



NEW MEXICO LIBERTY



“Let Freedom Ring”

The Official Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico

November 2008

<http://lpmn.us>

v.2.2 N.4

Table of Contents

Page 1 – LPOCNM 2008 Convention

Page 2 – Field Reports / Calendar

Page 3 – Voice of the LPNM Chair

Page 4 – Only Nixon

Page 5 – The 2008 LPNM Road-To-Freedom Motorcycle Raffle

Page 6

- A Recipe for the Next Great Depression
- Notes from the Editor

Page 7 – Contacts / Internet Resources

Page 8

- Administrivia
- The Unanimous Consent Challenge

Page 9 – Enrollment / Renewal Form

Page 10 – Authorization for Automatic Transfers



Gil Heredia speaking at the first LPOCNM County Convention

Libertarian Party of Otero County, New Mexico County Convention

1 November 2008, Holiday Inn Express, Noon – 3:30pm

lpmn.us/otero/Conv08.html

By Siebert Ickler [lpdacnm@lpmn.us]

The Otero County Libertarian Party held its first (to our knowledge) convention at the Holiday Inn Express in Alamogordo. Six local Libertarians or those interested in the party, three visitors from the Doña Ana County Libertarian Party and one small boy met from noon until a little after 2:30 pm followed by an Otero County Convention business meeting. We shared a nice spread of light snacks during the sign in and informal meeting period. At 12:30 Gilberto Heredia, chair of the Otero County Libertarian Party called the convention to order and reviewed the county organization's founding, his campaign for city council and the purpose of a county convention.

I was the first speaker and spoke on Libertarian basic principles and why you should vote for Libertarians. The complete text of the speech in Word format can be obtained by clicking here or listen to it read by me in mp3 format by clicking here.

Chris Wickham of Tularosa Vineyards spoke next on the difficulties of selling alcohol in our "free country". There are still many attempts at prohibition, constitutional issues around alcohol sales, restrictions on shipping from state to state, and high taxes. In addition to the federal taxes, NM has the second highest excise tax rate in the country. There are now less bars and licenses than in the past despite population growth. He noted that it has been shown that higher availability correlates with less alcohol problems, DWI especially, but here in New Mexico we have low availability and high problems. "Stick up for my rights and I'll stick up for yours." Institute for Justice helped fight some of the patchwork regulations using the commerce clause of the constitution. Alcohol servers in NM are now required to sign a statement that says they are responsible for other's behavior. He gave examples of over zealous law enforcement and prohibitions against drinking. It is purportedly illegal to drink in your own front yard in Alamogordo, for example.

Gil then spoke about "What is Freedom?" He noted how the politicians attempt to mislead us. Ads for the spaceport and education taxes make no mention of taxes, just vote for the spaceport or education. He cited The Politics of Freedom by David Boaz, F.A. Hayek's The Road to Serfdom and Barry Goldwater's book (I failed to note the title.) He gave various definitions and noted Hayek's suggestion that we use tolerance instead of freedom since socialists and communists have attempted to pervert the meaning of the word. They've defined it to mean the freedom of society to do whatever it wants to the individual. Or they attempt to equate freedom with power or claim there are types of freedom such as economic freedom, which they define as the freedom from want. He pointed out that libertarian does not mean libertine. Freedom is really the ability to choose. We should take the kindergarten view "don't hit other people, don't take their stuff and keep your promises." He quoted Goldwater's defense of his policy stands "people's main interest is liberty." He noted that V. Lenin said that "freedom is so precious it must be carefully rationed." He read his letter to the editor, The Runner and The Forgotten Man, which can be read in its entirety by clicking here.

We went immediately into a question and answer session and informal forum. Martha Gose brought up the cost of enforcement of government regulations and the disproportionate impact on the poor. Chris noted that Milton Friedman had pointed out how business try to use the power of government to restrict competition and our freedom of choice. It was such a lively discussion that I got caught up in it and unfortunately stopped taking notes.

Field Reports

From County Contacts

Bernalillo – The BCLP is hosting two meetings per month. For more information, see the BCLP website – lpm.us/bernalillo. See xanga.com/kcufmedia for more information concerning *The Weekly Sedition* and *New Mexico's Consumer Advocate*.

Jay Vandersloot continues to be active in staffing at table at blade and gun shows at the State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque and could use some help at the shows – any assistance would be welcome, even if it is only for a couple of hours. Anyone interested in helping at the table at the gun show, providing literature to hand out, loaning us an LP banner, or a projection screen should contact Jay at either yprocrastinate-emailme@yahoo.com or call 505-362-1733.

Paul Gessing and Rio Grande Foundation have just established a social-networking site for small-I libertarians called New Mexico Liberty – newmexicoliberty.com is the URL. This is in addition to other activities, which can be found at the RGF's site – riograndefoundation.org.

