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News Of Local Libertarians' Struggle To Save Freedom



EIGHT MEMBERS SAY THEY'LL RUN FOR POSITIONS ON OUR 2003 EXCOM JAN. 9

Including Judicial Committee, Six Positions May Have No Challengers

Reported by Marv Rudin

Ray Strong, Jon Hugdahl, Dennis Umphress, Marv Rudin, Zander Collier, Randy Overbeck, Mike Laursen, and Mark Hinkle - all members of the 2002 LPSCC Excom have announced their intent to seek reelection for the same positions next year when the local arty meets at Hong Fu restaurant in Cupertino for its annual convention. Also Kennita Watson said she'll run to continue on the Judicial Committee. There are no announced candidates for Vice

Chair, Secretary, Publicity, Local Organizing, and Representative to the LP state executive

committee, opening the door wide for other members to take these positions. And of course, any member may run for all positions, including those with incumbents seeking reelection, so any of you readers willing to help us advance the party in Silicon Valley are able to run for a position where you feel you'd best fit in..



Members hear candidates at last year's annual meeting

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JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA TEENS SWARM BIG LP BOOTH AT MARRIOTT

Libertarians Impressed With Open Mindedness Of JSA Youngsters

Reported By Marv Rudin

Approximately fifteen hundred high schoolers from all over Northern California held their annual 2-day meeting at the Santa Clara Marriott on November 23 and 24. These are teenagers who interested enough in government and politics to join the Junior State of America ("JSA") and spend two days away from home at such an event, so not surprisingly our LP representatives found many of them to be highly interested in learning about the LP, and all of them to be open minded. Again thanks to Larry Samuels, Vice Chair of the Monterey County LP, the Libertarian Party had the biggest presence of all parties, with three participants on panel discussions, three tables with literature, a large banner on the wall, and an OPH Chart easel setup. Plus, our Laura Stewart managed to set up another OPH in the hall outside of the big but full exhibits room. Speakers for the LP at scheduled panels



Larry Samuels (blue shirt) and Ray Strong (in back) selling freedom

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MEETINGS

Internal business meetings of the local party

NOVEMBER LPSCC EXCOM

Reported by Mike Laursen

Please send your nominations to Ray Strong for our party activists most deserving of an award at our annual meeting (See contact information on page 11.)

Highlights of the meeting were:

- Dennis Umphress reported that we received very limited preelection coverage from the San Jose Mercury News. About the only mentions were in the 10/27 Voter's Guide, where we were listed as opposing some of the spending measures: <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/mercurynews/sports/special_packages/marchmania/4376254.htm> (Look closely at that URL -- was the Voter's Guide produced by the Merc's Sports department?). He also reported that turnouts were poor at candidate and election forums and that there was no press coverage.
- Mark Hinkle, LPSCC Rep to the state Excom reported that Art Olivier did not qualify as a write-in candidate.
- Zander Collier reported that Elizabeth Brierly got some airtime on Gene Burns' radio show on KGO.
- We will be making a big effort to be present at the JSA Convention on Nov. 23rd. I think about 3-4 exec com members volunteered to be there, but Ray would like about 10 volunteers total. Jon Hugdahl will work out the details. Laura Stewart will add this event to her outreach event volunteer sign up web form.
- Ray will be giving out some kind of activism awards at the Jan. 9th LPSCC convention. Funding will come from outside the LPSCC budget. Please ask people to send Ray nominations by Dec. 10th. ■

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were Prof David Henderson on Globalization, Ms. Rose Bruno on abortion, and Jascha Lee on the Libertarian Party platform.

Interviewed after the event, Samuels said he's impressed with the LP's progress with the JSA organization. He said as an indication, one of leaders had read his book "facets of liberty - a libertarian primer". He continued "It was good to talk to intelligent high schoolers who are not yet set in their ways. I encountered few collectivists. The JSA youngsters were very interested in what we had to tell them. Too bad we didn't have enough people or time to full respond to their interest." He explained that they had enough LP representatives between crowd surges, but during the lunch period and about every half hour thereafter there was a wave of kids as the sessions let out and changed.



