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FLP candidate Judith Jones debates Mayor Koch before the League of Women Voters.

## FLP Shows Gains in 1981 Races

**W**ith fifteen candidates on the ballot in New York, the FLP had the largest contingent of Libertarian campaigners of any state this year. The results showed us making gains over the 1980 results for Ed Clark.

Originally, we had filed for sixteen candidates but the courts suspended the election for New York City Council and we filed for the Manhattan At-Large Seat for the Council. At this writing, we don't know when and if that race will be run since the courts have ruled that the present At-Large districts are illegal.

The fifteen candidates were spread around the state, with five in Monroe County, five in New York City and one each in Wayne, Suffolk, Orange, Broome and Tioga

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## More Libertarians Elected in 1981

**S**everal LP members have been elected to public office in the 1981 elections. Additionally, New York's FLP showed gains over Ed Clark's record 1980 results with two candidates racking up impressive showings of over 25% on the FLP line.

The most exciting election news occurred in Texas where three LP activists were elected to the Harris County (Houston) Board of Education. The Board has seven members but only five of the seats were up for election. The terms are for six years and the remaining two seats will be up in 1983. The Harris County board is somewhat of an anachronistic institution. It is only one of two remaining County Boards in Texas. It currently duplicates services already provided by the district school board and the LP ran on a platform proposing that the Board be abolished.

With three of the seven seats now under control, the LP hopes that they can persuade one other member to join with them in a petition to the state legislature for abolition of the board. Even if they can't get a majority petition, they will file a minority petition from the three of them. If they don't succeed by the time of the '83 election they will contest the two remaining seats and seek a clear majority. Since the Board retains a residual taxing power, there will be much opportunity for the LP to carve out a Libertarian opposition.

The three winning candidates were Texas LP Chair Honey Lanham, Bill Fraser and Jeffrey Calvert.

In South Carolina, Mike Carruth was elected to the Landrum City Council, becoming the second LP member in the state to get elected to public office. The other member is Marshall Dannenberg who was elected last year to the Elgin City Council.

In Montana, Mike Tanchek was reelected to the Troy City Council.

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Two Pennsylvania LP members were elected to office. In Schuylkill County, Jay Zane was elected to the Government Study Commission. The commission examines the operations of the local government. Zane finished 2nd out of 23 candidates seeking the seven seats.

The other Pennsylvania victory occurred in the Township of East Buffalo where Rod Bowman was elected Town Assessor on a promise to resolve all disputes in favor of the taxpayer.

In Loveland Colorado the LP county chair, Keane Richardson, ran on a slate with four other candidates who were closely identified with the Libertarian philosophy. Keane received 48% and the other four were elected. There are nine seats altogether and cries of a Libertarian takeover have been heard frequently in the press.

In another race of interest, Dick Siano, of the New Jersey LP tied for first place in a race for Kingwood Town Board. Dick won the runoff by about a 2-to-1 margin.

Elsewhere, other candidates who didn't win made impressive showings. Most notable was Dr. Donald Salyards who received 48% of the vote against the incumbent. A vicious smear campaign was conducted in the last two weeks by the opponent and the local press.

In New York, two FLPerS made impressive showings. Ernie Phillips received 25% of the vote in the race for Williamson Town Supervisor. The race was a three way fight. The Democrat had 41% and the Republican had 34%. Ernie's showing is a major improvement over his last campaign. Previously, he ran for State Senate. In that part of the district encompassing Williamson, he got 18%, mostly as the local boy in a large district. This race represented a much stronger endorsement of Ernie as a candidate with Libertarian views.

The other really impressive showing was by Jim Wood, who was our candidate for Tioga County Legislature. There were four seats being contested and five candidates, Jim and four Republicans. Despite the fact that all 22 voting machine were rigged so that certain combinations of votes locked out the FLP lever, he still got 31% of the vote. The machines were impounded after the election but after an analysis of the vote, Jim decided that a new election would not produce a victory and he dropped his suit.

Other strong showings included Marcia Farrington's 28% in the race for Ames, Iowa City Council; Ernie McAfee's 13% for Kentucky State Legislature and David Gailey's 11%, also for Kentucky State Legislature. ■

## FLP SHOWS GAINS IN 1981 RACES

Counties.

