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## Sabrin In NJ Debates

by John Clifton

It's official. Libertarian Dr. Murray Sabrin will be included in the debates for Governor in New Jersey. Sabrin needed to raise \$210,000 in campaign contributions by August 31 to be included in the debates with Republican Governor Christie Whitman and Democratic candidate James McGreevey. He was able to raise \$236,050 and turned in his paperwork just 30 minutes before the filing deadline.

On August 26, the Sabrin97 campaign, in conjunction with LPNY and NYCLO, held a fundraising dinner at the Hunan

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## 10 LP Candidates on Ballot

All 10 Libertarian candidates who were seeking to get on the ballot for this November's election were successful. Eight of the 10 candidates are in Nassau County where there are 6 candidates for countywide office and 2 for local office.

In Woodstock, Rebecca Turmo-Wilber is seeking re-election to her seat on the town council. Turmo-Wilber is the only Libertarian currently holding public office in New York. She is one of five candidates for two seats. She and the other candidates will be in a debate on October 16. The debate is being sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Besides being the first Libertarian ever elected in New York, Turmo-Wilber achieved what is probably another first for LPNY. She was able to turn in her petition signatures a week early on the morning of the first day allowed. She needed 163 signatures to get the Libertarian line and turned in 181 signatures. Woodstock has a total population of just over 6,000 and about 4,500 registered voters. To help

with the campaign, call Dottie-Lou Brokaw at (914) 679-8340.

In Nassau, the 6 candidates for countywide office were able to collect over 4,900 signatures to get on the ballot. Only 1,500 were needed. This incredible effort was organized by longtime Libertarian activists Fred Newton and John Driscoll.

Vincent O'Neill is running for County Executive; Daniel Conti for District Attorney; Richard Cooper for County Comptroller; Ira Raab for County Court Judge; Jeffrey Brown for County Court Judge; James Harris for County Clerk; Alfred Cooper for District Court Judge; and Stephen Edmondson for County Legislator. All but Edmondson and Alfred Cooper are for countywide office.

O'Neill is scheduled to appear in 3 debates with the other candidates for County Executive during October. On October 22, the Malverne Civic Association will sponsor a debate at 7 PM. It will be taped and broadcast on cable channel 40 for a week before the election.

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## 10 LPNY Candidates on Ballot

On October 29, News 12 Long Island will sponsor a debate among the County Executive candidates at 6:45 PM at One Media Crossways in Woodbury. This debate will be broadcast at 7:30 PM on November 1 and 2.

On October 31, there will be another debate of the County Executive candidates. This one will be at 8 AM at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. The debate is sponsored by the Long Island Association. Over 1000 local businessmen and women are expected to attend.

On October 27, Conti will appear in a debate with the other candidates for District Attorney. This debate is also sponsored by New 12 Long Island and will be at One Media Crossway in Woodbury. It will be broadcast at 8:30 AM on November 1 and 2.

The Nassau LP has also begun running a series of radio ads for "O'Neill for County Executive." The ads are running on WGBB (1240 AM) during Hofstra football games on Saturdays and during "Sports Talk Show" on Fridays from 4 to 6 PM.

To help with the campaign, call (516) 292-8340.

In Dutchess, David Harnett is running for a spot on the Town Council in Hyde Park. He is on the ballot on the Libertarian Party line and the Freedom Party

line. He needed 105 signatures to get the LP line and turned in 137. He needed only 1 signature (his own) to get the spot on the Freedom Party Line.

He's attended several town board meetings and other community meetings. He says that so far, he's been trying to be a good listener, attempting to learn more about the issues, the players, the personalities, and the politics. "It's really tough to bite my tongue," he said.

His platform is:

- vote "no" on the \$300,000 bond to purchase a run-down Boy Scout camp for use as a town park
- vote "no" on the \$70,000 bond to purchase a 0.3 acre lot adjacent to town hall
- reject the new comprehensive (master) plan that will be the basis for revisions to an already arcane and arbitrary zoning code.

To help with the campaign, call (914) 471-4958.

