



# Liberty

## For all

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## Great LPI Convention Planned

### Friday Night Fun

Mardi Gras! That's the theme for Friday night at the Libertarian Party of Illinois (LPI) convention. This is the time to bring your on-the-fence friends, relatives, neighbors, colleagues and acquaintances who have expressed some interest in the Libertarian philosophy but haven't yet joined the Party. This is a "free" night.

And partying is what we will be doing Friday night with the Salty Dogs Dixieland Band of Wrigley field fame, (headed by banjo player, DuPage Libertarian, Jack Kuncel) providing musical entertainment. A Cajun and Creole culinary cuisine will be provided along with a cash bar.

Nationally renowned Libertarian comedian, Tim Slagle, will present his inimitable style of wit and satire directed toward the State and political correctness. If you've never seen Tim Slagle perform, you're in for a real treat.

Meanwhile, LPI style "Homeland Security" will be keeping "order" at the Mardi Gras party. There will be a fundraising jail on premises, so make sure your papers are in order!

Over fifteen vendors selling their libertarian-style wares will be present including Laissez Faire Books.

There will be some "street" acts and some surprises as well. So bring your beads and masks. (If you don't have them, we will provide them at the door.) And be prepared to have some fun.

### Top-Notch Speakers Lined up for LPI Convention

This is going to be the best convention ever. Topping our stellar line-up of speakers is Larry Elder, our Saturday night banquet speaker. He is the host of the television show, "Moral Court," and has a very popular daily radio talk show in the Los Angeles area. Mr. Elder is the type of guy who can (and has) "hold court" with a group of fascinated listeners for hours. The "Sage of South Central" also writes a nationally syndicated column and has a best selling book, *The Ten Things you Can't Say in America*.

JJ Johnson is our Saturday lunch speaker. JJ publishes an excellent on-line magazine, *Sierra Times* ([www.sierratimes.com](http://www.sierratimes.com)). Mr. Johnson delighted LPI audiences about 4 years ago at the state convention. He was then a member of the Ohio militia and had recently testified in front of Congress on militias. He basically had the Senators for dinner as he answered their skewed questions on the "danger" of militias. At one point, JJ, who happens to be black, declared to the Senate panel, "I'm getting a little bit sick and tired of being called a rascist against black folks."

Our Sunday brunch features Waco survivor, David Thibodeau, author of *A Place Called Waco*. Mr. Thibodeau offers a refreshing, insightful, and revealing perspective on what happened with the Branch Davidians and their battle against the Federal government. Don't miss this honest account of the Waco tragedy.

### Great Music Featured

Back by popular demand, the Bobby Slim James Quartet will provide their mix of blues, boogie and other great dance tunes on Saturday night following the awards banquet. They have already performed for the LPI convention three years ago, as well as for the gun rally hosted by the Chicago Libertarians four years ago. They are a great band. Bring your dancing shoes!

In what has become an LPI tradition, Libertarian Alan Perlman will provide his excellent jazz piano entertainment for the Saturday evening cocktail hour with DuPage Libertarian Elizabeth Quaintance supplying her supple, smooth vocals.

The Salty Dogs Dixieland Band with DuPage Libertarian Jack Kuncel on the banjo provides the musical entertainment for our Mardi Gras theme on Friday night. If you've been to a Cub game in the past few years, you've heard the Salty Dogs provide the musical entertainment at Wrigley Field.

### Want to fight for freedom at your school?

If you are a highschool or college student or perhaps a teacher or professor, and would like to start a libertarian organization at your school please contact: Matt Loneragan, Director of Student director-schools@il.lp.org or (773) 404-4637

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## LPI Affiliate—News

### DuPage Libertarians Take on DuPage County Corruption

The Libertarian Club of DuPage is meeting head-on the corruption in the DuPage County Court system. The "DuPage 16" continue their battle in Circuit Court after the DuPage County Election Commission ruled them off the ballot in the March primary for township committeemen. Even though the attorney for the County Election Board was given proof of service via certified mail, they have contended that they never got the appeal from the DuPage 16, delaying the hearing to put the 16 back on the March primary ballot. This is obviously a delaying tactic to stall the Libertarians until the case becomes moot.

