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Summer Events Abound for LPI

Hundreds Take Survey at Downers Grove Heritage Fest

Libertarian Activist Club members outreached to fest-goers for three days on June 26-28 at the street fair, which attracts hundreds of thousands of people. Participants of the Activist's Club survey voted overwhelmingly that government does a good job seldom or never.

Also many took the "World's Smallest political quiz." Most of those scored in the libertarian area.

Also, we obtained over 100 signatures for Congressman Penny's bill to reform ballot access laws. Special thanks to Eric Banfield who helped set up and manned the table. Also participating were Ralph Miron, Julie Fox, Bob Prazak, and John Kramer.



Julie Fox urges Heritage Fest goers to "take the quiz."

Libertarian Club of DuPage Runs survey at Fair

by Eric-Charles Banfield

Almost 82 percent of citizens polled at the 1993 DuPage County Fair said the government seldom or never does a good job. Only 5.2 percent said the government does a good job always or most of the time. The remainder of the 1,124 people surveyed said the government does a good job about half the time.

The poll, in which fair-goers dropped pennies in the jar of their choice, was conducted by the Libertarian Club of DuPage in the exhibition building between July 21st and 25th.

The results "reflect the dissatisfaction of citizens with how the government uses citizens' money," said one pollster. They

LPI Members Enjoy Annual Independence Day Parade and Party

For the third year in a row, members of the LPI participated in the Downers Grove Independence Day Parade, and partied at Ken Prazak's house. We entered a float in the parade entitled, "Liberty Triumphant Once Again." The float featured Lady Liberty breaking the chains that burden her connected to weights labeled "IRS", Federal Reserve", "Regulations", etc. Eric Banfield did a great job doing the lettering for the weights. Wayne Nosel was indispensable in assembling the float. Steve Dubovic drew a beautiful and creative banner for us. Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, Larry Cagle, Bob Prazak, Bob Verran, and Lenny Grom also helped

assemble the float. Once again the LPI was well received by the citizens of Downers Grove.



Independence Day Parade, Downers Grove, July 4, 1993

Lady Liberty breaks the chains of oppression.



DuPage Fair (con't)

confirm results shown at the Downers Grove Heritage Fest and the results of polls at previous DuPage county fairs. The pollster said "Americans are fed up with the Democrats and Republicans. If Americans truly want a change, they should support the Libertarian Party."

In another show of voter discontent, 75 voters, dismayed by preferential ballot treatment of the major parties, signed petitions demanding that all candidates have equal access to the ballot. Voters also recalled the Libertarian presidential candidate Andre Marrou, though on the ballot in all 50 states, was forcibly prevented from participating in the St. Louis debates last year. So 80 voters signed petitions urging that the government allow all candidates who are on the ballot in at least 40 states to participate in the presidential debates.

Over 200 citizens took a second, more-detailed survey that, by asking about their preferences for personal and economic freedom, determined their political position. Most scored either in the libertarian or authoritarian range (more libertarian than authoritarian), with few choosing liberal or conservative. A third chose a middle-of-the-road position.

Newsletter Editor Resigns

This will be my last newsletter as editor of the *Illinois Libertarian*. I have resigned so that I can focus my energies more on 1) making a living, and 2) acting as the development director for the LPI.

It has been almost five fulfilling yet sometimes rocky years putting the newsletter together. Producing a quality newsletter takes time, and time is very much at a premium in my life these days. So reluctantly, I am passing on the responsibility. Larry Cagle has agreed to become the new newsletter editor.

Many thanks to all who have helped with the newsletter these past five years. Especially I would like to thank Eric Banfield who has helped both in editing and submitting some terrific articles. He has been an enormous help. Also I thank Christopher Maxwell, who now lives in Oregon editing the *Backwoods Home Magazine*. Also Maggie Kohls and Jeanette Clinkunbroomer have been a great help.

I hope that the newsletter has been as much a pleasure to read as it has been for me to put it together.

Well, on to the next hurdle . . .

Notice:

The LPI is compiling a membership directory. If you are a member of the party and do not want to be included in the directory, contact the office at 708-776-8090, or write: LPI, 1602 Colonial Parkway, Inverness, IL 60067.

