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FNY Now Does Photos

It's pretty hard to miss that picture to the right, so you've probably already guessed that *Free New York* is now able to include photos. If you have photos of your local Libertarian group in action, please send them in, along with a description of the event and the names of the people involved.

Also, all candidates (past, present and future) are encouraged to send photographs of themselves so that we can start a file for the future. High quality black-and-white photographs are the best, but color is okay. For candidates, a head and shoulders shot is best.

Send them to the address shown below.

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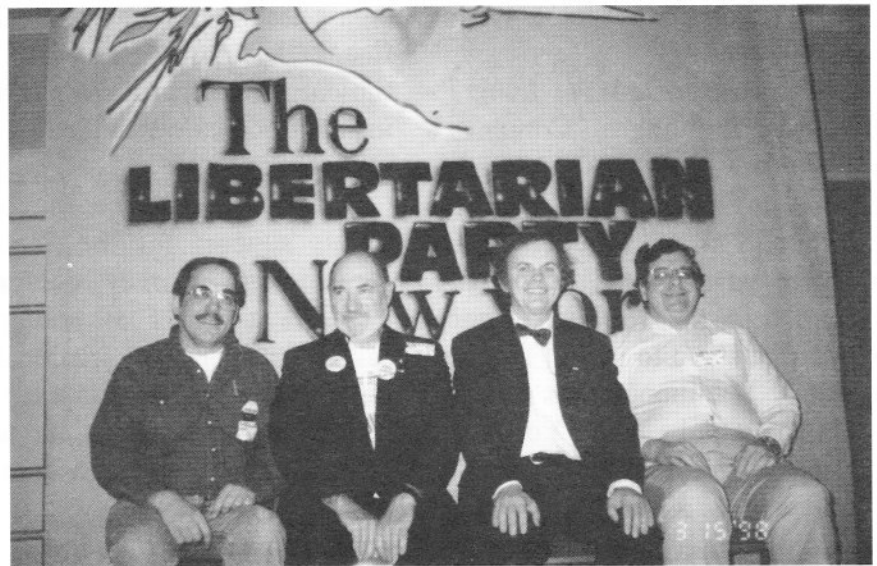
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4 of LPNY's statewide candidates for 1998 gather for a picture at the convention in Poughkeepsie. Left-to-right: Bill McMillen, candidate for US Senate; Don Silberger, candidate for Lieutenant Governor; Chris Garvey, candidate for Governor; Robert Goodman, candidate for Comptroller. Not shown: Dan Conti, candidate for Attorney General.

LPNY Convenes in Poughkeepsie

- ♦ Garvey for Governor
- ♦ Silberger for Lt Governor
- ♦ McMillen for US Senate

Approximately 75 Libertarians met at the Sheraton Hotel in Poughkeepsie on March 14 and 15 to nominate the LPNY candidates for statewide office this year. Christopher Garvey, from Suffolk, won the nomination for Governor, and Donald Silberger, from Ulster, won the

nomination for Lieutenant Governor. William McMillen won the nomination for United States Senator, Daniel Conti won the nomination for Attorney General and Robert Goodman won the nomination for Comptroller. James Harris was elected as the new chairman of the state party.

Garvey is a patent attorney at Nolte, Nolte & Hunter in Jericho. In 1994, he was the LP

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Poughkeepsie Convention Nominates Garvey

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candidate for Congress in the 2nd Congressional district. Garvey, who had agreed earlier this year to seek a nomination for US Senate, immediately shifted his focus from Federal issues to New York State issues.

He emphasized the Long Island Lighting Company--Shoreham--LIPA bailout as a key issue in this campaign. Both the Republicans and Democrats have gotten vast campaign contributions from the Wall Street interests that stand to rip-off approximately 27 billion dollars from the taxpayers of New York and ratepayers of Long Island. Garvey told the audience, "LILCO stupidly built this plant before they knew if they could use it. Now they want us to pay for their bad management by our buying the useless plant and paying to decommission it. We [the Libertarians] will be the only party opposing this corporate welfare."