In an even more apparent display of corruption in DuPage County, a case surrounding an apparent assassination attempt of Rolando Cruz is coming to the forefront in a post conviction hearing of Arthur Soteras who was convicted by "jailhouse testimony." DuPage Libertarian and head of "ARM" (American Rights Movement, based in DuPage) Tim Wingate is exposing this apparent travesty of justice to the public.

Here is what is happening. Soteras has contacted Carlos Rodriguez, a former DuPage County Deputy Sheriff who was fired after exposing a jailhouse plot by DuPage County officials to assassinate Rolando Cruz, before Cruz's exoneration in 1985. Soteras has asked Rodriguez to help him in his post conviction hearing. Rodriguez contacted private investigator Adelstein and asked him to obtain any information that would impact the Soteras post conviction hearing. Adelstein took the case on a pro-bono basis.

After uncovering new explosive information both Adelstein and Rodriguez went to Soteras' attorney Steven Shobat (a former U.S. Attorney) to brief him on their findings. It was during this meeting that Mr. Shobat was informed about how the DuPage County State's Attorney and Sheriff's Offices criminally attempted to use Latin Kings gang member Antonio Ascencio against Soteras in his murder trial. Shobat was shown evidentiary information that Ascencio was brought to DuPage County from Menard Correctional for two reasons. (1) To testify falsely against Soteras and (2) either to perform or set up an assassination of Rolando Cruz who was on trial for the third time for the Janine Nicarico murder committed in 1983.

Mr. Shobat did not want to reveal his knowledge of this crime, stating that he did not feel that it would be in his client's best interest to expose the information in fear of negative ruling against Soteras. Ultimately, he claimed, it was his decision

about would be done to defend his client. In the interest of justice a Petition to Intervene has been filed.

Deputy Sheriff Carlos Rodriguez along with the help of Private Detective Michael Adelstein, have filed a Petition to Intervene in People v. Arthur Soteras, 94 CF 1888. This petition was filed and served by Adelstein on 1/23/2002 and argued by Carlos Rodriguez pro se, in DuPage County in front of Judge Robert Anderson on 1/29/2002.

The Petition to Intervene in the Soteras case is based on Ill 735 - 5/2-408. Intervention, which allows third parties to intervene in cases where the petitioner is so suited to be adversely affected by the outcome or has a direct effect on that person's claims.

The petition was accompanied with:

- a Verified Petition for Substitution of Judge Anderson for cause.

- a Motion to Recuse Robert K. Kilander Chief Judge of DuPage County in the matter of petitioner's application for assignment of a judge to hear and adjudicate a Petition for Substitution of Judge. The Motion to Recuse is due to Kilander's involvement in the Rolando Cruz case as a former DuPage County Deputy State's Attorney under then DuPage County State's Attorney **Jim Ryan**, now the Illinois Attorney General who is running for governor. - a Notice to Disqualify attorney Shobat accompanied with an Affirmation and Affidavit for Probable Cause of Misprision of Felony by Shobat was filed.

On Wednesday, January 30, 2002, Carlos Rodriguez and a Deputy DuPage County State's Attorney appeared in front of Judge Robert Anderson. The Deputy County State's Attorney stated that he had talked to defense attorney Shobat. He claimed that defense attorney Shobat would like the State to waive his appearance, on his behalf. The Deputy County State's Attorney also stated that the State, and the State's Attorney's office speaking for defense attorney Shobat, would like to have the petition withdrawn.

Judge Anderson ordered that due to the nature and content of the Petition to Intervene, attorney Shobat and the State needed to file in writing their reasons and be ready to argue why the petition should be denied. Judge Anderson also ordered that both Arthur Soteras and defense attorney Shobat appear on the next court date. Further, Judge Anderson will allow former Deputy Sheriff Carlos Rodriguez to argue for the Petition to Intervene pro se.

The next court date and time for this matter is at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2002. The hearing will have been held in Room 4012 at the DuPage County Courthouse, 505 County Farm Rd. Wheaton, Illinois.

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## LPI Affiliate—News (cont'd)



### Greater Peoria Area Libertarians Fights Eminent Domain

January 26th, in Pekin, IL the Greater Peoria Area Libertarians hosted a public meeting to discuss the referendum asking the city to stop the use of eminent domain in the proposed taking of the water company. This is the exact wording of the referendum.