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Schreiner Testifies on Ballot Access in front of Cook County Board

Joseph Schreiner, a member of the LPI from Chicago, testified in front of the Cook County Board on August 25 to protest current ballot access laws in the county and to urge their repeal. Currently, a minor party candidate must obtain 6000 signatures versus 350 for a major party to get on the ballot in Cook County for county board.

Amid condescending smiles and winks, Schreiner put forth a compact, rational and challenging testimony to the board to amend their ballot access laws. The condescension quickly waned to silence. After the presentation, the commissioners asked no questions as they did to most others who testified. Others who testified presented rambling arguments for racial, ethnic, or suburban quotas.

Schreiner has indicated some interest to run for Cook County Board. If you would like to help him out, call Joe at 312-929-9538.

Excerpts from Schreiner's Presentation

The Libertarian Party of Illinois urges the Cook County Board and Illinois General Assembly to adopt fair, equal, and constitutional nominating petition requirements for candidates to the County Board. Only one standard possesses these characteristics—equal petition requirements, both in number and procedure, for all political parties and candidates.

Cook County's citizens deserve full choice in electing their county officials. The current petition requirements deny them this right. In addition, all citizens and parties deserve equal opportunity to present their ideas, policies, and candidates to public discussion and judgment. Excessive and biased petition requirements prevent Cook County citizens from participation in their government. In reviewing Illinois petition requirements last year, the United States Supreme Court itself stated the unequal requirements, "unduly burdened . . . the right of citizens to form and create new political parties."

The current petition regulations subsidize the Democratic and Republican parties, the incumbency parties. If the incumbency parties were appropriately regarded as private enterprises, they would stand convicted of anti-monopoly laws. The current petition laws justify the public's cynicism and mistrust of the

election process. The current petition regulations suppress valid alternative parties and candidates, keeping them off the ballot. Alternative parties bring much to the country. In 1860, the two incumbency parties, the Whigs and Democrats, refused to address the issue of slavery. It took an alternative party, the Republicans, selecting Abraham Lincoln in Chicago, to do so.

. . . the most blatant inequality is the number of petitions required . . . This translates, approximately, to 6000 signatures for the alternative, 350 for the incumbency parties . . .

The Cook County Board can unilaterally establish equal petition requirements for Board and other Cook County candidates. The County Board, which determines county office budgets, can instruct the County Clerk to refuse to acknowledge petition challenges based on the extra, excessive requirements for alternative parties and independent candidates. The Clerk, responsible for county elections, can refuse to enforce the unfair and unconstitutional aspects of state election law. With this action, the Board can show that county government is for all its citizens. The move from at-large to district elections provides the Board with the opportunity to correct this injustice.

Step-up to Liberty

Here's an opportunity for those interested in beginning a new club. To promote the Libertarian Party, our issues, and political candidates, the Development Committee is currently seeking to appoint concerned and responsible Libertarians to the position of Congressional District Committee Chair (CDCC). Specifically, we are interested in individuals who can take the initiative to maintain and promote membership, coordinate meetings and activities and work with Libertarian political candidates for local, state and federal offices. Simply stated . . . we are looking for those who "work and talk" Libertarianism, the BIG

L's . . . Those who want to step-up and have some fun.

This is the LPI's first concerted attempt to further strengthen and "localize" our party . . . especially downstate . . . Our aim is to minimize travel to and from Chicago and familiarize and bind local Libertarians together . . . Those that otherwise did not know where other Libertarians lived or worked. The ideal CDCC will become a very key contact within their district . . . And you can now expect help and support from the SOC as well as neighboring district clubs as they begin to flourish and grow. Job responsibilities are not mandated nor required . . .

. . . we only ask that you give your best effort to strengthen the LPI's political presence throughout Illinois. If you are interested and you live within Congressional Districts 1-10; call Jeanette Muench at 708-381-2369; if you live in districts 11-20, call Ralph Miron at 708-668-7643, and either a phone or personal interview can be set up. Both Jeanette and I are willing to travel and meet with you personally. A detailed job description is available upon request. Now is the time to step-up to liberty . . . call us soon!

Ralph Miron

The Issues

Gun Control

A letter sent to the Asahi Evening News newspaper, in Tokyo

Dear Sirs:

I am an American, a Libertarian and a gun owner. I am writing to your readership in the certainty that they want to hear both sides in the current debate on private firearm ownership in the United States. There are currently various schemes in the works to disarm the American public but the most famous, the Brady Bill, best illustrates the point I wish to make.

