6 weeks because of being out of town. He is not discouraged, and plans to run again. He felt that not being in the primary hurt because no campaigning was done prior to that election. More campaign exposure and education are John's main goals for a successful campaign in the future. See you in two years, John!

## Money and Work Needed

by Chuck Hutchins

I think the recent Libertarian campaigns in Anchorage, more than anything else, were indicative of the progress made here during the last 9 months. They also showed us just how much more work we have to do to win in the future. Although trailing other serious candidates significantly in the amount of money spent, we received more votes per dollar than just about anyone else.

With only \$8000 to spend, crucial decisions with respect to media choices had to be made. My decision was to saturate several radio stations with 30 and 60 second spots. In retrospect, I think we were correct in our choice of radio over TV, but I think an aggressive TV campaign to complement a radio blitz might make a difference to my next campaign.

I am convinced that Libertarians can win in Anchorage, and that 1982 will most likely see several elected from this area. Future successful campaigns will not be cheap, and those of us who want to run and win must begin fundraising very soon.

Money and hard work are two of the three keys to victory in 1982. The third part is education. I believe that local Libertarian organizations must take the 5 or 6 most controversial aspects of our philosophy and methodically and logically convince the voters. We must neutralize future smear campaigns - NOW!

## Caught In Election Politics

by Susan Bickman

District 8 was disappointed, needless to say, that Chuck Hutchins did not fare better in the November election.

I personally feel that more effort in the area of education needs to be taken in District 8. We seemed to get caught up in election politics. Lack of knowledge about the party hurt us considerably, and no TV media was used by either candidate.

The amazing thing was how well Nora Collett did, spending less than \$2000. Chuck ended with a total District vote count of 2343 versus Nora's 1894. He ran much stronger in the Anchorage area. We believe Nora's strength came from the fact she has operated a business for 30 years in this area. The outcome might have been different if we had had more man power to run a campaign around her, as she was not up to the campaign herself. However, hindsight is always better than foresight!

I was encouraged that the Eagle River/Chugiak area results for Clark were 13.6%, above the statewide total.

The smear campaign attempted by a local Republican party member did not do us any harm. It was a good "educational" experience, preparing party members mentally for that type of attack, particularly as it was a very poorly done attack.

Hopefully, the momentum started during the campaign in District 8 will be directed toward other activities, such as the Tundra Rebellion.

My hope is that we do not lose sight of our goal to make people realize, think, and act to take control of their own lives. Electing candidates is not the sole goal, in my opinion, and I hope to continually remind party members of that.

## Quits Job To Run

Joe Valiente, truck driver for a local bread company, quit his job to run a full time campaign as a Libertarian for State House in District 12 (Anchorage), where two seats were available.

Joe had three main issues: government regulation, schools, and tax repeal, which he concentrated on in his hard run race. Not only were two of the candidates incumbents, and ran a team advertising campaign, but one of them was the third term House Minority leader!

Even with these odds, Joe garnered 30% of the totals, 2988 votes. Joe held a very successful fundraiser dinner. He also had an Open House, meet the candidate sneak preview of his TV spots to raise funds for TV time. Joe was very visible during his campaign, visiting every house in his district and using lots of huge yard signs for name identification.

Although Joe is not sure about running again in the future, he feels it will be much easier from now on for future candidates. Anchorage is just getting its feet wet this year, and a lot was learned by the candidates to pass on to future Freedom Fighters.

# FREEDOM FIGHTERS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The IRS is trying to make an example of as many Libertarian activists as possible. One of the Founders of the Fairbanks Libertarian Party is being railroaded by a Federal Kangaroo Court into jail for his assertion of individual rights.

## **We Need This Man Among Us**

TO HELP FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM, NOT ROTTING IN JAIL!

TIM DOVE is willing to go to jail rather than compromise his convictions.

There is no need for this man to go to jail if the people are aware of their rights and powers as jurors. The only reason TIM may go to jail is because the people do not know that they have the power to veto unconstitutional, unfair laws, and the judges are not about to tell them so.

## **We Need Money To Advertise**

AND EDUCATE PEOPLE TO THEIR RIGHTS AS JURORS.

