

# Free Orange County

"When a stupid man does something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty."

— George  
Bernard Shaw

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## State Convention to feature candidates *Program will mix strategy, ideology and comedy*

**Nancy Lord**, the Libertarian Party's Vice Presidential Candidate, headlines an all-star cast scheduled to appear at the 1992 annual Libertarian Party of California State Convention next February.

All convention events will take place at the **Radisson Plaza Hotel** beginning Friday evening, Feb. 14, through Monday, Feb. 17 (Presidents' Day weekend). Dr. Lord will speak at the Saturday night banquet. The hotel is located next to John Wayne Airport in Orange County.

The Convention theme, "Breakthrough '92," builds on the tremendous strides the LP has made in California and other states in the last two years and underlines our expectations of even greater LP electoral success in 1992. In keeping with that concept, Convention events will assist LPC candidates in formulating their plans for effective campaigns.

Saturday morning's events include a presentation by **Eileen Padberg**, an experienced political consultant with many successful Republican campaigns to her credit, and a long time friend of Libertarians.

Following Ms. Padberg will be a panel discussion on national issues and state issues for U.S. Senate, congressional and state assembly candidates. **M. Williamson Evers** of the Hoover Institute at Stanford University will present the national issues. **David Bergland**, a Costa Mesa attorney, 1984 Presidential candidate and author of *Libertarianism In One Lesson*, will present the state issues. In the same vein is a panel of distinguished Libertarian officeholders, including Calaveras County Supervisor **Tom Tryon**, and Simi Valley Councilwoman **Sandi Webb**, discussing "What Happens When You're Elected."

Also scheduled are speakers and panels on other high profile issues for the '90s. **Dr. Stephen Guffanti**, spokesperson for the Choice in Education Initiative (which will be on the November 1992 ballot) will speak on that issue. **Larry Dodge** will tell us about the Fully Informed Jury Initiative, which is also currently circulating in California. The tax issue will be addressed by **Joel Fox** of the Howard Jarvis Tax Committee.

One particularly interesting panel will be "The Drug War vs. The Second Amendment." This panel will include **Alan Bock**, senior columnist at *The Orange County Register*, **Ron Talmo**, Dean of Western State Law School in Irvine, and **T.J. Johnson** of Gun Owners of America.

The Convention's specific purpose is to do the necessary business of the LPC. This includes business sessions covering Bylaw amendments, Platform amendments, Election of officers and endorsement of candidates for the U.S. Senate. At this time there are two announced candidates for the two open seats: **Richard B. Boddie** of Huntington Beach, and **June Genis** of Palo Alto.

The LPC Convention will also be FUN. The welcoming event is a Friday night cocktail and dance party featuring live blues from **Luke and the Locomotives**, one of the Southland's hottest acts. The Keynote Address will be given between sets. Sunday will feature a **Comedy Night** of professional side-splitting entertainment.

**Mark your calendar and make reservations now!** Use the form enclosed with this newsletter. If you plan to stay at the Radisson Plaza, make room reservations now by calling (714) 833-9999 — and mention the LP Convention to get the special room rate.



Notes from the Chair

OCLP poised for growth in 1992

By Brian Schar
OCLP Chair

This is an exciting month for the Orange County LP. Not only are important plans for 1992 being made, but also a big surprise has come our way: A generous benefactor has offered us office space in the Hutton Center in Santa Ana!

Included with the office is a shared receptionist who can answer the phone during business hours. We plan to have the telephone line and party address switched to the office by the December meeting; I'll have more details then.

A permanent office in a prestigious location will enhance our image, and strengthen our credibility. (There's no mystery about our benefactor's name, but I was unable to reach him to confirm that his name should go in the newsletter.)

Libertarian candidates should be Libertarians

By David Bergland

Events involving the recent special election for State Senate in Sacramento and the campaign of Dr. David McCann, the LPC candidate, raise issues of responsibility for LP leaders in the selection of candidates and monitoring of their campaigns.

