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Clowes write-in candidate

George Clowes (rhymes with choose), coauthor of Bea Armstrong's Transportation White paper, has declared his candidacy for Park Commissioner in the Mt. Prospect Park District. Since the deadline for petitioning to get on the ballot has passed, George will be a write-in candidate. He is running against two incumbents for one of two seats on the five-member Board. The District includes all of Mt. Prospect and parts of two or three other towns. The issues in the campaign are skyrocketing costs and deficits, tax increases, and poor management.

Park District costs have gone up by quantum leaps in recent years; for example, from 1978 to 1982: park maintenance--up 75 percent, golf course maintenance--up almost 100 percent, recreation fund expenses--up over 100 percent. Taxes went up 125 percent. Swimming pool cost increases are especially interesting. From 1976 to 1981, while wages and salaries increased by 50 percent, pool chemicals and supplies went up 413 percent. The pool deficit increased more than 150 percent.

One of the District's four swimming pools was closed last summer and will be again this summer because it needs renovation. Amidst much objection from residents, the Board has been talking for some time about rebuilding the pool as a "wave pool," a specially designed pool with a machine that creates waves. They claim it will increase the pool's revenues so greatly that it will pay for itself quickly and become a source of additional revenue. George points out that the Board has no evidence to support the claim.

The Board recently solicited bids on plans provided by an architect for rebuilding the pool to accommodate the wave machine. The Board selected the contractor who submitted the highest bid (\$188,750) for pool equipment. The contractor who submitted the lowest bid (\$45,000 less than the chosen firm's) sued in Circuit Court and obtained an order restraining the Board from awarding the contract. The judge later rescinded the order, saying he would not interfere in the Board's decision. The Board said the suing contractor's bid did not meet the architect's specifications. The contract was awarded to the high bidder, who is the supplier of wave machines.

Now, the curious part of all this is that the Park District's architect regularly does work for the firm which got the contract, and it has been disclosed that the specifications for the remodeling were actually written by employees of that firm although they carry the stamp of the architect. The architect's fee will be 7 percent of total construction costs.

George recently attended an aquatics seminar sponsored by the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association to develop expertise in
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JOHNSON WINS

Steve Johnson won the first heat in his race for Village Commissioner in Forest Park. Out of twelve candidates in the February 22 Primary for eight spots on the April 12 ballot, Steve came in sixth.

With a little help from his friends, Steve achieved victory in the Primary. With a lot more help, he will be victorious in the April 12 election and become one of the first Libertarians to hold public office in Illinois. Work nights are scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, and Wednesday, March 30. The task is addressing and stuffing envelopes. Steve learned from the Primary campaign that the most effective effort was mailing literature to registered voters. If voters in all precincts had received Steve's mailing before the Primary, Steve would probably have finished second. Many hands will be needed to prepare the mailing to every household with registered voters in the Village.

Plan to help on the 30--at Rich Suter's house from 6:00pm on. It's Unit H, 6545 W. Addison, Chicago. Rich will provide food and drink aplenty for all workers. Let him or Steve know you're coming. Rich--312/736-9572. Steve--312/366-5623.

Money is needed too to pay for Steve's high quality campaign literature and postage. Send your most generous contribution NOW to: Stephen Johnson for Commissioner, 148 Circle Street, Forest Park, IL 60130.

CLOWES (continued)

swimming pool water chemistry, filtration systems and renovation, and energy conservation in pool operation. When he attempted to raise questions and objections to the budget and the plan to build the wave pool at this month's Board meeting, George was gaveled down. The Board voted to increase its budget by 8 percent, award the contracts for the wave pool, and float a bond issue of \$1,015,000 to pay for the \$900,000 pool remodeling, ten golf carts, and carpeting for a liesure center. They voted against buying the wave machine for \$166,000 at this time. --They thought it would be too much to ask the taxpayers to put out right now. So the residents will get a "swimming pool" with zero depth at one end and walls rising from three to five feet above grade at the other (deep) end.

George will go to the voters with facts and figures. His campaign will focus on the out-of-control costs and poor management by the Board. "They are spending too much money," he said, "The taxpayers are not getting value for value."

A native of England, George has lived in Mt. Prospect since 1973. He holds a Ph.D. in chemistry, is a computer information systems specialist and an executive with the Quaker Oats Company. He is an elected Board member of the Condominiums of Huntington Commons Homeowners' Association and of the Huntington Commons Association. He has held offices in those organizations and chaired several ad hoc committees. In 1975-76 he organized a successful tax-reduction drive.