“Given the proposed sale of our local water company to a large, foreign corporation, should the city council take the necessary steps, including eminent domain, to obtain the water company, in order to preserve American ownership and obtain local control?”

The meeting was well attended by our members, residents, and the press. making all three local TV news and both the local newspapers.

February 2, and 3 the Peoria Libertarians had an outreach booth at the Midwest Gun Collectors Show in Peoria. We held a nickel vote on the question if utilities should be run by the government, private companies, or don't care. Private companies won with a landslide. This has turned out to be a fun event for us every three months, and we will be petitioning at the next show in May.



### Fox Valley Libertarian Party (FVLP) Hosts Mandatory Pledge Fighter

High School student, Tony Gonzalez, spoke at the January Fox Valley Libertarian Party meeting discussing his organized opposition to the proposed mandatory Pledge of Allegiance the Illinois State legislature is trying to impose on Illinois high schools. His group, “Patriots by Choice” is expanding in a few area schools. He has received a great deal of favorable press in his valiant fight against the likes of Pate Phillip and Ed Petka. Gonzalez points out that forced patriotism is not true patriotism. He is a past student of FVLP's Jack Van Noord who teaches at a junior high school in Lake Zurich.

Bruce Green, long time Libertarian from South Elgin has announced his candidacy for US Senate. Bruce has run two previous times in the early 1980s for US Senate for the Libertarian Party of Illinois. Bruce Green is a retired airline pilot (since 1997) for United Airlines. Mr. Green began flying for United back in 1964, after his stint with the US Air Force in the Strategic Air Command from 1959 to 1964. Bruce and his wife, Lorraine, live on a house that he built on the Fox River.

Jim Young has announced his candidacy for state representative in the Crystal Lake area. Jim continues his battle from the past election when the Board of Elections fraudulently dumped his state representative candidacy from the ballot. His case is going to the Federal courts.

FVLP member David Hughes continues to do a great job manning the Illinois gun shows, recently working the Operation Politically Homeless booth at the Kane County gun show.

### Libertarian Party of Chicago (LPC) Pushes for Libertarians Elected to Local School Councils

Matt Beauchamp has stepped down from the Chair to do more local activism.

Frank Gonzalez is the new Chairperson of the Chicago affiliate. The Libertarian Party of Chicago is pushing its members to run for Local School Council positions. The election is in May. The LPC wishes to add to existing Local School Council representatives Bill Passmore and Andrew Vecci. The LPC meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Venice Restaurant, 250 S. Wacker, in Chicago at 6:00 PM.

### Rockford Area Libertarians to oppose School Referendum

The Rockford area Libertarians are planning to oppose the local School District 205 referendum.

Details to follow in subsequent issues.

### Will County Libertarians Running for Office

Four members have already decided to run for office. They are Austin Hough for State Senate, 43rd district; Woody Windischman, State Senate, 42nd district; Eric Ferguson, 85th state representative district; and Joe Specht, US Congress, 13th district.

## Government Funding

by *Steven Burgauer*, candidate for US Senate

Government—even limited government—is expensive. How should we pay for it? Government, after all, is not a charity. Every country, democratic or otherwise, has but four means for paying for its government. Tax. Borrow. Print currency. Confiscate. And every country, including our own, engages in each to a greater or lesser degree.

Confiscation. Whether it's taking land from the American Indian or drafting men into the military against their will, confiscation in all its various forms—while efficient for the government in power—is reprehensible to any freedom-loving man. The use of force, whether backed up by the threat of imprisonment, or monetary fine, or loss of life, all produce the same result—violations of our natural rights. This is contrary to a libertarian policy and should be avoided at all costs.

Print currency. Governments of every stripe have sought to extract resources from their constituencies by sleight-of-hand methods that they hoped their people wouldn't notice. Printing currency is the ultimate form of confiscation, and it shows up in the economy in the form of an increased price level and a destruction of the incentive to work. Too much money chasing too few goods. Inflation. The essence of a free market system is that the present makes a contract with the future, and both depend on stable prices. Without it, future plans are shelved, savings are delayed, and current consumption soars. Production falters. Living standards drop. The middle class is wiped out, and perhaps the government is overthrown. Nazi Germany. Communist China. Rome, just before the Fall. Besides out-and-out totalitarianism, the biggest enemy to liberty is a mismanaged money supply.

