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1998 Convention Breaks Records for New England

What a day! Outstanding speakers and panel discussions. Libertarians who serve in office, who have run for office, and who are running in 1998. Debating whether radio talk host Jeff Katz should be our Lieutenant Governor nominee. Networking, meeting new friends. And welcoming talk show legend David Brudnoy as our newest member of the Libertarian Party! All records were broken: attendance, fund-raising, the number of candidates running for office, and media coverage.

The day opened with campaign organizer and fund-raiser Michael Cloud talking about Libertarianism as the unreasonable alternative. He demonstrated how bold and "unreasonable" goals have been achieved throughout history.

We heard from six Libertarians serving in office in the Commonwealth. They shared insights on getting to office and fighting to cut government once there.

Candidates running in Massachusetts were endorsed and a new Executive Board was elected as were delegates to the national convention.

Libertarian National Chairman Steve Dasbach gave some humorous examples of ludicrous legislation proposed by big government advocates while reminding us that success does not need to spoil the Libertarian Party.



Executive Director Eli Israel Thanks Generous Contributors (p. 4)

A distinguished panel shed new light on the virtues and drawbacks of charter schools and educational vouchers. Steve Dasbach, Barbara Anderson of Citizens for Limited Taxation and Government, Jim Peyser of the Pioneer Institute, Maureen O'Connell, an education activist and Falmouth school committee member and Larry Overlan, reporter for the Tab debated whether they represent a step forward or a step backward for educational freedom.

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Letter from the Chair

I am honored to accept my re-election by the new Executive Board of the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts to a second term as Chair. No role I've ever served in my life has been more personally satisfying.

Much appreciation is due several board members who served in the last year who are moving on to other activities. Walter Ziobro served on the Board on and off since 1974 and was one of the first Massachusetts party members joining in 1972. He serves as our Legislative Liaison keeping us in compliance (and out of trouble) with the election regulators and assists regularly with Libertarian campaigns.

Irwin Jungreis did a great job organizing the Committee for Membership Growth in the past year. His dedication, practical perspective, and business acumen have been an extremely positive influence on the association's direction. He is now pursuing a new high tech business venture. I am personally grateful to Irwin for being instrumental in this Chair's discovery of Libertarianism.

Peter Everett also served on the Board. He was the man who in 1994 won over 3% of the vote for Secretary of State, which proved that the Libertarian Party could attain major party status in Massachusetts.

Muni Savyon continues as our Electronic Outreach Director where he has been instrumental in managing our email lists and electronic magazine (the Announcement List), faxing press releases, and the initial development of our Web site. He has been a continual advocate of membership growth and a key organizing influence for many LAMA initiatives.

This year we welcome four new board members: Laura El-Azem, Brian Hawthorne, Rebecca Stewart, and Mark Tuniewicz. Laura has been our Volunteer Coordinator and has also participated in activities such as assisting at this year's convention, OPH (Operation Politically Homeless) outreach booths, and the CLT&G petition initiative.



State Chair Carla Howell

Brian Holt Hawthorne has been the dedicated Editor of this newsletter since April of 1997 and did a wonderful job moderating the Education discussion panel at the convention.

Rebecca Stewart ran a week-long outreach booth at the Barnstable County Fair on Cape Cod last summer and is a frequent caller to WXTK, Cape Cod's radio talk show. She is in the process of forming a Cape Cod chapter of the Libertarian Party.

And Mark Tuniewicz (pronounced ten-yev'-itz), who just moved to Massachusetts, is our current Region 6 Representative to the National Libertarian Party and 1998 candidate for the position of National Treasurer. We expect him to be a great asset to our state party.

Continuing on the board are myself, Executive Director Elias Israel, and Candidate Recruitment Coordinator Jim Sullivan.

All party members are most welcome to attend and participate in Board meetings. The first such meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 5:00pm at the home of Elias Israel immediately prior to the social that night.

The Board, along with the activists and campaign workers of 1998, stand ready to make 1998 another breakthrough year for Libertarianism in Massachusetts.

