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Libertarian Party Central Committee Positions Available

The Central Committee is the governing body of the Libertarian Party of California. Its members are elected by all registered Libertarian voters in the June primary election. In Santa Clara County, they are elected by supervisorial district. To qualify for the ballot, each candidate must obtain the signatures of up to 20 registered Libertarians from her district on petitions available from the County Registrar of Voters on February 16. The deadline for submitting completed petitions is March 12.

As a special service to members of the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County, Membership Chair Karen Huffman will obtain petitions and have them available at the February 18 meeting. To enable Karen to pick up your petition, send the following signed statement to reach her at our San Jose office by Wednesday, February 10: "I intend to run for member of the Santa Clara County Central Committee of the Libertarian Party. I herewith authorize Karen Huffman to pick up the necessary papers for me." Please include in your note your name and address as they appear in your voter registration and your precinct number (if you know it).

Many supervisorial districts have more than one committee position available. All continuously registered Libertarians (for the last year) are eligible to run, so don't hesitate to enter the race if you are interested. You can collect your signatures while you collect signatures to help our candidates get on the ballot.

County Convention Election Results

At its annual convention and business meeting held in San Jose on January 21, 1982, the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County elected the following officers and representatives.

Chair	Mark Hinkle
Vice Chair	Russ Fridley
Treasurer	Pam Loucks
Membership Chair	Karen Huffman
Research Chair	Anna Justi
Fundraising Chair	Ray Strong
Exec. Com. Rep.	Mark Hinkle
Exec. Com. Rep.	Karen Huffman
Exec. Com. Rep.	Scott Olmsted
Exec. Com. Rep.	Jeff Smith

Meet the Candidates, Plan for the Future, at February Meeting

Candidates for partisan office from Santa Clara County will give brief introductory speeches at the regular meeting of the Libertarian Council, Thursday, February 18, at 8:00 p.m. In a surprising vote of support for blatant gerrymandering that will leave much of Santa Clara County without representation in the State Senate for the next two years, the State Supreme Court in effect upheld the new districts rigged by the Democrats. At press time we were still busy searching for candidates to fill some of the available positions, the search being complicated by the fact that not even the County Registrar has quick access to the new district residence information. The February meeting will be the first chance for our membership and the public to meet some of our announced candidates in their new official capacities.

After the speeches, there will be a discussion of campaign strategy for 1982, as well as a training session for petitioning to qualify our candidates for the ballot. If the Libertarian Party is to continue to grow, it will need an influx of new talented activists, so bring ideas, time, energy, and commitment to liberty and attend this extremely important organizing meeting.

The Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County meets the third Thursday of each month at our headquarters office, 401 E. Taylor in San Jose. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

Libertarian Council Endorses Joe Fuhrig

In the only candidate endorsement passed by the January Santa Clara County Convention, Joe Fuhrig was endorsed without opposition for the position of Libertarian Party candidate for United States Senator from California. Joe must still win the endorsement of the full California Libertarian Convention and the endorsement of registered Libertarian voters in the June primary, but he is well on the way to being one of our star contenders for office.

In 1980 Joe ran for U.S. Representative in Congress from the 10th Congressional District, which included parts of Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. In this four-way race, he made one of the best showings of any of our 1980 Congressional candidates. Two years later, as an announced candidate for the U.S. Senate he has already excited a vast audience of radio listeners with libertarian ideas as controversial and radical as any they have heard.

Since U.S. Senator is a statewide election, the endorsement of the local Council is only advisory and not binding on delegates to the State Convention. But it is a good start to have the backing of a county as active as Santa Clara.

No other candidates for statewide office received endorsement, and local district boundaries were not decided in time for the Council to endorse local candidates. The latter job was delegated to the newly elected County Executive Committee.

Report from HQ

LP Active in January

by Lisa Hosbein

- Election campaign time is upon us and this means that your signature may be worth up to \$8.00 to Libertarians who are running for office in the 1982 elections. Libertarian candidates will be collecting signatures this month for petitions in lieu of filing fees so keep your pen handy!