Why is Chris Garvey different from Republican Pataki and Democrat "X"? He says, "They are just different flavors of the same recipe: more government, more intrusion, more spending of your money. I will attempt to dismantle as much of the government as possible. I will try to repeal as many laws as possible. I will veto unneeded spending and taxing at every opportunity. For me, liberty of the citizens is the primary goal of good government."

Garvey declares himself a First Amendment absolutist in-

cluding broadcasting and the Internet. He denounces campaign finance regulation as an infringement on the political speech of all but the media establishment whose influence is thereby increased. The present campaign finance laws are designed to intimidate minor parties while hiding major donations to the republicrats.

Chris Garvey is equally vocal in his support for the Second Amendment. Garvey contends that "As a matter of principle, self-defense is an inalienable right. I will veto legislation that would infringe this right, and take administrative steps to insure this right."

In January, Roy Innis, of CORE, expressed an interest in running for Governor on the Libertarian line. However, the board of directors of CORE discouraged him from doing so because they felt it would take away from his efforts with CORE. Innis did become a dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party in January, though.

Don Silberger, the nominee for Lieutenant Governor, is an associate professor of mathematics at SUNY New Paltz. The issues he plans to focus his campaign on are drugs and guns.

The convention began on Saturday with Ron Crickenberger and Michael Cloud giving a seminar on party-building, fund-raising and running successful campaigns.

Cloud explained how candidates could and should raise the

first \$2500 for their campaign from nonlibertarians. "Relationship and reciprocity," are the 2 principles that you should use to raise money from family, friends and local merchants, he told the audience. "People give you money because they know you, like you and trust you. If the people who know you best won't support you, how can you expect other people to support you?"

Crickenberger explained how Georgia has managed to run high-profile campaigns even though they only have 350 members. They are constantly engaging in fund raising activities and average \$130 per member per year. He told the audience that when planning a campaign, candidates should expect each vote will require a minimum of \$5 in campaign expense and 1 hour of time.

At lunch, Peter Christ, of Reconsider, spoke of his experiences in the war on drugs from his point of view as a law enforcement officer. Christ is a retired police chief from Tonawanda. Reconsider is an organization dedicated to reforming the country's drug laws.

Sharon Harris from the Advocates for Self-Government was the speaker at dinner. She replaced radio talk-show host Jay Severin, who was forced to cancel because of the terrible weather. Her speech was called "The Invisible Hand is a Gentle Hand."

Silberger Plans to Emphasize Drug War and RKBA

Donald Silberger, the LPNY candidate for Lieutenant Governor, is a 68-year-old Associate Professor of Mathematics at SUNY in New Paltz. He teaches both undergraduate and graduate students, and directs the M.A. program in mathematics there. During his thirty-year career he has published more than thirty research papers in mathematics, mainly in combinatorial algebra.

His life until he settled in New Paltz in 1983 had been that of a wanderer. Born in York, PA, he was a physics major at Harvard, a medical student at Western Reserve University, a mathematics graduate student at the University of Washington in Seattle, a high school teacher (physics, chemistry, and mathematics) in East Cleveland, OH, and a college teacher at the U of W, at Idaho State U in Pocatello, at Butler U in Indianapolis, at Western Washington State U in Bellingham, at Tougaloo College near Jackson, MS, and both a teacher and scholar at the U of Colorado in Boulder and at Simon Fraser U in Burnaby, BC, Canada, at Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina in Brazil, at St Martin's College in Olympia, WA, and finally at SUNY in New Paltz. He has travelled in all of the "lower 48" states, throughout the Western Hemisphere, Europe, and lived for months at a time in his van.