Dona Ana – The LPDAC Central Committee has been having monthly meetings, as well as an information table at the Las Cruces Farmer's Market. See the LPDAC website for details – lpm.us/dona-ana.

Otero – The Otero County LP recently established its website – lpm.us/otero, is continuing to hold regular meetings, held their first annual convention on 1 November [lpm.us/otero/Conv08.html], and was a player in the recent defeat of Otero County's portion of the proposed spaceport tax. Good job, OCLP!

Sandoval – The LPSC is having its monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Santa Fe – Ed Nagel is working on organizing an LPNM county affiliate for Santa Fe County. Contact him at ed123nagel@aol.com or call him at 505-471-6928. He'd appreciate any help he can get.

TV Shows – Channel 27 in Albuquerque

(not necessarily endorsed by LPNM)

New Mexico's Consumer Advocate – Wednesdays at 8PM
xanga.com/kcufmedia / myspace.com/nmconsumers

Hemp TV – Tuesdays at 7PM
myspace.com/nmhemptv

The One Party State – Wednesdays at 11PM
Contact Lance Klafeta [lklafeta@yahoo.com] for details

Reeferhead – Saturdays at 6PM
myspace.com/reeferheadtv

The Fringe Element
thefringeelement.net / postpubco.com

YOUR ADVERTISING HERE?

CONTACT THE EDITOR OR
SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS

or EMAIL

kcufmedia@gmail.com

Calendar

Special Events

LPNM Central Committee Meeting – 14 September 2008

The LPNM's Central Committee will have its regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, 14 September 2008, at the St. Clair Winery & Bistro, located at 901 Rio Grande Blvd (Map – tinyurl.com/52x2pe). No host lunch 12:00 PM, meeting at 1:00 PM. **County and Campus Contacts encouraged to attend!**

Road-To-Freedom Motorcycle Raffle

The LPNM's latest fundraiser involves raffling off a new, limited-edition Harley Davidson motorcycle for \$100 per ticket, with a maximum of 399 tickets available. More information on the motorcycle raffle is available at the following pages – tinyurl.com/2fu72e, tinyurl.com/22z3yp or sjclp.org/Rocker_affle.htm.

2009 Annual State Convention

The 2009 LPNM State Convention is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of 10-12 April 2009 for the Alamogordo area.

Regular Events

Wednesday, 5 November – Otero County LP meeting. Contact Dr. Gilberto Heredia for more information [thrill@zianet.com / 575-439-8234].

Thursday, 6 November and 20 November – Bernalillo County Liberty Forum meets in Albuquerque, 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Fiesta's Restaurant & Lounge (Carlisle & Montgomery NE). Contact Mike Blessing for details [lpbcnm@gmail.com / 505-918-6567].

Monday, 10 November – The Santa Fe County LP meets at the South Library at 6:30 PM. Contact Ed Nagel for details [ed123nagel@aol.com / 505-474-0300].

Ed specified these directions for the South Library –

Although the mailing address is on Jaguar St, the best way to get there is to turn south off Airport Rd onto Country Club Rd (by the golf course), proceed 6 tenths of a mile to Valentine Way, and make a left (heading east), and an immediate right into the parking lot of the South Library.

Wednesday, 12 November – The Dona Ana County Libertarians will meet. Those interested are invited to attend and to contact Siebert Ickler [lpdacnm@lpm.us / 575-541-9079] for information on location and time.

Tuesday, 25 November – The Sandoval County Libertarian Party will meet – contact Ron Bjornstad [rbjornstad@earthlink.net / 505-288-4228] for details.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT



Commentary and Opinion
for the Undamaged Mind

Brought to you by KCUF Media
xanga.com/kcufmedia

The Best Shows on ABQ Comcast Ch.27
Wednesdays at 8 PM

The Weekly Sedition
Rational Anarchy and Capitalism for the Masses

New Mexico's Consumer Advocate
The Consumer Pays ALL Costs

Voice of the LPNM Chair

Jay Vandersloot

Email – yprocrastinate-emailme@yahoo.com



“Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.”
– Will Rogers

Well, the Election is over; Now What

By the time you read this you will probably have read a multitude of emails and forum posts on the subject of the election, especially pertaining to what happened with the Libertarian Party candidate, Bob Barr. Some will talk about how bad it went, while others will tout how well it went. It's all a matter of what expectations you had and from what perspective you view what occurred. It's not my intent to “Monday morning quarterback” here, but rather to just take a quick look at the numbers and then move on to the question of where we go from here.

For the numbers, although they might change by the time you read this, it won't be by much. As of November 5th, Bob Barr's showing was 0.40%, which as puts his results right in line with other Libertarian Presidential campaigns.

