

# Libertarian Penn

NEWSLETTER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## CONVENTION REPORT

An air of political activity marked "Libertas '74", the annual convention of the state LP on September 28, featuring speeches, entertainment, and discussion.

The business session of the convention began with a welcome by Gary Shoemaker, Convention Coordinator, followed by reports from outgoing officers and a vote by delegates from the two existing chapters (Central Pa. and Delaware Valley) to suspend convention rules so that all Pa. members could participate as delegates. The state constitution was amended as recommended by the Constitution Committee to require that members be required to uphold the statement of principles in speech and action. A recommendation from the committee which would have required prospective state political candidates who do not belong to a recognized regional chapter to submit their campaign platforms to state headquarters, was returned to Committee for rewriting without being voted upon. The Convention endorsed the revised Statement of Principles as adopted at the National Convention last June. Platform changes involved deletion of planks concerning national and international affairs since these are thoroughly covered in the National Platform; addition of a plank opposing limits on campaign spending by political candidates; deletion of the capital punishment plank and consolidation and/or rewording of current planks with no significant change of meaning.

New officers elected at the Convention are: Jan Shoemaker, York, State Chairman; Geraldine Morris, Chester, Eastern Division Vice-Chairman; Fred Hoffstadt, Coraopolis, Western Division Vice-Chairman; JoAnne Chernow, York, Secretary; and Walter Karwicki, York, Treasurer.

Bob Steiner, LP Congressional candidate from New Jersey's 12th District, keynoted the session on "The Necessity of Political Activism." He discussed the inter-relationship of educational and political aspects of libertarianism, stressed political activism as a means of systematically reducing the size of government, and related amusing and interesting incidents from his own campaign for emphasis.

Don Ernsberger of the Society for Individual Liberty made a brief statement about mutual aims of the LP and SIL, and Andrew Melechinsky of Connecticut, founder of the George Mason Movement discussed the value of learning to use the U.S. Constitution as a means of restoring individual rights.

Free Libertarian Party of New York members Jean Preece and John Doswell presented a mini-version of the multi-media show which was the hit of the National Convention in Dallas, followed by commentary from Andrea Millen, FLP Chairwoman and National LP Vice-Chairwoman, on the status of the LP nationwide, with special emphasis on Jerome Tuccille's gubernatorial campaign in New York.

After the business session, regional caucuses met with Andrea Millen, Bob Steiner and Gary Shoemaker to discuss organizational strategy.

Roger MacBride, the maverick elector from Virginia who voted for the LP ticket in '72, was the speaker for the dinner held that evening. His speech, interspersed with anecdotes and interesting historical highlights, dealt with "The Second Libertarian Revolution." He traced the history of the LP, touched on American libertarianism prior to 1972, and appropriately drew an optimistic conclusion for the future of the Libertarian Party.

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### CONVENTION BONUS

Publicity generated by "Libertas '74" netted the LPP a feature story (½ page, with picture) in a Harrisburg daily. Headquarters has already received some response from interested readers.

### CLASSIFIED

Aim your advertising at a Libertarian audience. Libertarian Penn will print classified-type ads for \$1.00 each, 35 words or less, 1 time. We reserve the right to refuse advertising considered inappropriate by our standards.

### PLEASE BEAR WITH US

The address for the new State Headquarters is 2141 Elim St., York, Pa. 17404, but believing that ecology begins at headquarters (instead of by government edict) we will be using old mastheads for the first few issues. Ditto the "Libertas" envelopes. Correspondence regarding the newsletter can be sent to 12G Lark Circle, York, Pa. 17404.

### SIL FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCES

The Society for Individual Liberty is sponsoring a series of conferences on November 16 to celebrate its Fifth Anniversary. The East Coast Conference will be held at Rutgers University Campus, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and will feature Dr. Tibor Machan, Dr. Eric Mack, Dr. A. Weintraub, and Dr. Louis Folino. For more information write to SIL Fifth Anniversary Conferences, P.O.Box 1147, Warminster, Pa. 18974.

### FUNFUNFUNFUNFUN

Interested in spending a week/weekend with like-minded individuals? The Central Pennsylvania Region would like your reaction to:

1. a "fun" weekend at a mid-state ski lodge for members and guests;
2. an early spring or late summer week of camping in the woods/mountains;
3. a holiday party to renew friendships formed at "Libertas" and meet new members.

Send comments and suggestions now to: Libertarian Party of Pa., Central Pa. Chapter, 2141 Elim Street, York, Pa. 17404.

### ONWARD AND UPWARD

Members are reminded that the State constitution calls for strong regional organizations in order for the executive committee to be representative of the members. The executive committee, with a representative from each of the regions, has the responsibility of coordinating political efforts, maintaining communications between regions, and making decisions involving state funds and policies. State Headquarters is looking forward to an all-out state-wide Presidential campaign in '76 and hopefully one campaign at the state level. To be effective, we will need supporters in all areas of the state, and the best way for those supporters to organize is through regional organizations. The time to get these regional organizations functioning is now, so that we can concentrate on the major work in '76--taking the message to the people.