Because this was a special election and there was no Democrat in it, Libertarians from around California and elsewhere put a great deal of effort and money into backing McCann because it was thought he could possibly "win." These activities involved LPC leadership and national LP leaders. Unfortunately, no one looked very closely at the campaign being run by McCann and his local supporters.

It turns out that McCann was running on issues which did little to differentiate him from his moderate Republican opponent. When pressed on the "war on drugs" issues, McCann and his campaign manager, Tom Dahlberg, stated publicly that McCann favored maintenance of the status quo, a clear contradiction of the LP Platform.

When a local Sacramento LPC activist wrote to the Sacramento Bee to explain accurately the LP position on several issues, McCann was alleged to have physically assaulted him. There is now a petition to the LPC Executive Committee to expel McCann for his conduct. Not a pleasant state of affairs.

For those of us who have been with the LP for some time, this is a recurring concern. Should our candidates be truthful about Libertarian positions on the issues? Or should they use the "fraud for freedom" ploy, soft-peddalling our true positions in order to win elections?

Based on long experience and analysis it is clear to me that telling the truth (skillfully and compassionately) is the only basis for long term success.

Why? Any time a Libertarian shows strongly before an election, he or she will be attacked viciously by opponents who describe libertarianism in the most nega-

The December meeting will focus primarily on candidates: who they are, what offices can be targeted, and what to do next. There is still room on the ballot for anyone interested in running for public office, especially in the South County and East County areas.

Don't forget — the OCLP officers' election will take place at the next meeting on Dec. 17. In accordance with the state bylaws, the official announcement was placed in last month's newsletter, more than 30 days prior to the upcoming election.

We intend to focus a lot of energy on growth in 1992. Gary Hull, the head of the New Member Committee, plans to hold introductory meetings for new people on a city-by-city basis next year. By targeting registered Libertarians in each city who are not currently dues-paying members, we can substantially increase our membership — and our funding base!

It is better to be up front from the beginning, describing our positions in the most positive way, to preempt such attacks. It is difficult to do that if a candidate has been lying about what's in the LP Platform.

A principled and consistent presentation of libertarian views and solutions to problems has been the foundation of LP growth up to this point. Libertarianism is accepted as a legitimate alternative in American politics because we have been principled and consistent since the beginning. Let's not blow it now by ill-advised seeking for electoral "wins" with misrepresentation. It won't work and you'll hate yourself in the morning.

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# November meeting focuses on goals, sets mission

By Mark Murphy  
OCLP Secretary

Three months ago, a new Chair was elected to replace Roger Bloxham. Two months ago, three new officers were elected to the position of Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. The November OCLP meeting was the first by the newly elected officers... and what a meeting it was. A total of 37 people were in attendance.

Brian Schar, OCLP Chair Pro-Tem, started off the meeting with a mission in mind and a set of goals. This mission is the focus of the OCLP! One... to "Increase Local Membership"; Two... to "Elect LPC Candidates"; and Three... to "Support LPC Candidates".

Along with the mission is a set of goals for the LP meetings. These goals are to Present Events; Disseminate LP info; and Provide a Forum For LP Members To Participate In Local, Current, and Future Activities.

Good news! According to state records, we now have 224 full LP members and 13 associate members. A full member is one who has paid the \$25 dues AND signed the LP pledge. An associate has paid the dues, yet not signed. All in all, we have 237 LP members... not to mention the more than 5,500 registered Libertarians.

To encourage more sign ups of LP members, Brian Schar has initiated a bounty for each new membership turned in. If you sign someone up to the LP party, send the application and the \$25 to Doyle Guhy, OCLP Treasurer. He will pay \$3 per application at the end of each month as a bounty for signing up new members!

Several committees have been started in the past. Some are still in existence, others have simply vanished. Each committee head gave a brief run down describing the committee's activities.

Ideas for new committees were also introduced. New ideas included a New Member Committee, a Social Committee, and a Media Committee. If you would like to

volunteer your time to these committees, contact one of the officers at 714-540-5053.

There are between 200-300 offices up for election state wide; 25-30 of these are in OC! If you are interested in running for office, contact Roger Bloxham at 714-540-5053. Signed petitions must be in by February 19th to be on the ballot.