In my state, in order to legally purchase a handgun it is required to qualify for a license known as a F.O.I.D. which is issued only after a background check by the state police. Additionally there is a three-day waiting period and another check made with the police to verify the validity of the F.O.I.D. card. Finally there is a federal registration form that must be filled out before the purchase is completed.

Let me assure you that I am indeed a National Rifle Association member. However I wouldn't dream of lifting a finger to influence the debate in Congress over the Brady Bill. That's because it is a joke, nothing more than a crude "hustle!" By using the term hustle I mean to say it is a con game executed by a scheming band of "slight-of-hand" tricksters. This is because that to the above mentioned requirements to purchase a handgun this legislation adds only two extra days to the current waiting period. It changes nothing else.

The Brady Bill has been widely touted by my political leaders and the media as a much needed reform that will have a positive impact on the level of violence in my society. It will do no such thing and there is no rational reason to believe that it will. It will not amount to "a hill of beans" to me or to any criminal either.

Let me repeat myself. The Brady Bill is nothing more than a crude hustle. It is a "red herring" that is being pushed down the throats of the American public to divert our attention from

the root causes of our problems. That source is a social welfare system that is wholly inappropriate for American society and an unqualified disaster.

In my country the welfare system will provide for an illiterate teenager to drop out of school and become the head of a family. Perhaps it will in your country too. However in American this opportunity has been embraced by the multitudes and in the process has devastated the family unit. The children of this unholy marriage of state and teen parenthood grow up to exact a fierce vengeance on our society. This is the source of the violence in our homes and on our streets.

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Many Americans have come to believe that this mayhem will not leave us until we stop the fiction of looking toward government as a solution to our social problems. In the past few years 3.5 trillion dollars have been spent to cure poverty in my country. The effect is that today one in nine Americans is on welfare. Also in much the same time we have acquired twenty thousand new gun control laws . . . you know their effectiveness. These figures are not unrelated, they are part of the pattern of political thought among the social reformers in Washington. The omnipotent state will protect us and provide for our needs. Indeed!

What is happening is that the politicians are bribing the poor and a vast bureaucracy with the spoils of a welfare state as a means of obtaining and holding on to power. The result is an ever escalating orgy of bloodshed. My political leadership has brought down a plague of murder on my country and now its response is not to own up to this folly but to repeal the Bill of Rights.

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The Issues

'Roadside Safety Checks' Violate Individual Rights

by Eric-Charles Banfield

Stand still, little sheep, and be shorn.

In some countries (the kind people escape for the freedom of America), innocent citizens can, without probable cause, be arbitrarily stopped, questioned, and have their persons or property searched or seized by government officials in the name of "security" and "safety." But now these draconian tactics have come to America—and to our own home towns.

The DuPage County Sheriff's Department is continuing its series of "road-side safety checkpoints," stopping cars randomly in the Downers Grove, Lisle, and Woodridge areas. Amazingly, many citizens, forgetting how valuable and fragile our individual liberties are, do not even complain.

Roadblocks are the stuff of fascist or communist nations. These aggressive, coercive tactics violate every individual's right to privacy. Admittedly random, roadblocks and auto searches undoubtedly violate the principle of "probable cause," in which police must have some reason for suspecting a violation of the law. They violate the spirit of the Constitutional prohibition against unwarranted government searches and seizures.

"Safety checks" rob busy citizens of their valuable time, without any offer of compensation. They insult people and make them feel guilty even when they are innocent. Like drug laws, they instill fear of and destroy respect for our law-enforcement officials.

Roadblock and random searches are a time-honored, classic ploy used by authoritarian government to control people and curtail their freedom. (See any good history book on emergency government powers and fascist regimes.) The so-called "safety checks" are just an excuse to subjugate and belittle citizens and to intrude upon people's property. They are designed to assert the supreme authority of the state, and keep citizens "in their place."

Over time, history shows, "mild" violations of privacy and property rights lead invariably to more-coercive schemes. In short order, people find all their rights gradually whittle away,

allowing "police" to search their homes and business and seize property randomly and without cause.