TAX PROTEST DAY

April 15 Tax Protest demonstrations are being planned in a number of cities in Illinois. Most will be at U.S. Post Offices. Ed Roth is coordinating demonstrations in three towns in western Cook and DuPage Counties. The local media will cover all three. Call Ed for details--698-5863. The Cook County North club will be making preparations for Tax Protest Day at the Main Post Office in Chicago at their April 10 meeting. Dennis Constant is Northwest Cook coordinator for the Chicago demonstration. Everyone is welcome to join in. It will be from 6:00pm till midnight.

Ken Prazak is organizing a big demonstration in the Federal Building Plaza in Chicago from 11:00am till 2 or 3pm on April 15. There will be a platform and speakers as well as picket signs and leafletting. Call Ken to volunteer to help--485-1974.

Last year's Lady Godiva demonstration in Binghamton, N.Y., was such a success that groups in other cities across the country are planning Lady Godiva rides. All that's needed is a horse, a woman willing to ride it through town wearing a flesh-colored leotard and long hair, a person equipped with a scooper and bag for sanitation detail, and a few people to hand out Libertarian tax protest literature. If you have extra people, you can have sign carriers to walk along with Lady Godiva. She, by the way, doesn't have

to have long hair. You can rent a long-haired wig. She also doesn't have to be a horsewoman. You can get a very tame horse and even have a person walk along leading it.

Libertarians in St. Louis are planning a Boston Tea Party on the Mississippi River at high noon on Tax Protest Day. If you put on a media event like these, you are sure to get lots of media coverage, including interviews.

If you're not involved yet in Tax Protest Day planning, get involved. Call your local contact person and get organized. Whatever kind of demonstration you have, be sure to send news releases a week before and call the media the day before.

SOUP KITCHEN IN ROCKFORD

Dave Kelley, Libertarian candidate for Alderman in Rockford, has a very enterprising campaign committee. In a city with 25 percent of its workers unemployed, Dave's campaign "Let Rockford Work" is planning to hold a soup kitchen on the Saturday before the election. It will be held April 9 in a church right in the center of the Ninth Ward. They will serve ham and bean soup, salad, French bread, and coffee.

Meanwhile, the Kelleys and their friends are busy preparing a mailing to go to every household with registered voters. Kathy says most of the envelopes are already stuffed. They had a spaghetti dinner for a fund raiser on March 22. Dave is on the Home Rule Advisory Committee, which is heading up the campaign to repeal Home Rule in Rockford and is busy talking to the voters. There are 4,500 of them in the four precincts of the Ward. It looks like Dave's main opposition is from the Republican candidate. The Democrat incumbent was appointed by the Mayor, is not known, and doesn't come across as a strong candidate. The Ward has traditionally been a swing ward.

Dave will need help distributing literature from 10:00am till 2:00pm Saturday, April 2. Be at the Kelleys by 10--3220 Louise Street, Rockford. Call to let them know you're coming--815/877-9605. There will be food and drink and conviving after the work.

DOWN IN MARQUETTE HEIGHTS--Scott Tillman is continuing his person-to-person campaign for a four-year term as one of two Aldermen representing the 350 registered voters in the First Ward (there are four wards). Part of Scott's campaign is to sound out people who are not registered to vote and, if they have libertarian leanings, get them to register and get them involved in cutting back government. He is the only candidate on the ballot but he's working hard to get the maximum number of votes--just in case the politicians in town start a write-in campaign.

Scott promises, "I will seek to implement a minimalist program. I will be a thorn in the side to the spenders and cause indigestion for the Council. I will be faithful to the libertarian principle of non-aggression and

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NOTICE ALL MEMBERS

RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS
TO BE PROPOSED AT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MAY 15, 1983

RESOLUTION to amend BYLAW II. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS' DUTIES, Section 1, item (a) to read:

- 1. The State Central Committee shall:
 - (a) Hold meetings at least quarterly and determine the date and location of same.

In its current form, as amended 4/18/82, BYLAW II, Section 1, item (a) reads:

- 1. The State Central Committee shall:
 - (a) Hold monthly meetings and determine the date and location of same.

This resolution will be proposed by Kathy Kelley, LPI Treasurer, at the annual Business Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, May 15, 1983. Kathy Kelley wishes to stress "at least quarterly" SCC meetings, meaning the SCC can decide to continue to meet monthly or even more often, but no less than quarterly. Passage of this amendment will give the State Central Committee greater flexibility.