### Sabrin Debate Schedule

October 18 1pm on the New Jersey Network

October 21 7pm will be televised on Superstation WWOR (Channel 9 in NYC)

October 24 7pm on WCBS Channel 2

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## Sabrin

Fifth Restaurant in midtown Manhattan. The dinner, organized by Elliott Werner, raised \$1700 and was a networking and motivational event that was well received by all who attended. It is believed to have added momentum towards Sabrin's incredible accomplishment. The \$1700 was worth over \$5000 to the campaign after matching funds.

During the dinner Mr. Sabrin elaborated on the techniques used to raise the quarter million, which included daring to spend \$9,000 to rent the LP national mailing list to conduct coast-to-coast appeals via direct mail. Taking advantage of the few state or national elections being held in this off-year season, Sabrin emphasized the NJ contest as a high-profile race that will give the LP tremendous visibility if he were included in the debates. Blay Tarnoff gave an inspired fundraising speech.

With the added matching funds, this will be the best funded state Libertarian campaign in years. Mr. Sabrin added how much he appreciated the participation of LPNY members in making the fundraising drive successful. To find out more, please write or donate to: Sabrin for Governor, P.O. Box 10507, New Brunswick, NJ 08906-9933. To volunteer or to give a contribution by credit card, please call (908) 393-0333.

## Suffolk Meetings Move

by Audrey Capozzi-  
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The Suffolk County Libertarian Organization (under the auspices of the Suffolk Chapter of ISIL) received some bad news last week. The library meeting room we have been using for years is no longer available to us. I booked my public library meeting room for our September meeting, but it is inconvenient for many of our members. There are many public libraries in Suffolk, each geographically associated with one of the 60+ school districts in the county. A district resident must make application for a meeting room and many are booked to capacity for the school year. A telephone call to the local *Borders's* bookstore yielded a very positive, almost enthusiastic response. They are a nationwide chain and are open until 11 PM - unlike the libraries which close at 9. They will advertise our group's meetings in their monthly newsletters. We will be out in front of the public since they give space in alcove setups, rather than behind closed doors - so we will be able to draw in the general (interested) browser. We now have to conduct short, professional business meetings and get down to our discussion or debate topic and stick to the issue.

We will be planning guest speakers, debates, panel discussions, etc. I view this as a great opportunity to spread our ideas, instead of preaching to the choir in a library basement or a local diner.

We have also instituted a new procedure. Every other month we have planned a social meeting to get together for coffee and cake and/or chips and beer to view a tape at a member's home. Upcoming ones are an interview with Ayn Rand by Phil Donahue, a speech by L. Neil Smith, Waco, etc. These dates will be announced at the monthly meetings, especially if newcomers or uncommitted are present.

## Queens to Meet

LPQC SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The October meeting of the Libertarian Party of Queens County will be held on the third Saturday (instead of the second Saturday) of the month, at the China Buffet Restaurant in Kew Gardens, 11am - 2pm. Schedule: 11:00 - Business; 12:00 - Lunch; 12:30 - Program.

October 18 A  
Commemoration of the Fortieth  
Anniversary of the  
Publication of Atlas Shrugged.

"The Influence of Ayn Rand on  
Libertarianism" Special Guest  
Speaker: Joan Kennedy Taylor,  
National Coordinator,  
Association of Libertarian  
Feminists (With a brief  
presentation by LPQC member  
Hollis Wagenstein:

Atlas Plugged In: Ayn Rand and  
the Internet)

China Buffet Restaurant, 80-02  
Kew Gardens Road, Kew  
Gardens (at the E-F Union  
Turnpike subway station, in the  
same building as Bally's Fitness  
Center). Buffet lunch (optional)  
- \$11.50 (includes taxes & tip).  
Info: (718) 670-3270. As always,  
bring your ideas, with Peace &  
Freedom!

## LPNH Convention

Mark Tuniewicz

The LPNH Convention will be held at the Nashua, NH Holiday Inn (right on the Mass border, exit 4 off Rte 3) on Saturday, October 18th. Featured speakers include:

Keynote: Nadine Strossen, national president, American Civil Liberties Union

Ms. Strossen is on the front line in protection of our civil liberties, and made an impressive speech at the 1996 LP National Convention.

Barbara Goushaw, campaign manager for Jon Coon & LNC At-Large member. Ms. Goushaw raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for her candidate, and organized hundreds of volunteers for the record-breaking Coon campaigns.