2008 – 0.40% – Bob Barr

2004 – 0.32% – Michael Badnarik

2000 – 0.36% – Harry Browne

1996 – 0.50% – Harry Browne

1992 – 0.28% – Andre Marrou

1988 – 0.47% – Ron Paul

The average percentage for the last five elections was 0.39%, which is about what Bob Barr got. The elections environment being what they were this cycle, anyone else as an LP presidential candidate would not likely have done any better.

That having been said, rather than engaging in all the finger pointing that seems to be going on, I would rather look to the future and where we need to go from here. Where do we need to be politically? How do we get there? What do we need to be doing to attain that objective?

There are basically three avenues to travel. We can be a debating society, as we have many times been accused of being. We can put our emphasis on educating our fellow citizens on the benefits to them of the ways that will promote liberty and freedom. We can do the work of a political party, working to get candidates elected, candidates who will work to bring about true liberty and freedom in our lifetime. Or, we can work on doing some combination of two of those, or even all three.

I have heard Libertarians on numerous occasions express views as to which way the LP should go and find members advocating each of the three directions. So, who is correct? Which way should we go? Where should we place our emphasis?

The accusations of our being a debating society are not without justification and merit. Follow the postings on any of the LP related forums, or listen to the banter at many of the meetings, and one would come away convinced that all we do is debate with each other. And, they would be correct. But debating has its place and purpose. It is a way to continually “recharge our batteries,” to strengthen us when all seems lost and we become discouraged. So, there is merit in continuing the debating.

But, we also see by the way people vote that there is a great need for educating people on the virtues of liberty and freedom. All too often they would rather the government provide everything for them. We know liberty and freedom are in everyone's interest, but are we able to adequately explain that to others? That's where the debate comes in. It enables us to hone our information on the positions and issues, thereby enabling us to be better prepared to give an answer to others.

Unfortunately, no matter how much effort we put into educating people on how liberty and freedom will better their lives, as long as the two major parties' candidates continue to be elected we do not see progress. I've long held that I don't care what political label an official wears; whether Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, or any of the other third parties is not important. What is important is how that official votes and executes his or her duties of office. Unfortunately, it always seems that elected officials do not vote and carry out their duties as they should. Instead, they seem to always be in office for what they can get out of it, and do whatever they believe will get them re-elected, regardless of whether it is best for the people they are supposed to represent. We try to get people elected to office, but without much success. So what are we to do?

First, we try to stop arguing amongst ourselves and instead start working with each other. Use the debating to strengthen ourselves in the principles, and then use that to talk with others about how liberty and freedom will benefit their lives. But, if we are to continue being a political party and have an effect, we HAVE to follow the lead of states like Texas, which runs literally hundreds of candidates each year. Yes, they are larger than we are, but we can surely do better in fielding candidates AND backing them.

We need to do like the sports teams do and start our candidates out at the local levels, just like they do with the “farm” teams. Strive to run for state legislature, either in the Senate or the House, or run for city council, or county commission. Run for school council, or any of the other local level offices. These races are more winnable, and they help to build a cadre of candidates who have proven themselves to the voters, who will then be more likely to vote for them when they run for more competitive office, such as mayor, governor, US Representative, or US Senate. If we don't first prove ourselves at the local level, we will never make any headway at the upper

Only Nixon

by L. Neil Smith [Ineil@netzero.com]
ncc-1776.org/tle2008/tle492-20081109-02.html



From The Libertarian Enterprise [ncc-1776.org]

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime where of the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

– The Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution

Over the past several days, since the recent general election, I have received countless despairing e-messages from individuals who are certain that the ascendancy of Barack H. Obama to the Presidency of the United States represents the end of America, the end of democracy, the end of history, the end of the world, or some combination of the above.

You may feel that way, yourself. I certainly have, from moment to moment, but despair is not my chosen mode of existence, and I have spent those moments trying to figure out how to get my family and myself through the bad times that are about to result from electing this Marxoid thug, with a minimum of injury and some hope for the future.

Upon due consideration, there are enough bright spots on the horizon to keep our world warm and bright while we all work through and repair the damage that this "historical event" has done – and will continue trying to do – to the advance of individual human liberty.

To begin with, try not to be too angry or disappointed with your fellow Americans. Most of them don't care about politics as much as the majority of my readers, and the education they have received about it from the government's public school system is nothing more than a septic tank full of warmed-over self-serving statist lies and leftist propaganda.

Even so, they clearly understand that George W. Bush is the worst President this country has ever had – so far – and that plugging John McCain in to replace him would have been no improvement. What they didn't understand is that Obama isn't a real alternative, either. Even if they had understood, what could they have done about it that libertarians haven't been trying to do, without success, for over 40 years?