Photo showing long - 3 tables booth an vibrant crowd at JSA meeting exhibits room

Larry said Monterey had 3 people there, there were 5 from Santa Clara County, One from Santa Cruz County, one from the East Bay, One from San Francisco, and none from San Mateo (where the JSA is headquartered). Larry's the Monterey LP's Vice chair. Asked about other Monterey LP leaders, he said their Chair, Mark Dierolf, couldn't make it because he's involved in the utility tax battle, which continues as a suit against public officials charging they used tax money to support their "Save our services" campaign that succeeded in passing Measure O, while they charge him with inaccuracies in his ballot argument. The pro (He said the pro Measure O forces created a mock funeral (with tax money) to portray what would happen to Salinas' government if Measure O didn't pass. He said the pro Measure O



Jon Hugdahl awaits questions as 2 JSAers fill in information request

LP SCORES IN ELECTIONS DESPITE ITS SMALL SIZE

ELECTIONS

Two Of Five LPSCC-Written Ballot Arguments Win, Hylkema Wins Coyote-Guadalupe Seat, Sachtjen Gets 3X Winner's Margin

Reported by Marv Rudin

SUMMARY OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

For a party with less than 1% of registered voters and just 0.05% of them dues paying members, and with school bonds requiring just 55% to pass instead of the 2/3rds requirement for other kinds of bonds the LPSCC can be proud of the results its political action wing - its ballot argument writers and candidates - produced from the Nov. 5th government elections. Highlights were

- LP arguments appear to have made the difference in a close vote that stopped measure F - the San Jose Hotel Occupancy tax backed by Gonzales and other city leaders and the Mercury News. " Our arguments against were quoted and refuted point by point in a pro F article in the Mercury" said Campaign Chair, Dennis Umphress, "but they may have inadvertently informed enough folks of our arguments who liked them to tip the vote 1.7% short of the 2/3rds required to pass."
- Of the 3 non-school bond issues against which arguments were written by Libertarians, 2 failed; of 5 total arguments written by LPers 2 failed;
- Of 7 tax and bond measures opposed by the LPSCC by resolution and carried as "No-On" web sites by the party, 3 lost
- One nonpartisan candidate won
- One LP candidate's votes were about 3x the difference between the winning Dem and losing Rep.
- Local Partisan LP candidates votes ranged from 3.0% to 6.0% which is 4 to 8 times the LP's % of registrants in SCC (shows potential for growth in county)
- Higher percentage of votes for LPers in nonpartisan races shows high fraction of voters vote "tribally" - that is, by party affiliation.
- LP ran more candidates than any other nonRepublicrat party



Dennis Umphress
Congress Candidate

STRONG'S SUMMARY ON ELECTIONS

Chair Ray Strong, who was very active in composing and submitting arguments (see Oct. SCL) summarized the election results two days after the elections, saying "Congratulations to Libertarian Candidates who did very well here in Santa Clara County. The outlook for California may be gray but there are a few bright spots. It appears that San Jose's Measure F (the hotel tax) with "no organized opposition" according to the San Jose Mercury News will not receive its required 2/3 of the vote and will be defeated. The disorganized opposition will have to schedule a victory party.

Here are some of Santa Clara County's high points. The LPSCC partisan candidates all received better than 3% of the vote from Santa Clara County. Elizabeth Brierly received 6% of the Santa Clara County vote. This may be the largest percentage county-wide vote a partisan Libertarian candidate has received (others have done better in races that did not involve the entire County). These votes are all on the high side and some of them seem significantly higher than our votes in previous years. Local nonpartisans Libertarian candidates also did very well. Mark Hinkle received 33% of the vote in a two-way race. We already have one nonpartisan victory because of lack of opposition. The total number of Libertarian candidates running may be the highest in our history (if not it is close).

