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Welcome and Thank You

Welcome to the first issue of a newly formatted *Free New York*. My name is Jeff Russell, and I'll be taking over as editor. Addresses and phone numbers for contacting me are listed at the bottom of this page.

Sometimes, we Libertarians tend to let hard work go unrecognized. I wish to avoid doing that here, so I would like to publicly extend my sincere thanks to Robert Goodman, Fred Cookinham, and Eric Gruber for the hard work they've done acting as editors over the past few years and extra-special thanks to Elliott Werner for all his work as type-setter and assistant editor.

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New York Libertarians Convene In White Plains

Approximately 50 people attended the Libertarian Party of New York's 1996 annual convention at the Esplanade Hotel in White Plains on April 27 and 28. Speakers included Irwin Schiff, Mark Tuniewicz, John Famularo and Bill Winter.

The convention elected new officers for the coming year, 29 delegates to attend the national convention in Washington, DC in July and 33 electors for the presidential nominee in this November's election.

Chair Reports

LPNY chair, Blay Tarnoff, reported that hundreds of names have already been collected from OPH booths and many more OPH booths are planned. Dottie-Lou Brokaw reported that national chair Steve Dasbach says that the national LP will contribute up to \$30,000 to this year's presidential petition drive in New York. Members of LPNY who collect signatures will be offered the opportunity to get

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Eastman Defeated for School Board

Sally Eastman of the Capital District Libertarian Party finished fourth in her bid to win a seat on the Shenendehowa school board. The vote was held on May 22. There were seven candidates seeking two seats on the board. The winners of the election were William Barnes with 2,508 votes, and Rosemarie Getty with 2,133 votes. Ronald Schleich, an incumbent, finished third with 1,698 votes; Eastman polled 1,416 votes; Vanessa Wolfson was fifth with 911 votes; Carole

Silvera was sixth with 741 votes; and Michael Lisuzzo was seventh with 565 votes. The district is in Saratoga county and includes the towns of Clifton Park, Waterford, Halfmoon, Ballston and Malta. It has an annual budget of almost \$74 million.

Eastman received favorable coverage from the mainstream press. On May 16, the *Schenectady Gazette* reported that "Keeping school property taxes in check while improving

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Convention

paid for their time or have money donated to LPNY in lieu of pay.

LP on the Move

Bill Winter, the LP Director of Communications, was the speaker at lunch on Saturday. He told the audience that national LP membership has reached 14,000. That's an increase of 5,000 members in the past two years. He also said that there are now 174 Libertarians holding elected office (a 130% increase since 1993) and there are 123,000 voters who are registered as Libertarians (a 13% increase since 1994).

Beware the FEC

John Famularo, secretary of the national LP, told all LP candidates for public office to be very careful to comply with all government regulations. "The FEC has us on their radar screen and they have an unlimited ability to fine," he warned.

Schiff Stumps for Nomination

Irwin Schiff addressed the convention during the brunch on Sunday. Schiff who is seeking the LP nomination for president told the crowd that the first thing he would do if he were elected would be to "abolish all tax liens and pardon everyone convicted of a tax crime." He said that the IRS admits that compliance with the income tax is only 82% and he believes that it would drop to 75% if he receives the LP nomination. "A nation of sheep begets a government of wolves," he told the crowd.

OPH Booths

Are you interested in meeting new libertarians? Do you enjoy discussing libertarian principles and ideas? Are you tired of sitting around the house shaking your fist at the *New York Times* or screaming at Cross Fire? Get a life! Hold an Operation Politically Homeless Booth in your town! The LPNY will help you get what you need to run an OPH Booth. Contact Lloyd Wright at (914) 339-0731 or lw.free.ny@mhv.net for details.

Talk Show Host Leaning Libertarian

Radio talk show host Scott Lonsberry has announced that he may vote Libertarian this year. Lonsberry is heard from 3 to 6 in the afternoon on WQBK (1300 AM) in Albany.

Lonsberry considers himself a conservative Republican, but he has been very critical of the current Republicans both in Washington and in Albany. On May 16, he told his audience, "Whatever principles the Republicans may have had, they abandoned long ago. I'm thinking of voting Libertarian this year."

Lonsberry attended a Seminar One in Albany in 1988. Seminar One is an outreach technique developed by the Advocates for Self-Government. In it, a group of non-libertarians is led by a libertarian who tries to say as little as possible and let the others discover libertarianism in their own way.

