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Making "Libertarian" a Household Word

State Organizing Committee Adopts New Mission Statement and Goals

At the last State Organizing Committee meeting on January 23, in Triumph, IL, the SOC adopted a mission statement, visions, goals, and an organizing structure for the LPI. These were developed at strategy sessions with some leaders of the LPI participating, at the home of Bill and Jeanette Muench in the fall. The purpose of this endeavor was to make the LPI more focused and organized in order to achieve what is spelled out in the mission statement.

Mission Statement

The Libertarian Party of Illinois is the political party dedicated to promoting and achieving individual rights and personal responsibility, which are the foundation of the United States of America.

We are dedicated to re-establishing limited government, the only function of which is to defend those rights.

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LPI Plans Annual State Convention: April 16-18

"I am extremely excited about our upcoming convention. The planning is going so well," exclaimed Jeanette Muench, the LPI convention committee chairman recently. An objective observer would have to agree.

So far, the following people have agreed to speak. **Dr. Mary Ruwart**, author of the acclaimed new libertarian outreach book, *Healing Our World*, will speak at the Saturday night banquet. **Jacob (Bumper) Hornberger**, president of the Future of Freedom Foundation will speak at the Saturday luncheon on a "Libertarian Approach to the Federal Deficit." Bumper is a very likable, well-informed and interesting speaker. **Tom Hetland** of The Heartland Institute will speak on educational choice. Tom is instrumental in helping make educational choice a viable alternative in Illinois. **Pat Rooney**, president of Golden Rule Insurance Company, will present his innovative solution to the health care "crisis", "Medisave Accounts."

On Saturday morning **Steve Givot**, National Committee member, and former Libertarian candidate for senator in Illinois, will discuss the new mission statement and goals endorsed by the National Committee in December. **Steve Alexander** is tentatively planned to speak in opposition to the endorsement of the goals. On Friday (outreach) night, **Larry Dodge**, national director of the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA), will talk about FIJA activism. For Sunday morning brunch, **Tamara Clark**, National Committee member and recent state senate candidate in Nevada will speak on Libertarian campaigns. There is a great deal of evidence to suggest that Tamara had the election stolen from her by election officials in Nevada. She is appealing the results.

Sunday afternoon will be dedicated to a forum on campaigning. We will discuss what works, what doesn't, what we need to do to employ a successful political campaign in Illinois.

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Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Illinois will take place on April 17, Saturday morning, 9:30 to 12:00, at the Quality Hotel, 920 E. Northwest Hwy., in Palatine. The meeting will be extended to Sunday morning, if necessary. Officers for the state party, and delegates to the national convention will

be elected. Also, any proposed Bylaw changes will be voted on. Anyone proposing changes to the By-Laws should submit those proposed changes to the recording secretary, Jeanette Muench (listed in the directory), 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Libertarian National Committee Endorses a Mission Statement and Set of Goals

In what is becoming a brewing controversy within the Libertarian Party, the Libertarian National Committee endorsed two goals that, if adopted at the national convention would fundamentally change the way the Libertarian Party operates.

The first concerns the pledge. The new goal would remove the requirement of signing the pledge as a condition of membership.

Proponents of the new goal believe that the pledge is an unnecessary hurdle in obtaining members, that many prospective members don't understand the full meaning of the pledge, or that the pledge can mean different things to different people, and that some libertarians just have a distaste for pledges.

Opponents of the new goal are concerned about watering down Libertarian beliefs and feel that the elimination of the pledge for membership would permit outsider, non-libertarians to infiltrate the party. They argue that the non-aggression principle, which is embodied in the

pledge, is the heart and soul of the Libertarian Party.

One compromise proposal would eliminate the pledge for membership, but retain some form of it for delegates, officers and national candidates.

The other controversial goal endorsed is to replace the current platform with a new one that would start from scratch at every national convention, would be goal-oriented, and describe how Libertarians would solve the top ten issues that are paramount with the public, from a two-to-four year perspective. The planks would be transitional in nature but would lead to and be consistent with the fundamental beliefs of the Libertarian Party and the Statement of Principles.

Proponents argue that the present platform is poorly written, in a negative fashion, is a laundry lists of complaints with no detailed solutions, and much of it is irrelevant to the voters, and does nothing more than turn people off. They maintain that the platform should be an outreach document.

