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LPNY INITIATES \$10,000 FUNDRAISING DRIVE TO BACK OUTREACH AND OPPOSITION AGAINST TYRANNICAL NYS GOVERNMENT

by Libertarian Party of New York

We're reaching out to you with an important opportunity that aligns perfectly with your dedication to individual freedoms and limited government. The Libertarian Party of New York has launched a crucial fundraising campaign, and we invite you to take a prominent role in this vital cause.

Currently, we're facing significant challenges. Under the leadership of Kathy Hochul, we're seeing an ever increasing intrusive government in New York, including an attack on third parties and any challenge to the authority of the political class. Now is the time for us to come together and strengthen our efforts to protect our cherished values.

LPNY remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding individual liberties, advocating for limited government, and upholding free-market principles. As a compelling alternative to the status quo, LPNY is determined to challenge the prevail-

ing narrative and amplify the voices of those who champion personal freedom and minimal government intervention.

In pursuit of our mission, LPNY recognizes the imperative of acquiring essential resources, including advanced software and customer relationship management (CRM) tools. These tools will empower LPNY to elevate operational efficiency, systematically coordinate grassroots initiatives, and extend the reach of its message centered on liberty and individual rights. As part of this, we are currently in the process of rebuilding our website and entire digital infrastructure from the ground up. A strong foundation will create a strong party for the future.

Furthermore, LPNY is resolute in establishing a robust presence at the forthcoming New York State Fair in Syracuse. Through the establishment of a booth at the fair, LPNY aims to interact with fairgoers, elevate its brand visibility, and disseminate educational materials that underscore the core tenets and values of the party. The fair booth will serve as a pivotal platform to stimulate discourse, cultivate mutual understanding, and entice prospective future libertarians to join the movement.

The fundraising drive aims to address the following specific requisites:

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Advanced software and CRM tools: LPNY necessitates contemporary technological solutions to streamline operations and optimize outreach endeavors.

Branding and marketing resources: LPNY endeavors to craft visually captivating branding materials that effectively convey its message and seize attention, particularly at the New York State Fair. These materi-

als encompass brochures, pamphlets, and additional handouts meticulously designed to captivate potential supporters and educate them about libertarian principles.

At this very moment, we're working to raise \$10,000 for this drive, and your involvement is pivotal to our success. LPNY earnestly invites individuals devoted to liberty, advocates of limited government, and proponents

of personal freedom to contribute to this pivotal cause. By contributing to LPNY's fundraising initiative, supporters can actively engage in the battle against government overreach and play a pivotal role in forging a freer and more prosperous New York State.

To make a donation or acquire more information about LPNY's fundraising endeavor, kindly visit lpny.org/donate.

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!



IN MEMORIAM

Christopher B. Garvey

1950 - 2023

LPNY MOURNS LOSS OF 1998 GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE

by Libertarian Party of New York

The Libertarian Party of New York is saddened to share the news of the passing of Christopher B. “Chris” Garvey, the party’s 1998 candidate for Governor of New York and former State Vice-Chair, on July 22, 2023 at the age of 73.

Christopher Garvey attended Columbia University and graduated in 1972 with a bachelor’s degree and went on to attend Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, graduating in 1981 with a Juris Doctor degree. Most recently, he was a patent attorney from 1998 with Nolte, Nolte & Hunter (later Collard & Roe, P.C.) until his retirement in 2019. Among Garvey’s many

interests, he was a Revolutionary War reenactor with the Huntington Militia.

Garvey joined the National Libertarian Party on June 2, 1980 and became involved in the Libertarian Party of New York by 1995, when he was elected a Member-At-Large on the State Committee.

In addition to his 1998 run for Governor of New York, Garvey was the party’s candidate for Attorney General in 2006 and 2018, the latter in which he received over 43,000 votes—the most for any Libertarian candidate for New York State Attorney General. He was also the Libertarian candidate for Suffolk County District Attorney (2009,

2013, and 2013), U.S. Congress NY-1 (2016), Suffolk County District Attorney (2017), and Justice of the Supreme Court, 10th Judicial District (2019).