## **FREEDOM DOES NOT COME CHEAP!!**

All we can give is moral and monetary support. TIM is the one who has to face the IRS ALONE. Even if this is too late to help Tim Dove,

IT MAY HELP YOU!

## **Please Give Generously -**

AFTER ALL IF TIM WINS, WE WILL ALL WIN!!

Personal donations to Tim should be made out to:  
Society of Individuals  
P. O. Box 60083  
Fairbanks, Ak. 99706

Contributions to promote the rights of the jury should be made out to:  
Tax Facts Council  
P. O. Box 74316  
Fairbanks, Ak. 99707

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## Clarke On Clark

by Judy Clarke, Statewide Co-ordinator

After a year of hard work, the Clark campaign for President is over.

The final results will be certified Nov. 26, but one fact is apparent now, Libertarians around the state didn't work in vain. Our efforts established us as a third party to be reckoned with in Alaskan politics. In comparison to the 1976 race, we doubled our percentage of the vote in the state.

In Juneau, probably the toughest place to be a Libertarian, Cheri Banks, Sioux Plummer, Jim Knoll, and Ed Foster co-ordinated the campaign. They organized a successful Clark visit in October, raised funds for radio spots and engineered a statewide news conference over the teleconference system. Media persons from Nome to Matanuska to Ketchikan took advantage of the opportunity to ask questions of our candidate. Clark received between 4 and 7 percent of the vote in the Southeast districts.

Susan Bickman and Chuck Pike headed the effort in Anchorage. This group arranged for the production of the radio spots which were used statewide, orchestrated a successful Clark visit in September, raised money, and distributed tens of thousands of Clark brochures. Through their efforts, the number of votes cast for Clark equaled more than 10% of the total vote in Anchorage.

Because of the efforts of Kodiak Libertarians Ken and Elaine Damm, Dr. John Shank, Ben and Colleen Olds, John and Karen O'Leary, Lynn Carpenter, and Marty and Dee Barbaro, Clark received more votes than Carter in a number of precincts, and ended up with 15% of the total vote.

The Valdez area was covered with Clark posters by an active group of Libertarians, and Chuck Pike spoke to the Chamber of Commerce about the Clark candidacy. As a result, 13% of the votes from District 4 went to Clark.

The Clark totals from District 5 were especially impressive. He received 17½% of the vote in this area. This was possible only by the hard work of local Libertarians. Jon and Carol Hammond worked to make the Clark booth at the Palmer Fair outstanding. Less than a month later, Ed Clark was in Palmer and Wasilla for a successful visit which culminated in a SRO town meeting at Wasilla High School. Two weeks before the election, Jim Kellard, Bert and Myra Hales, Harry Aulman, Hugo Puronen, Errol McElroy, and Jake Homer were putting together personal notes in 800 Clark brochures, urging their friends and neighbors to vote Libertarian. The voters of Trapper Creek received these brochures, and judging from the results (see p. 1), their efforts were worthwhile.

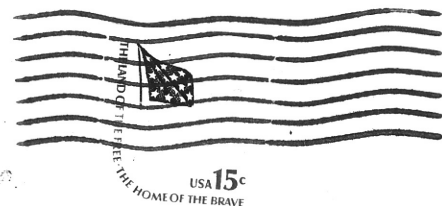
Our best results were in the Fairbanks area. Almost 20% of the voters in Fairbanks voted for Clark. This was largely due to the efforts of Ed Hoch, Tim Dove, Ellie Smith, Judy McGuffin, Sandi Tarrant, Barbara Coleman, Ralph and Diane Miller, Rhonda and Butch Stein, Bruce Wammack, Barb Lorz, Cheryl VanSant, Elaine Gray, Lew and Lottie Beyer, and of course Dick and Lydia Randolph.

The Clark visit in October was extremely successful. It was highlighted by an enthusiastic rally at the U of A campus, preceded by Matt Hammer, an Anchorage musician who entertained before Clark arrived. Later there was an hour long prime-time call-in television show.

The campaign was a success because of the efforts of all these Libertarians and many more I haven't heard of yet. All I can say is "Thanks." You made tremendous efforts and we all have every reason to be pleased.

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