

Free Orange County

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."
— William Pitt

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Convention to feature candidates, issues

Nancy Lord, the LP vice-presidential candidate headlines an all-star cast scheduled to appear at the 1992 Libertarian Party of California State Convention on Feb. 14-17 (Presidents' Birthday holiday weekend). Orange County is hosting the convention, which is to take place at the Radisson Plaza Hotel adjacent to John Wayne Airport.

Recently confirmed as featured speaker is **Neal Knox**, former Executive Director of the National Rifle Association and now the National Chair of the Firearms Coalition, a lobbying group promoting Second Amendment rights. Knox will speak at noon on Saturday, Feb. 14. His appearance will be publicized among gun rights groups in the southland which is expected to boost the growing coalition between the LP and members of those organizations.

Richard B. Boddie, LPC candidate for U.S. Senate, will be featured at the Friday (Feb. 14) welcoming event, a cocktail and dance party with Orange County's hottest act, blues band **Luke and the Locomotives**. Call it "Boddie and the Blues."

An advance registration form for the Convention is enclosed in this newsletter. Register before Jan. 31 and save \$30.00 on the full package. And if you plan to stay at the Radisson Hotel, be sure to call now (714/833-9999) to make your room reservation, mentioning the LPC Convention to get the special room rate.

Advance registration is advised. Because of the recent surge in LPC membership, it is anticipated that some of the events, such as the Nancy Lord banquet, will sell out. Preference will be given to those who register in advance for the full package.

Local candidates combine efforts, plan strategy

Orange County LP candidates are organizing a campaign strategy for 1992 that will be streamlined and professional at minimum cost, under the chairmanship of local activist **Eric Sprik**.

Sprik ran a highly visible, well-received campaign for the 35th State Senate District seat vacated by John Seymour in a special election last year. This year as Candidates Committee Chair he will apply what he has learned to helping all local candidates in their respective campaigns.

Fred Singer, media coordinator for the committee, is assembling a press kit for all candidates which will be sent to dozens of area media outlets. Sprik has also arranged for an experienced accountant to work as campaign treasurer to those candidates running for state-level office.

Other candidates participating in this plan are **John Beatty, Scott Bieser, Roger Bloxham, Geoffrey Braun, Gary Copeland, Mark Logsdon, Brian Schar** and **Dan Wilson**.

This coordination of effort, in addition to external events alienating voters from the major parties, may make 1992 the year the LPC makes electoral history in California. More people are blaming dismal economic circumstances on both Democrats and Republicans. "Professional politician" is a nasty name. Outsider, anti-incumbent, anti-tax candidates have won election in other states.

The libertarian message and approaches to the issues will sell, if we are there — on the ballot — to sell them. We are the only political party consistently working for everyone's liberty, on every issue, all the time.

The party hopes to have a Libertarian candidate on the ballot for every position. It is important that, in every election, the voters have the chance to vote Libertarian. There are still a few open spaces on the LP ticket. Those interested should call County Chair Brian Schar at 714-840-6833 to get details. The deadline for filing for most offices is Feb. 10.

Notes from the Chair

New office, new members, same media

By Brian Schar

The big news, of course, is the new office. The new address of the Orange County Libertarian Party is 3 Hutton Center Drive, Suite 900, Santa Ana, Ca 92707.

The phone number remains unchanged. A live human being now answers it during business hours. We have conference space for committee meetings, a place to keep our stuff, and a great view. We owe a lot of gratitude to Randell Young, whose generosity provided us with our new office. Having a classy suite instead of a post office box adds a lot of credibility to our group.

The office is still empty. Before we move furniture in need, we need furniture! If you have any old items you'd like to donate, or if you know where we can get chape, or free, office furniture, please let me know.

On Jan. 13 we used the conference space for a meeting of Orange County candidates. They are making good progress toward campaign coordination. Be prepared to sign nominating petitions soon. We have two weeks after Feb. 10 and we'll need to move fast to complete the required candidate paperwork on time.

Goldsworthy runs for State Chair

Kim Goldsworthy, LPC Southern Vice Chair, has announced that he is a candidate for State Chair. The position will be filled at the state convention to be held Feb. 14-17 in Costa Mesa. He is challenging incumbent Pat Wright, who is running for re-election.

Goldsworthy is running on a six point program: 1) a public relations program for the LPC; 2) giving greater recognition to grass roots activists; 3) getting the state executive committee to work through committees; 4) creating an outreach program for the non-reading public; 5) a professionally crafted LP exhibit booth; and 6) county fair participation throughout the state.

Besides the six-point program, Goldsworthy has set goals of visiting every active county in California in 1992, doubling the amount of monthly pledges of the LPC, and using more fully the electronic bulletin board (EBBS) "Liberty Bell."

Structurally, he plans to implement an "internal education" program for newly elected chairs and new activists, and see that every county has a set of bylaws, a media list, and an updated list of registered Libertarians in the county.

Thursday, Jan. 16, a new members' reception will be held at the Waterfront Hilton. A letter was mailed to each registered Libertarian in Huntington Beach and Seal Beach who isn't currently a duespaying member, with the intention of encouraging them to join. The results will be known at the next Central Committee meeting. Gary Hull, who put this reception together, is planning to do several more in the coming months.