- In January Martin Buerger, Chair of the Candidate Development Committee, and Bill Evers, Party Chair, sent letters outlining filing procedures and filing dates for the upcoming election to all County Central Committee members, prospective Libertarian Party candidates, and California Libertarian Council regional chairs. We encourage Libertarians throughout the state to use the opportunity provided by an election campaign to tell non-Libertarians about Libertarian ideology and Libertarian approaches to current issues and problems.

- Joe Fuhrig has been very busy these past few weeks doing just that—telling the media and various other audiences about his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. Joe had press conferences in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento on January 15th and 16th. In Los Angeles Joe was written up by the *Los Angeles Times* and was interviewed by KABC radio. In San Francisco he was written up in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Oakland Tribune*, the *Peninsula Times Tribune*, and the *San Mateo Times*. On Tuesday the 26th he was an animated question-answerer on the Ron Owens Show on KGO radio. Joe made television appearances in Sacramento on Channel 40 and Channel 15. He was also written up in the *Sacramento Bee*.

- To help in our continued efforts to establish a stronger financial base for the party, a number of Bay Area residents have agreed to serve on an ongoing Finance Committee. The first meeting of the new Finance Committee was held Wednesday, January 20th. Carolyn Felton, chair of the committee, led discussion on various approaches available to the party for fundraising, including personally soliciting funds from dedicated Libertarians and holding fundraising events. The committee also discussed imaginative ways of accepting contributions such as directly accepting office supplies or gold coins (always welcome!) and allowing people to contribute directly to specific projects.

- We are endeavoring to build up a reference library at the state office. Bruce Covert, a very diligent volunteer, has put together a newspaper clippings file. Categories in this file include Defense Policy, Government Intervention in the Economy, Drug Laws/Gun Control Laws, and the 1982 Election Scramble. This last section may be particularly useful for Libertarian candidates to use to check up on the statements their opponents are making. Thanks to Carol Blanchard and Kelly Haughton for donating their newspapers for us to clip. We would also like to thank Bob Poole for his donation of a subscription of *Reason* magazine to the state office.

- **In Lieu of Petitions to be circulated** by local CLC members to help save Libertarian Party candidates and their campaign funds the expense of paying filing fees. The candidates need 150 signatures of Libertarian Party voters registered in their district. *One signature* is worth \$20 off of the filing fee of a Congressman or State Senate candidate and \$10 off a State Assembly filing fee. If you cannot attend the February meeting but wish to sign a petition or help to circulate a petition please come to the office at 401 East Taylor Street in San Jose (hours: Noon to 6) or phone CRY-FREE to arrange an appointment with a petition circulator.

Liberty Bookstore/ An Obituary

by Dante DeAmicis

Liberty Bookstore is closing. Liberty has been running on air for the last year. Karen Huffman has been solely responsible for keeping the bookstore from becoming a nonentity. But business has not picked up. Debts have continued to mount. Karen's three years of experience in managing the bookstore could not save this eight year old institution from the hard reality that fewer people are reading books, fewer people are buying books, and even fewer people care what they could get out of books.

Liberty is only the most recent casualty among several libertarian bookstore failures. Laissez Faire Books, of New York City, may also be going belly up, no longer able to find financial angles to soak up their red ink. Foundations sympathetic to libertarian objectives are also curtailing book publishing and distribution. Publishers of libertarian classics such as Free Life Editions and Arlington House are also on the ropes. So what do you say?

Libertarianism is a movement of ideas with a long but neglected tradition. The fewer bookstores and publishers we have the harder it will be to get these ideas out to potential activists. "The bookstore" has always been the focal point for ideological movements (Christian Science, American Opinion, Socialist). Now our movement has one less.

At a time when we are politically noticeable we cannot afford to become spongy on the ideas. As champions of an ideology under siege all of us should be able to buttress our goals with a wealth of background information. If all we are able to do is trot out our program defiantly we will have little influence on people who have been conditioned from the cradle to reflexively embrace the state as the provider of all that is good and noble.

