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## **Libertarian Party of Illinois Convention a Tribute to 50 Years of Atlas Shrugged**

Media Advisory

CHICAGO/EWORLDWIRE/Oct. 2, 2007 --- One of the most influential books of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century is Atlas Shrugged, a 1200-page novel published in 1957. The book continues to inspire fans to join the Libertarian Party, which shares with author Ayn Rand esteem for individual liberty, personal responsibility, and limited government.

This year's Libertarian Party of Illinois Convention will begin on the 50th anniversary of the Atlas Shrugged publication date, October 12, 2007. The weekend Convention begins that Friday evening at Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort in Rockford, Illinois with a carnival social based on the U.S. Bill of Rights.

Saturday's program has workshops organized into multiple tracks for Party enthusiasts, including a Toastmasters presentation on public speaking, guidance on effective petition gathering, and a session on building coalitions with other community organizations.

Attendees will evaluate contenders for the Libertarian Party nomination for U.S. President in a Candidate Forum and a Debate on Saturday afternoon. (The Party's presidential candidate will be selected at the National Libertarian Party Convention on Memorial Day weekend, 2008, in Denver.)

Keynote speakers on Saturday, October 13, are Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger, President of The Future of Freedom Foundation, and Michael Cloud, co-founder of the Center for Small Government and author of Secrets of Libertarian Persuasion.

On Sunday, October 14, the Convention continues with the Libertarian Party of Illinois annual business meeting, where the agenda includes selection of a U.S. Senate Candidate and Presidential Electors for 2008.

"Our Convention theme is 'Redefining Patriotism,' " says Convention Chair Debra Aaron. "True patriots agree with Ayn Rand and the founders of this nation that our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness should be both celebrated and safeguarded."

Additional information about the Libertarian Party of Illinois 2007 Convention can be found on the Party's Web site, [www.LPillinois.org](http://www.LPillinois.org), or by calling (800) 735-1776.