RESOLUTION to amend the CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, as follows.

CONSTITUTION, Article IV, Section 2 shall be amended to read:

The officers of the Party shall be a Chair, a Northern Vice-Chair, a South-Central Vice-Chair, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. The duties of each officer shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

CONSTITUTION, Article VI, Section 3 shall be amended to read:

The State Central Committee shall fill vacancies in the offices of Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. (remainder of Article VI, Section 3 remains unchanged)

BYLAW II, Section 3, (d) shall be amended to read:

- (d-1) Recording Secretary
 - (1) Shall keep accurate records of all official Party meetings.
 - (2) Shall submit previous meeting's minutes in writing for State Central Committee approval.
 - (3) Shall distribute proposed agenda of upcoming State Central Committee meeting and minutes of most recent meeting to State Central Committee members, local club Chairs, and the newsletter Editor prior to the next meeting.
 - (4) Shall deliver all minutes to the official storage place.
 - (5) Shall make no fewer than two reports to the State Central Committee regarding local club membership and representative entitlement. One such report shall be made at the first State Central Committee meeting following the State Convention, and another shall be made six months after the first.
- (d-2) Corresponding Secretary
 - (1) Shall conduct all official correspondence between the Party and other bodies and individuals.
 - (2) Shall maintain the Party mailing list.
 - (3) Shall deliver all correspondence concerning finance to the Treasurer within the week it is received.

I am Pat Natschke, current Secretary of LPI. I have drafted this resolution to amend the Constitution and Bylaws to divide the office of Secretary into two distinct offices (Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary) and divide the duties between the two positions. Marji Kohls, past Secretary of LPI, and I have discussed it, and she has agreed to propose the resolution at the annual Business Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Illinois on May 15, 1983. We are now in search of a successor (or successors) for me because I do not intend to run for reelection. I am proposing these changes to make the job of Secretary a little easier on future Secretaries. The currently effective LPI Bylaws, as amended 4/18/82, list four duties for the Chair, three duties each for the Northern and South-Central Vice-Chairs, five duties for the Treasurer, and EIGHT duties for the Secretary. One of the Secretary's duties is to maintain the Party mailing list, also known as the Data Base. The Data Base is considered by some, if not many, to be the most precious asset of the LPI. Assigning its maintenance to someone with as many duties as the Secretary currently has seems irresponsible to me and I think the changes I am proposing reflect a greater respect for and recognition of the importance of the Data Base. I believe that having two Secretaries with fewer responsibilities will result in greater efficiency and higher quality work for the LPI.

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do everything in my power to secure the citizens' life, liberty, and property."

THE THORN OF ROSELLE--Gerry Walsh, candidate for Village Trustee, is keeping up his bedeviling of the spenders on the Village and Library Boards in Roselle. R.O.S.E. (Residents Organized to Serve and Enlighten) has been distributing flyers with the story of the

tax-cut referenda that Gerry reports in his article in this issue.

Gerry will need help to distribute literature on April 1, 2, 3, 9, and 10. Meet at his house at 10:30am--789 Overland Court, Roselle. There will be food and drink at approximately 3:00pm. You can call Gerry at work--312/381-1980, ext. 2136, or at home--894-8680.

IN THE MEDIA

Misplaced loyalty

Don Totten gave his defense of the Republican loyalty oath in the Dec. 20 Herald. I think it is appropriate for an official from another party to comment.

Totten claims that a strong two-party system is a necessity. The alternative is a multiple party system, such as Italy's, "with a government paralyzed to act." He also claims the U.S. system, the best devised to date, operates under a two-party system.

Totten is wrong to attribute America's success to the two-party system. This country was founded on individual rights and freedom, not on the two-party system. Its success is a consequence of a government that exists to protect individual rights. If a multiple party system is undesirable, then the logical solution is a single political party. On a municipal level, this single party is

a political machine; on a national scale, it is a dictatorship.

He further contends that suburbanites must have a disciplined, unified Republican Party to oppose the urban Democrats. Party discipline, asserts Totten, must begin at the grass roots.

I don't like the idea of rival gangs fighting for political turf. I don't like the idea of my tax money being considered the spoils of victory. I don't want officials who are puppets of a gang leader and his cronies.

Finally, Totten claims that government officials who have been elected through the endorsement and support of the Republican Party have entered into a voluntary, implied contract; the party members will work to get them elected, and the elected official will then accept the dictates of the party.