Several of our sages have pointed out that we must be in this for the long haul if we are to ever be successful. That being the case we should always be stuffing our heads. Sterile political activism by itself gets old real fast for most people.

There will be one last sale toward the end of February. The rest of the stock and business itself will probably be sold to Howie and Andrea Millen Rich from New York who are also absorbing the remnants of Laissez Faire Bookstore. I wish them the best of luck. Hopefully, a country of 250 million people can support one broad spectrum libertarian bookstore. At any rate the real fanatics can still glean a great deal from the publishing foundations that also sell direct, such as LibertyPress/ Liberty Classics and the Institute for Humane Studies and a couple of small book clubs.

Liberty Bookstore is survived by all of those who owe a large chunk of their real education to the works found on its shelves. As the last box is packed I will be conducting my own personal *TV Guide* burning ceremony.

Council Membership Rises

The latest figure for membership in the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County is 182, as compared with 177 last month. This figure is a measure of activity in the cause of liberty as well as the principal measure of productivity of our activists. Results from the membership drive beginning February 18 will first be reflected in the report in our April issue.

When Will They Ever Learn?

by Ray Strong

The pendulum swings from left to right, from Democrat to Republican, from "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," to your country is doing too much for you that should be done for you by your state and local governments. And with each swing the momentum of dissatisfaction builds inexorably toward the next backlash. But with all the changes, have we moved any closer to freedom?

Libertarians have been attacking Ronald Reagan since before he was elected, attacking a man who once called himself a libertarian, attacking the man who represented change toward a less oppressive government in the eyes of most voters. Was it just sour grapes because he stole the theme of Ed Clark's campaign and the title of his book (*A New Beginning*)? Hasn't he been trying to get things moving in the right direction: to get government off our backs? Hasn't he cut the rate of increase in federal spending? Doesn't he have libertarians working for him in the administration?

His apologists have advanced all of these arguments and more to say that this time we have really started down the right road. This time we have seriously begun to dismantle the leviathan. Some might recall another foe of big government who was elected with many votes from lovers of liberty: Richard Nixon. He too promised to reverse the accumulation of power in the federal government. He too made many promises, paying lip service to the efficacy of the free market. But then we now know he lacked principles.

How different is noble Ronald? He would never be guilty of whatever it was that Nixon did, for we know him to be a man of honor who will keep his word, be true to his course, "damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead," expediency get thee behind me. No, we were told by his libertarian admirers, this man is different. He will stop the spending, lower the taxes, get rid of the bureaucrats. He will never go back on his word as Nixon did and impose wage and price controls. He will end the odious draft registration, because, after all, he is a libertarian and opposed to the draft and registration for the draft on both moral and practical grounds. He is the champion of the voluntary military.

When his apologists were asked why he hadn't stopped draft registration, we were told that it was easier to wait and let it die in

January for lack of his signature on an enabling proclamation. Prosecutions are being held up, they said, because no one will be prosecuted for failure to register, and after January 1982 there will be no more draft registration. "Give the man a chance," they said. "He's doing a good job."

But January has come and with it a new beginning—a new beginning for draft registration, signed into power by Ronald Reagan. And now he is working to pour more of our tax dollars into El Salvador to bolster the corrupt and repressive Duarte regime against communism, the way our dollars have gone to bolster so many regimes before (Cuba, Vietnam, Iran) and with the same predictable and practically inevitable results. And he is thinking about raising taxes: just a little, just for the duration of the emergency.

To support the draft or even registration for the draft represents at best a gross misunderstanding of that liberty one would like to protect by force of arms. To promise to repeal draft registration and then turn around and order its continuation is nothing short of betrayal. There are always extenuating circumstances. They say a gesture was needed to confront and confront the Russians. But how strong do we look when we turn on the principal source of our strength?

