

Newsletter of the Orange County Libertarian Party

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Marrou to lead September "Town Meeting"

By Gary Copeland Marrou Campaign OC Coordinator

On Thursday, September 10, Libertarian Party Presidential candidate Andre Marrou will visit Orange county at the National Bank of Long Beach building, 3 Hutton Center Drive.

This is our opportunity to get press for our campaigns and expose Orange County to Libertarian Politics at its best. We will win in November by getting the vote totals we have never received before. We need your support in order to make this town meeting a success for the party of principle. We are that future guiding light for tomorrow's politically informed individuals. America, born of Libertarian roots, will again gain insight into how prosperity works.

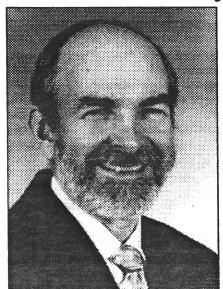
This is what separates us from the rest of the political groups, we are self determining and do believe in the individual to do the right thing when he is called upon to help his fellow man. We are loyal to the foundations that

make up the philosophy we aspire for the country we live in.

The national press will not give us the media we deserve so we have to do it on a local level. Make copies of the invitation printed below and hand it out to your friends and family. Tell them that here is an opportunity to see and understand what we are about and why we are running in '92. Don't forget to invite the sceptics and dissatisfied Democrats, Republics, and especially the supporters of Ross Perot. Most important call all your libertarian friends and tell them the good news, they can finally do something to help out by showing up at the meeting and supporting our candidates in front of the news media.

My dinner with Andre: There will be a \$50/\$100 dollar a plate fund raiser for the Andre Marrou for President Campaign at the Randell building 5:00 p.m. previous to the meeting. Call Randell's at 556-7700 or Gary Copeland at 545-9022 for more information.

You are cordially invited to a special town meeting



ANDRE MARROU

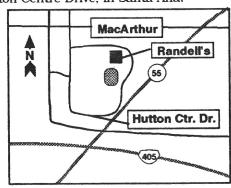
Come and observe a real, live alternative to the "business as usual" parties' candidates!

Andre Marrou, Libertarian Party candidate for President, will lead a New England-style town meeting where he will outline his plans for solving the nation's problems and listen to your concerns.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 10 at Randell's Art Gallery, located in the ground floor of the National Bank of Long Beach building, 3 Hutton Centre Drive, in Santa Ana.

Marrou is the only Presidential candidate likely to be on the ballot in all 50 states to challenge the establishment candidates. Listen to his message, so you can send your own message to Washington in November!

For further information contact Marrou Campaign coordinator Gary Copeland at 545-9022.



Notes from the Chair

Copeland quits; new vice-chair to be elected

By Brian Schar OCLP Chair

As the campaign season enters the home stretch, Vice-Chair Gary Copeland has resigned to become Andre Marrou's campaign coordinator in Orange County. He will organize Marrou's appearance in Orange County, coming up on the 10th of September.

Mark your calendars — Marrou will conduct a town meeting at Randell's Art Gallery that night at 7 p.m.! Tell your friends and neighbors. People who may not care to hear a Libertarian viewpoint are often quite willing to see a presidential candidate in person. A turnout of several hundred people is not an unrealistic expectation if we get the word out.

Obviously, there is now an opening for OCLP vicechair. Official Election Notice: The election of a new vicechair will be held at the regular business meeting on Sept. 15, at Randell's. The meeting will commence at the usual time of 7 p.m. Directions to the meeting place can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Boddie asks activists to lobby LVW for debates

The Richard Boddie for U.S. Senate campaign is asking Libertarians to contact the League of Women Voters and demand that Boddie and June Genis, the other U.S. Senate candidate, be included in planned candidate debates.

The ostensible purpose of the LWV is "to help voters learn more about the men and women who would like to serve" in elective office. However, this group has historically excluded non-major party candidates from the debates they sponsor.

To help rectify this situation, please write to Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, President, League of Women Voters, 926 J Street, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA 95814. The phone number for this office is 916/442-7215.

LPers invited to party

Our friends in Region 63 (Pasadena-Glendale) are hosting a party for area Libertarians to be held Tuesday, Aug. 18, at The Ice House comedy club.

"There will be no fund-raising, no politicking, just a good time," said Kim Goldsworthy, Region 63 Chair. "This bi-annual Libertarian Party 'Party' is becoming a tradition for our Pasadena region."

The Ice House is located at 24 N. Mentor Ave. in Pasadena, one block east of the intersection of Lake Ave. and Colorado Blvd. Showtime is 8:30 p.m., and dinner reservations (optional but recommended for best seating) are for 6:30, 6:45, or 7 p.m. The show cover charge is \$7.50 and dinner runs fro \$10-20. For reservations call 818/577-1894 after noon daily. Tuesday is a "no smoking" night.

This month's guest speaker is Rodney Lopez, Public Executive of Citizens for an Alternative Tax System (CATS). CATS advocates the replacement of the income tax with a sales tax. Libertarians, who strongly support the abolition of the Federal Income Tax, should be interested in hearing about the activities and plans of this group.

