



# THE CAPITAL DISTRICT LIBERTARIAN

MAY 94

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*John Mounter*

I was very pleased to see the excellent turnout at our first meeting since the state convention. About 25 people met at our monthly gathering at the BRANCH Restaurant on Maiden Lane in Downtown Albany. We were joined by many new members as well as old-timers whom we haven't seen in a while. Whatever you think about recent events at the state level, our local chapter has benefited by the vastly increased publicity. There's a lot happening in the next few weeks. If you've decided to become active, this is a good time to be in Albany. You can work to bring state government into line, decriminalize marijuana, ensure your right to bear arms, or lobby your congressmen on health care. Let's get to work!

## MEETING NOTES

We talked about the petition drive and discussed some possible strategies for collecting signatures. Five people volunteered to act as our local petition committee; they are: Doug Parker, Harvey Brody, Herb Hennings, Sally Eastman, and Nate Horowitz. They will need help from all of us to collect the necessary signatures

Mike Craft offered himself as our candidate for US Congress from the 21st District. He scored 70/70 on the Nolan chart/quiz. We agreed to vote on his nomination at our next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 14th. See the statement from Mike in this issue.

Don and Dawn Davis, Scott Shendler and Jeff Russell all helped at the Operation Politically Homeless booth at the Pinksterfest in Albany's Washington Park. We helped over 500 individuals identify themselves politically with the **WORLDS SMALLEST POLITICAL**

**QUIZ.** Fifty patriots signed Bob Schulz's **PERSONAL DECLARATION.**

Dottie Lou Brokaw and Peter Zeisner helped us welcome the new members and talked about our principles. They also reported on their meeting with Stan Dworkin. They met for four hours discussing various issues that are important to us. They said he is a fast learner and believe that Stan will make a good Libertarian candidate (90/70 on the QUIZ.)

At our next meeting we will be voting on officers for our local chapter. Also on the agenda will be discussion of ideas for our annual picnic, and a report from the recent state committee meeting.

## BACK DOOR BORROWING CASE

All citizen-taxpayers who want to see the government brought back under the control of the State Constitution and the people are urged to be at the Court of Appeals Hall (in downtown Albany) on June 7, 1994 before 2pm.

Robert Schulz, founder of **ACTA** will argue his case to force the state to get voter approval to incur debt. Please give him your support.

## LIBERTARIANISM 101

*Bill Woolsey*

*Executive Committee, South Carolina LP*

Libertarianism is a political perspective that is skeptical about government across the board. Libertarians are fiscally conservative and socially tolerant, so they are different from

modern conservatives and liberals. While many conservatives share the libertarian skepticism of government in general, modern conservatism tends to favor using the criminal justice system to promote traditional moral values. And while many liberals favor social toleration (so libertarianism is sometimes called "classical" or "market" liberalism), modern liberalism still favors the failed "tax and spend" policies of big government.

Many excellent books and publications are available from Laissez-Faire Books (call 1-800-326-0996) for those interested in learning more about libertarianism.

The following are other organizations that are working to limit government in New York State.

The All-County Taxpayers Association has the goal of "...bringing New York State and local government, in all its forms, back under the control of the New York Constitution and the citizens of the state." ACTA fights governmental wrongdoing in the courts.

ACTA Box 177, Star Route, Glens Falls, NY 12801.

Change-NY is a watchdog and lobbying group that publishes numerous reports on state issues such as there annual counter budget (usually available before the real one!)

Change-NY, PO Box 2069, Albany, NY 12220, 518 432 6375

## CRAFT FOR CONGRESS?

The following is a synopsis of the platform that Michael Craft proposes to run on if he is nominated. There will be a vote at our next monthly meeting.

1) Strict adherence to Constitutional principles by all elected and appointed officials.

2) Term limitations on every elected official of two consecutive terms.

3) Civilian review boards of federal agencies to stop waste and return power to local governments and the people.

4) Supports a free market economy with no business subsidies.

5) Take the tax burden off the little taxpayer and force the Treasury and IRS to go after large tax-evaders.

6) Enforce accountability of federal employees to stop waste fraud and violations of constitutional law. End political manipulation of government functions.

7) Require other nations to pay for their own defense, relieving the burden on the American taxpayer. Use American troops for American issues and humanitarian assistance when necessary.

8) Decriminalize minor drug offenses to unburden the penal system. Stop DWI roadblocks. Lower the legal drinking age to 18.