Indeed, current American laws already work in that direction: Government abuse of civil asset-seizure and forfeiture laws, the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), and the so-called "wetlands" laws have already led to random property seizures across America. In those cases, the victim is never charged with a crime and the assets are impossible (80% of the time) to recover, even if the person is innocent of any real crime. Some of those victims are our neighbors, right here in DuPage County.

The big surprise is not that the police use these forceful tactics. Police are authoritarian by nature, and tend to think of individual rights as little more than inconvenient obstacles to their jobs. The real surprise is that people are not up in arms about this intrusion into their private lives and property. Like sheep, they accept it in the name of "safety" or "security"—and think little of their loss of individual liberty.

But when asked about what's so great about the American democratic republic, citizens, especially newcomers, invariably cite our reputed freedom to move about freely, unimpeded by arbitrary authority. "Random" road checks are surely arbitrary, and must make us question just how free or enslaved we really are.

If stopped, every citizen should politely request that his privacy be respected, and remember that, under the law, permitting a search automatically renders any seizure, even if unwarranted, as reasonable and therefore legal.

Roadblocks put us all on the road to serfdom. Perhaps we should recall the warnings of Benjamin Franklin: Those who give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." In our own home towns, with police roadblocks, we might soon end up with neither.

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The Issues

Breaking the Health Care Chains

by *Eric C. Banfield*

An old principle of physics and economics is that "one can improve the outcome of a process more by relaxing an existing restraint than by adding a new one." To cure the health-care and health-insurance markets, let's clear up the old distortions before, mistakenly, we add new ones.

For example, researchers and policy analysts agree that the IRS tax code (section 125) encourages employer-dependent insurance with deductibles set too low. That turns what we think of as "insurance" into a pre-payment plan for routine medical expenses, encouraging consumers to bid up prices without limit, and pricing eight to ten million people out of the market. If we had a pre-paid food-care plan, would we be eating soybean burgers or steaks every day?

Logically, the best, simplest, cheapest first policy step to saving on health care would be to give individuals the same tax break employers get, allowing employees higher wages or Medical Savings Accounts, and encouraging the separation of employment and insurance.

Experts know that state insurance mandates require insurers to pay for procedures that often have little to do with required health care. Those mandates, as does the tax code, price another eight to ten million people out of the insurance market. So the best, simplest, and cheapest second step would be to repeal those mandates.

We know that medicine prices have soared due to the Food and Drug Administration's delays, which can require twelve years of drug testing, leaving only five years for the inventor to recover years or decades of research investment. The best and cheapest third step would be to turn over the FDA's functions to outside researchers and underwriters.

If we really wanted consumers to choose lower-cost care options, we'd remove the American Medical Association's licensing monopoly and allow competing agencies to certify doctors and treatments. We'd remove the unnecessary burdens restricting alternative-care providers and the use of vitamins and herbs. We'd let nurse practitioners perform a wider range of routine and emergency functions.

If we really wanted to encourage hospitals to expand their operations, we'd remove state "certificate-of-need" requirements. These requirements force hospitals to show a "need" for expansion to the bureaucrats before they can start building. If we wanted more insurance and preferred-provider care, we'd stop insurance premium-fixing and preferred provider organization (PPO) price-fixing by state governments.

If we wanted to stop subsidizing and encouraging unhealthy behavior and stop insurers from leaving their markets, we'd stop requiring "community-rating" and remove the special exemp-

tions and privileges enjoyed by many Blue Cross/Blue Shield companies, now protected by the political process.

To reduce the cost of defensive medicine caused by malpractice suits, we could simply allow patients to waive the right to sue in exchange for a lower fee. We could simply require, as every other country does, that if you sue and lose, you have to pay the other person's court costs.

To save government money and improve service at the Veteran's Administration's hospitals, we could contract the functions out. Studies report that privatization invariably cuts costs anywhere from 30% to 70%, and always improves service quality. Our veterans deserve nothing less than first-rate care the private sector can provide.

If we wanted consumers to be better-informed about their insurance companies, we'd at least repeal the "gag rules" that prevent insurance agents from saying anything bad about an insurance company. If we wanted to reduce administrative costs, we'd stop requiring so many government-mandated reports and filings.

If we really wanted to reduce costs, we'd exempt all medical care from taxation not add more taxes on citizens.

Indeed, if for some strange reason policy makers had wanted to create a huge increase in health care prices with only a negligible increase in the quantity and quality offered, they would have imposed exactly the kind of policies our government has imposed. If policy makers want to restore the ability of markets to deliver first-rate health at the cheapest prices, then they could end those policies.