Luncheon Speaker: Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger, president, Future of Freedom Foundation and 1996 LP National Convention keynoter. A gifted, "no-compromise" Libertarian, Mr. Hornberger's topic will be "Why Libertarianism is America's Future".

Don't miss this event.....More speakers will be announced!

For registration information, contact the LPNH's Danielle Donovan via email at dandon@scoot.netis.com, or by phone at 603-627-3666. As I recall, a full day of events (includes 2 meals, all speakers & seminars) is about \$60--well worth it with this speaker lineup.

As usual, the LPNH will provide the best "Liberty Bookstore" in the country. The much coveted "Libertarian of the Year" Award will also be given.

Did I forget to mention.....yours truly will be MC'ing the event. All the way back from Michigan! I look forward to seeing you there.



## REGION REPORT

by Mark Tuniewicz

First, a personal note.... I've moved! After getting married in June, I accepted a new position with a Michigan firm. Karin & I moved into our new place in August. After speaking with several of the state chairs in the Region, I will continue to serve as your LNC Rep. until our next national convention, but not run for re-election at that time. (Though the LP bylaws don't require a Regional Rep. to live in the region they represent, I wouldn't be comfortable with that arrangement.) I will, however, be seeking your support in 1998 as LP National Treasurer!! My time on the LNC has shown me that the Party has much room for progress in the areas of cash forecasting and reporting of budget results, and I hope that my degree in finance and 13 years experience in this area will be of value if I am fortunate enough to be elected.

Speaking of the next national convention, seating will be arranged by 1997 percent membership growth from the time of the last convention. I suspect our region will be well represented at the front of the convention hall!!

During the LNC meeting held in LA the weekend of August 16, we considered an affinity phone card proposal and voted to have the national staff look into it

further. National Director Perry Willis reported that our major donor fundraising drive was above expectations, though we continued to run a small (\$50K) deficit overall. He also brought us up to speed on the specification for a new MIS system, a major initiative that will take a year to design & implement.

Communication Director Bill Winter showed that media inquiries were still up substantially from last year, but we expect that trend to fall off as we get to the anniversary of the 1996 presidential election, where unprecedented media attention was received by the party.

If you do direct mail, you know what a BRE is-- business reply envelope. National did a test mailing to compare response rates with non-BRE's, found little difference, and now has discontinued their use. Something for state parties to consider, since non-BRE's are much cheaper to use.

Want to help with the planning for convention 1998 at the Sheraton Washington, DC? If you have an idea for potential speakers (including keynote) or program items please email them to me at [NHLIBERTY@AOL.COM](mailto:NHLIBERTY@AOL.COM).

Personally, I'd like to see much more focus on our public officeholders and candidates, rather than the stereotypical economist or "issue" person. I've

also heard rumor that Michael Cloud has expressed an interest in keynoting. Choices for these things are up to our convention oversight committee, chaired by LNC At-Large Member Steve Givot.

Other than spending quite a bit of time discussing proposed budget amendments (the total impact was around \$50-70K), we also considered Chairman Steve Dasbach's proposal, quickly seconded by Region 2 Rep. Gene Czeseski, to bring the writing and editing of LP News into the national office and appoint Bill Winter editor, as opposed to using an outside party as had been done for the last 12 years. (The LP bylaws allow the chair to appoint the newsletter editor, with the advice and consent of the LNC.)

As some of you are aware, I initially had serious concerns about this proposal-- issues like editorial objectivity, cost, consideration of other alternatives, and perceived centralization of tasks. I queried many of you by phone and email, and got over 100 responses. The most common concern expressed was the added time demands on Mr. Winter.

I'm proud to say that our chair and Winter had both done their homework. They pointed out that the contracted way of handling LP News had resulted in the editor being a one man show, somewhat isolated from

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## Region Report

the party at large, compared to having the editor be in the national office, presumably at the hub of information flow. In terms of objectivity, Winter had distributed a comprehensive compilation of articles he had written for LP News and other publications, and challenged the committee to find any bias. (I know personally that Bill has served as LPNH newsletter editor, and was very balanced in his writing style).

From a cost and time perspective, the proposal involves adding a reporter on staff, but since the former editor was making about \$30K/yr as an independent contractor, we estimated this to be a "wash" financially. This also addressed the amount of time Winter would spend on the publication, since the reporter would be doing most of the writing, and help out with other tasks.