How united are we when we must force our young people to act as pawns in a meaningless game of mutually assured destruction? How strong are we when with each year of continued existence of draft registration we desecrate our country's fundamental principles? Where is our integrity when we can support the idea of a draft at the same time we claim inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

It does not dwell in Ronald Reagan. And if we would bring integrity and strength back into our national character, we must redouble our efforts in the movement for liberty. The price of liberty, like everything else, has gone up with inflation: eternal vigilance is no longer enough; action is required. When will they ever learn? When we tell them so they can understand and not before. Are we closer to freedom? Yes, not by virtue of the Ronald Reagans, but rather because there are more of us each day, and our arguments are more cogent and our presentations more persuasive and exciting. When will they ever learn the meaning of liberty? Soon. Consider the alternative.

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Name _____

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Please do not release my name and address for non-CLC purposes.

I wish to be a member of the local region or region _____.

I am eligible to vote in _____ County.

I am (I am not) registered to vote in the Libertarian Party.

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please allow six weeks for processing your application.

Membership Category	California Only	Combined Membership CLC/National*
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$9.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$13.00
Regular/Basic	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33.00
Sustaining	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$56.00
Sponsor/Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180.00
Associate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400.00
Life/Benefactor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1300.00

A subscription to the newsletter of the California Libertarian Council (CLC) is included in all the above membership categories.

California Libertarian subscription (non-member) \$10

Donation for regional newsletter (Suggest \$2-\$10) _____

Donation to assist regional activities _____

Donation to help support the California Libertarian Council _____

Membership dues only—no California Libertarian—minus \$8 Total _____

*This includes a 20% discount off the Libertarian National Committee dues.

Calendar

SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 8. 7:30 p.m.

Martin Buerger, Northern California CLC Vice Chair, will be the featured speaker. In addition, each of the San Mateo Libertarian Party candidates will give a 2 minute speech followed by a question and answer session. Three Santa Clara County candidates, Russ Fridley, Chuck Olson and Bill White, will be participating since they are running in districts that overlap both counties. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Seven Oaks room of the A.P. Giannini branch of the Bank of America at Third Avenue and El Camino in San Mateo. Information phone: Don Smith at 415/368-8148.

EASTBAY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 10. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Location: 5332 College Avenue in Oakland. For information on the speaker telephone Yvonne Davis at 415/835-4765.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 18. 8:00 p.m.

This month's meeting will feature a surprise selection of Santa Clara County Libertarian candidates. In addition, we will be circulating Petitions for Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fees for the Libertarian Party candidates for U.S. Congress, State Senate and State Assembly. Nominating petitions for County Central Committee members will also be circulated. LOCATION: 401 East Taylor Street (corner of 10th & Taylor) in San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. For more details about the meeting telephone 408/CRY-FREE.

LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL BOOTH AT THE DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

Saturday, March 6. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed, especially in the morning to staff our permanent information and merchandise booth at the De Anza Flea Market in Cupertino. help us to raise money to support our many local projects and educate yourself and others on the issues, by talking to the public about libertarianism. Donations of books and

other fast-selling items are needed and may be dropped off at the flea market or at our Taylor Street office. Location: De Anza College Parking Lot C, Stevens Creek Boulevard and Stelling Road in Cupertino. For more information or to volunteer call 408/CRY-FREE.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 18. 8:00 p.m.

Next month's meeting will feature Joe Fuhrig, economics professor and Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate. Joe will be speaking on "The Keynesian Revolution: A Libertarian View. In addition, we will be circulating In Lieu of Petitions for our congressional candidates who still have a few days before their deadline. Location: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

GALA CANDIDATE'S BANQUET

Saturday, March 27. Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Joe Fuhrig, Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate. Location: Villa Hotel, El Camino Room, 4000 South El Camino Real in San Mateo. Fee: \$20 single, \$30 per couple, advance payment required. People who pay by March 1st will be seated at a local candidate's table. Send \$ to: Peninsula Libertarians, P.O. Box 3331, Redwood City, CA 94064. Information phone: Lyn Sapowsky at 415/368-8148.

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