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ILLINOIS ON THE BALLOT! ONLY FOUR MORE STATES TO GO

After almost a year and countless hours of petitioning by dozens of volunteers, the Libertarian Party has finally won a spot on the November 4 ballot in Illinois. Illinois LP Secretary Dan Hansen and Green for Senate Coordinator Mike Hepple travelled to the State Board of Elections offices in Springfield August 4 to turn in the 15-inch, 1,894 page book containing about 37,000 signatures.

The petitions placed the names of Ed Clark, David Koch, Bruce Green, and U of I Trustee candidates William Mitchell, James McCawley and Richard Rasmussen on the ballot under the Libertarian Party label. Petitions filed separately that day also placed candidates for State Representative Jim Peron, Celeste Webb and William Hall on the ticket.

After the five-day challenge period had lapsed, a call to Cal Hudson of the State Board confirmed that the Libertarian Party candidates had been placed on the ballot.

In all Illinois counties with the exception of Cook, DuPage and Lake, the LP will appear third from last on the ballot,

ahead of the Citizens Party and Independent presidential candidate John Anderson. A lotter held earlier this year has already placed the Libertarian Party in first position on the ballot for both the Presidential and general party ballots. Lotteries will be conducted in upcoming weeks to determine ballot position in Cook and DuPage Counties.

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According to Region 11 NatCom Representative Leslie Graves, as of August 23 only four states remain before the Libertarian Party will have attained ballot status in all fifty states. To date, the LP will appear on the ballots of all states with the exception of New York, Wyoming, Virginia and New Hampshire. Ballot status has also been won in the District of Columbia and Guam.

Graves reported that ballot drives in Virginia and New Hampshire were within a few hundred signatures of being completed, and that New York libertarians had begun their drive August 5 and would finish September 14.

Illinois LP Opens New Headquarters in Chicago

The Libertarian Party of Illinois has a new home in Chicago. On July 15 the new Libertarian Campaign Headquarters was opened in a storefront at 2577 North Lincoln on Chicago's North Side.

According to Dan Hansen who has been managing the office, the new location has generated a phenomenal volume of inquiries, some seven or eight times the number that came in weekly before the opening. "We've been getting in eight to twelve phone calls on an average day," Hansen said. "The Headquarters are located in an ideal area. There is a very youthful, independent character to the neighborhood, and there is a heavy flow of both pedestrian and auto traffic on Lincoln,

making us very visible. Both phones are kept in pretty constant use, and our literature display outside has been drawing a lot of attention."

There was a Grand Opening celebration at the office the evening of July 31 at which presidential candidate Ed Clark, as well as Senate candidate Bruce Green and 13th Dist. State Rep candidate Jim Peron spoke. The headquarters was also the site of an interview with a reporter from the Lerner Booster newspaper and the subject of a WGN-Channel 9 news feature which resulted from a filming session at HQ August 21.

The headquarters phone number is (312) 549-6590/6591.

TOM VERKUILEN... SCRAPPING WITH THE IRS

An interview by Dan Hansen

On Thursday, June 14, 1980, veteran libertarian activist Tom Verkuilen was convicted of failing to file Federal income tax returns, and was sentenced on July 23 to nine months imprisonment in the Chicago Metropolitan Corrections Center plus two years probation. Subsequent action by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation resulted in his dismissal from a position at the Sears Bank & Trust Co. and his being banned from employment in the banking industry until his sentence is completed.

On August 16 I interviewed Verkuilen for the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN.

DRH: What first caused you to consider refusing to file your income tax returns?

Verkuilen: I should clarify that, in my belief, I never refused to file an income tax return; I did file a return every year, on time, and answered every question, but with the word "none", or invoking the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination, which the courts have said I can do.

DRH: What first made you decide to file in that unusual manner?

Verkuilen: Back in '74 when I returned from the Peace Corps, I began to investigate my rights as a taxpayer, and one of the things I learned is that a taxpayer has the protection of the Fifth Amendment if he wishes to claim it. If you look at the fine print at the bottom of Form 1040, it says that you swear under penalty of perjury that what you have said above is true. Once you have given that information to the IRS, and you are wrong, it can be used against you. The Supreme Court has said that a taxpayer has the right against self-incrimination -- and other rights -- but they must be exercised at the time you file your Form 1040. So, I decided that if I wanted to assert all my rights, knowing how the IRS operates -- and it's been notorious for years for stomping on taxpayers -- I decided I should file that way right from the beginning. If you seek the Fifth Amendment protection later, it's too late.