I questioned prior & during the meeting as to whether due consideration of 3rd-party alternatives was given, and several people (including former LPMA newsletter editor Ken Peterson and the editor of the LPCA newsletter) expressed their interest in serving as editor. In a carefully considered presentation, Mr. Dasbach explained that he had considered the best of these and what we could expect from them versus the consistency, quality, and content he

anticipates from Mr. Winter. I was persuaded by his analysis, and joined the LNC in approving the appointment (there was one vote against, and one abstention).

Coincidentally, LP founder David Nolan attended the meeting and gave a bit of historical perspective. He noted that about 14 years ago the LNC was debating whether or not to take LP News OUTSIDE the office!

In any event, by now you've seen one or two editions under the new regime... looks pretty good so far. You can expect greater coverage of local LP activities, more success stories & profiles of our officeholders, and Libertarian analysis of today's news.

One other personal note..... I've been doing a bi-monthly "How-To" column in LP News, briefly describing in simple terms how folks can get more involved with us in a political & organizing fashion. Topics have included forming a town committee, getting appointed to a local board, and lobbying a ballot access bill. If you have a topic (remember, my space is limited!) that you'd like to see covered, please email me. Thanks!

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## How New Members Are Processed

by Will Kone

What happens when someone calls the LP's 1-800-#?

After the call is made, or the pamphlet is returned to the LP HQ, two things happen.

First the LP sends out a pre-packaged recruitment packet. This is followed up with a letter checking to see if the potential new member would like to join.

The second thing that happens is the LP sends me a weekly list of all people who have contacted them. If the potential new member makes his/her contact through the Internet, within 24 hours I receive an Email of the info. With snail mail, by the time I receive the list, it has been almost two weeks since they contacted the LP.

I send out a letter with a copy of the LP's American Heritage booklet and a membership form by the end of the week.

If I have been given a local contact for the area that the potential new member is in, I send a copy of the name and address to that person. They are encouraged to send a copy of the local newsletter and a letter inviting them to attend the next meeting, along with a membership form.

If you want to be the local contact for your area, I need to know what zip codes your area covers. Just the first three digits will do. For example, the Southern Tier zip codes would look like this: 139XX, 148XX, 141XX, 138XX, etc. Now some zip codes will cross over the chapter lines, in which case both chapters will get the name, as you would know your area better than I will. You can work out who gets what names.

To contact me, I can be reached via Email at [wk17@cornell.edu](mailto:wk17@cornell.edu), via web <http://www.people.cornell.edu/pages/wk17>, or via snail mail at Will Kone, 322 Pine Tree, Apt 82, Ithaca NY, 14850.

## State Committee to Meet

The State Committee of LPNY will hold its next quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 25, at the Sloatsburg service area on the New York State Thruway. The meeting room is on the second floor. Open discussion starts at 10 AM and the business meeting starts at noon. All members of LPNY are invited to attend.

## E-mail List Growing

The LPNY e-mail distribution list now has 83 subscribers. Subscribing to this list is the best way to keep informed about Libertarian news that's happening around the state. Sending e-mail to this list will automatically forward the mail to everyone who is a subscriber.

To send e-mail to the list, address it to:

lpny-general@greenleaf.gfr.com

To be added to the list as a subscriber send e-mail to Willis Boyce at:

wboyce@greenleaf.gfr.com

## Address Changes

The mailing list for LPNY is now being maintained by national. All address changes/corrections can be sent to:

Libertarian Party HQ  
Watergate Office Building  
2600 Virginia Ave. NW,  
Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20037



## How to Join the Libertarian Party of New York

### Our Objective:

The extension of individual freedom to its furthest limits.

### Our Principles:

1. Each individual possesses the inalienable right to life, liberty and justly acquired property.
2. No person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of force against another.
3. All individuals are entitled to choose their own lifestyles, as long as they do not forcibly impose their values on others.
4. The only moral basis of politics is the preservation and protection of individual rights.
5. The voluntary and unrestricted exchange of goods and services is fundamental to a peaceful and harmonious society.

I hereby subscribe to the Objectives and Principles of the Libertarian Party of New York, certifying that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals.

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