Yours in liberty,

Carla Howell

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<http://www.la-ma.org>

'Tis the Season for Petitioning.

This is our chance to get our candidates on the ballot! All hands are needed who can help. If you have any time to give towards this end, please call or email Laura El-Azem at 781-721-2709 or lelazem@la-ma.org or contact directly any of the candidates listed in this issue on page 7.

Libertarians Enjoy Support from Radio Host Jeff Katz

After being egged on by Massachusetts Party Chair Carla Howell, WRKO Radio talk host Jeff Katz of the Katz in Your Morning With Darlene McCarthy Show announced on the air that he would accept a nomination from the convention to run for Lieutenant Governor. But alas, Massachusetts law requires that to serve in office as Lieutenant Governor, seven years residency in Massachusetts is required. So the convention, after heated debate, endorsed nominee Elias Israel instead.

Some argued that the publicity brought on by Jeff's nomination would be worth fielding a candidate who could not qualify. It should be noted that it is legal to run for office without meeting the residency requirement, but not legal to serve.

Some wanted to use his nomination as a vehicle to challenge the residency requirement since, after all, very little residency is required to collect welfare - so why should it be more difficult to run for office?

Others felt it would be irresponsible to ignore a constitutional requirement - being the advocates of constitutional government that Libertarians are.

In the end, the majority went with the sure thing. It was voted, however, that the convention would have endorsed Jeff Katz if he had met the residency requirement. Furthermore, he was nominated to be a delegate to the national convention in Washington D.C. where we invited him to broadcast his show that week.

Upon hearing the news, Katz responded, "I fully understand, respect and accept the decision of the convention. While it is disappointing, it makes perfect sense and I wish the Cook AND Israel ticket the best (yes... a "Cook Israel" slogan would be a tough sell!). We look forward to having them on the air to discuss the issues as we head up to the election.

"I will start to set things up for the show to be broadcast from the National Convention in Washington this summer. I will clear the delegate situation with station counsel and barring any unforeseen issues will then formally accept that most gracious nomination.

"Thank you very much for all of your help and support. Please be sure that I remain a strong supporter of the Libertarian Party." ■

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Record Breaking Convention

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The day also included Lenore Schloming, President of the Small Property Owners Association who recounted horror stories of housing regulation in Massachusetts and a campaign training session lead by Michael Cloud and Steve Dasbach.

C-SPAN was there to film our banquet speaker David Brudnoy. His speech was delightfully entertaining. During the banquet, Executive Director and convention organizer Elias Israel raised \$11,200 for the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts.

Four interviews of convention speakers were aired in Massachusetts the week prior to the

convention on WBZ, WRKO, and WTAG radio stations.

There was a pulse, an energy in the air of this convention reflecting the outstanding growth in all aspects of the Libertarian Party over the last year.

Congratulations are in order to Elias Israel who lead the charge and team members David Atkinson, Ron Bargoot, Dan Catchpole, Jeff Chase, Peter Cuff, Carole Cummings, Jaclyn Delorey, Laura El-Azem, Patrick El-Azem, Bill Hees, Carla Howell, Elias Israel, Irwin Jungreis, Lila Kee, Eve Maler, Vera Miles, Lee Nason, Muni Savyon, Jim Sullivan, Ellen Young, Walter Ziobro and all the rest who helped to make this convention a great success. ■



State Chair Carla Howell instructs volunteers at the 1998 state convention

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Delegates and Alternates Chosen to Attend 1998 Libertarian National Convention in Washington

Executive Board to Choose Additional Alternates by Brian Holt Hawthorne

The attendees at the State Caucus chose 30 delegates and 6 alternates to represent the state party at the national convention in Washington in July. Although a complete list was not available at press time, those nominated included all of our 1998 candidates for office (listed below, although some declined the nomination), all of the Libertarians serving in elected or appointed positions in government in Massachusetts, the members of the Executive Board, and a number of activists, volunteers and former board members.

Massachusetts is allowed 30 sitting delegates at the national convention. Alternates may cast votes if delegates are not available at the time of the vote in order to ensure Massachusetts's full representation.