For new business, Gary Copeland, OCLP Vice Chair, made a suggestion that the OCLP focus on one issue during next year's campaign. The floor was open to general debate for the next 10 minutes. As with any Libertarian debate, it was hot! The issue was whether the OCLP should focus on one issue or not. Those that did think one issue was fine differed on what they thought the issue should be. After all was said and done, a vote was cast. The "One Issue" idea was voted down by the attending members.

During open forum Roger Bloxham gave a report on the lawsuit Drivers For Highway Safety and the Libertarian Party have against Measure M. From all indications, it looks good for our side. A special donation was collected at the meeting to help with this lawsuit. Over \$400 was raised by the attending members and another \$100 from the OCLP treasury. Over \$500 was given to the Drivers For Highway Safety to help with the OCLP's share of legal costs. If the lawsuit is won, look forward to a lowering of the OC sales tax!

Look forward to an exciting December meeting! We will have elections to reconfirm the current officers; Brian Schar Chair; Gary Copeland Vice Chair; Doyle Guhy Treasurer; and Mark Murphy Secretary. Also, we will have an update from the committee heads, further discussion on local candidates, convention news, Boddie campaign report, Marrou-Lord campaign report, Measure M lawsuit update, and ideas on fund raising!

## Membership Application

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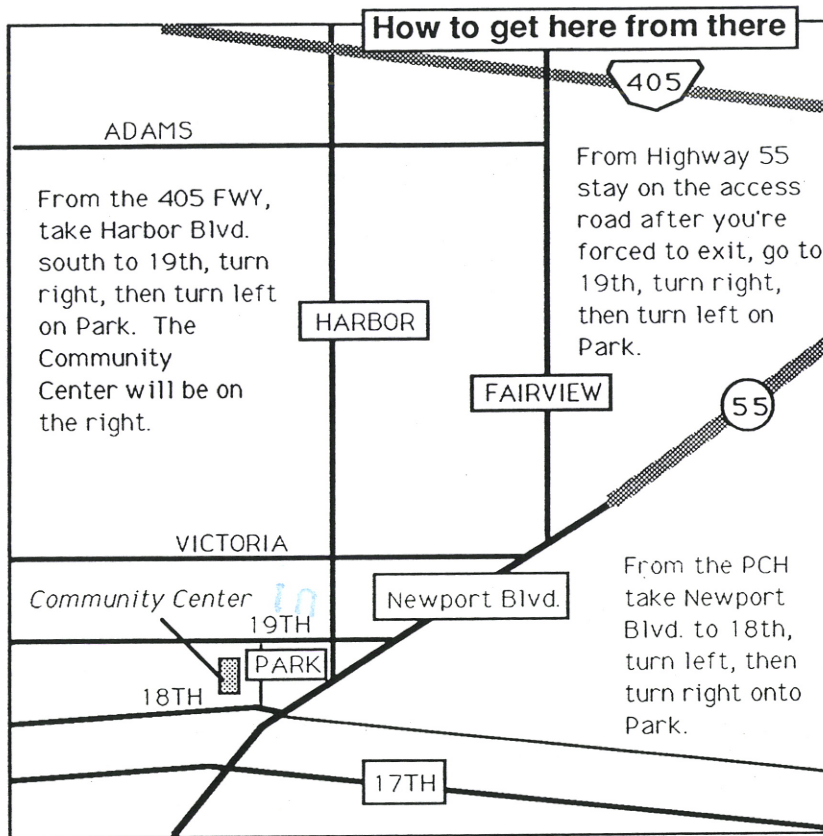
The Orange County Libertarian Party meets the third Tuesday of each month at The Neighborhood Community Center in Costa Mesa, located at 1875 Park. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For up-to-the-minute details concerning the next meeting please call party Chair Brian Schar at 840-6833.

## South County Meeting

Libertarians in the southern party of the county normally meet the fourth Tuesday of each month in Laguna Beach.

However, Jim Rushing, who organizes the South County meetings, says he'll skip this month because the fourth Tuesday is Christmas Eve. "I don't want people bringing me presents," he quipped.



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