

ED & ALICIA CLARK TO SPEAK AT LPNM ANNUAL CONVENTION

"Rediscovering Freedom" May 1 Convention Theme Plans have been finalized for the Libertarian Party of New Mexico Annual Convention The Convention will be held Saturday, May 1, at the Four Seasons Motel in Albuquerque. Featured speakers will be Ed Clark, 1980 LP presidential candidate, and Alicia Clark, current Chair of the Libertarian National Committee.

The Convention will feature business meetings needed to nominate candidates for statewide office (see story on petition drive), to elect a new NM Central Committee, and handle other internal matters. Especially of interest will be a workshop by Alicia Clark on organizing a state party. Two libertarian films will be shown, "The Incredible Bread Machine", and "We Hold These Truths". The highlight of the Convention will be the Banquet on Saturday evening, where New Mexico libertarians will have the opportunity to hear their 1980 presidential candidate, Ed Clark, deliver the keynote address.

Cost for the Convention Package will depend on how soon you return your reservations. Those who register before April 15 can get the \$10 convention registration fee and the \$25 banquet fee for a total of \$25. Between April 15th and April 29th, the banquet will cost \$30, the registration fee \$10, or \$35 for both. NO RESERVATIONS FOR THE BANQUET can be accepted after April 29, however, you may register for the convention at the door (\$10). YOU MUST BE CURRENT IN YOUR DUES in order to vote at the convention (see story on dues).

Convention co-ordinator is Christa Bolden. All correspondence, registration fees, and dues should be sent to her at 204 Conchas NF, Albuquerque, NM 87123. Christa may be reached by phone at 299-7061.

The Annual Convention is the most important activity of the year, both in terms of the growth and effectiveness of the Pary Party, and in the Party's image throughout the state. Please make every effort to attend, to add your talents to the cause of Liberty, and to have a great time.

PETITION DRIVE BEGINS

by Dan Shelton

Now that you have read the good news about our convention '82 and the opportunity to dine with and hear Ed and Alicia Clark we must bring you back to earth for a moment and ask your help

The main purpose behind the convention is to help the Libertarian Party of New Mexico in its petition drive which is aimed at attaining a position on the state ballot for the '82 elections. We have until the 1st week of July to gather the required number of valid signatures. But, we are requesting as many signatures as possible be returned to us prior to the convention.

If you can gather more signatures than there are spaces on this petition sheet, please have some copies made, or at least use the back side. We realize that everyone has very limited spare time, but the friends and everyday aquaintances of each one of us should fill at least one petition sheet.

Return all petitions to Dan Shelton, 8021 Roma NE; Albuquerque, NM 87108 ASAP! And please impress upon all potential signees that we need only VALID signatures by registered voters of New Mexico. Please help us take a good shot towards establishing ballot status in New Mexico for the Libertarian Party. It is the most important lever we can use in reaching the general populus with the ideas and principles of our party. We have definite problems that plague our state and nation. So help us gain the exposure to reach those voters who are groping in frustrated numbers for a party to believe in. It is our only hope for this great state to "Rediscover Freedom". Thanks

DUES ARE DUE

ALMOST EVERYONE still owes their 1982 dues. As the 1982 Convention approaches, your Central Committee sorely needs this income to meet expenses. Please send your \$10 LPNM dues to Christa Bolden, 204 Conchas NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

SLS Chapter active at Highlands University

A new chapter of Students for a Libertarian Society has been formed at New Mexico Highlands University. The group, organized by LPNM newsletter editor Jill Rodgers, has only been in existence for a month and a half, yet has just completed a very successful Anti-Draft Week.

The week of Mar. 1-5 was designated as Anti-Draft Week by the SLS National Headquarters, which provided the Highlands SLS with excellent hand-out material (on credit!). In addition to hosting an all-day literature table and collecting over 400 signatures on the SLS Anti-Draft Petition, the members of the Highlands chapter performed several "guerilla theater" performances. All during the week, members dressed as "soldiers" burst into crowded classrooms and lunchrooms and "arrested" a student for "failure to register for the draft". The resulting exchange between student and "soldiers" made several points about the morality of the draft, the deadline for registration, and the fact that there are no longer educational deferments. As a result of SLS activity, virtually every student at Highlands became aware of organized opposition to the draft and the word "libertarian" in association with it.