Borrowing. It is possible and indeed quite healthy for a government to borrow to pay some of its bills. A balanced budget amendment is silly, and in any case, unenforceable. The question isn't whether a growing enterprise—be it a nation or a corporation or a household—should borrow money, the question is for what, and how much. To borrow money to pay ordinary, current expenses is suicide. But to borrow money to complete a long-term project, like a road, or in an emergency, like a war, makes good common sense. We get thirty years use out of an aircraft carrier; we can safely borrow money for that. But we certainly can't borrow money to pay its crew. For that we need a steady stream of income; for that we need to collect taxes.

Taxation. Over the last half-century, the Republicrats have figured out every imaginable way to tax our modern economy, some progressive, some regressive, some flat-rate. There are income taxes, sales taxes, wealth taxes, profit taxes of every stripe, tariffs, luxury taxes, sin taxes, death taxes, etc. Nearly every tax is designed to influence behavior, discouraging cigarette consumption for instance, or the purchase of high-priced boats. And even those taxes that aren't designed to influence behavior end up doing so anyway. Clearly, taxes have to be cut, but which ones, and which ones first?

There will be less of whatever you tax. If you tax wealth, there will be less savings. If you tax income, there will be less work. What we need more of is capital. For with it, the pie grows. And as the pie grows, so does everything else. It only makes good sense that all taxes on capital must go first. Eliminate those first, then go after income taxes, reducing them to a level not seen in nearly 100 years.

### The Great Debate:

**Richard Ebeling**

vs.

**Vin Suprynowicz**



**The War on  
Terror**



## Tobin Announces his Campaign for Governor

Jim Tobin, president of National Taxpayers United of Illinois, and Libertarian candidate for governor in the last election, has announced his candidacy for the Libertarian nomination for Governor of Illinois. His candidacy will center on eliminating the state income tax. This tax pays for 18% of the state budget. Tobin will push for cutting the pork and fat from the budget, pointing out that the state will still be bloated with our tax dollars.

Mr. Tobin has fought high taxation in this state for twenty five years. His efforts have helped save Illinois taxpayers millions of dollars in fighting school referenda, home rule, and supporting tax-cutting candidates.

## Steven Burgauer Announces for US Senate



**Steve Burgauer addresses some folks at the Midwest Conservative Conference in Oak Brook, IL**

Steven Burgauer, a former stockbroker and mutual fund manager, now an economics professor, has announced his candidacy for the Libertarian nomination for United States Senate. A Peoria native, Mr. Burgauer is also an author of an investment guide and several science fiction novels.

Burgauer's platform includes lowering federal spending, reducing federal employment, and advocating greater power for the states vis-a-vis the federal government. He calls for a flatter income tax with a rate no higher than 25%, education vouchers, and a national missile defense system. Burgauer also calls for gradual elimination of the social security tax, elimination of the capital gains and death tax, improving of Fourth and Fifth Amendment issues, and passing a financial privacy act.

## Notice on LPI E-mail Discussion Lists

If you have e-mail and are on the LPI database, you're already subscribed to LPI\_Announce. This list is for official LPI announcements and news. We'd like to take this opportunity to notify you about some additional e-mail lists of which you may be interested in subscribing.

**LPI\_News** — This list will include other Libertarian news related to Illinois and letters-to-the-editor in efforts to keep LPI-Announce traffic minimal.

**LPI\_Discuss** — This list is for open discussion of LPI and liberty-related issues.

**LPI-DuPage** — This list is for DuPage County related libertarian news. Note that if the LPI has your postal address and it is in DuPage County, you've already been automatically subscribed to this list.

**LPI-Chicago** — This list is for Chicago related libertarian news. Note that if the LPI has your postal address and it is in the city of Chicago, you've already been automatically subscribed to this list.

**Ipschoolboard** — The Libertarian Party School Board Candidates group is designed to allow Libertarian Party members who have run for school board, are currently running for school board, or plan to run for school board to share ideas, campaign strategies, and their experiences in their campaigns.