Special thanks to out to Mark Murphy, Jeff Winters, Roger Bloxham, Gary Copeland, and Laura Carno for their fast and ready assistance in assembling June Genis' campaign appearance! With very little lead time, their efforts made it possible to put on a professional and effective visit by Ms. Genis.

I'd like to gently remind our membership to be nice to inquiries and curious friends. People who have come part way to the Libertarian Party shouldn't be beaten up for not being with us all the way right at first. It's not realistic to expect people to write a disseration on libertarianism an hour after receiving their membersh package.

Believe it or not, when I first started to get active I didn't understand most of the platform. Without some very helpful and supportive local members helping me to see th logic behind our more-controversial stands, if I had been excorciated for not immediately understanding minute points of philosophy, I probably would have remained a Republican. (Eech!) New members and visitors should be encouraged for coming as far as they have toward our philosophy, then helped to understand the complete package. Be polite!



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Letter: Bloxham "article" unfair to candidates

The July issue featured a front page "article" from Lynn Bloxham expressing dismay at the apparent intent of some of our Libertarian Party congressional candidates to vote for (former) presidential candidate Ross Perot if it came down to a House of Representatives vote. I'd like to express my own dismay that you would print such comments and allow them to be construed as factual and therefore, an "article."

"Articles" are usually items written to pass on to the readers of a publication items of interest. When the actions of people mentioned in such "articles" are reported, a responsible reporter will take steps to verify those actions with the people involved or third parties who witnessed such actions, before the "article" is printed, so an accurate report to said publication readers can be made.

No mention was made in the Bloxham "article" of an attempt to verify the statements of the involved candidates with them or any witnessing third parties. Did the OCLP candidates indeed say they would vote for candidate Perot, or did the Orange County Register reporter misreport what the candidates actually said? Having been a past candidate for the LP, I know how comments can be misreported. I've spoken with one of the alleged pro-Perot candidates and he said the Register reporting was not correct. Where was mention of that in the Bloxham "article?"

Whey should I get so upset about something like this? Because this "article" has been printed as the lead story in our local LP newsletter, a source for local activists, and other, outside parties, of "accurate" information. This "article" should have been listed as a letter to the editor, a personal opinion piece written by somewhat who didn't do much investigating.

If Lynn Bloxham wanted to write an accurate "article" she should have done more research and reported her findings. If our candidates had stated they would vote for candidate Perot, it would have been interesting to know why they came to those conclusions. A complete "article" would have informed us of those reasons. If the Register reporter had not done an accurate job of reporting our candidates' stance, the "article" would have informed us of that. Instead, we can now only wonder what's going on in the OCLP.

Of course, our newsletter editor bears some responsibility

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in this matter. Why didn't the editor add some comments after the lcose of the "article," asking these questions?

In the future, it would be best to label fact as fact, opinion as opinion and not confuse membership with opinion presented as fact.

> Lee Connelly Past OCLP Chair and Newsletter Editor

Mr. Connelly is correct in that the candidates should have been contacted for verification before the story went to press. For this oversight (which was mainly due to deadline pressure) I apologize to my readers and the candidates.

Lynn Bloxham said she was reluctant to contact the candidates because she felt certain her feelings in the matter would not be changed and that the candidates would only be more offended when she went ahead and wrote the article anyway.

I personally spoke with Gary Copeland, one of the congressional candidates involved, about the Registerstory. He said at first that he never said he would support Perot, but he did say he would vote for whomever his constituents supported. Since the perameters of the question assumed that Perot would have been the choice of Copelend's hypothetical constitutents, a vote in the House for Perot would be the logical conclusion. I have not spoken with the other two "Pro-Perot" candidates, but Jack Dean was quoted in the Register as saying he liked what Perot stands for. If this is inaccurate it would not be a misunderstanding as in Copeland's case but an outright distortion on the part of the Register.

Mr. Connelly's attempt to define journalistic terms is a bit off the mark. In newspapers, a "news story" is supposed to contain strictly facts; an ""editorial" or "opinion piece" presents a writer's opinion; a "news analysis" is sort of a combination of the

In this and most other newsletters, facts and opinions tend to be mixed together. For example, Gary Copeland's front page story in this issue contains a mix of facts about the Marrou visit and opinion about the significance of Marrou's campaign. This sort of informality, so long as no attempt is made to mislead, is most suitable for this type of publication.

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Meeting Time & Place

The Orange County Libertarian Party meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7p.m. at Randell's Restaurant, located at 3 Hutton Centre Drive in Santa Ana (see map).

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

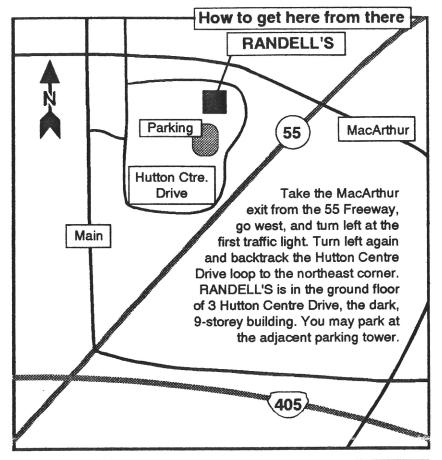
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