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RON PAUL TO BE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN '88

Ron Paul was elected four times to the United States Congress from Houston, Texas, as a Republican. As a member of the Banking Committee, he worked to establish a gold standard and curb the Federal Reserve. He was also the House sponsor of the U.S. Gold Commission, and co-author of its minority report: *The Case for Gold*.

A nationally known speaker and writer, he is also the founder of the Council for Monetary Reform; chairman of the FREE Foundation; chairman of the Committee To Abolish the Fed; editor and publisher of *The Ron Paul Investment Letter*; distinguished counsellor to the Ludwig von Mises Institute; and a practicing physician. For his uncompromising advocacy of liberty, Congressman Paul won awards from the National Taxpayers Union (for the most pro-taxpayer record ever), the Council for a Competitive Economy, the Mises Institute, and the American Economic Council.

Ron Paul was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1935. He received his BA from Gettysburg College and his MD from

Duke University Medical School. A flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Paul and his wife Carol are the parents of five children and the grandparents of four. They make their home in Lake Jackson, Texas. On February 16, 1987 he announced his candidacy for the Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States, to challenge 'big-bank privilege and the Federal Reserve; federal deficit spending in all areas, from social welfare to the Pentagon and corporate welfare; a run-amok IRS and outrageous tax system; government lying about everything; the vicious attack on our liberty and financial privacy; and the foreign policy that drains our wallets, enriches our enemies, shreds the Constitution and kills our children. 'Some opponents of mine once charged that I wanted to "take a chainsaw to the federal budget." How right they were! Big government is running away with our freedom and our money, and the Republicans are as bad as the Democrats. There really isn't a dime's worth of difference between the major parties. Pro-freedom, non-interventionists views are either ignored or smeared. Yet Libertarianism is the philosophy of the Founding Fathers.

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'That's why I intend to wage a grassroots, hard-hitting, well-financed national campaign for freedom. After 14 years in politics,' said Ron Paul, 'I know the American people are with us, and I intend to give them a chance to vote for much smaller government, the gold standard, the free market, and a foreign policy that puts America first, not the deceitful big-bank, big business, big government policy that polices the world and subsidizes rich allies, while impoverishing working Americans.'

Announced Candidates as of March 1st:

Ron Paul	President
Andre Marrou	Vice President
Jerry Zeldin	U.S. Senate
Steve Friedlander	Congress - 12th District
Dan Karlan	Congress - 5th District
Laura Stewart	Congress - 3rd District

FROM THE CHAIR

By Richard Duprey

As your departing chairman I would like to offer a few words on where I believe the NJLP should be going in the next few months.

First, the Ron Paul campaign is beginning to pick up steam all over the country. We should use this momentum to our advantage. For just a \$20 contribution, Ron will send a "Campaign Coffee Kit" to you to organize coffee klatches. You can use this kit to raise money and votes for Ron. His campaign is also seeking to have him appear on the *Donahue* show. Supporters got him on William F. Buckley's "Firing Line" by writing hundreds of letters. Ron is also asking the same be done for Donahue. Address your request to: Phil Donahue Show, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Rm 827, New York, NY 10112.

Second, and more particularly, the NJLP should use the interest that will be generated by Ron's campaign to further its own goals. I would like to see the NJLP set down two or three goals each year that it will concentrate on. Then as the year progresses the party can institute a regular program of issuing press releases and the like that deal with those two or three issues. A more focused approach, dealing with one issue at a time, may be an effective way to accomplish our ideals. I would like to offer the following three sugges-

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tions as the goals the NJLP should establish: 1. Motor Vehicle Insurance Reform, 2. Roll back the State tax at least 1% per year, 3. Cut back State spending 10% per year. Concrete proposal that the public can grasp and react to may be more effective than trying to implement a broad program all at once.

Third, we should have the NJLP become a training camp for future politicians. Much has been written recently about the Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee (LROC), both for and against. However rather than enlisting in the Republican party en masse as LROC suggests, perhaps it would be wiser to have only a few people enter the Republican and Democratic ranks and run for office. We should encourage people to join the NJLP, bone up on the basics of liberty, and then go forth to spread the word - yes! by running as Republican and Democratic candidates. People like State Senator Dick Zimmer (R-Hunterdon) who were active in LP politics are now effecting changes by being on the inside. The LP should encourage such overlapping labels as Libertarian-Republican, Democratic-Libertarian, and Conservative or Liberal-Libertarian. As Ron Paul often points out, the freedom movement of the early days was a broad coalition of people calling themselves all sorts of names. It is certainly preferred that people identify themselves as, and join the ranks of the Libertarian Party, but if some feel that it would be more effective

to work through other channels, then by all means let's give them the ammunition to make a positive change in the field they have chosen. That is why I would like to see the LP and the NJLP become the training camp of future politicians.

Fourth, Libertarians need to run for office. A good strategy for us would be to concentrate on state level offices - the State Senate and Assembly- where by running as Libertarians we would have a chance of winning. We should try to have candidates in all races, but let's pick and choose three or four where there is the possibility of winning and dumping a lot of manpower and energy into those campaigns. Special elections, races where there is no incumbent, or races where there is a particularly hot issue, are examples of factors we should look for in deciding which races to concentrate our activities in.