So here we all are, stuck with a Glorious Leader whose sainthood, conferred by masses of worshippers and by mass media sinking fast and clutching at any straw, threatens to make Jack Kennedy's beatification – or even that of Father Abraham Lincoln – look like a poor, pale thing.

It is up to libertarians to keep our heads up, our vision clear, and to speak the truth at every turn. Barack Obama is the pampered pet of Chicago gangsters. He is good buddies with a murderous African dictator. And his wacko leftist academic background evokes memories of the style of sideways thinking that inspired the death marches in Cambodia.

The man burns to have a private army all his own. During the election campaign, he threatened to create a "domestic security force" as large and well-funded as the entire U.S. military, just the thing to send door-to-door (as the police attempted in the Chicago projects) searching for privately-owned weapons. Sure enough, the very first item to appear on his website www.change.org following the election was a proposal to require "mandatory community service" – 50 hours a year from junior high school and high school students, 100 hours from those in college – or the individuals in question needn't expect to graduate.

Rather than receiving all this as bad news, however, libertarians should celebrate it as a gift. Think of it as an error of arrogance, the hubris that inevitably undoes the bumbling heroes of classical Greek tragedy. It would appear that, just as "only Nixon could go to China," only the first black president, Barack Obama, would attempt to reimpose slavery on a nation that once tore itself into bloody shreds – or so establishment historians assure us – to put an end to slavery.

The fact is – given his institution of a personal income tax and military conscription on a once-free citizenry – Abraham Lincoln, yet another corrupt politician inappropriately elevated to godhood by his drooling sycophants, didn't abolish slavery, he merely nationalized it.

But I digress.

Where both houses of Congress and the presidency are controlled by the Democrats, this evil cannot be dealt with at the national level. The way to handle it – I believe it calls for collaboration between the Libertarian Party and the American Civil Liberties Union – is with thousands of lawsuits and injunctions at the local level, rooted in the Thirteenth Amendment, preventing public schools and colleges from enslaving children and young adults. Such an effort must be nationwide. Those who operate these institutions must be made to understand clearly that cooperation with the Obama regime means the inevitable destruction of all public schools and publicly-funded colleges.

Over the years, I've made a lot of predictions that have come true. Remember this one: two years from now, even those who supported Barack Obama most enthusiastically will be feeling a certain nostalgia about George W. Bush and secretly wishing they'd voted for John McCain.

Yeah, I know, disgusting. But that's the way the world works. Nobody alive today would willingly admit to voting for Adolf Hitler, although the third or fourth worst mass-murderer in history (behind Mao Tse Tung, Joseph Stalin, and, on a per capita basis, Pol Pot) won by a landslide. Once the outrages to come have ended and there are thousands – perhaps even millions – of Obama's crimes to account for, would you want to admit to having voted to make those crimes possible?

For libertarians, the possibilities are endless. When socialism fails – again – to bring about paradise on Earth and leaves the usual trail of utter wreckage behind it, we will be there to say "I told you so," exactly as we have been saying it for the past 40-odd years, exactly as we must continue saying it through the next horrible years.

Maybe this time somebody will listen.

The first step libertarians must take is to reshape our own party, to reinstall the Zero Aggression Principle, and to reboot the proudly principled platforms of the late 1970s, so that it can serve us, thus scrubbed of cowardice and compromise, as a tool to resist Obama's fascism and replace it with policies guided – and limited – by the Bill of Rights.

Maybe "fumigated" would be a better word.

*Four-time Prometheus Award-winner L. Neil Smith has been called one of the world's foremost authorities on the ethics of self-defense. He is the author of 25 books, including *The American Zone*, *Forge of the Elders*, *Pallas*, *The Probability Broach*, *Hope* (with Aaron Zelman), and his collected articles and speeches, *Lever Action*, all of which may be purchased through his website "The Webley Page" at IneilSmith.org.*



Libertarian Party of New Mexico 2008 Road-to-Freedom Motorcycle Raffle



2008 Harley-Davidson Softail Rocker

- 96 cubic inches! • 6-speed! • Lowest solo saddle on a production motorcycle!
- Fat 240mm rear tire! • 5-spoke wheels! • Stretched 5-gallon tank!

ONLY 399 CHANCES OFFERED

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico encourages motorcyclists to consider the use of helmets and other safety equipment. However, we believe those who ride should decide and we oppose mandatory helmet laws for motorcyclists. Odds depend on the actual number of chances sold, but no more than 399 chances will be available. Drawing will be at approximately 8:00 PM, on Bill of Rights Day, Monday December 15, 2008 at the Farmington Civic Center, in Farmington, New Mexico. The Libertarian Party of New Mexico (LPNM) reserves the right to draw prior to this date in the event all chances are sold early. In the event of an early drawing, notice will be posted at lpnm.us at least two weeks prior to the drawing. LPNM will make every effort to notify the winner using the contact information provided. In the event the winner cannot be contacted within 30 days of the drawing, the prize will be awarded to a backup winner. Winner is responsible for tax, title and license fees.