9) Apply the law equally to all citizens.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1994**

**National MARCH ON YOUR STATE CAPITAL DAY**

**Rally & March in Albany, NY**

**All around the country, people will be marching on their state capitals to re-legalize cannabis hemp ("marijuana")**

**10:30 am Rally at City Hall**

**11:00 am Executive Mansion**

**11:30 am Police Officers Memorial at the Empire State Plaza**

**Noon until 6:00 pm Rally for Hemp at the NY State Capitol east steps**

**Dottie Lou Brokaw is expected to speak from the Capitol steps.**

**The HEMP COALITION Box 2382 Albany, NY 12220.**

**518 436 7098**

# LOBBYING FACTS: 10 TIPS TO LOBBY BETTER

Whether you lobby by phone, fax, or mail, these suggestions can make your efforts more persuasive, forceful, and effective



**PROJECT  
HEALTHY  
CHOICE**

The Libertarian Party's  
Alternative Free Market  
Health Care Proposal

## ➤ **WRITING: How to lobby by mail or fax**

1. Use the proper form of address. Letters should be addressed to "The Honorable ..." If writing to a committee Chairman, letters should be addressed to "Mr. Chairman."
2. Keep it short. Letters should not be more than one page long. State your point in the first paragraph.
3. State *exactly* what you want your Representative or Senator to do. Leave no doubt what course of action you are requesting.
4. Make sure they know you're a constituent. Politicians tend to pay the most attention to people who can vote for them — or vote against them.
5. Tell how the bill affects you, and why you're concerned. If it personally affects you, your family, or your job, be sure to mention that.
6. Emphasize the *practical* benefits or dangers of the legislation — that's the language politicians understand. Make your reasons clear and precise. You can mention philosophical issues, but don't make that the main crux of your argument.
7. Always be courteous. Don't scold or preach. Being abusive only hurts your credibility.
8. Make sure your letter is legible, and contains a clear and readable return address and phone number.
9. Don't include bulky or lengthy "supporting" materials. Your representatives — or their staffs — are unlikely to read newspaper articles, pamphlets, magazines, lengthy essays, or books that "prove" your point. Make your important points in your letter.
10. Specifically request a *written response to your letter*, so your representative will have to explain his or her position in writing.

## ➤ **CALLING: How to lobby by phone**

1. Be brief. Get to the point right away — within the first 30 seconds of your call.
2. Always identify yourself. Anonymous phone calls will be ignored.
3. Be sure to mention that you're from the state or district of the politician you're calling. Constituents are always listened to.
4. State *exactly* what you want your Representative or Senator to do. Don't be vague; request a specific action on the legislation.
5. Stay calm. Personal insults, threats, or yelling will be discounted. Nothing is gained by being argumentative.
6. Stress the personal: Tell how the bill personally affects you, your family, or your job.
7. Steer clear of heavy doses of philosophy — you're not going to make a politician change his or her life-long beliefs in one phone call. Instead, emphasize the *practical* benefits or dangers of the legislation. Make your reasons clear and precise.
8. Don't deluge them with facts, but have one or two good nuggets of information you can mention to bolster your arguments.
9. Don't be bashful or intimidated. Your Senators and U.S. Representatives — and their staff — are there to serve you. Don't forget: they work for you.
10. Specifically request a *written response to your call*. This forces your representative to explain his or her position in writing.

**Remember:** The only call that isn't heard is the one that isn't made. The only letter that has no impact is the one that isn't written.

# PROJECT HEALTHY CHOICE

## *The Libertarian Party's Alternative Free Market Health Care Proposal*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LP PLAN

What will it take to fix America's health care problems? We Libertarians know that the only health care reforms likely to have a significant impact on the situation are those that draw on the strength of the free market. The Libertarian Party has developed a comprehensive proposal for health care reform that will reduce health care costs, while extending access to care. This comprehensive market-based program will take America's health care system off the critical list.

#### **Our five-point plan:**

➤ **Establish Individual Medical Accounts.** One key to controlling health care costs is strengthening the role of the individual health care consumer. As part of this process, an individual should be exempted from taxes on money deposited in a Medical Savings Account (MSA), in the same way that he currently pays no taxes on deposits to an IRA. Money could be withdrawn from an MSA without penalty to pay medical expenses. This would increase consumer responsibility, while increasing access and controlling costs.

➤ **Restructure Tax Policy.** As a second consumer-based reform, taxes should be restructured to establish equity in the treatment of employer provided health insurance, individually purchased health insurance, and out-of-pocket medical expenses. This will also add a measure of fairness to current tax policies which penalize the self-employed, part-time workers, and employees of small businesses, while subsidizing health care for the most affluent in our society.