DRH: But what was the key motivating factor that caused you to file in this manner?

Verkuilen: I can't name any one sudden revelation that told me "Quick, file a Fifth Amendment return." Like many libertarians, I've learned a lot from the experiences of the war in Vietnam, as far as foreign policy goes, and the experience of Watergate. The illegal uses of the IRS by the Nixon Administration -- the "hit list" -- to get political opponents is an example. Many people today are proud of being on that list, such as Jane Fonda and Paul Newman, to name two.

When I went into the Peace Corps, it was the weekend of the Watergate break-in, and I came back the week Nixon resigned, so I saw this whole process developing from overseas.

DRH: What was your first contact with the IRS after filing the Fifth Amendment return?

Verkuilen: A few weeks after I filed my first return in this manner -- back in 1975 -- I received a form letter back from the IRS saying, in effect, "the return you filed is not in compliance with the law; a blank return is enclosed for your convenience; fill it out or else you will be subject to penalties." When I got that letter, I went back

and investigated the law again and decided that I was right, that this was just a form letter and did not address anything specific concerning my return. It was a very general type of letter that could have covered anything from a blank return to a mathematical error.

Aside from that letter, the first time I heard from the IRS was when I was called in in 1977 for an audit of my 1975 tax return. The investigation was conducted in a very sneaky manner. For example, the investigator would begin by shooting the breeze about the weather, and then would ask, "Are you trying to hide your income?" So I had to be on the ball about which questions I would answer, and would claim the Fifth Amendment protection at the appropriate times. Again, he would start talking about baseball or some such thing and then ask, "Well, how much money did you really make?" This went on for some time, and he finally went to see his supervisor who decided that there was nothing further they could do at that time. I was informed that I could be subject to

civil as well as criminal penalties, but I decided that he was just bluffing and stood my ground.

Then when the interview was finally over and we were, I thought, just talking casually he dropped the question, "Are you a libertarian?" The question caught me completely off guard, and I said "Yes."

DRH: What do you think caused the IRS to single you out for this kind of treatment, considering that they go after relatively few people who do not report their full incomes?

Verkuilen: I think in the IRS view, I was waving a red flag in their faces. They can't accept, it seems, valid constitutional objections -- not necessarily to the income tax -- merely to the raising of the Fifth Amendment. If you talk to any attorney or CPA who has dealt with the IRS, they will say, "The courts say, "A, B, and C," and the IRS begs to differ." It will continue to maintain its position and bluff taxpayers with that.

DRH: What do you think caused the IRS to go beyond the audit and actually decide to prosecute you?

Verkuilen: The one year I was audited for, the '75 return, never resulted in prosecution; I was prosecuted for the '76 and '77 returns which were sent in in the same way. In 1978 I was sent a Notice of Deficiency and given 90 days to file a petition in Tax Court regarding the '75 return, but that case is still pending and hasn't even come to a hearing yet. The strange thing about this is that in the Notice of Deficiency, the IRS claimed that I owed them \$707, but the calculations on their own work sheet showed that they owed me a refund of \$15 to \$20. So their motives for going after me were somewhat obscure, and while "harassment" may be too strong a word, they were certainly wasting their time and mine. If they owed me a refund, why not just sent it to me?

The first time I heard that I had been charged -- by Prosecutor's Information -- was April 7, 1980. I had taken Friday, April 4th off and gone camping with my brother. When I came back to work on Monday, my boss said, "Did you know your name was in the paper Friday? You were indicted by the IRS." So it was actually in the papers three or four days before I even heard about it. And there were people who thought I had taken off for Bermuda to play golf with Robert Vesco. It wasn't until a few days later that I got a notice in the mail to appear in court for the arraignment.

This whole process was very interesting because according to an IRS manual on handling so-called "tax protesters," it is urged that the subject of investigation be given an interview with the District Counsel of the IRS before they recommend prosecution. It's, in a sense, a warning to the individual to give him a last chance to change his mind. I never had such an interview.