Opponents to the change state that the present platform is a detailed extrapolation of Libertarian principles, and to replace it with an outreach document would water down Libertarian Party beliefs. They think the present platform is an excellent guidepost for new Libertarians and for candidates to use, and is not meant as an outreach document.

One compromise proposal gaining some ground is the suggestion that we keep the platform, but call it something else such as the "Libertarian Party Vision," and adopt a new platform along the lines endorsed by the National Committee. That way, we can have the guideposts, yet present the Libertarian Party in a more marketable manner to the public and the news media.

Our state convention will have presentations from both sides of the issue. During our Annual Meeting, we will elect delegates who will be voting on these issues at the national convention.

State Convention April 16-18 (from page 1)

The convention will take place on the weekend of April 16-18, at the Quality Hotel, in Palatine, 920 E. Northwest Hwy. Individuals and organizations may purchase a display table for \$10 and an additional \$5 will allow inclusion of material in the convention packet. For more information on the convention call Convention Chair Jeanette Muench at 708-381-2369.

This will be a very interesting and informative convention to attend and also a very important one. We will elect new officers of the party at the Annual Meeting, and also delegates to the national convention which will be held on Labor Day weekend in Salt Lake City. A platform committee representative will also be elected. Both the State and National parties have proposals of new missions and goals. The National Convention will rule on whether to keep the present platform or adopt an entirely new one. The

question on whether or not to retain the pledge as a condition of membership also will be introduced. So the election of

delegates this time becomes very important indeed. Don't miss our annual state convention. It's going to be a great one!

LPI Annual Convention: "Freedom and Responsibility"

At the Quality Hotel, Palatine, IL, April 16-18

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Please make checks payable to: Libertarian Party of Illinois.
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Ever hear of a T.I.F.? . . .

by David Peerenboom

Neither had most of us, certainly not Nico Angel, proprietor of the Arlington School of Music in Arlington Heights. But he's getting a political education the hard way.

T.I.F. stands for Tax Incremental Financing District and is a feature of Illinois law that gives local municipal zoning boards sweeping power over private property rights. Because of this law, if municipalities determine that certain real properties, presumably in commercially valuable areas, *have a higher tax revenue utility when used for other purposes*, they have the power to force owners to relinquish the properties by threat of condemnation. To Wit : The Arlington School of Music.

The Arlington School of Music is located in a very old (c. 1850) house near the corner of Vail and Northwest Hwy. in Arlington Heights. The village officials desire a commercial condominium project to proceed using the land upon which the house rests. But Nico Angel, who has owned the property for four years (A.H. School of Music is actually decades old, but has not always been at this location), has resisted village efforts.

The experience has been very costly to Mr. Angel in both time (away from his music teaching) and money (legal fees, etc.), and yet, if his lawyer is to be believed, he has nil chance of changing the will of City Hall. And when they, the City government, decide they've had enough, condemnation proceedings will commence, with the wrecking ball the final act of injustice.

From a property rights viewpoint, this is an outrageous abuse of eminent domain. In America, the constitutional restrictions on the uses of eminent domain for taking of private property were certainly drawn in notions of *important public use*, i.e., for roads or bridges, etc. in which the community and populace in general share, and which might add to the general welfare. But to take private property, and transfer it to another private party through condemnation for the reason that a government will realize higher revenues is certainly to stretch and distort proper application of eminent domain—which must *always* be held suspect, in any case.

The LPI is providing some assistance to Mr. Angel. The Libertarian office has received petitions for which it will gather signatures opposing the proposed action by the Village of Ar-

lington Heights. We especially urge our Arlington Heights members to contact the village officials, as local taxpayers and voters are much more likely to have an impact than 'outsiders'.

I have met with Mr. Angel at the School of Music, and have made phone calls to groups (Lincoln Legal Foundation, for one) which I thought might be of direct, or at least indirect, assistance. I also put him in touch with Andy Spiegel, and they have met, though it is unclear at this time whether Andy will represent Mr. Angel on this problem. His current attorney apparently has not provided either much in the way of legal or moral support, possibly because he does not really believe in Angel's cause, or his chances of prevailing against the authorities.

A rally is being organized on Tuesday, February 16, to bring pressure to bear on this issue. We encourage Libertarians to join in. The Libertarian Activist Club is organizing this rally. Please contact Ken Prazak, 708-810-1974, and let him know that you will participate in this rally. Bring signs and a loud voice. We will draft a flyer explaining the Libertarian position on eminent domain.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Illinois

Present form:

Article III Membership

A Party member shall be any person whose dues are current and who has signed the following pledge: "I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social or political goals."

