



## Planning for 2007

**Val Vetter, State Chair**

What will the LP-Illinois accomplish in 2007?

That's an excellent question – and it prompts another: “What will YOU do to help the LPI accomplish its goals in 2007?” The two questions are inseparable.

Accomplishment takes effort. Major accomplishment takes major effort.

The LPI Executive Committee has invested a weekend meeting in Springfield to formulate an ambitious two-year plan for the LPI. Membership, Activism, Campaigns, Fundraising, Finances and Legislative action were all on the table for discussion. Some of the major goals identified were significant membership growth, getting 2008 candidates on the ballot, and a dramatic increase in fundraising. The officers of the LPI feel that these are ambitious – but attainable and worthwhile goals.

Having a plan is great - but plans alone will not make our party grow and elect Libertarians to office.

Only work will do that. (Yes, I know that dirty four-letter word: w-o-r-k.)

Your officers intend to work to make this plan a reality. I've seen them work and worked with them. I know they will do the work required. Even so – there is MUCH more to be done between now and the November 2008 elections than your officers can accomplish on their own.

We need your help. We need your involvement.

## Answering the Call

**Jan Stover, Executive Director**

As our State Chair, Val Vetter, mentions in his article, the political climate in this country is ripe for change. I am reminded of this daily in the phone calls and emails that come into the office. Individuals from all walks of life and former political persuasions are contacting the LPI, but admittedly, what strikes me as the most promising is the number of high school and college students who are contacting the Party - some for class assignments, others searching for the freedom that government schools and other organizations so often try to squash with a vengeance. A few creative teachers are encouraging their students to reach out, explore options, investigate the unknown ... and those teachers are directing their students our way.

Over the last 6 months, I have been working with a number of teenagers and college 20-somethings as have several of our Party's officers. Through phone interviews and

We need volunteers in every area you can possibly imagine: Candidates, Petitioners, Activists, Letter-writers, people to man OPH booths, make phone calls, organize meetings and events... everything. Of course, we will always need people to donate money to the cause as well. (Some things never change.)

We have an opportunity to grow that we didn't have two years ago. Our Party is poised and ready to grow. The political climate in this country is ripe for change – and we have the “product” that people are starting (finally!) to realize is missing: Freedom!

As I said – your officers are committed Libertarians that will work for what they believe in and to advance our Party – but without your help – that advancement will be slow and costly. People only have so much spirit and energy to put into projects – even vital ones like this. Too few people trying to do too much leads to burnout – a disease that has claimed too many Libertarians already.

Please call me today. Let me know what you'd like to do – how much time you can invest. There are a wide variety of tasks to be done – so I'm sure we can find something you will enjoy doing that fits your personality.

In November of 2008, two questions will be on our minds. One will be: “What did the Libertarian Party of Illinois accomplish over the last two years?” The other should be: “What did I do to contribute to that success?” I hope you will be happy with the answers to both of those questions.

email questionnaires, we have found the students are asking thought-provoking questions which show a genuine interest in learning more about Libertarianism and the Libertarian Party of Illinois. Officers in contact with these students include Val Vetter, Crystal Jurczynski, Damon Dillon, and Jeff Jones. Val and Crystal have also been guest speakers at area high schools.

In addition to the younger crowd reaching out to the LPI for class projects and personal inquires, I have also witnessed the Mark McCoy Gubernatorial Campaign generate real interest in Illinois politics for high school and college students. They see, perhaps more clearly than others, the “product” which Val reminds us the LPI offers: Freedom. Many of these students are willing to learn more, take a stand and campaign for the cause.

So whether it be the LPI phone ringing .... or the Liberty Bell, we need to be able to answer the call. The next generation is seeking a new path and we stand ready to lead the way.

## LPI-ANNOUNCEMENT!

### NEW LP-Illinois-News Yahoo Group

To start the new year off right, the LPI is doing a bit of house cleaning and has created a new and improved LPI Yahoo Group (LP-Illinois-News) with the intent to replace the current LPI-Announce group.

To join this new LP-Illinois-News Yahoo Group, please go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) and click the link to groups, then enter the following name: LP-Illinois-News, and lastly click on "join this group."