DRH: Any other interesting anecdotes that came out of this experience?

Verkuilen: Once when I was in the shower, the door buzzer sounded. Not about to have my shower interrupted, I ignored it, expecting whoever it was to come back later. A few minutes later as I was getting out of the shower, there was a loud banging on the door. I put on my bath robe and opened the door to find two IRS agents standing there. This was about 8:30 in the evening. Again, I'd had no warning; they hadn't even had the courtesy to call to see if I'd be in. I let them cool their heels in the hall for a few minutes while I got dressed, and then let them in. They read me a statement similar to the Miranda warning advising me of my right against self-incrimination, which made me wish later that I'd asked the question: "Just when did I get this right? Was it at the time of the investigation or when I filed my return?"

They told me that I was the subject of a criminal investigation for failure to file, at which point I interjected that I had filed. They told me, "Well, we don't consider it a filing." When I offered to show them the legal information I had, they turned it down, saying that they were only there to give me a warning.

DRH: What opinion did the people you worked with and for have of you and your activities?

Verkuilen: Both my superiors who knew me, and the employees who worked for me may have found it difficult to understand why I was doing what I was, but they certainly knew that I was no crook; I had worked with them for years and there was no question about my honesty. They are still my friends, and I am grateful to them for standing by me, both before and after the trial.

DRH: An article which was published in the Chicago Sun-Times on June 15, shortly after you were convicted, noted that "[e]vidence revealed Verkuilen is a member of the Libertarian Party, which supports the view that taxation is theft by the government." Did that come from the defense or the prosecution, and what part did it play in the trial?

Verkuilen: That was very nicely put in the newspaper; it sounded like: "Aha! We've discovered the truth about this guy!" The evidence was actually introduced by our side to support our belief that one of the reasons the IRS came after me was that I was a Libertarian. We attempted to show that selective prosecution had taken place by doing a statistical demonstration that of 700,000 people a year that the IRS knows of -- by name, address and social security number -- who have failed to file, only about 7,000 failure to file prosecutions are filed, so right there the odds are a thousand to one. It's even more unusual for them to prosecute someone for failure to file who has sent in a return. At least I was making a good faith effort to comply with the law, as the courts had said I could. So the evidence we introduced was that they had selected me out for prosecution, possibly because of my political views.

LOCAL CLUB NEWS

by Ray Birks

LAKE COUNTY: If you've never been in a parade before, you've really got to try it. It's really fun, especially if you are marching with a bunch of other Libertarians and carrying Clark signs. The State Central Committee (SCC) held its July 6 meeting in the Lakehurst Community Room. Following that, we joined in the Waukegan Independence Day Parade. Our numbers were at least as substantial as the Demopublicans. There was also a bit of irony: The League of Women Voters preceded us. We got ourselves a lot of credible exposure. Thousands of people were standing there with open eyes just waiting to see our message. In their eyes, we became an established--though new--institution. This happens in every parade we participate in. If your group hasn't tried it, don't wait any longer. It's usually very easy to get into parades: all that's needed is a decorated car. One person drives and the rest of you march. Very effective. Following the Waukegan parade, we all retired to Elaine and Tony Leisner's new home for a cookout. Thank you, Elaine, for all your preparations (and Bea, and Tony, and everybody else!)....I still find lots of people who don't know there is a newsletter for Lake County. Whether or not you live here in Lake, you can get a monthly copy by sending \$3.00 or more to Libertarians of Lake County, 1164 Furlong Drive, Libertyville, IL 60048....Tony & Elaine Leisner have gotten into the Libertarian t-shirt business. They produce first quality t-shirts in dark blue with white letters to "...tell the world where you stand." They are 50% cotton/50% polyester and cost \$6.60 postpaid. Sizes: S, M, L, XL. Slogans: "Libertarians Do It Freely" and "Restore the American Dream--Vote Libertarian!" Send your check to Advertising Resources, Inc., 646 Wilbur Court, Gurnee, IL 60031....Our August 10 business meeting was cancelled, but an executive session was held on August 11.... On August 16&17, we appeared with our booth at the Gurnee Days celebration and once again joined in the parade associated with that event....During the Libertyville Days, August 23&24, we were part of that parade also..... At press time, we were scheduled to hold our study group at Bea Armstrong's in Libertyville. The topic: Manipulation of Life (Abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, etc.). John Caldwell led the discussion....On September 14, we will be appearing at the gun show from 8 am till 12 noon at Homer Dahringer Hall in Waukegan. At 1:30 pm that same day, we were scheduled to hold our business meeting at the Lakehurst Community Room, also in Waukegan....

NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY: We met once again on July 13 and showed two films: the old standard Incredible Bread Machine, and the new Clark Campaign Film. We also agreed to the proposal of a joint national/state/local membership fee of \$25. Pat Natschke is our new secretary....We have developed a Parade Peace Chest (as opposed to the 'war chest' as it's known in Demopublican circles) and are further

exploring area parades for our group to participate in....On August 10, we met in the home of Rosalie Schultz where we held our monthly business meeting. We also heard Bruce Green discuss his campaign for Senate....Our Sept. business meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11 along with a party at 2:00 pm at Pat Natschke's at 4106 W. Irving Park Road. Call ahead for directions and other specifics: 777-4314....

NORTHERN COOK COUNTY: At our Sunday, July 20 meeting, we discussed ways of increasing our local involvement here on the North Side. Since so many of our members are working with the state organization and with Jim Peron's campaign, we want to bring in a lot of the folks who have not yet become active.

One of the ways we plan to do this is through our supper club which debuted on July 24. Not only did we eat, we were also serenaded at Meson del Lago at 158 East Ontario here in Chicago. Tom Verkuilen discussed the Nobel Prize-winning organization Amnesty International. For information on our next supper club, call Liz at 222-1181. You needn't be from the North Side to attend....As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we participated in the annual Gay Pride Week Parade through the candidacy of Jim Peron for State Representative from the 13th Legislative District. The bystanders were very receptive throughout the 2-hour parade, and most of the literature was snapped up long before the parade was over. A few folks even joined in to distribute the literature. Jim Peron reports that people were literally pushing from the back of the crowd to get a piece of the literature. The Libertarian Party was the only political organization to be included in the Parade, and this fact was noted in an article in the Chicago Tribune....We are lucky enough here on the North Side to have the new headquarters of the LPI at 2577 N. Lincoln in Chicago. The phone number is still (312) 248-2250. If it is busy, try (312) 549-6590. If you're new to the LP, stop by sometime to talk and we'll see if there's something for you to take part in....For the date and location of our next Northside meeting, call Liz Kraus at 222-1181....

SOUTHERN COOK COUNTY: Jane and Kevin Doherty held a coffee jointly with Kelly & Jim Padden on August 6. Dave Padden led the discussion, which was quite lively and lasted until late in the evening. The discussion was preceded by a showing of the Incredible Bread Machine....The Clark Campaign Film was also shown at this event. We also watched another of Ed Clark's television ads....The South Side has offered to fund the monthly expense of the telephone listing for the LPI, amounting to \$8.80 per month. Will your group pick up an expense for the LPI?....A regular meeting for libertarians and friends on the Southwest Side is being discussed. If you are interested, call Kevin at 445-6573....

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JOIN US!

The fall of 1980 is turning into a fascinating period for the Libertarian Party, the Clark for President campaign and the several other races in progress throughout Illinois. Here's your chance to join the LPI for the remainder of 1980 and save on your 1981 membership (membership fees will increase next year). Your contribution to help the Libertarian Party continue its program of growth and spread its philosophy of freedom will also be greatly appreciated.

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 - Illinois Patron member (through 12/81) (\$30.00)
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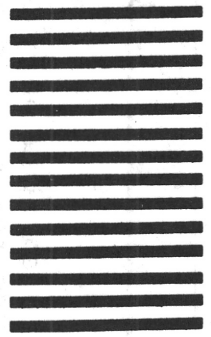
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DEPENDENT CLAUSES

by cissy webb

Q. What is the point of all this work?
A. Simple. It's working.

That's right, it is working. For those who petitioned, didn't you notice that more people had at least heard of us? Some were even excited about signing! Quite unlike 1976 or even 1978, wasn't it? To those who staffed fair booths in the dismal July weather, was it just your imagination that people were actually interested in us? To headquarters staffers, did you know that we now get more phone calls in one day than we received all month in 1978?

