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UPDATES FROM THE CHA

by Andrew Kolstee **LPNY Chair**

There are many things going on behind the scenes at the Libertarian Party of New York and so I thought I would give everyone an overview of what is happening.

State Committee

We held a State Committee meeting on September 11, 2023, and some of the business there will continue at our next meeting in early December. We have several vacancies on the State Committee and so anyone interested in joining is welcome to reach out to any member of the State Committee for a nomination.

2024 National Convention

The 2024 Libertarian National Convention is scheduled for May 2024 in Washington, D.C. One of the items of business in our State Committee meetings is the election of our representatives and alternate representatives to the 2024 Libertarian National Convention Platform and Credentials Committees. The election began in September for our Platform Committee representative, and will continue at our December meeting.

We have the numbers for the delegate allocation as well as our rank in National Members. We are currently ranked 6th, which is a drop from last time, and so New Yorkers who have not renewed their national membership need to do so before October 31, 2023. We need to be ranked 5th or more in order to have a Credentials Committee representative. If we do not reach it. the election for the Credentials Committee representative and alternate will be cancelled. Also, 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.

Empire State Freedom Summit

The Libertarian Party of New

York's second Empire State Freedom Summit is set for November 10-11, 2023 at the Rail Line in Syracuse, New York.

Our planning committee is working on the details and speakers for this event. Registration will be open before October.

Candidates

We have several candidates running for local office across New York State. See page 3 for a full list. If you are able to help any of these candidates, that would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to us and we can connect you with their campign teams.

Ballot Access Lawsuit

Our ballot access lawsuit is ongoing, and the Supreme Court has scheduled a conference for September 26 in which our case is among those up for review and

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consideration. You can follow along with this case at the Supreme Court's website (www.supremecourt.gov). Click on Go to Case Documents and then Docket Search and search for our case number 22-893.

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 if you would like to help with this effort.

Website and Database

We have moved our website's hosting away from the National Libertarian Party's hosting and onto our own. The website will be undergoing changes over

the next couple of months as we work to integrate our new database, donation pages, etc. There may be issues and broken links with the website until we can fully transition over to our new hosting platform, so please bear with us. As we continue to update our IT infrascture, we will be better prepared to help local county affiliates.

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!

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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CHAUTAUQUA

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., Oct. 5, 2023 @ 7:00 PM Lakeview Hotel & Resturant Mayville, NY and Zoom (first Thursdays)

CONTACT:

Len Morlock, Chair lmorlock@lpny.org Andrew Kolstee, Secretary akolstee@lpny.org

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www.chautauquaLP.org fb.com/chautauquaLP

CHEMUNG

TRIVIA NIGHT:

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

NEXT MEETING:

Tues., Oct. 10, 2023 at 6 PM at Ill Eagle Taphouse (2nd Tuesdays)

CHEMUNG, cont.

CONTACT:

Craig Colwell, Chair ccolwell@lpnv.org

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CHENANGO

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

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Tom Quiter, County Liasion tquiter@lpny.org

COLUMBIA

SOCIAL GATHERING:

Wed., Sept. 27, 2023 @ 7 PM Upper Depot Brewery in Hudson

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., Oct. 18, 2023 @ 7 PM Claverack Free Library and Google Meet (third Wednesdays)

CONTACT:

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CLINTON

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DUTCHESS

NEXT MEETING:

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., Oct. 17, 2023 at 3 PM @ Fourth Avenue Pub 76 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217 (third Tuesdays)

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LEWIS

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MADISON

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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., Oct. 5., 2023 @ 7 PM (first Thursdays)

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NASSAU

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., Oct. 12, 2023 at 7 PM @ Landmark Diner (2nd Thursdays)

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NEW YORK (MANHATTAN)

CONVENTION:

Tues., Oct. 10, 2023 @ 7 PM on Zoom

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NEXT MEETING:

Wed., Oct. 18, 2023 at 6 PM @ Rail Line 530 S. Clinton St., Syracuse (third Wednesdays)

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Shawn Hannon, Chair hannon.shawn@gmail.com

ORANGE

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., Sept. 27, 2023 @ 7 PM Equilibrium Brewery 4 South Street Middletown, NY 10940

CONTACT:

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PUTNAM

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., Oct. 12, 2023 at 7 PM at McCarthy's 374 Route 52, Carmel, NY 10512 (2nd Thursdays)

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QUEENS CONTACT:

John Clifton, Chair mrjclifton@yahoo.com

NEXT MEETING:

Sat., Oct. 14, 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., Oct. 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM Alexis Diner, North Greenbush (first Wednesdays)

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TIOGA

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ULSTER

SOCIAL MEETING:

Sept. 30, 2023 at 5:30 PM Rosendale Garden House

NEXT MEETING:

Mon., Oct. 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM Hickory BBQ, Kingston, NY (second Mondays)

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Oct. 14, 2023 at 1:30 PM Rosendale Garden House

Meet at the Dollar General in Port Ewen for our Highway Cleanup. Volunteers for the cleanup are encouraged to contact Jan-Erik Janson at treas@ulsterlp.org.

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WASHINGTON

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WAYNE

NEXT MEETING:

Sat., Oct. 28, 2023 at 11 AM at Yellow Mills Diner in Palmyra, NY (fourth Saturdays)

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YATES

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ORANGE COUNTY LIBERTARIANS ANNOUNCE GOLF SCRAMBLE

We are proud to announce the 1st Annual Live Free Golf Scramble at Mansion Ridge Golf Club on Friday, October 13, 2023!

This event will consist of teams of 4, \$165 per golfer or \$650 per

team.

This will be a fantastic event with trophies for the winning team. Prizes for closest to the hole and long drive. Come out and have a blast!



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