The next activity of the Highlands SLS will be "Decriminalization Day" opposing victimless-crime laws, to be held sometime the first week of April. The group currently has six active members, and hopes to increase this substantially at their next meeting as a result of their visibility during Anti-Draft Week.

The Highlands SLS is composed of very dedicated, but very poor college students. Although various fund-raisers are planned for the future, any donations from the New Mexico libertarian community would be greatly appreciated. Send correspondence to Highlands SLS, c/o Jill Rodgers, Box 8, Sapello, NM 87745.

MORE NEWS

MORE LIBERTARIANS ELECTED IN 1981

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The most exciting election news occurred in Texas where three LP activists were elected to the Harris County (Houston) Board of Education. The Board has seven members but only five of the seats were up for election. The terms are for six years and the remaining two seats will be up in 1983. The Harris County board is somewhat of an anachronistic institution. It is only one of two remaining County Boards in Texas. It currently duplicates services already provided by the district school board and the LP ran on a platform proposing that the Board be abolished.

With three of the seven seats now under control, the LP hopes that they can persuade one other member to join with them in a petition to the state legislature for abolition of the board. Even if they can't get a majority petition, they will file a minority petition from the three of them. If they don't succeed by the time of the '83 election they will contest the two remaining seats and seek a clear majority. Since the Board retains a residual taxing power, there will be much opportunity for the LP to carve out a Libertarian opposition.

The three winning candidates were Texas LP Chair Honey Lanham, Bill Fraser and Jeffrey Calvert.

In South Carolina, Mike Carruth was elected to the Landrum City Council, becoming the second LP member in the state to get elected to public office. The other member is Marshall Dannenberg who was elected last year to the Elgin City Council.

In Montana, Mike Tanchek was reelected to the Troy City Council.

Two Pennsylvania LP members were elected to office. In Schuykill County, Jay Zane was elected to the Government Study Commission. The commission examines the operations of the local government. Zane finished 2nd out of 23 candidates seeking the seven seats.

The other Pennsylvania victory occurred in the Township of East Buffalo where Rod Bowman was elected Town Assessor on a promise to resolve all disputes in favor of the taxpayer.

In Loveland Colorado the LP county chair, Keane Richardson, ran on a slate with four other candidates who were closely identified with the Libertarian philosophy.

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Keane received 48% and the other four were elected. There are nine seats altogether and cries of a Libertarian takeover have been heard frequently in the press.

In another race of interest, Dick Siano, of the New Jersey LP tied for first place in a race for Kingwood Town Board. Dick won the runoff by about a 2-to-1 margin.

Elsewhere, other candidates who didn't win made impressive showings. Most notable was Dr. Donald Salyards who received 48% of the vote against the incumbent. A vicious smear campaign was conducted in the last two weeks by the opponent and the local press.

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CATO INSTITUTE Seminars in Libertarian Theory will be held at Dartmouth College the week of July 3-10, and at Stanford University the week of August 7-14. These seminars are very popular and informative. More information can be had from Janet Nelson, Cato Institute, 224 Second Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003. Fee is \$395 or \$150 for students. NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE seeks contributions to fight current anti-abortion legislation now in congress. Send donations to NARAL, P.O. Box 14270, Washington, D.C. 20044. Watch out, the Womb Police are coming. "The main difference between private enterprise and government is found in this comparison: The formulas for Kentucky Fried Chicken and Coca-Cola are still secrets. How to make a hydrogen bomb is on the newsstand." submitted by John Howard ADVERTISE in the Convention Program. Rates: 2 x 3½ - \$10, (business card size), 4 x 3½ - \$15, 6x3½ - \$20. Send info to Jill Rodgers, Box 8, Sapello, NM 87745. Free design. ╋╪╏╋╋╋╋╋╋╋╋╋╋╪╧╧╧╋╋╋╋╪╪╪╪╪╞╔╪╪╋╗┿╪┝╝┥╪╪╡╪╞╡╪

THE LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS - new libertarian newslatter -Subscriptions: \$10 per year. From Free Forum Books, P.O. Box 242, W. Willington, CT 06279.

STATE FAIR BOOTH - is a possibility this year. These are great fun to work and often uncover a great many closet libertarians. Anyone willing to put in a day at the Fair contact Christa -299-7061.

HELLO SEMA WYNNE! Glad to have met you at the Anti-Draft Table. Hope you like the newsletter. Sincerely, Jill Rodgers

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