None of this is because of our imaginations. Here are a few "notes" which, considered sperate from each other seem to be of little or limited importance. But, when you put them together, the pattern of progress is clear.

Take the Green campaign, for example, I've been involved in both the 1978 and 1980 campaigns. It has three times the number of donors it did in 1978. (It is still broke, of course, but with three times as much potential support.) Bruce just completed a three day swing through downstate's major cities. In 1978, coverage of his talks and news conferences was good by libertarian standards. Only a few people turned down requests for interviews and at least one reporter covered news conferences. Only a few interviewers treated us as "novelties." This time, there was television coverage of each of three news conferences, plus radio and print coverage. No one turned down an interview and all interviews were issue-oriented, not "aren't these cute people" personality pieces.

Even the League of Women Voters is starting to take us seriously, along with organizations like the Independent Vpters of Illinois. Bruce will be addressing the League at a candidate luncheon on October 22. The I.V.I. invited him to speak at their endorsement session. Despite the general liberal approach of the group, he was listened to attentively and asked serious questions about issues. They unanimously rated him as candid, credible and qualified for the office. (They didn't endorse him, but rate each candidate on these points by voice vote.)

Bill Mitchell was also invited to appear before I.V.I. a few weeks ago. Although he didn't get their endorsement, once again he was treated respectfully and taken seriously. The fact that he was asked indicates a new awareness on the part of political groups throughout the state.

Another news outlet, the Lerner Booster, solicited an interview from Jim Peron and Dan Hansen about Jim's race. The story, which appeared August 23 in the Sunday edition, ran 25 column inches with a four inch photo. Treatment again was serious because the paper realizes that Jim might just win or at least hold the margin between the other candidates.

Take a look at the national scene. Ed Clark appeared, alone, on Issues and Answers. For those of you who remember the 1976 race, Roger MacBride was included with Lyndon LaRouche and several other "fringe" candidates in what appeared to be a three ring circus. Clark will probably appear on Meet the Press, the three ring circus in 1976, alone. This, despite the equal time provision imposed by the F.C.C. which deters coverage of "minor" parties. The stations are willing to take the risk, because viewers are interested in Clark's campaign. He is newsworthy.

Another important note: WGN, in their local story, interviewed people randomly in front of the Water Tower in Chicago. They were shocked that most people had heard of the Libertarian Party and/or Ed Clark, probably due to the television ads the Clark campaign has been running. They knew who we are, that we exist, but haven't formed an opinion of us yet.

The next step is to form a positive impression of the ideas we hold. This applies to both ourselves and to the general public. Our candidates more than ever are stressing the positive side of freedom, showing that it puts money back in people's pockets and frees up legal constraints on their lifestyles and keeps us out of war. Yes, we are against many things, but we must stress the positive solutions we have to offer and not dwell on how government has hurt us. People support causes they believe in, they vote for things, not against them. They want solutions, not mere complaining.

And we must be positive in our thinking about the LP. It isn't a closet organization of people who have revolted against government with little chance of victory. It is a growing group of individuals committed to realistic, practical solutions based on maximum individual rights.

And it's working.

correction

Last month's financial supplement was incorrect in stating the old debt. I added in a printing bill for the 1980 convention which was not overdue. The correct figure was \$808, not \$1,218, although the total debt figure was correct. I regret the error, but thankeveryone who responded with memberships and donations. Adding in the fundraising dinner, the Party will be back in the black.

Cissy

VERKUILEN, FROM PAGE 3.....

was it that caused that agency to get involved?

Verkuilen: I had told the bank that I didn't want to cause them any embarrassment and that if they wanted me to resign, I would. They took that under advisement, but once the storm blew over, I went right on working. I had been working there for five years, and in spite of what they may have regarded as a mistake or an unduly extreme position on my part, they did not dismiss me. But they wanted to clarify the situation to make sure that they did not have to dismiss me, so they went to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for an answer. The FDIC told them, broadly interpreting a regulation concerning dishonesty, theft, and self-dealing, that they had to dismiss me. Again, this regulation covers dishonesty and theft, not failure to file an income tax return.