Garvey served in numerous positions in leadership in the party. He served one term as Vice-Chair of the LPNY (2007-2008) and eight terms as a Member-At-Large of the State Committee (1995-1998; 2006-2007; 2010-2014). He was also a member of the State Committee as the county representative for both Suffolk and Nassau Counties over the years, and had more recently served as Vice-Chair of the Nassau County Libertarian Party (2016-2020).

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In his position statement for his 1998 run for Governor, Garvey said “the Libertarian Party has been called The Party of Principle, because, rather than entering politics to obtain power over others, Libertarians run to promote and implement a simple principle: ‘People have a right to do anything they wish, ex-

cept: to initiate force, the threat of force, or fraud against other people or their property.’ Another way to say this is: ‘That government governs best that governs least.’ While the optimum for ‘least’ may be open to debate among libertarians, we all agree that New York State governs too much, and takes too much tax money from those unfortunate enough to be governed by New

York State.”

“We are saddened by the passing of Christopher Garvey,” said Andrew Kolstee, Chair of the Libertarian Party of New York. “Chris had a long history with the LPNY as a candidate and state and county committee member and will be greatly missed.”

27TH ANNUAL LILCO

Long Island Libertarian Cook Out

**Saturday, August 26, 2023
3 PM - 7 PM**

27 Charlotte Place, Plainview, NY 11803

**Contact Jim Harris
jimlpharris@gmail.com or 917-306-5177**

Hamburgers, hotdogs & fixings will be supplied.

Bring something to share.

RSVP

2023 CANDIDATES LIST

There are 19 Libertarian candidates running throughout New York this year:

Ryan Sanders for Sherman Village Trustee (Chautauqua County)

Thomas Quiter for Guilford Town Supervisor (Chenango County)

Craig Colwell for Elmira City Council District 6 (Chemung County)

Duane Whitmer for Erie County Executive (Erie County)

Earl A. Gingerich, Jr. for Marilla Town Supervisor (Erie County)

Sharon Lee Forersch for Marilla Town Clerk (Erie County)

Wendy Schoenwetter for Marilla Town Council (Erie County)

Mark Braiman for Cazenovia Town Council (Madison County)

Wendi Szabo for Royalton Town Council (Niagara County)

Keith Redhead for Ava Town Supervisor (Oneida County)

Kathleen Redhead for Town of Ava Tax Collector (Oneida County)

Craig Shute for Lafayette Town Supervisor (Onondaga County)

Angela Einwachter for Prattsburgh Town Council (Steuben County)

Jeff Bradley for Yates County Legislature District 3 (Yates County)

Janice Enos for County Legislature District 3 (Yates County)

Phillip Rahr for County Legislature District 3 (Yates County)

Suzanne Timbrouck for Ulster County Legislature District 6 (Ulster County)

Chris Madden for Ulster County Legislature District 19 (Ulster County)

Michael J. Kavanagh for Ulster County District Attorney (Ulster County)

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NEXT MEETING:
Thurs., Sept. 7, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Lakeview Hotel & Resturant
Mayville, NY and Zoom
(first Thursdays)

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CHEMUNG

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

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

CHEMUNG, cont.

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Tom Quiter is running for Guilford Town Supervisor. Contact him to get involved.