For Raffle Tickets, send \$100 per ticket and your contact information, including name, mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mail address to

LPNM c/o Ron Bjornstad
918 Ivory Road SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
rbjornstad@earthlink.net

OR you can purchase your ticket(s) over the internet using PayPal – sjclp.org/paypal.htm

The official raffle page – sjclp.org/Rocker_raffle.htm

For more details about the motorcycle, see tinyurl.com/22z3yp or tinyurl.com/2fu72e

A Recipe for the Next Great Depression

by Thomas J. DiLorenzo [tdilo@aol.com]

11 November 2008

lewrockwell.com/dilorenzo/dilorenzo157.html



Along with the ascendancy of the Democratic Party to control of the executive and legislative branches of government has come the repetition of the tired, old mantra of an alleged need for a "new New Deal." God help us. The original New Deal unequivocally made the Great Depression much worse, and much longer-lasting, than it would otherwise have been.

One of the most readable expositions of why the New Deal was an economic debacle is Jim Powell's book, *FDR's Folly*. It summarizes more than a half century of economic research on the actual effects of the New Deal and presents the results in a very readable, conversational style that is suitable to a general reading audience. And every bit of it is being studiously ignored by the powers that be in Washington. After his voluminous survey of the ill effects of New Deal interventionism Powell concludes with "lessons for today." Every one of these lessons is not only being ignored by Washington policymakers, but the policy proposals coming out of Washington are ominously structured to do exactly the opposite of what Powell suggests.

Lesson Number One is that "the basic problem with central banks is that like socialist economic planners, they can never have more than a fraction of the vast knowledge needed to make a society work, knowledge that is dispersed in the minds of millions of people. In addition, when central bankers make mistakes – as they inevitably will, since they're human beings – these mistakes harm not just the economy in a city or a region but the entire country. The Fed's response to the current economic crisis, which it created by creating the housing bubble, has been to declare more and more central planning powers for itself."

Lesson Number Two is that "deposit insurance must be priced to reflect the risks of the banks that buy it. Having the federal government provide deposit insurance inevitably introduced political pressures to offer deposit insurance at the same price for all banks, which meant subsidized banks engaged in risky practices and contributed to the instability of the banking system." The federal government recently expanded the coverage of federal deposit insurance, thereby guaranteeing more excessively risky lending in the future.

Lesson Number Three is, "Especially because taxes are the biggest burden millions of people face today, it's crucial to cut taxes. Tax cuts mean expanding economic liberty . . ." President-elect Obama is promising punitive taxes on the most productive people in America – higher income families and investors and savers, combined with government handouts that he mislabels as "tax cuts" for people who don't even pay income taxes.

Lesson Number Four is "efforts to 'soak the rich' will backfire, because the investments of the rich are needed to create jobs." If Obama's campaign and, indeed, his entire political career, has been about anything it has been about soaking the rich and "redistributing" income and wealth through the tax system.

Lesson Number Five is "public works and other 'jobs' programs must be avoided because they increase the cost and burden of government, making it more difficult for the private sector to function." All of Washington is foaming at the mouth over the prospect of more pork-barrel spending, laughingly labeled "stimulus package."

Lesson Number Six is that "especially during a recession or depression, the government must not enact laws preventing prices from adjusting to circumstances. Prices are vital signals that help people decide what to produce and consume." The government has been doing exactly the opposite. Stopping prices from adjusting to realistic levels is the whole intent of the Fed's policies as well as the Wall Street Plutocrat Bailout Bill.

Lesson Number Seven is that "government must not enact laws preventing wages from adjusting to circumstances . . . Labor union monopolies have been major obstacles to adjusting wages." One of the first orders of business for the Obama administration will be to strengthen labor union monopolies by passing a law that prohibits secret ballot voting in union certification elections.

Lesson Number Eight is, "only if investors feel private property is secure will they be willing to make long-term financial commitments needed to spur recovery and boost employment." The government has been busy charging businesses that have simply gone bankrupt with crimes, promising more of the same, placing price controls on executive pay, increasing the taxation of investment with higher capital gains taxes, and generally demonizing the entire American capitalist system as a means of shifting the blame for the economic crisis that its own stupid policies have created.

In other words, everything going on in Washington today is a recipe for another Great Depression.

Thomas J. DiLorenzo is professor of economics at Loyola College in Maryland and the author of [The Real Lincoln: Lincoln Unmasked: What You're Not Supposed To Know about Dishonest Abe and How Capitalism Saved America](#). His latest book, [Hamilton's Curse: How Jefferson's Archenemy Betrayed the American Revolution – And What It Means for America Today](#), will be published on October 21.



