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## 2023 ELECTION RESULTS: 6 CANDIDATES WIN ELECTIONS

by Andrew M. Kolstee  
LPNY Chair

The 2023 election season is over and we almost have the official results. Some counties have certified election results, but not all. The deadline for certification is in early December, but the results are mostly complete.

There were Libertarian candidates across the state running for office for the 2023 elections. Of the 18 candidates, there were 6 victories.

In Chautauqua County, Ryan Sanders was re-elected Sherman Village Trustee, running for one of two positions in a race with only two candidates.

In Steuben County, Angela Einwachter was re-elected to Prattsburgh Town Council in a two-way race with two seats available.

In Oneida County, there were two victories. Oneida County Libertarian Party Chair Keith Redhead was elected Ava Town Supervisor in a contested two-way race against Republican candidate David C. Mathis, Sr. Also in the Town of Ava, Kathleen Redhead was elected Tax Collector—the first victory for the Libertarian Party of New York for that type of office.

In the Town of Marilla in Erie County, cross-endorsed candidate Earl Gingerich, Jr. won his

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race for Town Supervisor while Sharon Forersch won her race for Town Clerk.

Congratulations to the winners and congratulations and thank you to everyone who ran for office to represent the Libertarian Party this year! We don't have automatic ballot access and we are also no longer a recognized party in the state, and yet, we still had candidates on the ballot—and still had victories!

We now proceed to the 2024 election cycle!

OFFICE AND CANDIDATE INFORMATION					LP AFFILIATION	RESULTS						NOTES
						TOTAL	LIBERTARIAN LINE		ALL LINES		W/L	
Office	Location	County	Candidate	Seats	Enrollment	VOTES	Votes	Percent	Votes	Percent		
Town Tax Collector	Ava	Oneida	Kathleen Redhead	1	Enrolled Libertarian	98	98	100.00%	98	100.00%	WIN	
Village Trustee	Sherman	Chautauqua	Ryan Sanders	2	Enrolled Libertarian	107	0	0.00%	52	97.20%	WIN	as People's Party
Town Council	Prattsburgh	Steuben	Angela Einwachter	2	Enrolled Libertarian	376	34	9.04%	160	85.11%	WIN	Also Republican Party
Town Clerk	Marilla	Erie	Sharon Lee Forersch	1	Cross-Endorsed	1,837	0	0.00%	1,246	67.83%	WIN	
Town Supervisor	Ava	Oneida	Keith Redhead	1	Enrolled Libertarian	138	93	67.39%	93	67.39%	WIN	
Town Supervisor	Marilla	Erie	Earl A. Gingerich, Jr.	1	Cross-Endorsed	1,863	0	0.00%	1,242	66.67%	WIN	
District Attorney	-	Ulster	Michael J. Kavanagh	1	Cross-Endorsed	48,056	0	0.00%	23,843	49.62%	LOST	
Town Council	Marilla	Erie	Wendy Schoenwetter	2	Cross-Endorsed	3,343	86	2.57%	655	39.19%	LOST	
County Legislature District 6	-	Ulster	Suzanne Timbrouck	1	Cross-Endorsed	1,155	0	0.00%	341	29.52%	LOST	as Bridge the Gap Party
Town Council	Royalton	Niagara	Wendi Szabo	2	Enrolled Libertarian	1,699	237	13.95%	236	27.78%	LOST	
City Council District 6	Elmira	Chemung	Craig Colwell	1	Enrolled Libertarian	459	0	0.00%	114	24.84%	LOST	as Free People Party
Town Council	Cazenovia	Madison	Mark Braiman	2	Enrolled Libertarian	2,222	247	11.12%	242	21.78%	LOST	
County Legislature District 3	-	Yates	Phillip Rahr	4	Enrolled Libertarian	3,364	152	4.52%	152	18.07%	LOST	
Town Supervisor	Lafayette	Onondaga	Craig Shute	1	Enrolled Libertarian	1,137	163	14.34%	163	14.34%	LOST	
County Legislature District 3	-	Yates	Janice Enos	4	Enrolled Libertarian	3,364	113	3.36%	113	13.44%	LOST	
County Legislature District 3	-	Yates	Jeff Bradley	4	Enrolled Libertarian	3,364	98	2.91%	98	11.65%	LOST	
Town Supervisor	Guilford	Chenango	Thomas Quitter	1	Enrolled Libertarian	484	0	0.00%	38	7.85%	LOST	As Non Partisan Guilford Party
County Executive	-	Erie	Duane Whitmer	1	Enrolled Libertarian	202,165	2,323	1.15%	2,294	1.13%	LOST	

# EMPIRE STATE FREEDOM SUMMIT HELD AT RAIL LINE IN SYRACUSE

by Andrew M. Kolstee  
LPNY Chair

The second Empire State Freedom Summit was held at the Rail Line in Syracuse on November 10-11, 2023. The event began on Friday evening with entertainment from comedian, writer, and author Lou Perez. Following this, 2024 Libertarian Presidential candidates were given an opportunity to address the attendees and take questions. Two such candidates were present for this opportunity: Joshua Smith and Mike ter Maat.