But the best victories from my point of view were our victories over three ballot measures. As tax increases, Measures D, F, and J, each required 2/3 vote to pass. Each came close but failed to get the required vote. We spent no money but we did work hard to defeat these ballot measures. It is a good bet that without our opposition at least one of them would have passed. I know we kept them hopping and twisting and changing Measure J to try to get it right. In the case of Measure F, the proponents spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to tell San Jose voters that they could have a free lunch at the expense of out-of-town visitors. We told them not to buy it. When they try it again, we can put the amount they spent last time in our ballot argument along with who did the spending. We are having an effect. We just need to find a way to measure and communicate that effect to the thousands of libertarians in Santa Clara County who have no contact with us and don't even know that they are



Ray Strong sees a
few bright spots in
Nov. 5th elections

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LEGAL FUND RAISING LETTER BARELY COVERS COST

But Pays for Party Contact With All Members And A Select List Of LPer Says Strong

Reported by Marv Rudin

After being appointed Fund Raising Chair in July Mike Laursen worked like a Trojan learning the ropes on his first project, a fund raising letter asking the members to finance a Legal Action Fund. Laursen's excellent letter, written with major assistance from Zander Collier, was mailed out on Oct. 29th. The project proposed by Ray Strong and Mark Hinkle was passed by the Excom at its October meeting (see Oct. SCL). The cost of the letter was to come out of the party's general fund and not be borne by returns from the letter. To date, the letter has just broken slightly over even - \$540 cost and 556 donated. Perhaps a major contributor with a big white beard and red cap will still step up in December. If not donations essentially only covered printing and mailing cost will mean that the LPSCC's General Fund is in effect financing the Legal Fund, and the donations are helping assuage the presently subdued economic level in Silicon Valley. Ray Strong said the letter may still have been a plus because it made contact with all members and described party deeds to a selected list of several hundred other Libertarians who don't receive our newsletter. ■



Mike Laursen publishes first FR letter

Elections - (Continued from page 3)

libertarian."

COUNTY VOTING RESULTS FOR ONLY LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES AND ISSUES

Santa Clara County vote counts and percentages for races and Issues involving Libertarians are as follows

- Governor Gary David Copeland, LIB 9,430 2.6%
- Lieutenant Governor Pat Wright, LIB 5,739 1.6%
- Secretary of State Gail K. Lightfoot, LIB 9,148 2.6%
- Treasurer Marian Smithson, LIB 8,770 2.6%
- Attorney General Ed Kuwatch, LIB 7,081 2.0%
- Insurance Commissioner Dale F. Ogden, LIB 13,125 3.9%
- State Bd of Equalization District 1 Elizabeth Brierly, LIB 19,201 6.0%
- 15th Congressional Dist Jeff Landauer, LIB 4,289 3.2%
- 16th Congressional Dist Dennis Umphress, LIB 3,434 3.2%
- 10th State Senate Ervan Darnell, LIB 1,010 4.2%
- 20th Assembly District Keith Lyon, LIB 465 4.2%
- 21st Assembly District Raymond Bell, Jr., LIB 2,308 3.4%
- 22nd Assembly District Kennita Watson, LIB 4,003 4.8%

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- 27th Assembly District Gordon Sachtjen, LIB 350 3.0%
 - John Laird, DEM 5,799 49.1%
 - Chuck Carter, REP 5,665 48.0%
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Co Bd of Education Owen E. Richter 8,697 24.3% (2-way race)

Gilroy Unified SD Board David Oberstadt 2,644 11.4% (6.3% short of needed 4th in 4 way race)

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RANDY OVERBECK TAKES ON IMPORTANT ROLE



Randy Overbeck seated at far right was appointed Membership Chair in October

New Membership Chair Will Try To Put Party On Path Of Positive Registrations Growth

Reported by Marv Rudin

As reported last month, Randy Overbeck, our new Membership Chair, intends to do something about putting the party on an upward growth path. Unfortunately, for the past two years the state party has been shrinking rather than expanding, both in registrations and dues paying members, and Santa Clara has been an exception only in that its numbers haven't gone down as much as have

the state party's.