What about the implied contract between the voters and the official? A party

nominee is supposed to be a person committed to the principles of the party (assuming that the party has principles). The party members work for that person because they are also dedicated to the party's principles and because they think the nominee is the best person for the position. If the elected candidate proves incompetent, the party can renounce him and not renominate him.

The number of people who declare themselves independent voters is growing. They are more prone to elect a person, not a party, and they don't want their elected officials to be threatened with dismissal if they fail to toe the party line. The party is free to renounce them but not to fire them. They may be nominated by the party, but they're elected by the voters.

Gerry Walsh
Libertarian Party of Illinois
Roselle

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The draft is 'forced labor'

In his reflections ["Sound Off," Jan. 27] on the future role of gays and lesbians in the U.S. military, James Asbury regards the country as if it were a person and then calls for the enslavement of real persons in order to secure the freedom of the country. He sanctions a military draft of gays and straights alike in order to defend America against "her" enemies. Observe, however, that forced labor is slavery—and the draft is precisely that.

The nation, like any group, is really nothing more than the individuals comprising it. There is no freedom of the group distinct from the freedom of its members. If some members are enslaved to other members, then the former are slaves while the latter are criminals—nothing more.

Asbury is correct in supposing that the plans of our brothers on the Potomac will be thwarted without a draft. That is a tribute to the good sense of many Americans. They will not volunteer to fight another foreign war. Let us hope they will deepen their good sense and abolish the Selective Service.

Let us work for the acceptance of open gays and lesbians in a voluntary military, befitting the land of the free.

Stephen C. Boydston
Member, Judiciary Committee
Libertarian Party of Illinois

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Bring your friends to this open house evening. Introduce them to Libertarianism in the convivial atmosphere of a social mixer. Meet and mingle with Illinois Libertarian experts and activists and (probably) one or more announced candidates for the Libertarian Party presidential nomination. There will be a LIBERTARIAN THEATRE, Exhibits, a Libertarian Book Vendor, Free Literature, and a Cash Bar.

SATURDAY--All Day--Panel discussions and workshops, and a debate on Libertarian strategy. Evening--Cocktail reception with presidential hopefuls and Convention speakers and Banquet with Roger McBride, Libertarian candidate for President in 1976.

SUNDAY--Breakfast with Dave Nolan, co-founder of the National Libertarian Party. Libertarian Party of Illinois annual Business Meeting--10:30am to 4:30pm--election of LPI officers, decisions on Constitution and Bylaws changes, and selection of National Convention Delegates.

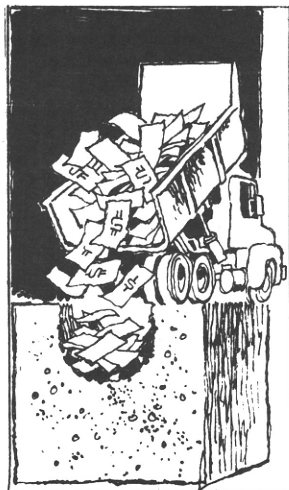
Toll road better than gas tax

By George A. Clowes

Gov. James Thompson, in his State of the State message this week, is about to sell Illinois taxpayers the same snake oil cure for roads that the U.S. Congress palmed off on the American people last December.

Whereas Congress imposed a whopping 125 percent increase in the federal gas tax [from 4 cents to 9 cents], Thompson will ask for a much more "moderate" 33-47 percent increase in the Illinois gas tax [from 7.5 to 10-11 cents per gallon]. The two combined increases will bring federal and state gas taxes to 20 cents a gallon, or about \$150 a year for the average motorist.

These two gas tax increases are unnecessary. The increased taxes aren't needed to fix roads, nor to fund mass transit. Supporters of the tax increases have simply bamboozled workers into forking over even more of their pay in taxes. A gas tax isn't even the best way to raise road repair funds.



Locher / Chicago Tribune

The "crumbling" condition of the road system is vastly overstated. Although the worst parts of the interstate road system have certainly deteriorated, they still represent less than 10 percent of the total mileage. At the same time, more than six times that mileage has received the highest rating. The data used to support higher gas taxes seems to have been chosen very selectively, apparently not so much to inform the public as to mislead them.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Transportation concluded just two years ago that the interstate highway system is largely in good condition, with some states and localities facing major repair problems.

Increased gas taxes, like most snake oil medicines, are being sold as "miracle cures" not only for roads and bridges but also for mass transit and unemployment.