Congratulations to Scott Bieser. He got through to David Duke on the Tom Leykis Show two days after our last meeting. Scott tenaciously went after Duke, forcing him to admit "I am not a member of the Libertarian Party." Scott struck a blow against disinformation and made sure that the public knows the truth about Duke.

As an ongoing activity, if you notice media features that should have featured the Libertarian Party but didn't, write a letter or make a phone call. Let them know, calmly and politely, that we exist, and you would have liked to have seen us or read about us. They'll keep on slighting us only as long as we let them get away with it. You can make a difference!

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Convention volunteers needed

Having this year's state convention in Orange County brings important benefits to local Libertarians — more of us can attend the proceedings, so more of us can educate ourselves at the panels and participate in the development of the state party.

Another benefit is financial. The Orange County party is slated to earn 30 percent of net profits generated by the convention, and organizers are expecting a reasonable profit.

But getting a real profit takes real people to make things happen. Up to now, the organization and planning have been the responsibility of a small group headed by **David** and **Elizabeth Nolan**, **Roger** and **Lynn Bloxham**, **Sharon Ayres** and **Jack Dean**. As we approach the convention and while it

is occurring, many more volunteers will be needed to do all the jobs.

Please attend this month's meeting of the OCLP and be prepared to volunteer to take on some convention responsibility. Jobs will include: driving convention speakers to and from the airport, staffing registration, assisting exhibitors, attendance control at events, welcoming and assisting newcomers, and other tasks.

You may also volunteer by calling **David Bergland** at (714) 751-8980.

We want to make this the best LPC Convention ever. It can only be done with the willing support of Orange County libertarians. Together we can do it — and have a good time at it, too.

Libertarian bookstore gets a new address

Renaissance Bookshop, the only Libertarian bookstore in southern California, has announced it is relocating. The new location is only a few short blocks from the old address, said store owner **Gene Berkman**.

Berkman and his partner, **Jane Henson**, are longtime Libertarian activists. Berkman dates his activism back to the 1964 Barry Goldwater campaign, was a victim of the infamous 1969 YAF purge, and attended the founding convention of the national Libertarian Party. He was recently famous for ex-

posing the pot-smoking past of ex-libertarian and current drug warmonger Rep. Dana Rohrabacher.

The bookstore offers a wide selection of books on politics, economics, social studies, history and science fiction. Berkman himself has an incredible memory for historical details and offers visitors fascinating, informative, and definitely opinionated conversation on most of the same topics. Those who don't want the conversation can write for a catalog.

The new address is 6639-B Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506. The phone number is 714-369-8843.

Membership Application

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signature date

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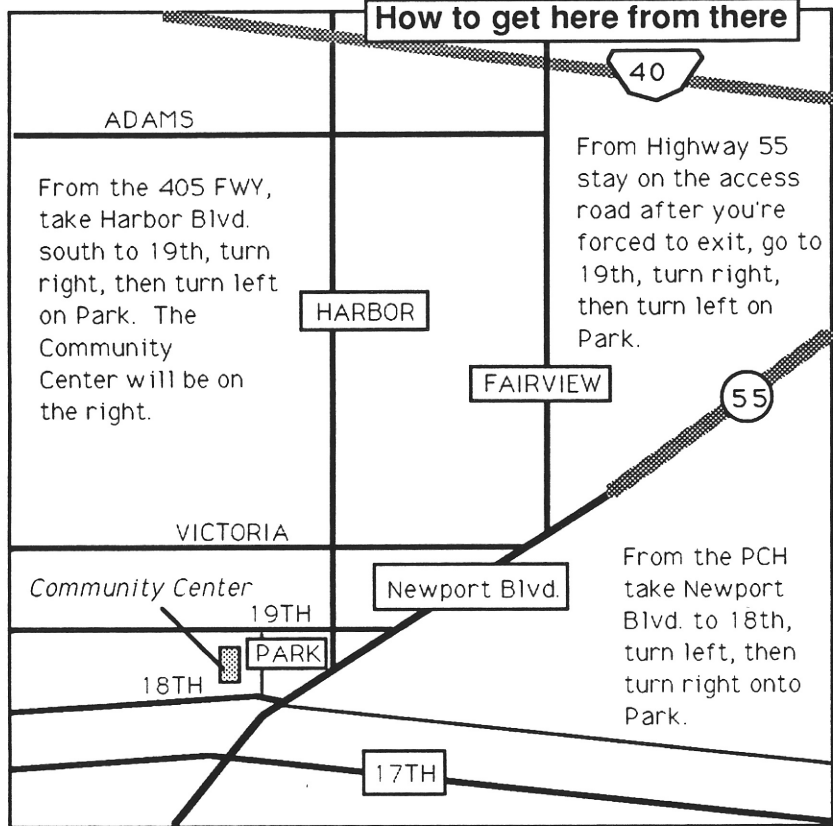
The Orange County Libertarian Party meets the third Tuesday of each month at The Neighborhood Community Center in Costa Mesa, located at 1875 Park. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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 also meet the fourth Tuesday of each month in Laguna Beach.

Jim and Linda Rushing organize these meetings at the Laguna Beach Hotel, 425 S. Coast Highway. This month the meeting will be in the Catalina Room from 7 to 10 p.m.



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