It is simple and inexpensive to repeal burdensome regulations and market-distorting privileges. It doesn't require task force, global budgets, taxes, or a health czar. Government could have implemented these reforms right after the inauguration, and we could already be well on the way to true health-care reform, with markets that work for everyone, not just the privileged.

Citizens can only hope that the Clinton task Force, locked in its deal-making chambers, will recognize how simply and inexpensively we can cure the root problems afflicting health care and health insurance.

Unfortunately, it appears the Clinton team is focusing on the symptoms and ignoring the root problems. Their solution will be more government market-rigging, more taxes, more regulations, more special privileges, and no regard for the market preferences of 249 million individuals.

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Networking

Illinois FIJA Report

Illinois FIJA (Fully Informed Jury Association) Director Ken Prazak reports that he spoke to two groups in August, a former Perot group in Oglesby, and an anti-tax group, "We the People".

Last week (September 10), the *Chicago Reader* carried an extensive article on FIJA, penned by Bryan Miller. The article was objective, exhaustive, and favorable.

Illinois FIJA plans to distribute "True and False" brochures in front of court houses this fall. For more information on Illinois FIJA, contact Ken Prazak at 708-810-1974.

Lobbying Group Gains Ground

Over twenty organizations have joined the Illinois Educational Choice Coalition. The group has made inroads into the state legislature as a possible voucher plan is for the first time being considered seriously as part of a reform package for funding the public school system.

The IECC is in favor of educational choice where tax funding would "follow the student" to the school of choice—public, private, or parochial. This would empower parents, promote healthy competition among schools and could lead to lower taxes for schools. Groups included in the coalition are The Heartland Institute, The Lincoln Legal Foundation, the United Republican Fund, and People for Educational Choice. For more information about the coalition, contact Dyanne Petersen at 312-988-9052.

Rush on TV

Rush Limbaugh has move to Fox 32 at 12:00 midnight.

Henry George School Announces Beginning of Classes

The Henry George School of Social Science will begin its fall classes during the week of September 13. Its basic class, Fundamental Economics, explores economic distress in America: poverty, concentration of wealth, inflation, high taxes, and unemployment. It is offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. An advanced course, Economic Science, is offered on Tuesdays.

The winter term begins January 10; the spring term starts on April 11. For more information contact Sam Venturella, at 312-338-6698.

Attacking RICO

Are you fed up with asset forfeiture, the RICO laws and other abuses of Constitutional rights? There is a group fighting back. Contact The Asset Guardian, P.O. Box 513, Franklin, NJ, 07416, or call: 201-827-2177

Letter

The Southtown Economist

May 28, 1993

Saving the Children

Now that the events in Waco, Texas have been formally added to the annals of history with the airing of a made-for-television movie, it is time to reflect and ask the hard questions. Are any of us more secure living under a government that takes it upon itself to decide if our religious preference is a denomination or a cult? What have a free people to gain from a state that sees fit to regulate their devotion without their consent? Who decides for us if we are pious or simply brain-washed?

Sadly we have watched as the media stands by while the F.B.I. saves children from abuse, . . . permanently, and raises hardly a whimper in protest. The real lesson we are told lies in the danger of cults with assault rifles, not a religious police with M-1 tanks. Truly this line of reasoning is the Moby Dick of red herrings. We are all the losers of this shoot-out on the Range.

Robert Verran Jr.

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Club Events and Party News

Givot Accepts Position as Ballot Access Lobbyist.

Steve Givot, former Libertarian National Committee member and past candidate for senator for the LPI, has accepted the position as lobbyist for the LPI to get the ballot access laws changed in Illinois. This comes after an encouraging letter the party received from a Washington lobbyist for reform in ballot access laws. They informed our office that Congressman Phil Crane would be willing to help us out on ballot access on the state level. He had said that he didn't support the Penny bill on ballot access in Congress because he thought that reform should come through the states not the federal government.

LPI holds CDCC Training Seminar

The LPI will hold a training seminar for Congressional District Committee Chairs On Saturday, October 16. Exact time and location to be announced. The seminar will include the role CDCCs will play in the LPI structure and game plan. The process of building a local organization will be emphasized. How to recruit members and volunteers, how to keep members interested in motivated, and how to campaign will all be covered. Dinner, entertainment and socializing will follow the seminar in the evening.