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COLUMBIA

NEXT MEETING:
Wed., Sept. 20, 2023 @ 7 PM
Claverack Free Library
and Google Meet
(third Wednesdays)

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Held 3rd Saturdays
Time/Location Varies

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NEXT MEETING:
Held Monthly via Zoom

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FULTON

NEXT MEETING:
TBD via Google Meet

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KINGS (BROOKLYN)

NEXT MEETING:
Tues., Sept. 19, 2023 at 3 PM
@ Fourth Avenue Pub
76 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217
(third Tuesdays)

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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., Sept 7., 2023 @ 7 PM
(first Thursdays)

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Thurs., Sept. 14, 2023 at 7 PM
@ Landmark Diner
(2nd Thursdays)

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ONEIDA

NEXT MEETING:

Mon., Sept. 18, 2023 @ 6 PM
Woodland Farm Brewery
6002 Trenton Rd., Utica, NY

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ONONDAGA

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., Sept. 20, 2023 at 6 PM
@ Rail Line
530 S. Clinton St., Syracuse
(third Wednesdays)

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ORANGE

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PUTNAM

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., Sept. 12, 2023 at 7 PM
at McCarthy's
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(2nd Thursdays)

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QUEENS

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NEXT MEETING:

Sat., Sept. 9, 2023
OBA Grill
104-02 Metropolitan Ave.,
Forest Hills, Queens, NY
(2nd Saturdays)

RENSSELAER

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

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NEXT MEETING:
Mon., Sept. 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Hickory BBQ, Kingston, NY
(second Mondays)

ULSTER, cont.

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NEXT MEETING:
Sat., Aug. 26, 2023 at 11 AM
at Yellow Mills Diner
in Palmyra, NY
(fourth Saturdays)

WAYNE, cont.

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WESTCHESTER

NEXT MEETING:
Sun., Aug. 27, 2023 at 12:30 PM
Sir John's Italian Restaurant,
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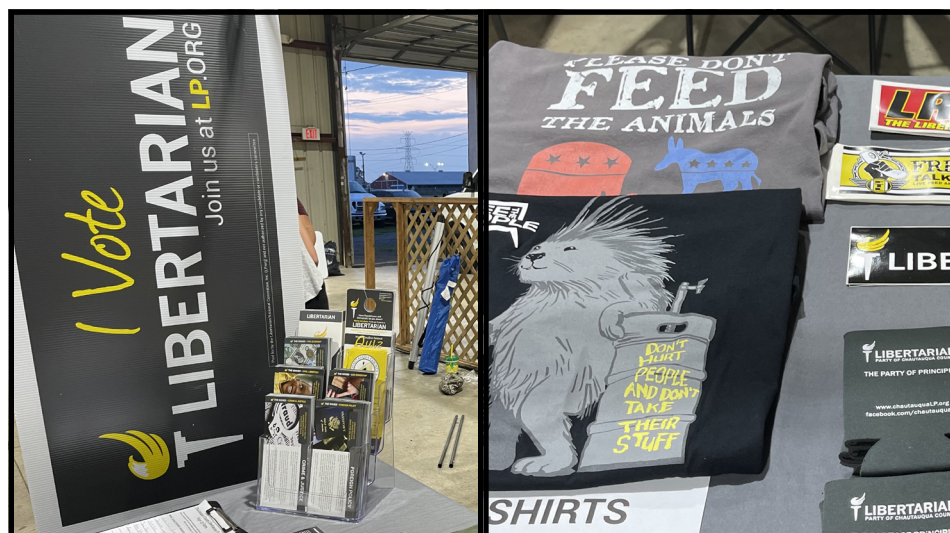
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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LIBERTARIANS HAVE BOOTH AT CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FAIR

by Andrew Kolstee
LPNY Chair

The Chautauqua County Libertarian Party, for the fourth time in its history, had a booth at the Chautauqua County Fair from July 25-30, 2023, organized by County Chair Len Morlock and County Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Kolstee. Fairgoers had an opportunity to learn about the party through the Operation Politically Homeless quiz, literature, and sale of Libertarian



t-shirts that brought to our attention that many people are in agreement with the state of government.

YATES COUNTY LIBERTARIANS IN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL PARADE



by Andrew Kolstee
LPNY Chair

Yates County Libertarians participated in the Yates County Bi-

centennial parade on August 11, 2023. County Affiliate officers Jeff Bradley, Jan Enos, and Phil Rahr are the Libertarian Par-

ty's candidates for Yates County Legislature this year.