Notes from the Editor

by Mike Blessing [kcufmedia@gmail.com]

At this time, the LPNM garnered a total of 2411 votes for our presidential candidate, Bob Barr. This turns out to be 0.29 percent of the total ballots cast in the presidential race here in New Mexico. I'll break down the math and provide reference links in a blog entry in a bit, and also tie in the numbers from the 2000 and 2004 campaigns .

Here's the problem: the LPNM needed Barr to get over 4125 votes for the ticket for the LPNM to retain the pre-election level of ballot access, known as "minor party status." Because the LPNM did NOT get the required 4125 votes for the presidential candidate, the LPNM loses ballot status, as we did in 2004.

What does this mean for us at present? Simple – it means for the LPNM to regain ballot status as a "minor party," we have to turn in a minimum of 7500 signatures to the Secretary of State by April, 2010, in order to qualify for the 2010 ballot. That's the number from the Election Code – in reality, it's closer to 15,000 signatures. This means that a good bit of 2009 is going to be spent collecting petition signatures.

LPNM Central Committee

Chair

Jay Vandersloot
505-362-1733 / yprocrastinate-emailme@yahoo.com

Vice Chair

Ron Bjornstad – 505-891-4541 / rbjornstad@earthlink.net

Secretary

Mike Blessing – 505-918-6567 / kcufmedia@gmail.com

Treasurer

Richard Oberfell – 505-378-8025 / lpncnm@valornet.com

At-Large Representative, Seat A

Bob Finch – 765-412-2374 / nmlibertarian@gmail.com

At-Large Representative, Seat B

Allen Cogbill – 505-662-7833 / acogbill@geopotential.com

District 1 Representative, Seat A

John Pfersich – 505-301-2601 / jpfersich@gmail.com

District 1 Representative, Seat B

Mark Curtis – 505-256-1993 / macurtis@webtv.net

District 2 Representative, Seat A

Siebert Ickler – 575-541-9079 / lpdacnm@lpnm.us

District 2 Representative, Seat B

Gilberto Heredia – 575-439-8234 / thrill@zianet.com

District 3 Representative, Seat A

VACANT

District 3 Representative, Seat B

Mike Moss – 505-564-4905 / moss@plumbersoft.com

Membership Coordinator

Ron Bjornstad – 505-288-4228 / rbjornstad@earthlink.net

Press Secretary

Bill Koehler – 505-264-0835 / bkoehler8@comcast.net

Media Director

Bob Finch – 765-712-2374 / nmlibertarian@gmail.com

Campus Contacts

Central New Mexico Community College [CNM]

groups.myspace.com/cnmlibertarians
Mike Blessing – 505-918-6567 / cnmliberty@gmail.com

College of Santa Fe

Morgan Wells – mwells109@gmail.com

Internet Resources

Official Website – lpnm.us

LPNM Forum – groups.yahoo.com/group/lpnm-forum
Caucus membership required, per the Central Committee

LPNM Discussion – groups.yahoo.com/lpnm-discuss
Open forum (unmoderated for the most part)

Blog – lpofnm.blogspot.com

Facebook group
new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2023314967

Ning.com social utility – lpofnm.ning.com

Myspace group – groups.myspace.com/lpnm

County Contacts

Bernalillo – lpnm.us/bernalillo

Mike Blessing – 505-918-6567 / lpbcnm@gmail.com

Colfax

Richard Moore – 575-377-6849 / myliberty@mail.com

Dona Ana – lpnm.us/dona-ana

Siebert Ickler – 575-541-9079 / lpdacnm@lpnm.us

Lea

Christina Groth – 575-397-9366

Lincoln

Richard Oberfell – 575-378-8025 / lpncnm@valornet.com

Los Alamos

Allen Cogbill – 505-662-7833 / acogbill@geopotential.com

Luna

Marilyn Steffen – 575-531-2556 / b_lamont5@hotmail.com

Otero – lpnm.us/otero

Gilberto Heredia – 575-439-8234 / thrill@zianet.com

Roosevelt

Ken Sanders – 505-749-2085

San Juan – sjclp.org

Gary Wood – zang5775@msn.com

Sandoval

Ron Bjornstad – 505-288-4228 / rbjornstad@earthlink.net

Santa Fe

Ed Nagel – 505-471-6928 / ed123nagel@aol.com

Valencia

Abran Gabaldon – 505-864-6870 / abran_d@yahoo.com

LPNM Vacancies

Central Committee (2)

At-Large Representative, Seat A
District 3 Representative, Seat A

County Contacts (20)