Proposed Change:

Eliminate all references to the pledge, so that Article III reads: *A Party member shall be any person whose dues are current.*

submitted by: Kenneth Prazak

Arguments for and against will be presented in the March *Illinois Libertarian*.

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The Most "Libertarian" Episodes of Star Trek—The Next Generation

by Eric C. Banfield

Many libertarians have noted the appearance of distinctly libertarian themes in the television show "Star Trek—The Next Generation."

Several episodes have wonderful scenes exploring basic libertarian issues. Set in the future, the adventures of the crew of the Starship Enterprise face challenges of tomorrow but frequently apply principles libertarians discuss today.

With scripts from top-notch teleplay writers, the dialogues and plots are fascinating, challenging, and often contain conclusions or resolutions that make libertarians cheer. Once in a while, scripts veer off into non-libertarian ideas, but usually the show, designed to show a positive view of the future, can even improve the optimism of libertarians.

Moral and practical issues are explored, such as religion, revolution, trade negotiations, and property rights in one's own body, and, in "I, Borg," the collective versus the individual.

In "The Hunted," the crew encounters a "prisoner" who has escaped from exile in a planet's lunar jail facility.

Episode	Writer(s)	Stardate
"Justice"	R. Wills, W. Thorne	41255.6
"Home Soil"	Guers, Sanchez, Sabaroff	41463.9
"When the Bough Breaks"	Hannah Louise Shearer	41509.1
"Symbiosis"	Robert Lewin	(none)
"The Measure of a Man"	Melinda M. Snodgrass	42523.7
"Who Watches the Watchers"	R. Manning & H. Beimler	43173.5
"The Price"	Hanna Louise Shearer	43385.6
"The Hunted"	Robin Bernheim	43489.2
"The High Ground"	Melinda M. Snodgrass	43510.7
"The Offspring"	René Echevarria	43657.0
"The Most Toys"	Shari Goodhartz	43872.2
"Transfigurations"	René Echevarria	43957.2
"The Drumhead"	Jeri Taylor	44769.2
"The Game"	Sackett, Bronson, Braga	45208.2
"The Masterpiece Society"	J. Kahn & A. Belanoff	45470.1
"The Outcast"	Jeri Taylor	45614.6
"I, Borg"	Rene Echevarria	45854.2
"The Perfect Mate"	Echevarria & G. Perconte	45761.3

Those in bold are essential viewing.

The government had programmed its soldiers using chemicals and implants, and then refused to let them re-enter society because they were too dangerous.

In "The High Ground," the doctor calls her kidnapper a terrorist, while the terrorist claims he is fighting a war for independence, no different from George Washington.

In "The Offspring" (my personal favorite), the android "Data" uses cybernetics to create his own child. A Starfleet admiral says the child is a research project who should be taken from her "father" to a Federation research facility. The Enterprise captain defends Data's desire to raise and teach his child without the help of The Federation, which he labels "the state." The child, Lal, shown questioning authority, is a model of independence. The ending is superb.

In Chicago, ST-TNG airs Saturdays on WPWR-TV Chicago (channel 50), 6-7 PM. Episodes rerun eight days later, Sundays 10:30-11:30 PM. Reruns from previous seasons air weekdays, 6-7 PM.

Rockford Register Star, January 3, 1993

Cut Spending

Your Dec. 19 editorial lauded the economic "summit" recently convened by President-elect Clinton.

Instead of implying that our only hope is the federal government spending the U.S. out of our hard economic times, you might have reported that the only economists invited to that summit were those few who support Clinton's tax-and-spend economic stimulus theory.

Thinking that politicians and bureaucrats somehow will magically "fix" the economy by handing out dollars to some citizens that were taken from other citizens is simply crazy. Who gains from such redistribution? Bureaucrats, politicians and the special-interest groups with whom they have promises to keep, certainly not the vast majority whose pockets are picked.

I also understand that the summit resurrected a huge proposed increase in the federal gas tax. I hope your paper won't follow John Cox's recent analysis on this subject. Cox maintained that a 25-cent-a-gallon fuel tax would only cost the average family about \$100 per year. Pity he only counted direct taxes, conveniently forgetting that everything we purchase, from shoes to groceries, gets to the store in something that consumes motor fuel. Surely prices we pay would have to go up to cover those increased costs.


