



# METRO EAST LIBERTARIANS NEWSLETTER

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*“Lighting the Fires of Liberty One Heart at a Time”*

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## **JULY NEWS ...**

● The July 10th Downstate Libertarian Social held at the Greenville Municipal Airport in Greenville, IL was a great success. State Chair Val Vetter and LP Chicago Treasurer Debra Aaron joined the three downstate affiliates: Metro East Libertarians, Okaw Valley Libertarians and Southern Illinois Libertarians for an afternoon meeting which included over 25 Libertarians and/or libertarian-leaning folks. The South Central and Southern Illinois communities represented were Litchfield, Greenville, Trenton, Mascoutah, Vandalia, Ramsey, Carterville and Carbondale, along with a guest from St. Louis, MO. Petitions were signed by those interested regarding Eminent Domain and Conscriptation. (The petitions will be also be available at the July MEL meeting.) A special thanks to MEL member Barbara Bretz, OVL Treasurer Hazel Jones and OVL Chair Jeff Jones for refreshments.

● The Libertarian Party of Illinois Convention Committee has announced the following workshops will be available at the November 11-13 Convention: 1) How to Run an Effective Chapter, 2) How to Run a Campaign - part one, 3) How to Run a Campaign - part two, 4) Parliamentary Procedure - facilitated by Val Vetter, 5) The Small Business Initiative (SBI) facilitated by Indiana LP Executive Director Brad Klopfenstein and 6) Forging Coalitions - facilitated by Debbie Hopper, Founder of Mothers Against the Draft, and Missouri LP State Chair Darla Malony. Convention attendees will be able to participate in three of the six workshops as they will be run in pairs concurrently.

● The regular monthly meeting of the Metro East Libertarians will be held on July 20, 2005 in the Garden Room at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville. In addition to other topics, this month's meeting will include a vote on a bylaw change regarding Article V Section 2. Annual Meetings.

*Change from: The regular meeting in July shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.*

*To: The regular meeting in October shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise. This annual meeting is also known as the beginning of the calendar year and that newly elected officers take office at the following meeting in November.*

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**Don't miss the upcoming MEL meeting ~ Wednesday, June 20, 2005 at 7:30 pm**  
held in the Garden Room at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville.

For more information on MEL visit: [www.mel-lp.org](http://www.mel-lp.org)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LPI-MEL/> ● <http://libertarian.meetup.com/217/>

**!! Bring a friend !!**