DRH: You were sentenced on July 23 to nine months in prison plus two years probation. Do you consider that stiff or lenient?

Verkuilen: Let me answer that question comparatively with other sentences I've seen over the past few months. At the time my indictment was printed in the newspaper, a number of other people were indicted at the same time. One of these people received one year's probation; this woman had not filed any returns at all for five years, allegedly owed the government \$19,000, and yet the judge apologized to her for the fact that the IRS had sought criminal failure to file penalties instead of simply bringing a civil suit to seek the money owed. In fact, the judge said that if he'd had more courage, he would have reversed her guilty plea. Also, Attorney General Scott, who was charged with tax evasion, a felony (I was charged with a misdemeanor), received a sentence of a year and a day. According to Federal parole stan-

dards, a sentence of longer than a year is eligible for parole after one-third of the sentence has been served, in Scott's case, four months.. The same standards are not applied to sentences of under a year; there would be no possibility of parole in my case. So Scott could be out in four months, while I would have to stay in for nine. This is a high elected public official. So in that light, nine months did seem unduly harsh.

We had asked for probation, and failing that, for work-release. In fact, the probation officer who had done the pre-sentence investigation had been in favor of a period of work-release.

To elaborate upon the libertarian philosophy in court, we called Paul Stout as a witness. Paul is a long-time, veteran libertarian who ran for Congress in, I believe, 1972. This was where the mention of the Libertarian Party's opposition to taxation in the Sun-Times came from.

DRH: Why do you think the jury convicted you?

Verkuilen: It was interesting as the trial went along that it began to look like a 15-round bout where at times we were winning, and at times the opposition was winning. But the clincher seemingly came when the judge instructed the jury on how they were to reach their verdict. When that point of the trial arrived, the judge threw his own instruction -- not proposed by the prosecution, and certainly not by the defense -- which said that if I had legitimate income, I had to declare it and could not take the Fifth, but if I had any illegitimate income I could. And since the prosecution had introduced evidence that I had legitimate income from my employment at Sears Bank -- which we didn't deny -- the jury virtually had to convict me.

DRH: Apparently even after you were convicted, the Sears Bank where you worked decided that you were a good employee and decided that they would keep you on, and it wasn't until the FDIC stepped in that you lost your job. What

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DUPAGE COUNTY: Fran Holt reports that she is getting calls from local news media concerning events in DuPage. She's not sure why the calls suddenly began, but it may be in response to the airing of the nationwide Clark ads...Our big event of the summer was the DuPage County Fair in Wheaton July 24-27. Many thanks to Pat Peterson for doing so much to get it together out here...NEWS FROM TAX PRISON: Paul Stout has a special request to all of you who have been writing letters or who plan to: do NOT send stamps. They are considered contraband and make Rumpelstiltskin mad, mad, mad! He sincerely appreciates the cards and letters that you have been sending. Paul was recently given leave from MCC to attend his daughter's weekend wedding...This newsletter is sent to a number of people around the country, and I would like to take this opportunity to ask that you reprint Paul's address in your local libertarian publications so that other folks know that he is there. I also understand

that the Illinois Libertarian Newsletter is brought to Paul, but sometimes the prison authorities do not allow it or anything else to be brought into the visiting room. It's not that they have anything against the contents--it's just that some of them have this regular urge to control people. Also, beware of enraging the authorities when you write. Their anger can be taken out on Paul in a number of subtle ways. Paul's address:

Paul Stout 84836-024
Chicago MCC
71 West Van Buren
Chicago, IL 60605

DEKALB COUNTY: Welcome, DeKalb! By the time you receive this, DeKalb County should have become the next affiliated local LP organization here in Illinois. You will be hearing more of events in DeKalb in the months to come....Paul Varnell reports that there have been weekly meetings of libertarians for some time. They meet almost every Wednesday evening

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LPI CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 3

Libertarian Party of Illinois Fund-raising Dinner, featuring Ed Clark, Bruce Green and Jim Peron as speakers. Tickets are \$30 for one person and \$20 for each additional person. Tables of eight cost \$150. The dinner will be held at the Illinois Athletic Club, Illini Room, 112 South Michigan in Chicago. A cocktail party begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00. Call (312)248-2250 to make reservations.