On Saturday, the event began in the afternoon with three speakers who had never spoken at an LPNY event before: Shane Hazel, a Libertarian candidate who spoke on Bitcoin; Dr. Clayton Baker of the Brownstone Institute, who spoke on medical freedom; and Dan Warmus, founder of Auditing Erie County, who spoke on First Amendment Audits. Saturday evening concluded the event with a fundraiser, including a silent auction.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and to everyone who attended this event!



*Lou Perez on Friday evening*



*Joshua Smith, candidate for President*



*Mike ter Maat, candidate for President*





*Shane Hazel speaking on Saturday*



*Dr. Clayton Baker speaking on Saturday*



*Dan Warmus speaking on Saturday*

# **HELP US GET A3312 REINTRODUCED**

**This bill, from the 2023 legislative session, would have lowered the ballot access thresholds back to the previous standards: the number of votes needed to get ballot access to 50,000 (from 130,000 or 2%), and lower the petition signature requirement for a statewide office to 15,000 (from 45,000). Contact your representatives in the New York State Legislature and ask them to support reintroducing this bill for the 2024 legislative session!**

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# UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

by Andrew Kolstee  
LPNY Chair

Here is this month's update on some of the things going on behind the scenes at the Libertarian Party of New York.

## State Committee

The next State Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023. We have vacancies remaining on the committee that can be filled at this meeting. We will also be electing our Platform and Credentials Committee representatives for the 2024 Libertarian National Convention at that meeting.

## 2024 Nominating Convention

The Libertarian Party of New York will hold a nominating convention to choose our placeholder candidates for President and Vice President in the spring of 2024.

Since the Libertarian National Convention will be held at the end of the petitioning period, and so when petitioning begins, it is unknown who the nominee will be, and so a placeholder can-

didate would need to be selected in order to get a candidate on the ballot. If the Libertarian Party of New York has a successful petitioning drive, the placeholder candidate is able to withdraw in favor of the candidate selected at the Libertarian National Convention.

We will also choose our U.S. Senate candidate. We are looking for bids for the location, in which the Executive Committee is to finalize sometime in December.

## 2024 National Convention

The 2024 Libertarian National Convention is scheduled for May 23-27, 2024 in Washington, D.C. Delegate numbers are locked in, and New York will have 41 delegate spots.

If you would like to be a delegate, a form has been sent out for interested individuals to sign up. We will be choosing our delegates in early 2024. Emails will be sent to remind everyone about the form and to apply to be a delegate.

## Ballot Access Legislation

Rich Purtell, LPNY 2nd Vice-

Chair and Legislative Affairs Director, is leading efforts to get ballot access legislation introduced that would reduce the ballot access thresholds back to the old standards. Contact Rich Purtell at [rpurtell@lpny.org](mailto:rpurtell@lpny.org) if you would like to help with this effort.

## Website and Database

Work continues on the website and database, but most of the work has been focused on the database, in which there are a few remaining tasks to complete the migration.

## 2024 Campaign

The Petitioning Committee has met and is exploring ideas for a potential statewide petitioning drive in 2024. If you are interested in joining this committee, please reach out.

## Platform Committee

The Platform Committee, chaired by Dan Castello, is currently working on revamping the state platform. When the work is completed, a series of proposals will be sent to the State Committee for consideration to amend the platform.



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**NEXT MEETING:**  
Thurs., Dec. 5, 2023 @ 7:00 PM  
Lakeview Hotel & Resturant  
Mayville, NY and Zoom

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## CHEMUNG

**NEXT MEETING:**  
Tues., Dec, 12, 2023 at 6 PM  
at Ill Eagle Taphouse  
(2nd Tuesdays)

## CHEMUNG, cont.

**TRIVIA NIGHT:**  
Wed., Dec. 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
at Ill Eagle Taphouse  
(4th Wednesdays)

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Wed., Dec. 20, 2023 @ 7 PM  
Claverack Free Library  
and Google Meet  
(third Wednesdays)

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## MONROE

Contact the Monroe County Libertarian Party for meeting link. We also have monthly social meetings that you don't want to miss. There is also Google Group for announcements.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thurs., Dec. 5., 2023 @ 7 PM  
(first Thursdays)

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## NASSAU

**MEET THE CANDIDATE**

Meet Mike ter Maat  
Sun., Dec. 10, 2023  
5 PM - 7 PM  
at Paddy's Loaf  
in Massapequa

## NASSAU, cont.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Tues., Dec. 12, 2023 at 7 PM  
@ Landmark Diner  
(2nd Thursdays)

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Thurs., Dec. 14, 2023 at 7 PM  
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Since October 2022, the Rensselaer County Libertarian Party has been collecting food items and monetary donations to give monthly to StreetSoldiers Rensselaer.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wed., Dec. 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Alexis Diner, North Greenbush  
(first Wednesdays)

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Hickory BBQ, Kingston, NY  
(second Mondays)

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