We encourage everyone to join one or more of these additional lists as they will contain news and discussions not found on LPI\_Announce. If you wish to do so, simply travel to the [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com) website. If you are already a registered Yahoo user, click the "Sign In" link. Enter the email list name in the "Join a Group" data entry box and click on the "Search" button. If you're not already a registered Yahoo user, click the "Click Here to Register" link. Once you've completed your registration process, you can then "Sign In" as a registered user and proceed from there.

And, if you have any questions or problems with your list membership, email us at [database@il.lp.org](mailto:database@il.lp.org) or [secretary@il.lp.org](mailto:secretary@il.lp.org).

The Libertarian Party of Illinois

# Convention Speakers (cont'd)

There is probably nothing more that Libertarians like to do than debate and we've got a great one coming up on Saturday afternoon of the convention. Is the US waging a proper war with its war on terror? Should we be intervening in the Middle East? Was the attack on 9-11 an act of war on the US, and should the response be severe? What about security versus freedom issues? These questions and more will be answered as national renowned Libertarian syndicated columnist, and author of the very popular *Send in the Waco Killers*, Vin Suprynowicz, will face off against Hillsdale economics department head, and Fu-



**TIM SLAGLE**

**Libertarian Comedian—Friday night**

ture of Freedom Foundation vice president, Richard Ebeling, on a debate on the war on terror.

Joseph Bast, president of The Heartland Institute, will discuss privatizing education. What is the best way? Should vouchers be used? On a topic Joe has studied and thought a lot about for years, he will present the pros and cons and offer what he believes is the best way to get the State out of the education business.



**JJ Johnson—Saturday lunch speaker**

The Heartland Institute Science Director, Jay Lehr, will speak on "Freedom vs. the Environment: A False Choice." A very entertaining and motivational speaker, Dr. Lehr, presents the Libertarian solution to what liberals and conservatives both believe is an "either-or" proposition. Mr. Lehr will demonstrate how we can have a clean environment, while fostering economic growth, based on a value-based mode of freedom.



**Joe Bast: Vouchers, "yes" or "no"?**

## LPI State Convention Saturday Morning Campaign Seminars

**March 23**

### Petitioning Workshop with Scott Kohlhaas

Scott, our Executive Director, is a petitioning pro. He will provide a lot of helpful hints to make our petitioning effort as efficient and fun as possible.

### Campaign Workshop with Robert Redfern

Bob is a longtime campaign pro. He is president of the "Illinois Forum", an influential political organization in downstate Illinois.

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[www.iljp.org](http://www.iljp.org) for streamline  
 video coverage of Libertarian  
 Activism in action

## Proposed By-Law Amendments

*These by-law amendments will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 24*

submitted by Jeff Trigg

### **BYLAW IV. STATE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Section 1. There shall be a State Organizing Committee consisting of elected Party officers and elected representatives of affiliated clubs to oversee the Party's affairs.

*Eliminate the word elected before representatives to leave the representation of the affiliate up to the affiliate.*

To Read:

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(b)(2) Regional coordinators will be elected only by party members from their respective regions who attend the State Convention business session. Nominations may be made in a caucus of region members qualified to vote at the State Convention in a meeting preceding the business session.

*Remove the above sub-section of the by-laws. This proposal is meant to eliminate the positions of Regional coordinators as they are not being utilized and this experiment did not work. This also helps us avoid re-assigning regions because of re-districting. The idea is to leave it up to the SOC to use our human resources as they are available.*

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*If the above removal does not pass, amend the By-Laws to allow for appointing the regional coordinators.*

To Read:

*(b)(2) Regional coordinators will be appointed by a majority vote of the State Organizing Committee.*

### **BYLAW IV. STATE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Section 4. Duties

(D) Regional Coordinators duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Develop local campaign organizations, Campaign organizations will be led by a Ward committee person in the City of Chicago, Township Captains in the six county Suburban Chicago area, and County Chairpersons in the rest of Illinois.

(2) Recruit candidates for local offices, and state legislative races.

(3) Aid candidates for office in developing campaign organizations, campaign literature, fund-raising, and other assistance as needed.

(4) Coordinate Party volunteer activity for the various campaigns within the region.

(5) Report local activities and membership concerns to the State Organizing Committee.