Randy says he aims to do something about it if he's elected Membership Chair on Jan. 9th, and already has plans to activate one of the better recruiting venues - the gun shows in San Jose (see Coming Events on page 6). He is also looking at a number of ideas to grow the party, and invites suggestions from readers (see his contact information on pg. 11).

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The above listed seven announced candidates were invited to submit brief biographies for this article and their statements and the positions for which they are running follow:

FOR CHAIR - Ray Strong

I plan to run again for chair in 2003. In my opinion, the office requires four attributes (of which I believe I possess three): 1. Good judgement -- especially concerning libertarian issues; 2. Speaking ability and presence; 3. Management ability; 4. Sufficient time -- equivalent to a part time 20 hour a week job. I would be pleased to step aside and support someone who has all four. However, I would take it as a sign of bad judgement for someone who is looking for work to try to take on this role.

I have been Chair of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County since 2001. I have been active in the Libertarian Party since 1972, when he attended its organizing meeting in New York. I was Chair of the Free Libertarian Party of New York in 1975. I and my wife, Gloria, moved to San Jose in 1976. Gloria and I have been editors of LP newsletters at both the region and California levels. I was a Libertarian candidate for Congress in 1980 and for Assembly in 1998 and 2000.

FOR TREASURER - Jon Hugdahl

As announced by me at the last Executive Committee meeting I will stand for Treasurer. I am running solely based upon my performance as the current Treasurer. I support that any qualified CC member may stand for this position

FOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - Randy Overbeck

I grew up in Ohio and Kentucky. I graduated from College at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY in 2000 with a degree in Microelectronic Engineering. I started work and still work for Apple Computer in Cupertino in the Hardware Division. I just got married on Oct. 19th of 2002. My hobbies include Digital Video, Video Games, Board Games and Reading.

FOR CAMPAIGN CHAIR - Dennis M. ("Mike") Umphress

I was born and raised in San Jose. I have seen the Santa Clara Valley transformed from an agricultural paradise to a global technological center. In my professional life, I have been a part of that transformation. As a working, taxpaying resident, I have experienced, first-hand, the problems and issues that confront our district. I proudly served my country in the Navy for 12 years, on active and reserve duty. I understand the importance of a strong, well-trained, well equipped military, and the need to fairly compensate those who put their lives on the line in the service of our nation. I also understand the responsibility of Congress to ensure that our military does not serve as an agent for the furthering of political ends, but serves its rightful role as defender of the citizens of the United States of America.

Local Action: I am currently involved in various civic activities, including: East Side Union High School District \$298 Million Measure G Oversight Committee; Silicon Valley Taxpayers' Association, Board of Directors; San Jose Public Library "Partners in Reading" volunteer literacy Tutor; San Jose "Prepared" Emergency response volunteer; Safety Coordinator for Mountain Shadows homeowners association; Regular blood platelet donor.



Ray Strong



Jon Hugdahl



Randy Overbeck



Dennis Umphress

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COMING EVENTS...

Annual Central Committee Meeting: January 9th at Hong Fu restaurant, Cupertino (see Pg. 6)

Executive Committee Meetings: Normally 1st Saturday of month, 10:00am
Usually at Rosegarden Library, Naglee & Dana Avenues, San Jose

Speakers Meetings: 2nd Thursday in months without central committee meeting
Cocos Restaurant, Sunnyvale (Oakmead Parkway & Lawrence Expressway)
Next speakers meeting: *Thursday 13 Feb.* Come at 7pm for dinner, meeting at 8pm

If enough volunteers to answer questions, give quiz, and pass out literature (maybe you?):

Gun Show	January 25 & 26	San Jose, CA	Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
" "	February 22 & 23	San Jose, CA	Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
" "	March 22 & 23	San Jose, CA	Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

(Nov. 5th Election Results - Continued from page 4)