The most impressive showings were those of Ernie Phillips in Wayne County who got 25% of the vote in a three way race for Town Supervisor of Williamson, and Jim Wood, running for Tioga County Legislature, who received 31% of the vote in a five way race for four seats. Jim's vote was achieved despite the fact that the Board of Elections appears to have rigged all the machines in the district so that certain vote combinations locked out the FLP lever.

In Orange County, Art Svensson ran for County Legislature. In Suffolk, John Hren ran for Easthampton Town Council. In Monroe County, Dick Ulsh and Dave Hoesly ran for County Legislature while Jim Franz, Tom Huddle and Dave Miller ran for Rochester City Council. These seven candidates each received between 2 and 3% of the vote.

In Broome County, Ed Jowett ran as the FLP candidate for Mayor of Binghamton in the first local campaign for the new Southern Tier Chapter of the FLP. Ed received a good amount of local press coverage and percentage wise did about 40% better than Clark. The campaign also resulted in the recruitment of a large number of new activists.

In New York City there were five candidates on the ballot. Judith Jones ran for Mayor, John Francis ran for City Council President, Robert Flanzer ran for Comptroller, David Kahn ran for Manhattan Borough President and Delores Grande ran for Manhattan District Attorney.

Delores Grande had the best showing of all the city candidates getting over 7000 votes and 3% of the votes cast. The other four candidates all received better than one-half of a percent. The city-wide showings were the highest percentages yet received for a city-wide race and

Judith Jones had about a 30% better percentage than did Ed Clark last year.

Judith ran the most ambitious campaign with David Kahn also running actively. In many ways, Judith's campaign was the most impressive city-wide race ever run by the FLP. We received over 1% of the vote in 19 of NYC's 65 Assembly Districts. By contrast, previous candidates were never able to do that in more than four districts. Clark did it in only one district.

Also significant is that, for the first time, we made strong inroads among the minority voters. Our best Assembly District in New York City was in Bedford-Stuyvesant, where we got over 2% of the vote. Other districts where we did better than 1% were Harlem and the South Bronx.

The media generally ignored the race until the last two weeks and the Mayor's chief opponent got only 13% of the total vote. The Conservative candidate, State Assemblyman Esposito, and the Liberal candidate, City Councilwoman Codd, ran below 5%.

Judith's main visibility came from the airing of twenty-five commercials and five debates with the Mayor. Coverage of the debates was dismal, with Judith's candidacy usually being dismissed with about one line of commentary in a larger story about the other candidates. The press generally covered the Conservative, Liberal and Right-to-Life Parties, claiming that they were major candidates while dismissing Judith's campaign as a minor or splinter party candidacy.

Despite this, Judith's commercials apparently got through to some people and she received 6902 votes. Although this was fewer votes than received by Ed Clark, the turnout was one third less and her percentage of the vote was 30% higher than Clark's.



## Regional Reports

**T**he New York City FLP held its annual convention on December 5th, 1981. Guest speakers included **David Koch**, who discussed his experiences in fielding questions with the media, and **Gary Greenberg**, who reported on City, State and National election results for the LP. In his talk, Mr. Koch, the LP Vice Presidential candidate in 1980, described what it was like to be a candidate and how best to take advantage of press conferences, talk shows, phone-in shows and public speaking appearances. Elected as Chair of the City chapter was **John Francis**, who was responsible for producing numerous press releases in the **Jones** mayoral campaign. John conducts classes around the country training executives to give speeches. Also elected were **Beth Gottlieb** to the Vice Chair position, **David Kahn** to the Treasurer's spot, **Milton Verstandig** to the Secretary's spot, **Paul Xavier** to the Representative Seat on the State Committee and **Marc Joffe** to the Alternate Seat. The club's speakers bureau aired two editorial replies in November. On WOR-TV the editorial reply urged that strikes be settled in a free market atmosphere subject to market pressures. The other reply, on WABC-TV pointed out that the legalization of narcotics was necessary to cut crime rates.

**Rochester Libertarians** keep to an active schedule of monthly dinner club meetings and now have two local newsletters covering regional activities. **The Liberty Pole** reports on the doings of the SIL chapter while **Dateline: Rochester** covers the activities of the FLP chapter. With six candidates for public office the chapter can claim the most campaigns of any state chapter. (A court decision suspending the NYC City Council elections left the NYCFLP with five candidates on the November ballot even though six petitions were filed.)