On all occasions when he travelled in his van he carried with him a spare tire, a jack, a lug wrench, a jug of drinking water,

food, a flashlight, and of course a pistol. When he came to NY State in 1993, he discovered that, because of his self-defense tool, he had been in violation of so many laws that if he had been arrested and convicted for all of them, he would have earned himself a prison sentence of a thousand years. This realization awakened him into a fervent RKBA (Right to Keep and Bear Arms) advocate from about 1984 on -- an appropriate year in Orwellian terms.

He has been a life-long radical, and except for the gun issue, ahead of his time: An advocate of space travel from 1945, an opponent of sexual puritanism and "the double standard" and censorship from 1947 on, an advocate of racial integration from 1948, a (heterosexual) advocate of tolerance for gays from 1949, of legalized abortion from 1954, an advocate for the legalization of drugs from 1959, a crusader against the Vietnam War from 1964, and furiously decried the Waco siege and subsequent massacre from March 2, 1993.

During the recent fifteen years he has worked politically with the main emphasis upon unifying the RKBA movement and the anti(drug)prohibition movement. This will, in fact, be the main issue in his personal campaign for Lieutenant Governor.

Almost all of the causes which Silberger promoted eventually, within twenty years, became reality. His, probably, was the first

hippie commune in the United States, the Amity Experimental Commune, born in Seattle in 1959 and RIP in Pocatello in 1964. He sniffed tear gas outside the Democratic National Convention and rode the civil rights crest into Mississippi.

Silberger believes that the War on Drugs is at the root of America's current transformation into a police state, and he plans to found his campaign upon an attack upon that evil. He will call upon voters whose attentions he can catch to abandon the employment-agency spoils-system parties, and to vote their hearts on the single issue of antiprohibitionism -- with emphasis upon ending forfeiture, the release of political Drug War prisoners, fully informed juries voting their reason and their consciences, and, in general, an abolition of laws defining as "crimes" acts which have no victims other than possibly the "guilty" parties themselves.

Schulz on the Air

Bob Schulz is now hosting a radio talk show on WROW (590 AM) in Albany. The show is on from 2 to 4 on Sunday afternoons. Schulz was the Libertarian candidate for Governor in 1994. Howard Stern was the candidate originally nominated in 1994. When he dropped out, the committee on vacancies selected Schulz as his replacement.

Needed: Delegates to National Convention

LPNY is entitled to send 47 delegates to the national convention this year. So far, only 27 delegates have been chosen. If you would like to be a delegate to the national convention, please contact a member of the State Committee or someone in your local organization as soon as possible. See page 5 for information on how to contact State Committee members. See the bottom of this page for information on contacting the local group nearest to you.

The national convention will be held in Washington, DC from July 2 to July 5. For more information about the convention, see a recent copy of *LP News* or call the Balcom Group at (800) 722-5141 or e-mail them at: LPNATCONV@aol.com

State Committee Schedules Meetings

The State Committee of LPNY will hold its next two meetings on Saturday, April 25, and Saturday, June 13. Both meetings will be at the Sloatsburg service area on the New York State Thruway. The meeting room is on the second floor. Open discussion starts at 10 AM. The business meeting starts at 11. All members of LPNY are invited to attend.

New Web Address

The LPNY web page has a new address. It can now be found at: <http://www.civic.li/lpny>. Bruce Martin has taken over the job of web master. He is interested in getting new material for the site. He can be contacted at: bam@acm.org.

Waco Remembered

The Libertarian Party of Queens will be holding a special meeting April 18, from 11 AM - 4 PM, at the China Buffet Restaurant in Kew Gardens, to commemorate the fifth anniversary since the ATF/FBI/military siege of the Branch Davidian residence. The video documentary of the controversy, *Waco: The Rules of Engagement*, will be shown, followed by discussion. For more information, call (718) 670-3720.