Gavilan Jt CCD Governing Board Mark Hinkle 5,426 32.6% (2-way race)

Mt View Councilmember Christopher Kuzmaul 1,650 4.2% (10.2% short of needed 3rd in 11 way race)

City of Santa Clara Councilmember Seat 5 Thomas MacDevitt 3,791 22.4% (2-way race)

Co Bd of Education Governing Board #6 Carleton Louis Beswick 7,966 23.7% (2-way race)

Coyote Guadalupe Resource Conservation District Carle Hylkema won seat (uncontested)

El Camino Hospital Director Philip F. Green 5,927 9.8% (15.9% short of needed 2nd in 5 way race)
Laura E. Ferrer 4,755 7.9% (17.8% short of needed 2nd in 5 way race)

City of Morgan Hill Measure C-Occupancy Tax

Yes 4,912 73.6%

No 1,759 26.4%

PASSED 50+ % needed

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City of Palo Alto Measure D-Bonds

Yes 12,573 61.5%

No 7,867 38.5%

FAILED 2/3rds needed

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City of San Jose Measure F-Conv. Ctr

Yes 94,944 65.0%

No 51,081 35.0%

FAILED 2/3rds needed

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Cambrian SD Measure G-Bonds

Yes 5,352 73.8%

No 1,902 26.2%

PASSED 55% needed

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Los Altos SD Measure H-Gann Increase

Yes 11,459 70.7%

No 4,745 29.3%

PASSED 2/3rds needed

Gilroy Unified SD Measure I-Bonds

Yes 5,865 62.7%

No 3,484 37.3%

PASSED 55% needed

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East Side Union HSD Measure J-Parcel

Yes 39,824 58.9%

No 27,736 41.1%

Tax FAILED 2/3rds needed

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

REGISTRATION AND TURNOUT

Completed Precincts: 1220 of 1220

Reg/Turnout Percentage

Total Registered Voters 731,633

Precinct Registration 731,633

Precinct Ballots Cast 301,710 41.2%

Absentee Ballots Cast 73,340 10.0%

Total Ballots Cast 375,050 51.3%

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Laura Ferrer ran for El Camino Hospital Board

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organization produced a document the size of phone book trashing the opposition. He said there is obvious waste of public money in Salinas, giving as an example that Salinas' Parks & Recreation manager makes \$160,000 with benefits.

According to Ray Strong, who was very active giving the OPH quiz at the main exhibit room (see photos) and who collected all contact information from the JSA outreach activity, our polls appear to show that more JSA teens are leaning libertarian than last year, although JSA members are mainly of the liberal philosophy. He said he and other Libertarians, including Zander Collier, gave the OPH poll to about 200 to 300 JSA attendees (Estimate because most took away their quiz & spots on chart weren't counted). Also there were 50 inquiries for more information, about the same as last year when there were 60.



U of C LPer Henchman, Cathi Brown at left end of LP tables



Strong explaining poll to JSA teens



Zander Collier & Ray Strong polling JSA youngsters



Laura Stewart giving OPH poll in hall outside exhibit room

Other members of the LPSCC at the event seemed to echo the observation that the students were amenable to and even eager to receive information about Libertarian views and the LP. Cathi Brown said the teens at JSA were more open minded than people she's encountered at the other OPH events. She disagreed with Samuel's comment that we needed more reps. She said our reps were sufficient to respond to interested JSA members who often preferred grabbing literature than asking questions or engaging in discussion. Jascha Lee said Organizations on panel with him were Vote-Smart, a talk show host, Republican rep, Democratic rep, Socialist Labor Party, Reform rep, another socialist sounding group with an unmemorable name, but surprisingly no Green party rep, considering that youth are their main target group. He said "The format was all questions from the JSA members. The audience wasn't big - just 15 to 20." (Editor's note:



Laura explaining Nolan chart to inquisitive JSA teens

Larry Samuels said that the JSAers' debates going on simultaneously excluding outsiders were much more highly attended than the outside political speakers and panels) "Questions were pretty nonpolitical, for example 'What's the biggest danger in the world'. I answered 'world government' although the asker probably was expecting Muslim terror, or nuke war. Unfortunately time keeper signals were misunderstood, the first signal meaning 'half your 2 minutes are up', but I and the other panelists took it to mean time is up. So it was difficult for us members of the panel to give full answers. One kid asked about minimum wage - why we oppose? When I answered 'It costs jobs' he asked Why it costs jobs? I said if it's not worth the price, employers can't hire. I said unions are a better way than government force for workers to push for more wages."

Announcing:

Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

2003 Annual Convention

Date: Thursday January 9, 2003

6:00pm No-host Cocktails

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Convention Business Meeting (includes elections for officers and state convention delegates)

9:15pm Meeting Adjourns

Location: Hong Fu Restaurant
20588 Stevens Creek Blvd
Cupertino, CA

This is in the western portion of the shopping center on the SW corner of Stevens Creek Blvd. and De Anza Blvd.

This is the same location as the 2002 Convention. Guests and non-members are welcome.

Dinner Cost:	6:30pm seating	7:30pm seating
until January 6, 2003	\$21 per person	\$26 per person
after January 6, 2003	\$26 per person	\$31 per person

No refunds after January 6, 2003, because the restaurant needs to know how much food to buy. You do not have to buy dinner to attend the convention, but since the restaurant has given us the room with the expectation of serving us dinner, please plan on having dinner with us.

Because of the inconvenience it causes to the orderly flow of the Convention, and the inconvenience it causes to the restaurant wait staff, we are charging more for the 7:30pm seating. If you want to avoid the higher price for the later seating, plan on arriving in time for the 6:30pm seating.

You can pay on line by going to <http://www.sc.ca.lp.org/conv/2003/> using Visa, Master Card, American Express, or Discover Card. PayPal should soon be a additional payment option.

Or, you can make out a check to "Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County", and mail it to

Libertarian Party
c/o Scott Lieberman
3200 Payne Ave, Apt 714
San Jose, CA 95117

Menu: (subject to minor changes)

Hot and Sour Soup

Egg Roll and Spareribs

Family style: Vegetable Deluxe, Lemon Chicken, Mongolian Beef, Beef with Oyster Sauce, Sweet and Sour Prawns, Prawns with Snow Peas, Fried Rice, Steamed Rice, Fortune Cookie.

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FOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR – Zander Collier

I registered Libertarian in 1993 and became a dues-paying member in 1998. I became active in 2001 because of my concern with George Bush being elected President. I suspected there would be a subsequent erosion of civil liberties. I served as Publicity Chair in 2001, and Activities Chair in 2002. I have agreed to run for Activities Chair again for 2003. I expect my contribution as Activities Chair will include helping to get more people involved, convincing more people to register Libertarian, and mentoring someone for the role of Activities Chair for 2004. Activities planned for 2003 include: party business meetings, candidate appreciation party, income tax protest, monthly outreach/phone meetings, the summer picnic, and possibly a regular singles night.

FOR FUND RAISING CHAIR – Mike Laursen

I was appointed to the empty Fundraising Chair and put together the Legal Action Fund letter you all received a few weeks ago. I'm crazy enough to do it again, but would be thrilled to see others run for the position. My libertarian views tend towards the practical rather than the doctrinaire. I live in Mountain View, work as a computer geek, am single but looking to get married. These days I spend most of my precious spare time working on a new house I bought last year.

FOR NEWSLETTER CHAIR – Marv Rudin

If you like the quality and truthfulness of the newsletters you've been getting for the past two years, it's support time. Please go to the trouble to attend the annual meeting on Jan. 9th, and nominate and elect me to continue to produce newsletters for you.