Wouldn't it be better to cut spending? Government spending growth has been so explosive that all we have to do is go back to spending what we did about seven years ago, and we'd eliminate the deficit plus probably cut taxes. I felt I had more than enough government then. Didn't you?

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Mission: To educate Illinois citizens on their already existing right and power to judge not only the facts of the case but the law itself while sitting on juries and grand juries.

What are Fully Informed Juries?

The heritage of fully informed juries or the right to jury nullification as it is sometimes called, dates all the way back to the Magna Carta. It is our common law heritage that juries are the last arbiter of the law itself. Our founding fathers understood this and thus assured that right through the sixth and seventh amendments to the US Constitution.

Thomas Jefferson said it this way, "I consider trial by jury as the only anchor yet imagined by man by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution." And John Adams, "It is not only his right, but his duty . . . to find the verdict according to his own best understanding, judgment, and conscience, though in direct opposition to the direction of the court."

First US Supreme Court Chief Justice and author of the Federalist Papers, John Jay, charged the jury in the first jury trial in front of the US Supreme Court, "It may not be amiss, here gentlemen, to remind you of the good old rule, that on questions of fact, it is the province of the jury, on questions of law it is the province of the court to decide. But it must be observed that by the same law, which recognizes this reasonable distribution of jurisdiction, you have nevertheless a right to take upon yourselves to judge of both and to determine the law as well as the fact in controversy . . . both objects are lawfully within your power of decision."

Georgia v. Brailsford 3 Dalles 1 (1792)

The right of jury nullification is a magic bullet for individual liberty.

Has it been used in the past? Yes!

- Fully informed juries refused to convict defendants during the 1850s who harbored runaway slaves.
- Violators of the Prohibition Amendment in the 1920s.
- Draft resisters in the 1960s.
- Tax resisters in the 1970s and 80s.

The problem: Judges today routinely and mistakenly inform jurors that they must apply the law in a given case as the judge instructs them to, even though the Supreme Court has ruled that jurors do have the right of "jury lawlessness." The Court unfortunately ruled that jurors need not to be told of this power.

The Solution: Education

Starting in February, to support its mission, Illinois FIJA will:

- distribute a monthly newsletter.
- print and help distribute brochures to inform prospective jurors of their nullification right.
- set up a speakers bureau to further educate Illinois citizens.
- issue periodic press releases concerning fully informed juries.
- lobby the state legislature to initiate an amendment to the Illinois Constitution that would instruct judges to inform jurors of this right.

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LPI Goals (from page 1)

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Vision for 1997

- Elected Libertarians at the state or federal level.
- Established political party in Illinois with regard to ballot status.
- Inclusion in major media discussions with correct name recognition in 50% of all households.
- Permanent office dedicated to the LPI with a paid executive director.

Goals by December 1994

- 20 Candidates across the state at any level, including a real candidate for governor, and focusing on one race that can be won.

- Fundraising effort sufficient to support a 5-year financial plan.
- Established contacts with key media personalities through, but no limited to, weekly news releases.

Planning Structure

- Development
- Finance
- Campaign
- Communication
- Administration

The SOC will discuss and adopt action plans within each management area at the next meeting on Sunday, February 28. If any party member would like to either become an area manager or work within one of the areas, please contact State Chair Mike Dixon at 708-409-1044.

Paul Salander Runs for Township Assessor in Mendota County

Paul Salander, Libertarian, and elected township supervisor, is planning a move up to township assessor in an election this spring. He is running against an 82 year-old woman who is not campaigning but is an incumbent. Paul's political literature includes a brochure that has tips on how to appeal one's property tax assessment. If you would like to help with Paul's campaign, call him at 815-539-7839.

DuPage County Libertarian Organizational Meeting Planned

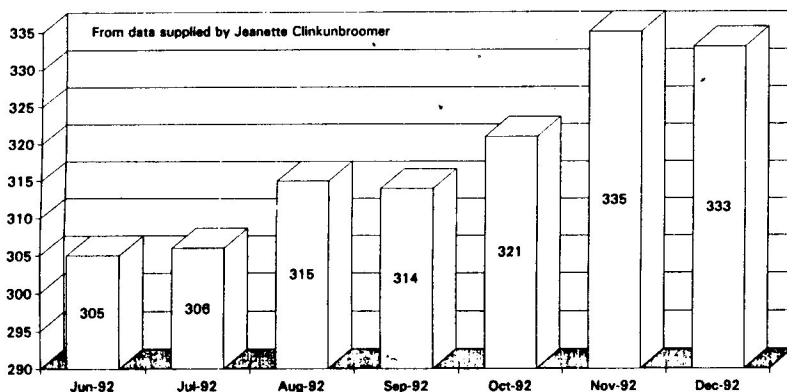
A meeting to elect Libertarian township committeeman in Downers Grove Township, Lisle, Milton, and York will occur at Ken Prazak's house on Monday February 22, at 7:30 PM. The Libertarian Party has official ballot status in these townships due to Ken McCracken's 12% of the vote in the 39th representative district. These townships include the towns of Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Lisle, Downers Grove, Westmont, Oak Brook, and Lombard. All interested should contact Ken at 810-1974 for address and directions.