The Southern Tier FLP based in Binghamton has just wrapped up two active campaigns and is now working to organize the FLP 1982 state convention. A membership meeting with film and discussion is planned for the evening of January 11th. On February 13th the chapter will hold a clambake and have a speaker. The annual membership meeting to elect officers will be held on March 2.

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In November, **Buffalo's Western New York Chapter** held a meeting to show the film *Libra*, a libertarian science fiction film about the energy crisis. At this meeting a consensus was reached that tuition tax credits would be a key local campaign issue because of the large number of Buffalo area students in private schools. **Bob Capozzi**, the local Vice Chair was invited to a class on Library and Informational Sciences to discuss the Libertarian Party. On January 27th, the chapter will be showing the academy award winning film *Towards Liberty*, a biography about **Karl Hess**, who is admired by many libertarians. Another film/discussion meeting is scheduled for February 23rd.

**Nassau Libertarians** now publish a newsletter covering matters of interest to Nassau Libertarians. Post-election activity was kicked off with a wine and cheese party on December 13th.

**Suffolk Libertarians** ran **John Hren** for local office in the Town of Easthampton. Another activist, **Virginia Walker**, is one of a rotating group of political commentators on Long Island's Channel 67.

**Rockland-Orange Libertarians** also had a local candidate in the recent elections with **Art Svensson** running for the Orange County Legislature. The chapter is exploring the possibility of subdividing into two chapters, with one in Rockland and the other in Orange.

**Westchester Libertarians** have been active with regular monthly meetings and speakers. Recent speakers included **Gary Greenberg**, **Mark Brady** on *von Mises'* (the



Austrian School) economic viewpoint, and **Jerome Huyler**, the author of *Everything You Have: The Case Against Welfare*. The club also held a fundraising party for NYC Mayoral candidate **Judith Jones**. The club's first annual convention was held on December 3rd. Keynote speaker was **Roger Ream**, Director of Seminars for the **Foundation for Economic Education**. His subject matter included a history of FEE and the growth of the Freedom Philosophy since 1946.

Capitol District newspapers cited the **Capitol District FLP (Albany area)** as the major opponent of the Job Development Bond referendum in the November election. Although the bond was voted in by the electorate (the prison bond, however, was defeated) Albany county was one of the few counties to vote against it.

**Central NY Libertarians** in the Syracuse area are

making plans for the chapter to organize a booth at the Syracuse State Fair over the summer. The fair is one of the largest in the country. In 1980 almost 500,000 persons passed by our **Clark for President** booth.

**Mid-Hudson Libertarians** have revived the local chapter at a recent reorganization meeting. **Steve Daniels** was elected chair of the club and at the December 12th meeting of the FLP State Committee, the chapter was rechartered. That brings to eleven the number of autonomous regional chapters. The chapter is responsible for Ulster and Dutchess counties. Recent activity centered on former FLP Congressional candidate **Sandy Cohen**, who was given the Republican endorsement to run for Mayor of Poughkeepsie. Sandy ran a strong Libertarian effort and brought in 22% of the vote for the Libertarian viewpoint. ■

## Campus Focus

**T**he New York University Libertarian Association (NYU-LSA) is winding up its most active semester in its two and a half year history. During the term NYU-LSA sponsored eight programs and published five issues of its newsletter, *Libertarian Broadside*. In recognition of the level of campus activity, the student government has allotted the club \$1000 to promote educational efforts on the campus.

The club's panel on Reaganomics, featuring national LP Vice Chair Sheldon Richman, libertarian author Jerome Huyler and Lew Rockwell, former aide to congressman Ron Paul, drew 110 people. The debate between free market anarchist Mark Brady and two left-anarchists drew 65 people.

Other activities included an introduction to Libertarianism for incoming students with guest speaker Gary Greenberg, a lecture on US policy in Asia by Leonard Liggio, a rent control debate with Walter Block of the Fraser Institute and a public education panel co-sponsored with other campus groups and featuring John Francis.

The final event for the term is a teach-in on nuclear disarmament. The program begins at 3PM on January 6th in Room 517 at the Loeb Student Center (566 La Guardia Place).

The spring term looks to be even more aggressive. Already on tap are plans to publish a four page tabloid in February and a lecture by Dr. Thomas Szasz in March. NYU-LSA and the FLP will also be sponsoring a series of eleven programs on the campus.