I joined the Libertarian Party in '79. Having studied it first hand for 5 years while being Publicity Chair in '97, and Chair from '98 through '00 during which I performed many successful publicity and outreach activities., and created and developed ideas for more efficient outreach, I now understand all facets of LP operations and problems. If elected I'll continue to apply that knowledge to keep you fully informed and push for the much faster party growth that the party clearly needs. I'll try to cover and acknowledge all members' good deeds in behalf of the party and favorable local events and opportunities from a Libertarian perspective, and will also keep you informed of any important bad news that may occur. About me - I'm a native Californian with BS and MS degrees from Caltech, was founder of linear microchip technology leader Precision Monolithics, and presently invent, design, manufacture, and market products internationally from a home office without hired employees. I'm married with four grown children, three of whom are Libertarians. I enjoy tennis, dancing, chess, skiing, and karaoke but LP efforts have greatly limited my hobby time since '98.

FOR LPC REP – Mark Hinkle

I moved to Santa Clara County when I was 4 years ago, attended Pioneer High School, San Jose City College, and San Jose State University, earning a degree in Geography. I worked at IBM for 20 years after graduating from college. It was during college that I discovered I was a libertarian while attending a renegade Young Americans for Freedom group. Later John Hospers came to SJ State in his 1972 LP presidential bid. Everything he said made sense to me. I've been voting Libertarian ever since. It wasn't until 1975 that I joined as a dues paying member. I met my wife, Linda, through the Libertarian Party. We have a 10 year old son: Logan. who joined the LP last year of his own volition..

I'm an engineering lab manager, currently looking for a job. My hobby is politics and in addition to serving on the LPC Executive Committee for the vast majority of my 28 years in the Party, I've also served as Santa Clara Vice Chair, Chair, LPC Chair for 4 terms (6 years), LPC Northern Vice Chair, I managed the first LPC partisan race here in California (Bill White's race for the State Senate in 1980), and ran for the State Assembly four times and the Gavilan College Board of Trustees 3 times. I've also authored numerous anti-tax and anti-bond arguments over the years. I've also managed and worked on many LPC conventions over the years. Here are my qualifications for the office of LPC Executive Committee Rep. from Santa Clara County: I've raised more money for the LPC than anyone. Under my leadership as LPC Chair, we tripled our dues paying members, quadrupled the budget, set a new record for number of registered libertarians, opened an office and hired paid staff, and elected a record number of libertarians to nonpartisan office. The LPC is a business and I bring both my internal experiences and business management qualifications to the LPC. I ask for your vote to re-elect me to the position of LPC Executive Committee Rep from Santa Clara.

FOR JUDICIAL COMMITTEE - Kennita Watson

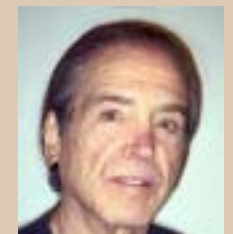
I was born in Cleveland. I have a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from MIT and a Master's degree in Computer Science from Stanford, and have lived just over half of my 42 years in the Bay Area. I first joined the Libertarian Party in 1984, and have run for office on the Libertarian ticket in almost every election since then, my major campaign having been for Secretary of State of California in 1990. I have been a Software Quality Engineer for Sun Microsystems for seven years, and my primary recreational activity is square dancing.



Zander Collier



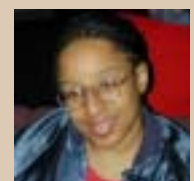
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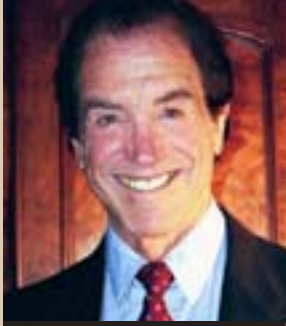


Kennita Watson

OPINIONS

Share your thoughts on making our party more successful and advancing the individual freedom with responsibility movement