For example, supporters of the \$5.5 billion federal gas-tax increase claim that it will create over 340,000 jobs. At roughly \$16,000 per job, this would be quite an impressive achievement. Unfortunately, the government's own Office of Management and Budget has already shown that jobs cannot be created so cheaply—the OMB's figures show that government-created jobs cost from \$68,000 to \$198,000 each, much more than the \$16,000 quoted by the gas tax supporters. More jobs would be created if Congress had simply left the \$5.5 billion in workers' pockets, where it rightfully belongs.

Twenty percent of the new federal gas tax is

earmarked for mass transit capital subsidies. For the Chicago area, this will bring RTA capital spending up to about \$350 million a year. With RTA operating subsidies already in excess of this figure, this will raise taxpayer-funded RTA support to \$2 million a day. Since RTA fares bring in only \$1 million a day, this means that every \$1 ride on a public CTA bus really costs \$3—or not much less than the cost of riding in a private cab. It is nothing short of criminal to provide more subsidies to such an inefficient operation.

As far as road repairs are concerned, there is no justification for increasing taxes to pay for highway maintenance. A more equitable solution would be to charge appropriate user fees [tolls] for access to interstate and other major highways. Current user charges fail to reflect the differential damage inflicted upon highways by heavy trucks as compared to passenger cars.

The National Transportation Policy Study Commission in Washington, D.C., concluded in a 1978 study that "by and large toll roads are better maintained than other roads." An independent 1977 study showed that Europe has twice the mileage of toll roads as the

United States [8,868 vs. 4,4160].

The idea of collecting tolls on interstate highways is gaining acceptance in Washington, and in many state capitals because gasoline tax revenues are insufficient to cover highway maintenance expenses. Wisconsin, South Carolina, Maine and Pennsylvania are all studying how to make greater use of tolls for highway and bridge maintenance.

Currently, it is against the law for any state to impose tolls on its interstate highways, unless the state wants to repay the federal money used in their construction. Thus, Congress would have to change the federal law for Illinois or any other state to impose tolls.

The establishment of user charges for access to transportation facilities in Illinois would bring a new reality and a new discipline to the movement of goods and people throughout the state. It would open up many new jobs in the transportation industry at a time when the state's economy desperately needs revitalization.

This is the kind of jobs program that Illinois needs, not another snake oil cure like the gasoline tax hike.

Chicago Tribune, Sunday, February 6, 1983

TAX CUT REFERENDA UPDATE

by Gerry Walsh

On December 6, Roselle R.O.S.E. (Residents Organized to Serve and Enlighten) filed petitions with the Roselle Village Board and the Roselle Public Library District. These petitions called for tax-cut referenda to be placed on the April 12 ballot.

The Village petition called for the maximum corporate rate to be reduced 25 percent. This fund is not presently at its legal maximum, which means the Board could increase this tax about 50 percent if they wanted to. If the electorate votes in favor of this question, the Board would only be able to increase the rate by about 10 percent.

The Roselle Public Library petition also called for the maximum corporate rate to be reduced by 25 percent. This tax is presently at its maximum rate, and has been for three years. The Library tax has increased about 280 percent in the past four years. So you see your taxes go up even though the tax rate remains the same. (NOTE: The Library has a budget of a quarter of a million dollars, but only \$30,000 goes toward the purchase of books.)

On January 28, five objectors to our petition filed their objections with the Secretary of the Library Board. The DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners was convened February 4 to hear and rule on the objections. The objectors presented 12 points for declaring our petition invalid. Eleven of their points were denied, one was sustained. Therefore the Library tax-cut referendum will not appear on the ballot April 12.

We are not disheartened---we view it as a victory!

TAXPAYERS - 11 LIBRARY OBJECTORS - 1

Now we are discussing the following with the State's Attorney's Office:

- 1) The Roselle Public Library District Board of Trustees is in violation of the Open Meetings Act--discussion of the petition (a matter of public policy) took place during an executive session.
- 2) There is a conflict of interest--three Board members were objectors.
- 3) There is another conflict of interest--the objectors' attorneys are also the Library's attorneys. This raises the question: did our tax dollars pay for the objectors' attorneys fees?

Editor's note: A week after the taxpayers' 11 to 1 victory, the Board heard the objections of three R.O.S.E. members to the ballot petition of one of the Library Trustees on the grounds of insufficient valid signatures. The objections were denied because the signatures were not checked by an official spotter. HOWEVER, the judge ruled the petition itself invalid on the same grounds as the objection which kept the tax-cut referendum off the ballot: improper wording. The proper wording (currently) is, "We the undersigned, being registered voters of..." The tax-cut petition said "qualified electors" (previously correct) and the Trustee's petition said "qualified voters." A word to the wise--when petitioning your government, be sure you get the latest word on proper form and procedure.