NYU-LSA is going to form the nucleus for a new city-wide organization of campus affiliates. Any student in the NYC area who is even remotely interested in seeing libertarian activity on the campus, should contact the FLP state headquarters. The FLP will be assisting NYU-LSA on this effort.

One of the key activists responsible for so much activity on the NYU campus is Marc Joffe. His efforts were recently the subject of an article in the school newspaper. ■

## Natcom Report

by Howie Rich

**A**t its Bethesda, Maryland meeting, the Libertarian National Committee established several key volunteer committees to expand on our recent electoral successes. John Mason was elected Chair of the Internal Education Committee, which will provide materials for those individuals who have been only casually exposed to libertarianism. LP Vice Chair, Sheldon Richman was elected Chair of a new Outreach Committee, which will get the Libertarian message to thousands of new activists.

I was subsequently appointed to chair a Campaign '82 Committee. Our goal is to run 1000 Libertarian candidates in 1982: 300 federal candidates and at least one candidate in each state. LP Finance Chair, Leslie Graves Key, introduced some additional goals which were agreed to by the National Committee:

1. Permanent ballot status in 24 states by the end of 1982.
2. 10,000,000 votes.
3. Paying off the LNC debt.
4. Increase in national contributors list to 30,000.
5. Increase in National members to 11,000.
6. Providing extensive training and assistance for candidates.
7. 100 local groups working on 6-week platform study programs.

The LNC passed 2 resolutions. One called for the halting of the nuclear arms race. The other was opposing the sale of AWACs to the Saudis. The new introductory film, *We Hold These Truths* produced by New Yorker, Andrea Millen Rich and directed by our own John Doswell, was purchased by the LNC for \$4,600. Half the financing had been raised privately by Andrea Millen Rich. The 12-minute film can be purchased from the National Office for \$125. It is available in VHS or Betamax for \$45.

The volunteer commitment at the Bethesda meeting was extraordinary. 1982 should be a very successful year for the Libertarian Party. ■



# From the Chair

by Gary Greenberg

**F**or several reasons this publication, the FLP INSIDER, will be replacing the *New York Libertarian*.

The chief reason is that *NYL* was intended to be an outreach publication and it didn't adequately serve the needs of members with current up-to-date news and announcements of upcoming events. Also as an outreach publication we couldn't print occasional items of interest that belong in an internal publication and out of the public eye.

Though we are suspending *NYL* for the time being, we are not abandoning the outreach effort. That leads to the second reason for changing formats.

For the coming year, the chief outreach mechanism will be the 1982 Gubernatorial campaign. During the campaign, we expect to publish a current events oriented tabloid for public consumption. Consequently, it would be repetitive to publish two newspapers covering the same material. So, for now, the FLP will publish the FLP INSIDER newsletter and the Gubernatorial committee will publish the outreach materials.

A third reason for the switch is that it is much easier to publish the newsletter than the tabloid. Too much energy was spent on producing and distributing the tabloid. The chief difficulty was that the newspaper was mailed to over three thousand people and it had to be mailed out at bulk

rates. This required us to spend huge amounts of time sorting and bundling the newspaper and then delivering it to the appropriate branch of the US Snail and going through bureaucratic hassles. ("There is only one rubberband per packet and you must have two.") Delivery often took three to five weeks and we had to do additional mailings to announce events, tying us up even further.

The INSIDER will be mailed out first class to all members and some key supporters. Initially it will be published bimonthly but as we come out of the winter doldrums and activity increases, we will begin monthly publication.

Some people have suggested that the periodic changes in the newsletter format might be too confusing to the members. My position is that the FLP must remain flexible enough to provide necessary services to our members and adapt to our needs as conditions change. The coming year is the most important ever for the FLP. We are making a full scale effort for permanent ballot status. All activity must take that into consideration. However to avoid confusion, if we do get ballot status, you can expect to see further changes in our publishing formats.