The Executive Board may also appoint additional alternates, who would vote in the event that convention-appointed delegates and alternates in the room do not total 30. If you are attending the Libertarian National Convention and are interested in becoming an alternate, please contact any board member as listed on page 3.

Heard at the Convention

"The convention was a truly great event and, for me, absolutely inspirational: I have decided to become a candidate for Selectman here in Ashland." —Craig Mathias

"This was the best convention yet. The Executive Board truly out did themselves on this one! It was so nice to be in the company of so many Great Americans! As Carla Howell says an 'elected revolution' is coming! These are truly exciting times! Believe it and we will see it." —Rene Nadeau

"I won't forget my first political convention anytime soon. And for those who were unable to attend, you missed out on a great day of fun and liberty. The speakers were fantastic (especially David Brudnoy), the food was good, and the conversation exhilarating." —a new party member

"I was truly amazed at the number of new faces, at how many people said it was not only their first convention, but their first year in the party. You could sense the excitement of being present for the beginning of something dynamic—the birth of a new major party." —Brian Holt Hawthorne

"There couldn't have been a better meeting than our convention to kick off 1998 for LAMA. This could be an important (and big) year for us, and we're off to a good start. Let's keep it up right through and past Election Day. Thanks again to Eli Israel and his support staff for making our '98 convention incredible." —Dan Catchpole

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Meet the Candidates *by Jim Sullivan*

George Phillies

George Phillies was born July 23, 1947 in Buffalo, New York, first son of Eustace G. Phillies, M.D.(deceased) and Clara Phillies. He grew up in Kenmore and Williamsville, New York, graduated as salutatorian at the Williamsville Central High School [now Williamsville North], and went to M.I.T. While at MIT, Phillies earned degrees of Bachelor of Science in physics and in life sciences, Master of Science and (in 1973) Doctor of Science degrees in physics. Phillies then joined the Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology program as a researcher.

In 1975, Phillies moved to California, working as a postdoctoral fellow in the U.C.L.A. Chemistry department and living in Santa Monica. In 1978, Phillies moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was employed as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of Michigan. In 1985, after declining alternatives at nationally-known schools, Phillies moved to the prestigious Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he rose to the rank of Professor of Physics and Associated Biochemistry Faculty. Phillies has attained international recognition for his scientific studies of light scattering, soaps, and polymer solutions.

Phillies' primary service efforts are on the WPI campus, where he teaches, does research, and serves as Faculty Advisor to the Science Fiction Society and the Women's Lacrosse Club. Almost all first-rate universities are run by elected faculty committees, and WPI is no exception. Phillies has repeatedly been elected to the most important WPI committees. Last Fall, at a meeting of the WPI Faculty, WPI Provost Diran Apelian opened his remarks 'George, you are the conscience of the WPI Faculty.'

Phillies, 50, has never married, and rents a townhouse in Worcester, Massachusetts, a block from The WPI Campus. For several years he edited a small-press fiction magazine for the Greater Medford Science Fiction Society. As a non-professional fiction writer, several of his short stories have won awards at national conventions. His completed 'This Shining Sea' is now in search of a publisher. Phillies collects strategy games and is Treasurer of the International Strategy Gaming Society.

In 1971, Phillies joined the United States Army Reserves, eventually rising to the rank of Specialist, 5th Class, in a Boston unit, the 338th Medical Detachment. He received an honorable discharge in 1977.

Previous political activities: Phillies was a Republican until the late 1980s. He left the Republican party because of the national Republican Party's actions on the deficit (it got bigger), government (it got bigger), taxes (they kept going up), and social issues ('I am not a social conservative. When George Bush attached himself to the 'Christian Right', he took the Republican Party his way and I went my way.')

In 1994, the Libertarian Party gained major-party status in Massachusetts. Phillies has since participated actively in

Alfred Pittman "Pit" Warren

This month, it's my pleasure to introduce you to Pit Warren, our candidate for State Senator from the Hampden District. I culled this biographical information from Pit's campaign website, which can be found at <http://www.wmlp.org/warren> Do yourself a favor and visit there yourself. Pit's own words are better than anything I could write about him here.