ORANGE COUNTY LIBERTARIANS HAVE BOOTH AT WINDSOR COMMUNITY DAY

by Pietro Geraci
Orange County Vice-Chair

The Orange County Libertarian Party set up a booth at the New Windsor Community Day on August 19th. Chair Juan Ayala and Vice-Chair Pietro S. Geraci, along with Dutchess County Libertarian Party Chair Emeritus Daniel Donnelly and Treasurer Chris Vondras, spent the afternoon and evening recruiting new members and handing out



buttons, wristbands, and literature to passersby. Hopefully

there will be some new members at the next meeting!

WAR CRIMES

by **Pietro Geraci**
Orange County Vice-Chair

Donald Trump has been hit with yet another indictment, sharply dividing Americans as to whether he is being held accountable for criminal behavior or whether he is the victim of a political witch hunt. Many are clamoring for Trump's imprisonment, while an equal many clamor for all charges to be dropped immediately.

I tell you, dear reader, that whether Trump is innocent or guilty of the charges against him is irrelevant; Trump belongs in prison. Why? Simple: he's a war criminal.

While it is true that Trump was the first president in a long time to not start any new wars, it is also true that under Trump more civilians were killed by the American-led military coalition in Afghanistan than by the Taliban. On top of that, he sold billions of dollars worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia, which used them to continue inflicting horror and destruction on Yemen. Trump continued fueling an unprecedented humanitarian crisis by giving the Saudis what

they needed to rain death upon innocent people through famine, disease outbreaks, bombing civilian targets, and blocking foreign aid. Trump aided and abetted war crimes committed by the Saudis, thus even discounting civilian deaths at the hands of the American military, Trump is a war criminal.

As bad as that is, he's not the only recent president to commit war crimes. Joe Biden also sold arms to Saudi Arabia, aiding and abetting that country's crimes in Yemen. Barack Obama, too, sold weapons to Saudi Arabia, plus he dropped over 26,000 bombs on Middle Eastern countries in 2016 alone, and he authorized 542 drone strikes during his term, which killed over 300 civilians, including members of a wedding procession. George W. Bush invaded Iraq under false pretenses, claiming that the country had weapons of mass destruction and bore responsibility for the 9/11 terrorist attacks, leading to around 300,000 civilian deaths. Bill Clinton bombed civilians in Serbia, killing 1500 civilians.

All these presidents are Democrats or Republicans. Maybe the

time has come to stop electing candidates from those corrupt parties, and start electing candidates from parties which don't field war criminals. The Libertarian Party, which unequivocally opposes war, has some fantastic candidates vying for that party's nomination, including Chase Oliver, whose campaign forced the Georgia Senate runoff last year, Mike ter Maat, and Lars Mapstead - none of these people would commit war crimes. Instead they would commit to peace and bring our soldiers home.

Clinton, Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden are all war criminals who should rot in prison. This, unfortunately, will never happen, but YOU can help prevent more war and more war crimes by spurning the major parties and getting involved with the Libertarian Party. Like the Orange and Ulster County Libertarian Party Facebook pages, email us at email@ocnylp.com and LPUCexecommittee@gmail.com to join our contact lists, and stop by the Orange County LP table at the New Windsor Community Day on August 19th.

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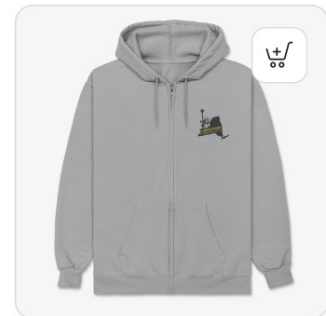
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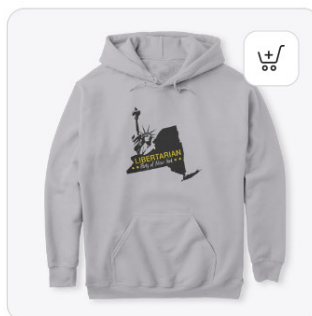
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