If you are currently a member of LPI-Announce, please join the new group first and then unsubscribe or delete the LPI-Announce group.

This will continue to be an announce-only list for all official LPI news, newsletter distribution, and important Party announcements between newsletter publications. The group will not be used for general posting, debating, or chatting.

This is a vital venue for all LPI members wishing to keep abreast of current Party happenings. JOIN TODAY! 🇺🇸

The Entire "crew" of the  
LPI extends our Warmest  
Wishes to You and Your  
Family during this  
Holiday Season.

Peace, Freedom and  
Unalienable Rights  
To All.

### Changes in Newsletter Publication Cycle and Distribution

In our ongoing effort to make the best use of our volunteer time and your contributions, we've decided to make the following changes to the *Libertarian Current*:

- Starting in 2007, the *Libertarian Current* will be published every other month. Submissions for the next issue, January/February, will be due by December 15. Submissions for the March/April issue will be due Feb. 15, and so forth.

- Paper copies of the newsletter will continue to be sent to those who request it and fund the Party through either monthly pledges or donations totalling \$60 or more per year. Others can get their copy free in their inbox by subscribing to our new Yahoo Group, LP-Illinois-News (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LP-Illinois-News/>) or by reading it from our website ([LPillinois.org](http://LPillinois.org)).

- If you would like to continue receiving the *paper* edition of the *Libertarian Current*, either call the office at (800) 735-1776, email the newsletter editor at [Newsletter@LPillinois.org](mailto:Newsletter@LPillinois.org), or mail back this form to the address on the right.

Yes, I would like to continue receiving the *paper* edition of the *Libertarian Current*, AND...

My monthly pledge info or donation for \$60 or more is enclosed, OR...

I'm already a monthly pledger or annual donor of \$60 or more

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## — Gubernatorial Debates —



*Libertarian Write-In Gubernatorial Candidate Mark McCoy (third from the left) debated Green Party Candidate Rich Whitney, Constitution Party Write-In Candidate Randy Stufflebeam and Write-In Candidate Marvin Koch in Chicago on November 1st. McCoy also debated Whitney and Stufflebeam in a Metro East Gubernatorial Debate held in O'Fallon on Oct. 19th. Both debates brought press coverage for the candidates with the Metro East debate giving good exposure to the Libertarian Party of Illinois as well.*

## — Introduction to the Constitution with Michael Badnarik 12/16/2006

The Libertarian Party of Chicago will host Michael Badnarik's "Introduction to the Constitution" class aka "How to Detect the Smell of Tyranny" on December 16th from 9am to 6pm with a one hour break for lunch. The event will take place at Jak's Tap ([www.jakstap.com](http://www.jakstap.com)), 901 W. Jackson Boulevard in Chicago. Each person will receive an autographed copy of Michael's book "Good to be King." Consider giving this as a Christmas gift this year. Cost is \$100 in advance or \$125 at the door.

Call 817.727.6510 for class details or register at [www.constitutionpreservation.org](http://www.constitutionpreservation.org).

## — Holiday Party with the Libertarian Party of Chicago Saturday, December 16, 2006

Please join the Libertarian Party of Chicago at Jak's Tap Room as they celebrate the holidays from 7pm to 11pm (or longer) on December 16. Enjoy a billiards tournament with Michael Badnarik; take a few pot shots at the new George Bush punching bag; enjoy a buffet dinner; bid on auction items; play some games; win a prize; and more. Cost: \$25, cash bar available. Please register by 12/12/06 via PayPal on the website [www.lpchicago.org](http://www.lpchicago.org). Questions? Call 877.LPC.VOTE.

## — Attention! Volunteers Wanted for the 2007 LPI Convention Committee

The Libertarian Party of Illinois needs YOUR help in planning and implementing the next state convention. This is your chance for input; the committee makes the decisions and plans every aspect from the venue to the speakers and entertainment. Please consider volunteering. After an initial meeting to determine the facilities, meetings will begin in mid-winter and continue through October. The committee will conduct all of its meetings via email and conference calls. Please call Debra Aaron, Convention Committee Co-Chair, at 312.307.0114 to get involved today.