Born: 07/30/57 Huntsville, Alabama

Graduated: Marengo Academy at Linden, Alabama, 1975. BA from University of Alabama, 1980. Licensed Journeyman and Master Electrician, Certified Driver, Tractor-Trailer Training.

Came to Massachusetts in Nov. 1985, from Michigan. Resident of Chicopee for more than 12 years.

Family: Parents Alfred P. Warren Sr.: retired NASA engineer, and Sara Bedford Warren: housewife/retired farmer. Married Pamela (nee Mize) in 1988 (on election day). Two stepchildren, two (step) grandchildren.

Occupation: Electrician, Clark & Falcetti Electrical Contractors. (9 years) A broad scope of training including archaeological projects in Mississippi and Alabama; a survey in North Dakota; oil rigs in Louisiana; electrical construction projects in six states during the 1980s.

Member: Local 7, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; National Rifle Association; Citizens for Limited Taxation & Government; Citizens for Parental Rights; Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association; and Chicopee Sportsmen's Club.

Previous political experience: none.

"In most respects, I'm an average citizen. I'm middle class, blue collar, and a responsible member of society. I live in a hundred year-old house, drive a 10-year old truck, and try to mind my own business."

Make campaign contributions payable to The Warren Committee. P.O. Box 84, Chicopee, MA 01021-0084 413-594-9391. ■

Libertarian Party organizing efforts in Central and Western Massachusetts. In 1996, he was elected Executive Director of the Massachusetts Libertarian Association, and was the party nominee for United States Senator from Massachusetts.

Phillies' immediate relatives live in the Buffalo area, including his mother Clara, younger brother Gregory Paul Phillies, nephew Paul Gregory Phillies, and grandfather Joseph Wadleck. Phillies' brother is a radiologist. His grandfather, 98, fought in World War I and came to the United States as a mechanical engineer. ■

Mark Tuniewicz runs for National LP Treasurer

Libertarian National Committee Region 6 Representative Mark A. Tuniewicz announced his independent candidacy for National Treasurer of the Libertarian Party. The election of this office takes place at the Libertarian National Convention in July, 1998.

Tuniewicz, twice elected chairman of the legendary Libertarian Party of New Hampshire, first registered Libertarian as a Boston college student in 1979. He has a history of active involvement in the LP, is a former NH Conservation Commissioner, and is considered one of the party's leading proponents of local organizing and campaigns.

Among other directorships, Tuniewicz was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts.

"As we move the party forward in a more professional and effective manner, the budgeting, cash forecasting, and internal control functions all become more crucial. If elected, I pledge to be the most active Treasurer in Party history, working hard to set a new standard of involvement for this important role" said the candidate.

Tuniewicz has made a conscious decision not to affiliate with any slate or candidate for National Chairman, saying "I promise to work well with whomever is elected as National Chair and to the LNC, as I have in past years. But I believe the Treasurer MUST be independent, so that the information passed on throughout the party can be viewed as credible and unbiased."

Region Report Clarification

by Mark Tuniewicz, LNC Region 6 Representative

Region 2 Rep. Gene Cisewski contacted me recently to clarify a point made in my last Region Report. In the report, I made reference to a discussion at the December LNC meeting regarding the misuse of the national membership mailing list (two mailings were sent out without advance payment or approval of content, which is always required).

Gene informs me that the arrangements for use of this list were made directly with the Sabrin campaign in New Jersey, NOT with his firm (The Monticello Group, which created the very successful fundraising program for the Sabrin campaign, as well as for many state party organizations). According to National Director's Ron Crickenberger's report on the matter, the then- campaign manager for Sabrin, Mike Buoncristiano, blamed the situation on confusion resulting from the campaign's explosive growth.