May the coming new year bring health, happiness and less government hassle. ■

## FLP Calendar

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| <b>Jan 14</b> NYC-FLP: 7PM Open House at State Headquarters.   | <b>Feb 18</b> NYC-FLP: Crime and Punishment, a colloquium. 8PM Rm 623 NYU Loeb Student Center. For reading materials and details, call John Francis (212) 226-6483. Limited to 15 people. |
| <b>Jan 18</b> STC-FLP (Binghamton): Film and discussion 7PM, Vestal Public Library, Community Rm. Details—Ed Jowett (607) 723-3689                               | <b>Feb 23</b> WNY-FLP (Buffalo): Film and discussion. (716) 883-1179 for details.   |
| <b>Jan 20</b> NYC, Laissez Faire Supper Club. Dr. Frank Fortkamp on Educational Tax Credits and Vouchers. 6:30PM, Garvin's Restaurant, 19 Waverly Pl., Manhattan | <b>Feb 25</b> NYC-FLP: Libertarian Film Night, 8PM, Rm 623, NYU Loeb Student Center. For details call (212) 226-6483.   |
| <b>Jan 27</b> WNY-FLP (Buffalo): Towards Liberty, the academy award-winning documentary about Karl Hess. Details, (716) 883-1179                                 | <b>Mar 2</b> STC-FLP (Binghamton): Annual membership meeting and election of officers. For details call Charles Kiessling (607) 657-8330.   |
| <b>Jan 28</b> NYC-FLP: Brooklyn Organizing Meeting, 7PM, Call State Office for details.  | <b>Mar 18</b> NYC-FLP: Dr. Thomas Szasz, refreshments. 8PM, Rm 623 NYU Loeb Student Center.   |
| <b>Feb 11</b> NYC-FLP: History of Free Banking, George Selgin, 8PM at NYU Loeb Student Center, RM 623.   | <b>Apr 30</b>   |
| <b>Feb 13</b> STC-FLP (Binghamton): Clambake, Speaker cash bar. Details—Jim McKeon (607) 722-6421 or (607) 798-9874  | <b>May 1</b> State Convention in Binghamton.  |
|  | <b>May 2</b>  |



# Randolph Makes Local Stop

by Marion Williams

**D**ick Randolph, Libertarian State Legislator and candidate for Governor of Alaska was in New York City last month for a fundraising cocktail party given by David Koch at the New York Athletic Club. Several FLP members were present as well as Libertarians from New Jersey and Connecticut. He raised \$4,500 for his campaign at the event.

His visit to New York was part of a 2-week, 18-stop fundraising tour of the continental U.S. He raised \$45,000 in cash, checks and pledges on his trip, and expects to bring it up to \$65,000 with follow up. The campaign will have raised a quarter of a million dollars by the end of the year, making up one fourth of his proposed budget.

To the amazement of Democrats and Republicans, Dick has a very good chance to be the next Governor.

This is true, not only because of his own integrity, both personal and political, but also because of his base of support in the Alaska Party.

Terry Miller, the Alaskan Lt. Governor (until November 1982) recently told the *Washington Post* that "One could say the Libertarian Party is the best organized party in Alaska." This, of course, is no news to anyone familiar with the dedicated Libertarians in the largest, coldest state.

It's only appropriate that the first Libertarian Governor come from a part of the country known for self-reliance and independence. ■

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# Mises Dinner

by Ira Gottlieb

**T**his year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of the economist Ludwig von Mises. The massive body of Mises' economic writings form the major base of laissez faire economic theory. Students of his economic thinking form the intellectual cutting edge of the libertarian movement. Economists following his line of reason comprise what is known as the Austrian School of Economics. Two of the most prominent Austrian economists today are Friedrich Hayek and Murray Rothbard.

To celebrate this event the Center for Libertarian Studies has launched a campaign to finance fellowships in the study of Austrian economics. The kickoff event was a lavish dinner at the Windows of the World restaurant. Many of the leading lights of free market thinking and libertarian philosophy were present. A telegram praising the contributions of Mises was sent by President Reagan.

Illness prevented the two main speakers from attending, Hayek and Henry Hazlitt. However, substituting were Israel Kirzner and Congressman Ron Paul. Among those in attendance were Robert Bleiberg, editor of *Barrons*, Murray Rothbard and Robert Nozick and many pillars of the corporate and financial world.

Ron Paul remarked to the audience that during Reagan's one-day shutdown of the government, due to financial problems, many Congressman came up to Paul and told him he was finally getting his way. He replied, "Not until they start selling off the buildings."

Also addressing the audience was Mrs. von Mises who stated that the time has finally come when Ludwig von Mises will no longer be treated as a second class citizen.

Although there were many conservatives as well as Libertarians at the dinner, there was a simple test to tell who was who. The conservatives were the one's applauding after Reagan's telegram was read. ■

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