(E) Regions shall comprise the following districts: and all to follow

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If the above removal does not pass, amend the By-Laws to allow the SOC to set the region borders as the human resources allow.

To read:

*(e)ab (Region borders shall be determined by a majority vote of the SOC. There shall be no fewer than 3 regions.*

### **BYLAW VI. LOCAL CLUBS**

Section 3. Any changes in or additions to a local clubs bylaws, officers, or State Organizing Committee Representative shall be communicated to the Recording Secretary.

*Eliminate "Recording" to conform to the elimination of that position.*

To read:

*Section 3. Any changes in or additions to a local clubs bylaws, officers, or State Organizing Committee Representative shall be communicated to the Secretary.*

**BYLAW XII AMENDMENT**

Section 1. Except as provided in Section 1 (a) and (b) and Section 2 of this Bylaw, these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of a State Convention. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary no fewer than forty five (45) days before the State Convention business session, and the proposed amendments shall be published and mailed to the Party membership no fewer than thirty (30) days before the business session.

*Eliminate "Recording" to conform to the elimination of that position.*

*To read:*

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(B ) During debate of a proposed amendment the individual having originally submitted the proposed amendment to the Recording Secretary may offer an amendment to their own proposed amendment that has the effect of correcting conflicts with existing bylaws, or changing the content of their own proposed amendment.

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*To read:*

*(B) During debate of a proposed amendment the individual having originally submitted the proposed amendment to the Secretary may offer an amendment to their own proposed amendment that has the effect of correcting conflicts with existing bylaws, or changing the content of their own proposed amendment.*

The following amendment submitted by Lyn Tinsley

In the bylaw section that describes the duties of the Secretary, add:

*The Secretary shall send to all SOC local representatives the minutes of each meeting, and the place, time, and date, and the agenda for the next meeting. This information must be sent in time for the representative to receive it at least two weeks prior to the next meeting.*

The following amendment submitted by Julie Fox

Proposed Change: Replace the term "club" wherever it exists in the LPI by-laws with the term "chapter".

Reason for by-law change: In order to appear as a professional political organization, we should use the word "chapter" in our by-laws to describe our state affiliated organizations, rather than the word "club". "Club" can have the connotation of a purely social group. The term "chapter" sounds more professional and is in keeping with the LPI's goal of electing Libertarians to office. The more professional we sound, the more seriously the public will consider our candidates. A local LPI affiliate is not required to refer to their organization in any particular way. This term should only extend to the description of these groups in the LPI by-laws.

My Fellow Libertarians,

With Ken Prazak taking over the LPI newsletter full-time, LPI is in need of a new **Activism Director**.

This is an unpaid position whose responsibilities include keeping LPI and Libertarian causes in the forefront of the public and the media.

If you are interested, please submit a resumé and your ideas/thoughts/plan for libertarian activism in Illinois to me, Austin Hough at [Chair@il.lp.org](mailto:Chair@il.lp.org)

**Organizational skills are a MUST!**

Thank you,

Austin Hough  
State Chair  
Libertarian Party of Illinois

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## Libertarian Party of Illinois 2002 Convention Information

**Dates:** Friday, March 22 though Sunday, March 24, 2002

**Place:** Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows 3405 Algonquin Rd  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 847-259-5000

**Room Rates:** Discounted rate of \$91/night available to convention attendees. Make sure you mention the LPI Convention when you reserve your room! Lower priced hotel accommodations are also available nearby.

**Pricing:**

**Gold Package** – all speakers, events, and meals: \$125 before 3/1/02; \$135 if register 3/1 or later

**Silver Package** – Saturday Banquet and one other meal plus all non-meal events/speakers: \$105 before 3/1/02; \$115 if register 3/1 or later

**Bronze Package** – Saturday Banquet plus all non-meal events/speakers: \$90 before 3/1/02; \$100 if register 3/1 or later

**Saturday Banquet only** - \$75 before 3/1; \$85 if register 3/1 or later

**Basic** – all non-meal events/speakers - \$65 before 3/1; \$75 if register 3/1 or later

**Student Helper Rate:** \$10 to student volunteers – help on phone banks prior to convention and/or at registration table during convention.

If interested please contact Julie Fox.