## — New Officers Elected for Metro East Libertarian Chapter

Metro East Libertarians would like to proudly announce the election of new officers. Mark McCoy will serve as Chapter Chair, Michael Gale as Vice-Chair, Michael Abegg as Secretary and Steve Hellin will continue to serve as MEL's Treasurer. All terms are for one year.

Outgoing officers Don Stover, Jan Stover and Ron Clark would like to thank all members and guest speakers who have supported MEL and the spirit of volunteerism during the Chapter's first two years and wish the Chapter continued success in 2007.

## Take The Opportunity NOW to LEAP toward 2007 as a Monthly Pledger ...

as the Libertarian Party of Illinois embarks on our "ambitious two-year plan for Membership, Activism, Campaigns, Fundraising, Finances and Legislative action".

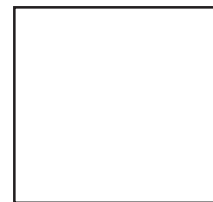
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## Your Guide to “Where and When” Libertarians meet throughout the State!

**DuPage Libertarians** meet at the Grand Mandarin Restaurant, 3099 Ogden Avenue in Lisle the 1st Tuesday of every month. Socializing starts at 6:30 and the meeting runs from 7-8:30pm For more information, call 630-876-1935 or visit: [www.DuPageLibertarians.org](http://www.DuPageLibertarians.org).

**Fox Valley Libertarian Party (FVLP)** meets at Barone’s Pizza & Restaurant (3 Lakewood Plaza) in Carpentersville the last Wednesday of each month. Social hour begins at 7:00pm with optional dinner, followed by the business meeting at 8pm. For more information call 847-551-1930 or visit: [www.fvlp.org](http://www.fvlp.org).

**Libertarian Party of Chicago (LPC)** meets at Goose Island Brewing Co. at 1800 N. Clybourn in Chicago on the second Tuesday of each month (5:30pm socialize and 6pm business meeting). For more information call 877-LPC-VOTE or visit: [www.lpchicago.org](http://www.lpchicago.org).

**Libertarian Party of Cook County-Northwest** meets at the Silver Stallion Restaurant at 1275 Lee St. in Des Plaines on the second Sunday of each month (6:30pm/ dinner optional, meeting at 7pm). For more info call 708-865-9170.

### **Libertarian Party of Lake County**

**(LPLC)** Meeting Dates and Location TBA For more information call 847-438-7776 or visit [lake.il.lp.org](http://lake.il.lp.org).

**Metro East Libertarians (MEL)** meet at Southwestern Illinois College Belleville Campus in Conference Room 2260 located in the Main Complex, upstairs across from the Theater. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. For more information call 618-580-8779 or visit: [www.mel-lp.org](http://www.mel-lp.org).

**Okaw Valley Libertarians (OVL)** meet at Jay’s Restaurant at 730 W. Gochenour in Vandalia. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. For more information call 618-283-0888 or visit: [www.okawvalleylibertarians.com](http://www.okawvalleylibertarians.com).

**Southern Illinois Libertarians (SIL)** meet in the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2pm . For more information, call 618-303-1997 or visit: <http://sil.lpillinois.org>.

**Rockford Area Libertarians** meet at Villa Di Roma Restaurant at Harrison Ave. and 11th Street in Rockford. For more information call 815-874-6345 or visit: [lprockford.8m.com](http://lprockford.8m.com).

### **NEW Chapters:**

**Capital Area Libertarians (CAL)** meet in the Lincoln Library’s Bicentennial Room in Springfield. Meetings begin at 6pm and are held the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 217-529-6753 or email [blacknight\\_80751@yahoo.com](mailto:blacknight_80751@yahoo.com).

**Champaign County Libertarian Party** meets at the Urbana Free Library in Urbana. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 217-721-4002 or email [warden@nupaper.com](mailto:warden@nupaper.com).

**Another Chapter is forming: Tazewell County Libertarians** meet at the Morton Public Library in Morton (Pekin/ Pekin area) on the third Wednesday of each month from 6pm-9pm. For more information call 309-202-5843 or email [dzd\\_mad1982@hotmail.com](mailto:dzd_mad1982@hotmail.com).