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## 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 NE, 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 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 acquaintances 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 populace 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

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CANDIDATES WANTED - If you are toying with the idea of running for public office in 1982, please contact Dan Shelton at 2021 Roma NE Alb. NM 87108 or call him at 266-3409.  
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NATIONAL PROMISES 1/2 TOTAL NEEDED SIGNATURES on petitions to get LPNM candidates on the ballot. This is a tremendous help in our petition drive, but we still need to get that other 1/2. Don't forget to get your petition in circulation right away.  
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