VOTE LIBERTARIAN APRIL 12

Illinois law does not permit voting for NOTA (none of the above). Votes for NOTA are simply ignored. However, write-in votes must be counted. You do have the option of casting a Libertarian vote even if there are no Libertarians running in your local election. You can write in

Mayor
Jane Q. Libertarian

or

Park District Commissioner
John Q. Libertarian.

BE SURE you write the office title as it ap-

pears on the ballot above the names of the candidates who are running for that office. Don't write "Village Board" or "School Board" even though that's the way they are generally spoken of. Also be sure your "X" does not extend outside the square box you have drawn. The election judges can call the write-in vote invalid if it does.

TOM VERKUILEN OUT

Tom Verkuilen, former editor of the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN, was incarcerated in the Metropolitan Correctional Center, a maximum security Federal prison in Chicago, on February 3 under a nine month sentence. He was released February 16 when his attorney, Alan Spitz, filed a petition for reduction of sentence.

Convicted of failure to file income tax returns for 1976 and 1977, Tom was sentenced in 1980. He appealed the conviction in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and lost the appeal in October 1982.

Because he has served in the Peace Corps, Tom offered to do volunteer service teaching English to new immigrants in lieu of serving a prison term. The petition for reduction of sentence resulted in a new sentence of six months on work release and three months of volunteer service, the nature of which is yet to be determined, plus two years probation. During the work release portion of the sentence Tom will be required to spend nights or week ends in jail. He will also be required to pay the IRS what they calculate he owes them, plus penalties and interest. If he fails to do so, he will have to serve a term of two years and nine months in prison.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gene Burns of Orlando, Florida, is the first declared candidate for the Libertarian nomination for President in 1984. Through twelve years of Congress watching, Gene evolved from a liberal democrat into a Libertarian. He refers to the members of those houses as Tweedle Dumb and Tweedle Dumber. Gene hosts a two-way talk show program and is operations manager and news commentator on radio station WKIS in Orlando. Much in demand as a public speaker, Gene has addressed the Libertarian National Committee and state conventions in Georgia and California. He plans to attend as many state conventions as he can.

Alicia Clark has announced that she will seek reelection as National Chair of the Libertarian Party. David Walter has announced his candidacy for National Treasurer and Sharon Ayers has announced her candidacy for National Secretary.

Deadline for notifying Secretary Pat Natschke in writing of your candidacy for LPI office is April 15.

Make your campaign contribution checks payable to: Stephen Johnson for Commissioner, Committee to Let Rockford Work (Dave Kelley's campaign committee), Scott Tillman, Vote for Walsh, or LIFBAC.

CALENDAR

BOLINGBROOK STUDY GROUP--7pm alternate Sundays--Anne McCracken 312/739-6240.

COOK COUNTY SOUTH--8pm every Tuesday, Ida Noyes Hall, 1414 E.59th St., Chicago--Tim Griffin 445-5296.

ILLINOIS VALLEY LIBERTARIAN ASSOCIATION--3pm second Sunday, 725 E. Kansas, Peoria--Scott Tillman 382-2892.

KANE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7:30pm first Wednesday, St. Charles Savings and Loan, St. Charles--Pat Schultz 426-9187.

LAKE COUNTY LIBERTARIANS--fourth Sunday, 6pm pot luck supper, 7:30pm discussion--Bill King 312/662-3959.

LIBERTARIAN CLUB OF DU PAGE--8pm first and second Mondays, College of DuPage, followed by Cafe Discussion at Alfie's Restaurant; 8pm last Wednesday, Don Parrish's house--Pat Peterson H.830-8468, O.832-3130.

MCHENRY COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7pm third Thursday, Branded Steak House, Crystal Lake--Joan Jarosz 658-6335 or Steve Garcia 639-8112.

NORTH COOK COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY--7pm second Sunday; STUDY GROUP--7pm fourth Sunday--Ray 472-1536 or Stephen 883-5199.

NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY LIBERTARIAN ORGANIZATION--meeting dates vary; meetings and parties are combined with political activity--Rich Suter 736-9572.

PRAIRIELANDS LIBERTARIAN ASSOCIATION--4pm first Sunday, 1501 N. School, Normal--Bob Johnston 452-1219.

ROCKFORD AREA LIBERTARIANS--7:30pm first Wednesday--Shaune Stork 885-3014.

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