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Meeting Set for New Albuquerque Area LP

On August 4th, at 7:30 pm, there will be a meeting of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico in the basement hospitality room of the First National Bank at San Mateo and East Central. The purpose of the meeting is to initiate the Albuquerque - Bernalillo County Libertarian Party.

After a brief update about LPNM activities, Nick Schroeder will give a talk on "Energy: Facts and Fantasies". Nick was President of the Solar Energy Association of Albuquerque for two years. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder and has been closely watching the energy industry for the past 4½ years.

Nick has also compiled a scrapbook from industry articles and trade journals which reveal a side of the energy picture seldom seen in daily newspapers and national news magazines.

Bob Foster will discuss the Libertarian position on energy and government.

The last order of business is to set the next meeting date, agenda, and to find persons interested in building the Albuquerque - Bernalillo County Party.

Voter registration will be available. You must be registered to vote by 5 pm September 21 in order to be eligible to vote in the 82 general election.

Bring a friend, the LPNM needs lots of helping hands.

FROM THE STATE CHAIR.....Christa Bolden

Since the convention in May, many things have happened to the LPNM. The ballot drive was called off. Although we had the money and signatures for a Central Congressional race, we fell short of the required number to run a state-wide ballot drive. We proceeded with the Central Congressional Race in agreement with National Headquarters. National was unable to meet its commitment to us and the drive was called off.

Anyone donating money to the ballot drive who would like a refund should contact me. Please note, however, that the state party could really use that money to help with building a grass-roots organization, to continue with the newsletter and to offset the cost to us (i.e. petitions, literature, etc.) of the ballot drive.

On July 7, the Central Committee held an organizational meeting to take a look at where we are and possible redirection of our efforts. Two of our chair people had left town and one CC member felt it was impossible for him to continue as Membership Chair at this time.

Our current status and projects are as follows:

Christa Bolden, State Chair
299-7061 home
265-6681 work
Nick Schroeder, Vice Chair
848-2266
Lucien Spalding, Treasurer
821-0145
Jill Rodgers, Secretary
425-5058 home
425-3838 work

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Mary Hopping - 294-6821
Maurice MacDonald -
Dick Reeves - 257-7055

Chairs of Special Projects

Brian Bolden, Membership and Literature - 299-7061
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Nick Schroeder, Albuquerque area Party - 848-2266
Warren Watson, Voter Registration - 898-1484
Bob Foster, Internal Education - 292-3775
Steve Curtis, Legal Affairs - 842-8155
Richard Leurig, UNM SLS - 265-9111
Eric Rogers, San Miguel County LP - 421-8058

If you are interested in working on the above projects, or in further information, please feel free to contact the above people. Anyone wishing to start a new project, please contact me, or anyone else on the Central Committee.

Despite the ups and downs of the last two months, we are now in a position to start moving in a positive direction and to begin to accomplish our goals.

FROM THE EDITOR.....Jill Rodgers

At last, a new issue of the NM Libertarian; we may have been silent, but we've been very busy.

The petition drive was a strain, to say the least. The San Miguel LP worked hard, and many thanx to Eric Rogers - our top signature gatherer. The deadline was getting close and we hadn't yet completed our pledge, then, the word came down that the drive had been cancelled, at least for us.

This was a disappointment for all, but especially for some of our younger members. Terms like "failure" and even "total FLOP" were tossed around the meeting room.

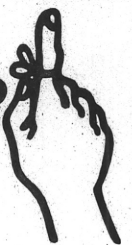
Well, I take small exception to that. Okay, New Mexico didn't make ballot status, this time. But, consider this: Three very important states did overcome great odds to get on the ballot. The Arizona LP filed more than 18,000 signatures in a successful ballot drive on an ALL VOLUNTEER basis. National, of so little help in New Mexico, did help Massachusetts get their incredible 66,000 sigs in 11 weeks to make status there. And, in the largest all-volunteer petition drive in Party history, the LP of Pennsylvania obtained ballot status with 32,000 signatures.

Sure, we have restrictive ballot laws in New Mexico. But cheer up. The Kansas LP fought the law and Liberty won! On June 9, 5 election laws restricting ballot access were struck down in federal District Court as a result of the LP challenge. Similar lawsuits are pending in Oklahoma, Oregon, Wyoming and Ohio.

The message is this: We often feel isolated and discouraged. If one more person says "liber- what?" we want to scream. But remember, the movement is alive and healthy. The party has grown incredibly strong in its 12 years of existence. As long as we have a state organization in New Mexico we have a chance to make it happen. The future is ours, but we have to mold it.

REMINDER

If you haven't paid your dues, please due. Dues are due, and we due need the dues to continue to operate and bring you this fine newsletter. Dues are \$10 per year. Due mail to C. Bolden, 204 Conchas NE, Alb. NM 87123.



San Miguel LP Sez NO to Israel

At the regular bi-weekly meeting of the San Miguel County Libertarian Party on July 21, members drafted a letter to Senators Dominici and Schmitt and Rep. Lujan concerning their views on the Middle East situation. The letter, written after a lively discussion on the issue, was worded as follows:

"We, the members of the SMCLP, oppose the actions of the State of Israel against the civilian population of Lebanon. Israel has gone far beyond actions which could be called self-defense or even retaliation. Although we recognize the PLO as a terrorist organization with no respect for human rights, Israel's refusal to recognize the rights of the Palestinian people with land claims in Israel is also a violation of human rights. The continued destruction of life and property in Lebanon can serve no purpose towards justice or peace.

"We call for an immediate censure of Israel's actions by the United States government. We oppose the use of American Armed Forces in the Middle East in any capacity. We continue to demand an end to foreign aid to Israel and all nations, a policy which not only fails to obtain anything of value for the United States, but in addition is bankrupting the American taxpayer."

The letter was signed by San Miguel Chair Eric Rogers, and a copy was delivered to the local Las Vegas paper, The Optic.

In addition to the Middle East discussion, plans for the next meeting were discussed. SM LP'ers (no, that's not sado-masochistic) will present the movie "The Incredible Bread Machine" to the Las Vegas public. Plans are also in the works for a booth at the local Trade Fair.

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AUGUST 4
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a talk by Nick Schroeder
7:30 PM • HOSPITALITY RM
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PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 4
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