HOW YOU CAN SPARK A REVOLUTION IN LP GROWTH Why We Need COAP And COAP Needs YOU



Marvin B. Rudin, Editor

By Marv Rudin, Newsletter Chair/Editor & Chair Emeritus '98 - '00

Our OPH program, which started in August this year thanks to Local organizing Chair Laura Stewart, is the biggest organized attempt since our ten-day '99 Santa Clara County Fair booth to directly recruit the 17% of people who are libertarian thinking. The current OPH (Operation Politically Homeless) booths at community events are definitely a good start. But alone they are far from enough to be the mainstay growth process for attaining the registration numbers our party needs to get Libertarians elected to real power positions - positions reserved for partisan elections - in a winner take all political system. Not only are they limited to the specific dates of community events, but they display no poster ads nor hand out literature asking for LP registrations to those who don't happen to stop to take the quiz, and thus don't influence passersby who are in the aforementioned 17%, like the COAP program would. Don't know what "COAP" means? It was described in our May issue and means "Continuous Outreach And Petitioning". For a full description see May 2002 SCL Newsletter, Opinion page (link: <http://www.lpty.org/sclnews/2002may>).

Right now the COAP program is held up by lack of one Libertarian to lead the political cause that COAP will use to attract the interest and affinity of many members of the public, and motivate them to sign petitions, read our party posters, and take our party literature.

If you are an organized self confident person, you could combine with me and any others interested in rapid growth of the LPSCC, to gradually establish more and more COAP poster-tables at market-malls around the county and produce an outreach revolution in Silicon Valley to create the rapid growth in LP registration totals and the "band wagon" effect that cause, that must happen if we are to eventually win partisan elections. Think of the happiness that would engender for you, me, and other Libertarians frustrated by election results every two years...

Willing to consider it? I'll be happy to discuss what it would entail without in any way pressuring or leaning on you - promise. (To reach me 9 am - 9 pm see my contact info on page 11). ■

SAN JOSE RDA TRIES TO DUPE WITH DELPHI TECHNIQUE?

Reported by Mike Laursen

At a San Jose Redevelopment Agency meeting at the Bella Mia restaurant on Nov. 14th, I saw how the RDA is using the "Delphi" technique to make people think the RDA's plan came from the affected citizenry. The first hour or so was a presentation from CIM Group, the developer the Agency chose to do several downtown projects, on their proposed building projects in the downtown area in the next 2-3 years. They showed slides with maps of the downtown area showing where they plan to develop retail, parking, and housing. The first speaker, who was someone from the Agency that I didn't know said that their development priorities for the downtown area are going to be (in order): retail, housing, completing Guadalupe River Park, parking infrastructure improvements, expanding the convention center. She showed pictures of all the new high rise office buildings that have been built downtown in the last year or so. She said they have about another million square feet of office space development on hold until the economy picks up.

The main speaker was John Given from CIM. He said that development will center on 2nd Street. They are going to try to get 3 big anchor stores. They want to include space for 20 - 30 small shops. They also plan to build about 509 units of housing and 845 new parking spaces. The next part of the meeting was supposed to have been to break the crowd into discussion groups with a leader reporting at the end of the meeting. You may recognize this as the notorious "Delphi Technique". I'm sure you've all read the article about the "Delphi Technique", a method for faking public consensus developed by the Rand Corporation. If you haven't, do a search on the Internet -- it's posted in several places. I've never been subjected to the "Delphi Technique", so I don't know if it is a legitimate process or really is a sham. Anybody out there been through it?

The meeting didn't stick to the agenda, however. An elderly woman in the second row raised her hand, wanting to ask the guy from CIM a question. I was so glad she gave the first feedback because she said that it seemed to her that the new housing was geared towards people from higher income brackets. After she opened the questioning up, it went on for over an hour.

About 8:00 PM, people started leaving. Right before I left, they were talking about starting the breakout sessions. That's when my second favorite member of the audience asked a question: he pointed out that the room was clearing out and wanted to make sure that he didn't read somewhere afterwards that the Agency had solicited public comment. He asked whether they could postpone the breakout sessions to another meeting or have another round of accepting public comment. ■

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