New Life Membership Structure Announced

Effective immediately, the one time fee for Life Membership in the Libertarian Party of Illinois (LPI) will increase from \$200.00 to \$300.00. This fee will increase to \$500.00 effective November 1, 1993.

Also effective immediately, the funds received for Life Memberships will be set aside in a separate, permanent fund. The interest received from that fund will be used to cover the ongoing membership costs of life members. The fund principle will not be disturbed in any manner.

The above measures were adopted by the LPI State Organizing Committee (SOC) at its July 25, 1993 meeting. These actions were based on one of the recommendations of the recently formed LPI Finance Committee.

In its report to the SOC, the Finance Committee noted that when someone joined the LPI as a life member, it actually had a negative financial impact on the LPI. In the past, the fee received was spent on current activities of the party and, therefore, nothing was retained to cover the \$15.00 to \$20.00 per year future membership costs for newsletter,

postage, and related office and correspondence costs. Even if the former \$200.00 fee were set aside in an interest bearing account, the current interest of maybe \$6.00 to \$10.00 per year would fall far short of the annual membership costs. Therefore, the Finance Committee recommended this action.

If you are interested in becoming a life member, you can join at the relative bargain rate of \$300.00 until November 1. The new life membership fee does not affect current life members. However, the LPI would be pleased if any current life members would like to voluntarily make up the \$100.00 to \$300.00 increase. If you are a life member and would like to contribute the added \$100.00 to \$300.00 to the LPI life membership fund, please send a check (made payable to the Libertarian Party of Illinois) Attention: Pat Franke, Treasurer, LPI; 1602 Colonial Parkway, Inverness, IL 60067. Mark the check as a Life Member Fund Voluntary Contribution. Any such amounts received will be set aside in the permanent Life Membership Fund.

The annual membership does not change and remains \$20.00 per year.

IVLA Holds Picnic

The Illinois Valley Libertarian Assoc. held a picnic for its members and friends on August 29. The group, from the Peoria area holds regular picnics and

social events. For more information contact Scott Tillman at 309-353-1500, or write, 1218 Henrietta, Pekin, IL 61554.

Hyde Speaks at Northwest Libertarian Club Meeting

Congressman Henry Hyde recently spoke at the regular Northwest Libertarian Club meeting on August 17. Approximately 50 people attended the event, about half Libertarians.

Hyde spoke on a variety of issues. On spending: "That which you tax you get less of, that which you subsidize you get more of." He warned that the so-

called spending cuts of the Clinton budget are illusory.

Hyde also warned against over-regulation and called for less mandates on small employers—to help the employment problem. He also suggested that we don't need the Department of Education. Education should be a state's responsibility, Hyde said.

In the question and answer session, Hyde opined that we need to make people pay for things, "anything given to people will be used excessively." Hyde also talked a little about his bill to curb the worse abuses of the Rico Act. Hyde's bill would restore some constitutional restraints.

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

September 21

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, dinner, 8:00 PM, program. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL (1/2 block south of Algonquin). Call Lyn D. Tinsley at 708-297-8219 for information.

September 26

- **LaSalle County Libertarians** meeting, Sunday, 8:00 PM, at Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL. Meets here every last Sunday of the month. More information: Call Paul Salander, 815-539-7839.

September 26

- **Illinois Valley Libertarian Association**, Sunday, at Endres Park in Peoria Heights, at 1:00 PM during the summertime. Meets last Sunday of every month. For more information contact Greg James at 309-691-9382.

September 30

- **Rockford Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:30 PM. Meets every last Thursday of the month at David and Kathy Kelley's house, 3456 Dallas Rd., Rockford. For more information, call Kathy at 815-874-6345.

October 3

- **McHenry County Libertarian Club**, Sunday, evening, 6:00 PM, meets first Sunday of every month. Call Lenny Grom for details, 815-455-5660.

October 4

- **Libertarian Club of DuPage**, Monday, 6:30 PM, at the Fox Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle. Meets first Monday of every month. Call Steve Nelson for more details at 708-969-1088.

October

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Las Palmas Restaurant, located on the corner of Maple & Church Streets, Evanston. Contact Ted Beckman, 312-262-3525 for information.

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