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Eastman

the quality of education is Shenendehowa's biggest challenge, seven Board of Education candidates agreed Wednesday....Eastman offered the most concrete ways to cut school spending while retaining educational quality. Eastman called for a two-year employee salary freeze and promised to go through the district's budget with a 'very fine-toothed comb.'

"Five percent of the budget is waste and we need to look at it, cut it, and get rid of it," Eastman declared.

Over 2000 flyers were passed out in the final two weeks before the vote.

Upon learning of her defeat in the election, Eastman said, "Maybe next year."

Attention LPNY Netizens

Marz Marleau is compiling a list of LPNY members with e-mail. The speed, low cost, and ease of e-mail makes it the perfect forum for communicating upcoming events and planning strategy and tactics for achieving ballot status in 1998. If you currently have e-mail, please send a note to Marz at the following address: 74001.1345@CompuServe.com

If you don't have e-mail, I strongly recommend you try it. Once you've had e-mail, you'll never go back to snail-mail!

Electors & Delegates

The following people were elected as electors for the LP presidential candidate:

Bradford Arter, Mark Axinn, Steven Becker, Arthur Beiley, Gail Bova, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Audrey Capozzi-Pappaeliou, Peter Carl, Kevin Delaney, Sanford Feld, Robert Flanzer, Christopher Garvey, Robert Goodman, James Harris, Gary Johnson, Jodie Kahn, James LaBarre, Timothy Marleau, Harry McArdle, William McMillen, Vincent O'Neil, Mark

Myers, Eleanor Rosenblatt, Jeffrey Russell, Norma Segal, Donald Silberger, Andre Soleil, James Strawhorn, Blay Tarnoff, Elliott Werner, Ernest White and Lloyd Wright.

The committee of vacancies will be: Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Audrey Capozzi-Pappaeliou, Eric Gruber, Jim Harris, Blay Tarnoff, and Lloyd Wright.

The following people were elected as delegates to the national convention in Washington, DC this July: Bradford Arter, Steven Becker, Arthur Beiley, Gail Bova, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Audrey

Capozzi-Pappaeliou, Peter Carl, Kevin Delaney, Sanford Feld, Robert Flanzer, Chris Garvey, Robert Goodman, Douglas Greene, James Harris, Gary Johnson, Jodie Kahn, Vicki Kirkland, Timothy Marleau, Harry McArdle, William McMillen, Vincent O'Neil, Eleanor Rosenblatt, Jeffrey Russell, Norma Segal, Ene Susi, Donald Silberger, Blay Tarnoff, Elliott Werner and Lloyd Wright,

The following people were elected as alternates to the national convention:

Mark Axinn, Suzanne Becker, John Driscoll, Mark Myers, Wendy Ng, John Sproul and Bruce Voris.

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The following local chapters are each entitled to one representative on the State Committee:

Suffolk, Nassau, New York, Kings, Queens, Westchester, Putnam, Hudson Valley, Capital District, Southern Tier, Genesee Region, Niagara Frontier

State Committee to Meet June 23

The State Committee of LPNY will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 AM at the Sloatsburg service area on the NYS Thruway. The meeting room is on the second floor. All LPNY members are invited to attend. Call Lloyd Wright at (914) 339-2613 for more information.

Members Only!

If you received this newsletter, you are either a paid-up member of LPNY or an individual whose membership has just recently expired. Please check the mailing label on your envelope. If your membership has expired or is about to expire, please take a few minutes right now to renew. Only currently paid members of LPNY will receive future copies of *Free New York*, so if you'd like to stay on the mailing list, it's very important that you renew now.

If you are already a paid-up member of LPNY, but have some extra money that's just burning a hole in your pocket, could you please send that in too? The petition drive for president will begin next month and LPNY is almost certain to have its petitions challenged. Your contribution will be sorely needed and could mean the difference between obtaining ballot access and not. Thank you.

How to Join the Libertarian Party of New York

I am in substantial agreement with the following principles:

- Each individual possesses the inalienable right to life, liberty and justly acquired property.
- No person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of force against another.
- All individuals are entitled to choose their own lifestyles, as long as they do not forcibly impose their values on others.
- The only moral basis of politics is the preservation and protection of individual rights.
- The voluntary exchange of goods and services is fundamental to any socioeconomic system which provides for the harmonious integration of divergent value systems.

Signature:

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