Catron / Chaves / Cibola / Curry / De Baca / Eddy / Grant
Guadalupe / Harding / Hidalgo / McKinley / Mora / Quay
Rio Arriba / San Miguel / Sierra / Socorro / Taos / Torrance / Union

College Contacts (3)

Eastern New Mexico University (Portales)
New Mexico State University (Las Cruces)
New Mexico Tech (Socorro)
University of New Mexico (Various Campuses)
Western New Mexico University (Silver City)

**Contact the state chair if you're interested in filling a slot.
If you don't, who will?**

Administrivia

by Mike Blessing, Editor

If you have news, interesting stories, op-ed pieces, a letter to the editor, or timely information that you think belongs in the newsletter, please send it along. I can be contacted at 505-918-6567, or just send it to email address kcufmedia@gmail.com.

When sending your submission as an MS Word (or Open Office Text) file, send it single-spaced in 9-pt Arial – like this is. Margins should be quarter-inch (0.25") around, with no headers or footers. If you send it in a text-only format, make it clear to me if you want anything in **bold type**, underlined, *in italics*, struck-through, **different colors**, etc. I'm not telepathic here, so help me out. And **NO** Wordperfect files – I can't open those.

Graphics (pictures, cartoons, etc.) – send the highest quality graphics you can – email them to me at the address above, and I'll do what I can to get them in the next issue. In particular, what I want are pictures of YOU the LPNM members, either at LPNM-sponsored events or at other peoples' events. Submission deadline for each issue – midnight, third Tuesday of the month.

Articles

As for writing your article, It should be concise (no longer than a full page) and topical. A bit of humor helps, especially for op-ed pieces. What I'm really looking for in the way of articles is what's going on in the LPNM – what YOU the membership are up to in spreading the message. For example, an article about the stupidity, insanity and evil of the UN might get put in, depending on available space and the quality of the article. A group of LPNM members counter-protesting the raising of a UN flag by the city council WILL get put in, and probably will get first priority.

Editorial Viewpoint

The basis for libertarian thought is the Zero Aggression Principle [ZAP] –

A libertarian is someone who believes that no human being has the right – under any circumstances – to initiate force against another human being, nor to threaten, incite or delegate its initiation.

New Mexico Liberty holds that Libertarian candidates, officeholders or appointed spokespersons at all levels of government or the Party should refrain from advocating new or more restrictive laws, new or more expensive spending programs, or new or higher taxes. To paraphrase from the medical profession, "First, do no harm."

Submissions Policy

The editor reserves the right to refuse service to anyone for any reason. The editor will most often be willing to explain any such reasons. Appeals of the editor's refusal to post an advertisement, article, letter to editor, or anything else can be made to the LPNM's State Chair, Central Committee and/or Judicial Council.

Copyright

Copyright © 2003–2008 Libertarian Party of New Mexico. All rights reserved. Permission is explicitly granted for subscribers to recopy *New Mexico Liberty* for non-commercial purposes, specifically as use as an outreach tool, provided that *New Mexico Liberty* is copied in its entirety. Use your imagination here.

Subscriptions and Correspondence

For a print subscription, contact Ron Bjornstad for details. *New Mexico Liberty* will be posted to the web, in PDF format, to the Files section of the Google group I've set up for it –

groups.google.com/group/nmliberty

If you are moving or change your mailing address, please use keep us in the loop so we can keep your *New Mexico Liberty* coming to you – contact Ron Bjornstad [rbjornstad@earthlink.net] if you're a print version subscriber. Otherwise, contact the editor.

Advertising in *New Mexico Liberty*

Current rates for year-long spots

Full page	Ø60.00
Half page	Ø30.00
Quarter page	Ø15.00
Business card	Ø 8.00

Rates are subject to change at the discretion of the editor. The editor will do his best to make any such changes only when absolutely necessary.

Inserts – For an insert into the PDF version that goes out over the internet, contact the editor at email address kcufmedia@gmail.com. For an insert into the print edition, contact Ron Bjornstad at email address rbjornstad@earthlink.net or phone number 505-288-4228.

Ø – The symbol for Federal Reserve Note(s), as used by Boston T. Party in his books. In plain-text message traffic (such as email), the acronym "FRN" will be used by the editor. See javelinpress.com for more information. Also see the Wikipedia page for "Federal Reserve Note" – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Reserve_Note.

THE LPNM OFFICIAL WEBSITE – lpmn.us

LPNM OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

918 Ivory Road SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
505-288-4228

If the date on your mailing label reads before 10/01/08, it's time to renew your LPNM membership.

THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT CHALLENGE CASH Ø10,000 PRIZE

To the first person to write a logical and documented essay showing one of the following to be compatible with the Declaration of Independence:

Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890
Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906
Federal Communications Act of 1934
National Firearms Act of 1934
Banking Act of 1935
The Internal Revenue Code
Controlled Substances Act of 1970
RICO Act of 1970
Federal Elections Act of 1970
Plumbing Products Efficiency Act of 1992
Anti-Money Laundering Act of 1992
USA PATRIOT Act of 2001
Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002

This challenge is also on the web at tinyurl.com/hn982

To claim your prize, contact
Mike Blessing at 505-918-6567 or
send an email to kcufmedia@gmail.com

Libertarian Party of New Mexico
Enrollment / Renewal / Donation Coupon
(Please print in all areas)

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____

I am registered to vote as "Libertarian" in the State of New Mexico and wish to join or renew as a caucus member. I am paying \$25 annual dues. I will receive a one year (12 issues) subscription to the LPNM state newsletter "New Mexico Liberty" (the national "LP NEWS" IS NOT included) and I will have delegate status at state conventions. I oppose the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals:

Signed _____

I am not registered to vote as "Libertarian" in the State of New Mexico **and/or** I do not wish to sign the statement opposing the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals. I am paying \$25.00 for a one year (12 issues) subscription to the LPNM state newsletter "New Mexico Liberty" (the national "LP NEWS" IS NOT included). I understand that I will receive no other benefits.

I am making a DONATION to the LPNM in the amount of \$ _____ to be applied as follows:

\$ _____ General Fund \$ _____ Chairman's Fund \$ _____ Major Player Fund \$ _____ Win One Fund

TOTAL of DUES or SUBSCRIPTION plus DONATION \$ _____ to be paid as follows:

by enclosed CHECK payable to "LPNM" (Sorry, we cannot accept corporate checks)

by CREDIT CARD (circle one): VISA / MASTERCARD

Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expires: ____/____

Signature: _____

Government mandated notices:

- The US Postal Service requires us to notify you that the annual New Mexico Liberty subscription cost is included in your LPNM membership dues of \$25.00.
- The Internal Revenue Service requires us to print "political contributions are not tax deductible" on all fundraising appeals.
- The Federal Election Commission requires us to ask for the employer and occupation of each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.

The preceding notices alone should be enough reason to join the Libertarian Party, the only political party working to increase your freedom.

COPY OR PRINT, FILL OUT, AND SEND TO:

LPNM c/o Ron Bjornstad
918 IVORY RD SE
RIO RANCHO NM 87124

AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATED TRANSFERS

Charter Bank:

I authorize Charter Bank to initiate an electronic transfer via the Automated Clearing House (ACH) as noted below:

Customer Name (on account, please print): _____

DEBIT (charge) Financial Institution Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Routing Number / ABA: _____ / _____ / _____ Account Number: _____
(Please include a deposit slip or voided check)

CREDIT (deposit) Charter Bank, to the account of LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO, account number 0092040302

\$_____ LPNM General Fund \$_____ Chair's Contingency Fund \$_____ Major Player Fund \$_____ Win One Fund

TOTAL AMOUNT of electronic transfer \$_____ MONTHLY on the _____ day of each month starting ____/____/____

I understand this authority is to remain in full force and effect until Charter Bank has received notification from me regarding termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Charter Bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I also understand this transfer is not immediate and could take up to two business days.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Social Security Number: _____

BANK USE ONLY Bank Employee: _____ Date: _____

Authorization processed by: _____ Date: _____

Alternately, if you prefer not to have our bank initiate an electronic transfer, you may have your bank initiate the transfer to Charter Bank, Routing Number 307072427, to the account of LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO, account number 0092040302. Also, please fill out the info section below, allocate your contribution on the "Funds" line above, and mail this form to LPNM.

MONTHLY CREDIT CARD PLEDGE

I authorize the Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico to charge my credit card MONTHLY as indicated below:

CARD TYPE (circle one): VISA / MASTERCARD

Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expires: ____/____

\$_____ on the _____ day of each month beginning on ____/____/____ to be used as follows:

\$_____ LPNM General Fund \$_____ Chair's Contingency Fund \$_____ Major Player Fund \$_____ Win One Fund

I understand that this agreement remains in effect until I notify the Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico, in writing, to cancel or alter this agreement.

NAME (on card, please print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE ____/____/____

FEDERAL INFO REQUIREMENTS, DISCLAIMERS, ETC.

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Political contributions are not tax deductible. Your contribution may be used to fund federal election activity.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (h): _____ (w): _____ E-mail: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

This form is for monthly pledges only. Please pay dues and one time donations separately. Complete the AUTOMATED TRANSFER section or the CREDIT CARD section and the INFO section. Mail the entire form to the address below. Thank You !!

**LPNM c/o Ron Bjornstad
918 IVORY RD SE
RIO RANCHO NM 87124**