Send in That Membership!

In order to maximize the number of delegates the Libertarian Party of Illinois has for the national convention in August, we need to renew memberships if they have expired, by mid-February. The LPI must send those checks to the national party by February 28. That is the cut-off date for determining representation. When you renew for the national party, please pay through the LPI

because our state gets to keep a share of the membership dues. Also if you are only a state member, please join national, and vice versa. National membership determines convention delegate allotment. By joining the state, you will help us become a more active vibrant, relevant party here in Illinois. After all, all politics is local.

Libertarian Party of Illinois Membership



Announcing the NCC Las Palmas Drinking Club

The North Cook County Libertarian Club is proud to announce its new social home, the Las Palmas Restaurant, located on the corner of Maple & Church Streets, Evanston.

The club plans to meet at this location every other month beginning in February. The meeting time will be 6:30 PM. Alternate month meetings will continue to be held at the Henry George School.

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

February 7

- **McHenry County Libertarian Club**, Sunday, evening, 6:00 PM, meets first Sunday of every month. Call Lenny Grom for details, 815-455-5660.

February 11

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 6:30 PM, at the Las Palmas Restaurant, located on the corner of Maple & Church Streets, Evanston. Contact Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, for information.

February 16

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, dinner, 8:00 PM. Program: Speaker on alternatives to the income tax. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL (1/2 block south of Algonquin.) Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 708-966-0565, for information.

February 16

- Tuesday. **Rally against the village of Arlington Heights** for condemning the Arlington School of Music, at the Arlington Village Board Meeting. Call Ken Prazak for more details, 708-810-1974.

February 22

- **DuPage County Libertarian Organizational Meeting**, Monday, 7:30 PM, at Ken Prazak's house. Election of township committeemen in Downers Grove, Lisle, Milton, and York. Call for address and directions, 810-1974.

February 25

- **Rockford Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:30 PM. Meets every last Thursday of the month at David and Kathy Kelley's house, 3456 Dallas Rd., Rockford. For more information, call Kathy at 815-874-6345.

February 28

- **LaSalle County Libertarians** meeting, Sunday, 8:00 PM, at Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL. Meets here every last Sunday of the month. More information: Call Paul Salander, 815-539-7839.

February 28

- **State Organizing Committee** meeting, Sunday. Time and location to be announced. Call State Chair Mike Dixon, 409-1044, for more information.

March 1

- **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Monday, 6:30 PM, at the Fox Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, IL. Meets first Monday of every month, same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 708-969-1088.

March 7

- **McHenry County Libertarian Club**, Sunday, evening, 6:00 PM, meets first Sunday of every month. Call Lenny Grom for details, 815-455-5660.

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- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 6:30 PM, at the Henry George School, 1772 W. Greenleaf, Chicago. Contact Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, for information.

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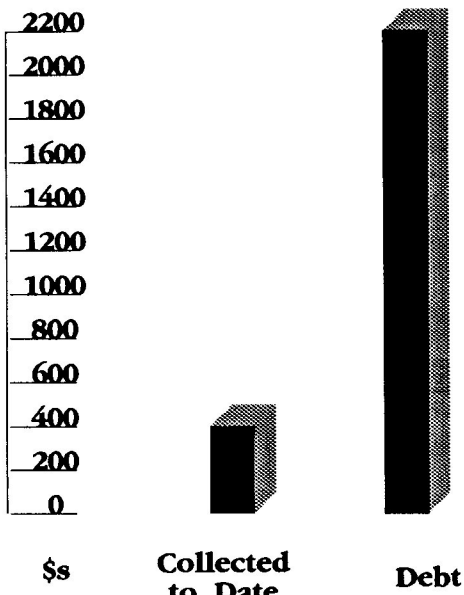
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