**Incentives:**

The convention committee is currently working on ways to make it easier for those traveling long distances to attend the convention. These may include lower cost or free accommodations, and transportation assistance.

**Meal Choices:**

**Saturday lunch:**

- Philly Cheesesteak
- Caesar Salad (vege)
- Deluxe Grill (Chicken breast with herbs, spices, mayo, tomato)

**Saturday Banquet:**

- Roast Prime Rib
- Broiled Salmon w/ wine sauce
- Chicken Teriyaki
- Pasta Primavera (vege)

**Sunday breakfast/brunch:**

\_\_\_\_\_ American breakfast buffet with fruit, scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage links, French toast, and pastries.

(Served at 11:30 am.)

If choosing a Silver package, please indicate your choice of meal in addition to Saturday night's banquet. For any packages that include meals, please indicate your meal choice(s).

**Payment Information:**

**Three options:**

**1. Pay by check or money order through the mail** – send completed registration form to LPI, 316<sup>1/2</sup> N. River St., Suite B, East Dundee, IL 60118. The above can serve as a registration form as long as you add names of those registering, along with at least a phone number (preferably address as well). Indicate meal choices above. Or, you can register using the convention brochure mailer, which you have received in the mail. Make checks payable to the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

**2. Pay by credit card over the phone** – contact Julie Fox at 847-836-0531.

**3. New Option! – Pay by credit card on the LPI website**

(<http://www.il.lp.org>) - available just in time to register for the convention! Similar to any sort of payment made over the Internet. A separate page for entering registration information is available. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your registration, and the registration information will be forwarded to Julie Fox.

**Last Day to Register for meal events:** Monday, March 18.

For more information please contact Julie Fox at 847-836-0531 or at [special-events@il.lp.org](mailto:special-events@il.lp.org).

Those people working on this year's convention, to date, are Peter Meister, Ken Prazak, Mike Ginsberg, Kathy and David Kelley, and Austin Hough. We all hope you can come, and bring a friend too! We want to make this year's convention the best we've had yet!

See you at the convention,

Julie Fox

LPI 2002 Convention Chair

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# Club **Calendar** of Events

**Champaign County Libertarians** - Second Sunday of each month. 3:00 pm at Woody's Gearhead City, 505 N.Neil St. Champaign, IL. Contact Dave Wood lpi-champco@hushmail.com , (217) 351-1192.

**Chicago Libertarians** - Second Tuesday of the month, at Venice Café, 250 South Wacker, Chicago. Contact Frank Gonzalez VoteLibertarian@aol.com or by phone at (312) 382-0300

**Libertarian Club of DuPage County** - First Monday of each month. Dinner at 6:30 or meeting at 7:15. Z's Restaurant 339 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, IL. Contact: John Teschky teschky@attbi.com (630) 627-5944

**Fox Valley Libertarian Party** - Last Wednesday of the month 7:00 PM Gasthaus Linde Restaurant, 15 N. Grove, Elgin, IL Contact: Ken Prazak (847) 426-1974, Ken@freedomrings.net

**Greater Peoria Area Libertarians** - Second Saturday of the month at the Hardees in East Peoria. Contact Jeff Trigg secretary@il.lp.org or by phone at (309) 693-3402.

**Northwest Libertarians** — Second Tuesday of every month in Des Plaines. Contact Lyn Tinsley (847) 297-8219.

**Rockford Area Libertarians** - First Thursday of each month. Contact Kathy Kelley (815) 874-6345.

**Southern Illinois Libertarians** - Second Sunday at 2:00 pm in the Carbondale Civic Center. Contact Tom Menner, tmenn@go.com or by phone at (618) 282-2437

**University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign College Libertarians** - Every other Monday during the semester at 196 Lincoln Hall. Contact by email: cbtaylor@uiuc.edu

**Will County Libertarians** - First Wednesday of the month at Adam's Pub in Lockport, IL. Contact: Eric Ferguson audiopro@ewc.net or by phone at (815) 838-0772.

The **State Organizing Committee** meets the third Sunday of the month — call (800) 735-1776 for time and location.

**March 22-24: Libertarian Party of Illinois State Convention**, 3405 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, 847-259-5000  
**Annual Meeting:** Sunday, March 24