Greens Are Running

The Green Party has announced that it will nominate a full slate of statewide candidates for this November's election. No candidates have been chosen yet, but candidates being considered are Mark Dunlea, a former elected Green on the Poestenkill Town Board, Howie Hawkins, a recent Green candidate for Mayor and Congress in Syracuse, Dania Vega, a recent Green candidate for Onondaga County Legislature and Craig Seeman, who received nearly 20% of the vote in the 1997 special Assembly Election in the 52nd District.

Local Chapters

<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u>Local Contact</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Meetings</u>
Suffolk	Harry McArdle	(516) 744-5332	4th Monday at 7:00 PM Selden Library Annex, Selden
Nassau	Vincent O'Neill	(516) 676-8029	3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM 230 Hilton Ave., Hempstead
Queens	John Clifton	(718) 670-3270	2nd Saturday at 11:00 AM Shaheen Restaurant, Jackson Heights
Thomas Paine Hudson Valley	Blay Tarnoff Dottie-Lou Brokaw	(914) 949-1945 (914) 679-8340	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	

McMillen Lays Out Platform for US Senate

I'm proud to be the 1998 Libertarian Candidate for United States Senate. It is not the first time that I have represented the Libertarian Party as a candidate, having been on the ballot for State Comptroller in 1982, and U.S. Senate in 1988.

I was Chairman of the New York Libertarian Party for 4 years, and have served on the National Committee as well as been a member of the national platform committee.

I joined the Libertarian Party in 1974 during the gubernatorial campaign of Jerome Tuccille, but was not active until I attended my first state convention in 1979 and caught the Ed Clark fever.

I don't believe that I discovered Libertarianism so much as it was a natural outgrowth of the values I learned while I was growing up. My refusal to consent to induction into the armed services led to two years of imprisonment for Selective Service violations.

Freedom was the issue then; and freedom is the issue now.

Taxation is the life blood of the politician, and it is the means by which a tyrannical and meddlesome state manages to affect or control so many aspects of our lives.

Government uses our resources to fund a corrupt drug enforcement machinery that violates our right to privacy, endangers our security and confiscates our assets. Its War on Drugs labels the activities of law-abiding

citizens as criminal and restricts the flow of life-saving medication to those who need it.

The federal government routinely threatens to withhold funding from the states, unless those states set levels of regulations to meet federal standards.

The 2nd Amendment right to bear arms must be protected. I'm not presently a gun owner, but I fear some day my safety may depend upon my ability to do that which government was entrusted to do, but has failed to do.

One thing that is not an issue is campaign finance reform or term limits. No amount of tampering with these will fix the problem. The problem is the concentration of power in the hands of government. Until such time as the power of government

is once again limited, government office will attract dollars and demagogues.

Ballot access is an issue.

A libertarian is one who stands upon principle, even when it is adverse to one's personal preference. When the ACLU courageously defended the right of the Ku Klux Klan to assemble; they were defending the rights of all people.

For libertarians, abortion is an issue that tests one's dedication to the principle of individual liberty. I believe it is the right of all individuals to exercise sole and absolute dominion over their own bodies. There can be no diminution of one's rights between the night before and the morning after.

There are many things and conditions that would prevail even in a libertarian society that we may not like or would not condone. May those who are "Pro-life" peacefully counsel their families and friends when asked to do so; and may they also be the first to alert us should any government agency ever attempt to compel a woman to have an abortion.

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Mark Your Calendars: Petitioning Starts July 7

The petition drive for this November's election will begin on Tuesday, July 7, and end on Tuesday, August 18. During this 6 week period, LPNY must collect a minimum of 15,000 signatures to get its slate of statewide candidates on the ballot. To ensure that we can withstand a possible challenge, we should really try to obtain a minimum of 30,000 signatures.

LPNY desperately needs volunteers and money to get this done. Paid petitioners will cost approximately \$1 per signature. If you'd like to make a contribution or pledge signatures, please contact a member of the State Committee, or the local chapter nearest you, or send it to LPNY, PO Box 1036, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

Remember, without your help, it won't get done.



How to Join the Libertarian Party of New York

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.

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