I apologize for any confusion that this may have caused. Gene has always dealt with me personally in an honest and straightforward fashion. I just wanted to set the record straight based on this new information. ■

"With all due respect to the incumbent, Mark is the best possible choice for National Treasurer. When Mark became Regional Rep, he substantially increased the level of his activity beyond the expectations of the membership. It's time to upgrade the Treasurer's position as well. Mark has the credibility, independence, and experience to do it" said LPCT chair Carl Vassar, the party's longest serving state chairman.

"Mark walks the walk! He has proven himself a true leader on the National Committee, and has the credentials to get the job done well" noted Barbara Goushaw, LNC At-Large member, campaign manager for Fred Collins & Jon Con, and 1998 LP national convention speaker.

Tuniewicz named Tim O'Brien, state chairman of the LPM and noted op-ed contributor, as his campaign co-chair. "Mark has shown that the reports of his reputation in New England are not exaggerated. In Michigan he's demonstrated his incredible commitment--in time, energy, and leadership, while always being willing to stuff envelopes, design mailings, and do all the other day-to-day work that makes the Party tick. Mark's a DOER, and we need more like him. It's a pleasure to join his campaign team" said O'Brien.

Tuniewicz, a commercial credit executive, is degreed in Finance and has 14 years experience in budgeting, financial statement analysis, accounting systems, and cash forecasting. He and his wife Karin reside in Rochester Hill, Michigan.

Members interested in more information about the campaign or who wish to be listed as supporters can email nhliberty@aol.com. ■



Talk Show Host David Brudnoy Joins Libertarian Party

C-SPAN Covers Announcement at Massachusetts Libertarian Convention

Talk show legend, professor, movie critic, and commentator David Brudnoy, long a promoter of libertarian ideas, joined the Libertarian Party at the 1998 Massachusetts state convention on February 21st.

Brudnoy was the featured dinner speaker addressing the largest crowd ever to attend a state Libertarian convention in New England history. In his speech, which was taped by the C-SPAN television network, he described his "Libertarian Journey."

Steve Dasbach, National Chairman of the Libertarian Party, and Michael Cloud, organizer for the 1996 Harry Browne for President campaign, invited him to join the party just before the dinner banquet. He came back with a quick "Yes, I've been thinking about joining."

This delightful man is the host of the David Brudnoy Show on WBZ Radio 1030 AM which airs Monday through Friday evenings from 7pm until midnight. WBZ broadcasts over a 50,000-watt signal that can reach as many as 38 of the United States.

He's exceptionally witty, informed, articulate, bold, and insightful - earning the respect of radio listeners nationwide. And he proclaims his Libertarian politics frequently on the air.

"David Brudnoy is an old friend of Libertarians. It's a pleasure to officially welcome to the party," said Dasbach.

Brudnoy's breadth and depth of knowledge is extraordinary covering subjects as diverse as politics, literature, and the arts. He's also a professor at Boston University and a well-



A Proud New Member of the Libertarian Party (photo: Bill Hees)

known Boston movie critic with reviews appearing in the Tab newspaper.

He regularly exposes government misdeeds from the State House to Congress to NATO while praising Harry Browne and other leading advocates of freedom.

A recent guest of the Brudnoy Show said, "his inside and outside are the same person". Indeed, his openness is admirable and he makes himself very accessible to callers. From the moment he hits the airwaves, his warm voice exudes the comfort and ease of an old friend who has stopped by to swap gossip in your kitchen.

His recent book *Life Is Not A Rehearsal* (Doubleday, 1997) is a charming autobiography as brilliant as his commentary. Included in this very frank memoir is a description of his now 9-year-old battle with AIDS. After a brush with death in 1994, his health rebounded remarkably - most fortunately for Libertarians and the many he entertains and endears. ■

Registered Libertarians on the Rise in Massachusetts

George Phillis, Libertarian Party congressional candidate in Massachusetts, is collecting the names of registered Libertarians in Congressional District 3. He reports that comparison of the names he has collected with 1996 records indicates the number of registered Libertarians has continued to increase, nearly doubling from the most recent state count. This would imply that there are presently 11 or 12 thousand registered LP members in the state. ■

Upcoming Events

Wednesday March 11, 1998, 7:30pm

Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association. Dan Catchpole, State Party Organizational Project Director and Harley Smith, an activist for sexual freedom. Come for dinner at 6 or enjoy drinks, appetizers, coffee or dessert anytime between 6 and 7:30. We meet at the Wild Boar, 2341 Boston Road in Wilbraham. All members, activists and interested parties are welcome.