SEPTEMBER 7

LPI State Central Committee Meeting in DeKalb. The meeting will be held at the Holmes Student Center on the NIU campus and will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Libertarians of Lake County Study Group. Topic: Libertarianism and the Manipulation of Life, discussion to be led by John Caldwell. Location: Home of Bea Armstrong, 1164 Furlong Drive in Libertyville. Time: 7 p.m. Call (312)367-7502 for more info.

SEPTEMBER 8

DuPage County Study Group
Topic: Ringer's Restoring the American Dream, discussion led by Fritz Osterbrink. Location: Home of Fran Holt, 24 Parkside in Glen Ellyn (1/2 block north of Roosevelt, between Park and Main). Time: 7:30 p.m. For more info call Fran at (312)858-2469 or Pat Peterson at (312)653-9141.

SEPTEMBER 14

Northwest Cook County Club
Location: Home of John Dolan, 7551 W. Palatine (6300 North) in Chicago.
Time: 2:00 p.m. More info: (312)631-4227 or (312)736-8926.

SEPTEMBER 15

DuPage County Study Group
Topic: Marva Collins & Alternative Education, led by Fran Holt. See September 8 for time & location.

SEPTEMBER 22

DuPage County Study Group
Topic: Libertarian vs. Republican platforms, let by Tom Hytry. See September 8 for time & location.

SEPTEMBER 29

DuPage County Study Group
Topic: Rand's Anthem, led by Marcia De Tamble. See September 8 for time & location.

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at 6 pm at the It's Greek to Me restaurant. Paul suggests you call him to confirm the meeting time and place if you want to join us. Paul's number: (815) 758-4985. If you attend, you may run into Mike Stack, Ross Overbeek, and Paul H. (Paul, I'm not even going to try to spell your name!)....On July 29, we held another "What is Libertarianism?" night. Bruce Green appeared, and we showed the Incredible Bread Machine. It was a very successful event with more than 25 people in attendance....Paul Varnell recently ran into Elaine Leisner of the Lake County Club. Rumor has it that she tried to sell him a t-shirt....

WINNEBAGO COUNTY: On Sunday, August 10, The State Central Committee held an advisory meeting at the Clock Tower Inn in Rockford. In the evening, we sponsored another "What is Libertarianism?" at the same location with approximately 20 people in attendance. We're hoping that as more and more Rockford residents become disillusioned with their own John Anderson, more and more of them will take a look at the Libertarian Alternative. Thanks to Bob Salberg and Jim Dunkel for your preparations.

SPECIAL NOTE: There are many other things happening around the state concerning libertarianism. However, I don't know where they all are. Working at becoming a de-centralized organization does have its drawbacks. Since I began writing this local club news column in May, no one has called me with information on their activities. Of course, I plan to continue my own investigating, but let me know about things I've missed, even if they happened a few months ago. It may seem like unimportant news to you, but it may be just the news that someone else in another part of the state or country needed to hear. Call me on or before the 10th of any month with your news. Even anecdotes are acceptable, such as the following which really happened:

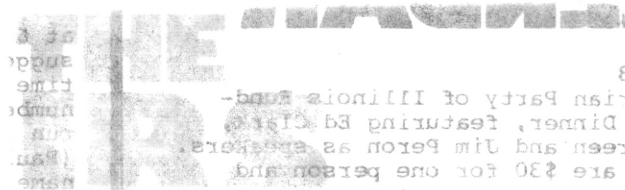
ANECDOTE: I was once riding the Burlington Northern Railroad into Chicago's Union Station. Across the aisle and up a few seats was a young woman reading an old, beat-up copy of Atlas Shrugged. Feeling somewhat mischievous, I scooped up a used ticket and wrote: "For a modern answer to Ayn Rand, write to: L.P., Box 1776, Chicago, Illinois." Once in the station, I hurried off the train before she could see me. As she slowly came up the ramp into the terminal, I strode up to her, gave her the ticket and said: "Who is John Galt?", spun on my heel, and disappeared out of the station. I recall seeing a look of amazement come over her face as I turned away. I felt like Ragnar Danneskjold. Who says outreach can't be fun??

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