➤ **Deregulate the health care industry.** There should be a thorough examination of the extent to which government policies are responsible for rising health costs and the unavailability of health care services. America can help lower health care costs and expand health care access by taking immediate steps to deregulate the health care industry, including elimination of mandated benefits, repeal of the Certificate-of-Need program, and expansion of the scope of practice for non-physician health professionals.

➤ **Replace the FDA.** The Food and Drug Administration is clearly an unnecessary burden on the American health care system. There is no evidence that agency offers Americans any real protection, but there is massive evidence that it is causing great harm - driving up health care costs and depriving millions of Americans of the medical care they need. The agency should be abolished and replaced with certification by a private-sector organization, similar to the way Underwriters Laboratory certifies electrical appliances.

➤ **Privatize Medicare and Medicaid.** The current Medicare and Medicaid systems have clearly failed. Costs are skyrocketing. Patients are receiving second rate care. And, providers are being shortchanged. The time is ripe for drastic reform. The federal government should begin to restructure the system to give Medicaid and Medicare recipients more flexibility to purchase private health insurance.

**Call or fax your congressman and let him know about a better idea!**

**Senator Daniel P. Moynihan ph 202 224 4451 fax 202 224 9293**

**Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato ph 202 224 6542 fax 202 224 5871**

**Representative Michael R. McNulty ph 202 225 5076 fax 202 225 5077**

**Representative Gerald B. Solomon ph 202 225 5614 fax 202 225 1168**

# HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE RESOLUTION OF 1994

**WHEREAS;** The government of the United States has recently taken to restricting and violating the Right of the People to keep and Bear Arms; **ALSO;** The several States have been passing laws restricting, and violating the Right of the People to keep and Bear Arms; **AND;** It is acknowledged by all who have reviewed the Bill of Rights that the Framers of the Constitution were intending to codify the God-given Rights of free men and women; **WHEREIN;** The Second Amendment was written to guarantee that the Free Men and Women of these United States had the ability to defend their homes, and families against all who would threaten them, especially a tyrannical government, their firearms for Defense of Self and Community, NOT merely sporting purpose; It has become a necessity for the Free Men and Women of the United States to make their determination to remain Free apparent to the various government agents and officials who have been usurping and stealing their Rights. It is resolved, that on July 2, 1994, the concerned Citizens of these United States will assemble in their respective State Capitols, and through peaceable demonstration, make known to the Public Servants that; We, the People, the Free Citizens of these United States of America, will no longer stand for these thefts of our God-given, and Constitutionally Guaranteed Rights, and the Public Servants shall be placed on notice that their authority springs from the People, and not any government itself.

*In Peace through Strength and Truth. The Committee of 1776.*

## Rally Activist Information Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to be a lead organizer in my state.  I want to be involved helping to organize a state.  
(Pick one or both below)

State Rally on the July 4th Weekend.  National Rally on August 14, 1994 (or later date).  
I can contribute the following resources:

I can mail announcements to my gun club or pro-gun organization.

I can distribute flyers, activate phone trees, etc.  I will make a donation to support the national rally.

Please accept my donation of > \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to GOF. Put Rally Fund on the Memo Line.

List my name and group as a supporter of the rallies.

(If you indicate, titles will be used for identification only.)

Note: Contributions should be made payable to Gun Owners Foundation (GOF). Contributions are tax-deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes as charitable contributions. If the rally is canceled, you will be given an opportunity to request a refund. Any moneys not asked to be returned will be used by GOF in its other legal and educational programs.

Please return to:

Gun Owners Foundation, Attn.: Rally, 8001 Forbes Place, Suite 102, Springfield, VA

Annual Membership in the Capital District Chapter is \$12

To join both the State and Local Party the fee is \$21

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm  
at The Branch Restaurant on Maiden Lane in downtown Albany.

Letters to the Editor or articles are appreciated and can be  
sent to: John Munteer Box 309A1 Bond Rd. Altamont, NY 12009

Phone Numbers

Local Chapter: 518 399 1293 ----- State Party: 212 966 5772

National Party: 800 682 1776

Volunteers: 518 371 3641/518 861 5009

*"The Second Amendment isn't about your right to go hunting,  
or even your right to defend your family - although both are im-  
portant. No, the Founding Fathers of this nation wrote the Se-  
cond Amendment to ensure that the American people never lost  
control of their government; to serve as the last bulwark of free-  
dom against tyranny. The Bill of Rights recognizes that an  
armed citizenry is essential to a free society."*

*Steve Dasbach 1994*

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