

THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK

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## ANNUAL LPNY CONVENTION IN ROCHESTER

The 2009 LPNY Annual Convention will be held in Rochester, NY on April 25th, at the Holiday Inn Airport, 911 Brooks Ave. Business session will run from 9am to 12pm, with lunch and speakers to follow. The speaking/lunch session will cost \$50. The tentative list of speakers includes:

Gary Pudur - Executive Director, Genesee Valley Civil Liberties Union

Ken Mathison - Chairman, Shooters Committee on Political Education

David Ahl - Chairman, NYS Coalition of Property Owners and Businesses

Carrie Remis - Chairwoman, Rochester Fund for Educational Accountability

Beth Gorman - Vice-President, American Bikers Aimed Toward Education

Peter Christ - Founder, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

Reservations online at <http://hirochesterairport.com/reservations.asp> or by calling (585)328-6000. Mention the group booking code "LPN" for the discount rate.

Rochester is directly accessible by air, train, bus and car from the Albany-NYC corridor. Those arriving by air should take the hotel

shuttle. If you travel by train or bus you will arrive downtown; you can take a taxi, or can also take the 4-Genesee bus (not the 4-Hudson bus) from the Liberty Pole to the Airport, and then take the hotel shuttle.

Arriving from the thruway I-90, you should take I-390 North via exit 46, then Brooks Ave East, exit 18A. Turn right and the hotel will be immediately on your right. If you wish to extend your visit, the GRLP will be happy to show you local attractions, and/or socialize generally.

Thanks to the Greater Rochester LP for organizing this event.

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## LP DOUBLES NY VOTE IN 2008

In 2004 the LPNY accrued just over eleven thousand votes for our nominee Michael Badnarik. In 2008, our total was over 22,000.

Frustration with the current main parties and a higher profile candidate may have contributed to this rise in

numbers for the LPNY. It suggests that the LPNY has a capacity to gain even more votes in 2010 when we need it most.

If the LPNY can earn fifty thousand votes for governor, we'll achieve party and ballot status.

Libertarians around New York should be uniting for this purpose. An injection of new candidates and campaigns in New York could change the political landscape for years to come.

Enrolling Libertarian in NY builds our party and status.

Visit us at:  
[www.ny.lp.org](http://www.ny.lp.org)



NY heralds Liberty to the world on its shores. Some of us still care about it.

## WANTED: MORE CANDIDATES & CAMPAIGNS

The LPNY would like to see as many people run for local and state offices as possible. If you are interested in joining the ranks of political freedom fighters, let us know.

Contact your local or regional chapter or your State Committee representative. They are ready and willing to entertain or endorse candidates who feel that government has encroached into our individual freedoms far too much.

It's also not too early to be thinking about 2009 and 2010. The cities of New York and Rochester promise to offer many opportunities for excited and devoted candidates.

It's never easy to give up work, family and personal lives in order to fight for and promote liberty in the electoral arena.

Strong ideas often make strong candidates. If you can

help resist the mentality of *governmentis*, we're half way to a great effort.

Let's get together with other libertarians and take on Freedom like the Founders !

Strong candidates and campaigns in 2009 will only help our effort in important election cycles in 2010. What have you done for Liberty today ? What can you do tomorrow ?

COME TOGETHER  
WITH FELLOW  
LIBERTARIANS  
AND HELP TAKE  
BACK OUR LOST  
LIBERTIES.

## GOT E-MAIL ?

If you haven't already gotten one, you may want to. The LPNY has recently implemented a new email list to members, (current and former) in order to keep Libertarians updated throughout New York.

We know you probably have an email address and might be concerned about spam. Be assured that we have your

privacy and rights in mind all the time. You can unsubscribe from our list at any time.

So if you haven't given us your email address and want to receive timely and up to date information about LPNY activities or action items, let us know. Right now you can email our Chair, Eric Sundwall at

eric\_sundwall@hotmail.com and he'll get you on the list. Otherwise visit our website and contact a local representative about this new service from the LPNY.

This avenue of communication saves everybody time and money. Please consider it as an additional option for Liberty.

## PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN 2009

Becoming a member of the LPNY or renewing your current membership is very easy. Just go to <http://ny.lp.org> and join for as little as \$25. We would also encourage you to join our National Party at the same rate. Most likely there is a local affiliate that would love to have another active member, so please consider joining that group.



Did you know that just because you have enrolled as a 'Libertarian' at the NYS Board of Elections, you might not be a member of the LPNY ?

We are not an official party according to the law, and as such do not have a secure place on any ballot in the State. The good news is that

we are the official state affiliate to the national party and NYS does recognize us as the Libertarian Party of NY when we petition independently to be on the ballot.

By joining or renewing today, you become a part of a group seeking to maximize freedom and eliminate wasteful and fraudulent government.

## PATERSON NEEDS A BAILOUT !

Governor David Paterson recently petitioned Congress for a 'bailout' for the New York government. This comes at the heels of a melt-down of parts of the financial industry.

New York is the home of Wall St. and many financial companies. The loss of their revenues to state coffers certainly comes as a shock to politicians and special interests that expect a constant flow of taxpayer income

and property.

Instead of proposing spending cuts and austere budget adjustments, our lawmakers have declined to act responsibly. They continue down a path of spending that leads to generational debt.

There will be no Spitzer juggernaut in 2010. Paterson can't manage this crisis or the legislature in a sufficient manner to assure skeptical New Yorkers that things will get

better.

If the LPNY can rally fifty thousand New Yorkers to stop giving the government blank checks, we can start an electoral bailout.

We will need to raise at least thirty thousand dollars to just get our candidate on the ballot. We're almost a third of the way and time is running out.

Visit us online at <http://ny.lp.org> and donate today.



### Bailouts ?

We don't need no stinkin bailouts.

## 'SECRETARY' CLINTON CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR LPNY

The departure of New York Senator Clinton to the State Department has created an exciting opportunity for the LPNY.

In 2010 we will be able to run two candidates for Senator from NY. With two candidates for Senate our message of freedom and liberty will be heard in an unprecedented manner.

Despite this two for one deal, it is still a lot of work to get on the ballot. We get only six weeks in the middle of the summer to hustle at least fifteen thousand signatures for our independent nominating petition.

If you want to assure resistance to Chuck Schumer's 21st Century New Deal, we have to act now.

Think about running for office in 2010. Consider the Senate nomination if you dare.

Future generations can't afford this debt, foreign occupations and central economic control.

Join the fight ! Get our candidates started now.

THE LP IS AMERICA'S LARGEST THIRD PARTY. BE A PART OF THE DIFFERENCE.

## LPNY SUPPORTS AN END TO CORPORATE WELFARE

On December 7, 2009 the LPNY State Committee passed a resolution supporting a lawsuit seeking to end corporate welfare via the New York State Constitution.

*"The LPNY endorses the Stop The Pork Lawsuit filed by Jim Ostrowski to enforce the prohibition in the State Constitution against grants or loans of state money to corporations."*

This lawsuit was presented by attorney James Ostrowski from Buffalo NY on behalf of a group of concerned individuals on December 3, 2008 in Albany NY.

Statewide and local media covered the story that seeks to stop political pork to corporations like IBM and AMD.

Capital Outsider covered the

Case in the court room itself. That segment can be viewed at; <http://capitaloutsider.org/2008/12/special-segment-jim-ostrowski.html>. The Manhattan publication and blog, Serf City also covered the suit. Watch for results of the case in the first part of 2009.



The power of the Press worked best with the message of Liberty.

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