Saturday, March 21st, 5pm

Board Meeting, Libertarian Assoc. of Mass. at the home of Eli Israel and Eve Maler, 105 Lexington Street in Burlington, MA. Come meet the new Executive Board and help us plan for 1998. We can always use fresh ideas, so if you'd like to sit in, we'd love to see you there.

Saturday, March 21st, 7pm

Libertarian Social Night at the home of Eli Israel and Eve Maler, 105 Lexington Street in Burlington, MA. 781-273-3760 Come help us put the Party in Libertarian Party! [*Note: This is one event you won't want to miss. Eli and Eve are famous for their social events, and I'm sure this will be no exception! -ed.*]

Wednesday April 8, 1998, 7:30pm

Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association. Mert Baker, candidate for State Treasurer. Come for dinner at 6 or enjoy drinks, appetizers, coffee or dessert anytime between 6 and 7:30. We meet at the Wild Boar, 2341 Boston Road in Wilbraham. All members, activists and interested parties are welcome.

If you would like to have your event listed in the *Massachusetts Liberty* calendar, please e-mail it by the 15th of the month preceding to ma-liberty@la-ma.org, or send it by USPS to Mass. Liberty Editor, Post Office Box 2610, Boston, MA 02208.

Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association Presents Outstanding Speakers

by Pit Warren

The March meeting of the PVLA will feature Dan Catchpole, State Party Organizational Project Director who will speak on party organization. This will include town committees and regional divisions that are required by state law. Also speaking will be Harley Smith, an activist for sexual freedom. His focus will be the infringement of rights to privacy and personal freedom by the government. The meeting will be held March 11, 1998 at the Wild Boar. The business meeting may be cut short or cancelled to allow more time for the speakers.

The April meeting of the PVLA will have Mert Baker as guest speaker. Mert is a candidate for State Treasurer in the upcoming election. He is a gunsmith and licensed gun dealer from Gilbertville and will speak on his campaign and some of the issues that concern him. Mert is the only Libertarian

candidate for statewide office from Western Mass so far. The meeting will be held April 8, 1998 at the Wild Boar.

All PVLA meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Wild Boar Restaurant banquet room in Wilbraham Mass. It is located at 2341 Boston Road (Rt. 20). Dinner and social time is from 6 p.m. to 7:30. Business meetings start at 7:30 and usually last for an hour. Guest speakers are scheduled to begin at 8:30 unless special conditions require a change.

The Wild Boar offers a variety of choices including full dinner, drinks, snacks, desserts and coffee. There is no requirement to buy anything to attend the meeting or hear the speakers. All activists and interested parties are invited to attend and may arrive at any time during the evening.

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Executive Board Minutes

by Brian Holt Hawthorne

In addition to the election of a new board, the selection of delegates and the endorsement of candidates reported elsewhere in this issue, the annual state caucus of the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts passed two amendments to the association's constitution. The amendment relating to the election of delegates to the National Convention passed with just a slight change in wording from the version originally proposed in the January 1998 *Massachusetts Liberty*. The amendment relating to the calculation of quorum at state caucuses

also passed with a change in wording regarding the requirement for the presence of executive board members.

The newly elected executive board then met briefly after the state convention. Present were Eli Israel, Brian Holt Hawthorne, Carla Howell, Jim Sullivan and Rebecca Stewart. Mark Tuniewicz and Laura El-Azem were not present. The board reappointed Carla Howell to Chair the Executive Board, and Eli Israel as Executive Director. The time and place of the next board meeting were set for 5pm, Saturday, March 21, 1998 at the home of Eli Israel and Eve Maler in Burlington, immediately preceding the Libertarian Social Night scheduled for that evening. ■

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