And lastly, I would like to say that the members should get more involved in what the party is doing. Attend at least one meeting per year, run for office, or run for a party office, or Activists and money are two ingredients to successful politicking that are always in short supply. Why not pledge \$100 right now to help the NJLP achieve its overall purpose: Freedom in our time!

It has been two years of successes and failures. My tenure has seen the NJLP attempt publishing its own newspaper, establish a political action committee, and renewal of enthusiasm among activists.

RICH DUPREY (CONT)

People want to do something. Our new acting State Chair, Dan Karlan, is an example of that. But we have had our defeats too. However we should not look at them as losses. Indeed they were learning experiences, ones that we should use to build up the fire in the bellies of Libertarians all across the Garden State. The year 1988 will be a watershed for the Libertarian Party. I will be fighting in the trenches. I look forward to seeing you there as well.

"That Government is best which governs least" - Henry David Thoreau

LIBRARY DONATED

Mark Richards has donated a collection of libertarian books to the NJLP. The books include works by Rand, Von Mises, Hazlitt, Hayek and others. These books can be borrowed by any active NJLP member. The librarian is Dierdre Maiullo and she can be reached at (201) 577-8232.

"Thanks" to Mark for helping to spread libertarian ideals.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

March 6 - Ron Paul Fund Raising Cocktail Party at 119 Park Place, Cherry Hill. Call (609) 665-6833 for details.

March 13 - New York City LP Convention at La Maganette Restaurant, 3rd Ave. & 50th St. Don Ernsberger of the Society for Individual Liberty will be the keynote speaker. For information call (212) 966-5772.

March 31 - Liberty Forum, Engineers Club, 1317 Spruce St, Philadelphia, PA will be featuring Alan Epstein from Judicate, Inc. from 6:30 to 9:30. Call (215) 545-6994 for further information.

April 12 - Southern New Jersey strategy session for the Ron Paul Campaign at 119 Park Place in Cherry Hill from 7:30 to 9:30. Call (609) 665-6833 for further information.

April 15 - Tax Protest Day - details to follow.

May 12 - Liberty Forum, Engineers Club, 1317 Spruce St, Philadelphia, PA will be featuring Robert Poole, editor of Reason magazine from 6:30 to 9:30. Call (215) 545-6994 for further information.

A Case for Optimism by John S. Hill

Record budget deficits, a complex tax system based on the premise that you are guilty until proven innocent, business regulations that are so voluminous that a corporation must employ teams of lawyers to interpret them, a legal system that says that if you have deep pockets then you must be guilty, and a Congress that passes budget resolutions which are over one thousand pages long would indicate that there is no reason for optimism in this country. Nonetheless I am very optimistic about the future of this country.

Technological advances are happening at such a breakneck pace that the average person cannot keep up. The computer that filled a room as recent as ten years ago now fits on the desktop. Calculators that cost \$100 twenty years ago are now given away free with magazine subscriptions. Sun Microsystems, a computer manufacturer, has doubled the performance of their machines every year they have been in business. Fortunately for the consumer every time Congress tries to figure out how to regulate the computer business it changes so much that they are unable to keep up. VCR's which were once considered a toy for the rich, now cost less than \$200 and have tapes available on just about any subject imaginable. Telecommunication services such as Compuserve are giving people access not only to information which would have previously taken a long time to accumulate but to experts in whatever their field may be. Superconductivity, computers that recognize speech, and artificial intelligence are technologies that are going to have significant positive impact on the quality of life in the near term.

After watching government intervene in our lives more every year we sometimes forget that this is still the most free country in the world. Because of that the best and brightest from all over the world immigrate to this country. Never before in history has a country caused so many people to forsake their homeland for another as America has. Unless dramatic changes are made the best and brightest from all nations will continue to enrich us with their knowledge, ambition, and abilities.

Philosophically our country is changing for the better. In the sixties college professors were teaching predominantly Karl Marx. Now, although they may not be the majority yet, more professors are teaching about free-marketers such as Ludwig von Mises and Milton Friedman. Perhaps more importantly though, is the fact that a book such as "Atlas Shrugged" which morally defends the concept of capitalism, still sells over one hundred thousand copies per year thirty years after its first publication. Although economists have always been able to defend capitalism on the grounds of economic efficiency, this book, in novel form, has managed to successfully argue in favor of capitalism regardless of the economic implications. By raising the "Capitalism vs. Socialism" debate to a philosophical level as opposed to economical has won the minds of those who normally opposed capitalism due to lack of knowledge of economics. In conclusion, developments in technology, the influx of immigrants, and a capitalistic philosophy will continue to make America the greatest nation on earth for a long time.

NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE

State Chair:	Dan Karlan	(201) 444-2846
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New Jersey Libertarian Party Membership Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: (H or B) _____

- ☐ I live in the municipality of _____
☐ I am eligible to vote in _____ county.
☐ I am registered to vote in NJ.
☐ Please do not include my name if the NJLP list is rented to other organizations.

<u>NJLP Dues</u>	<u>Membership Category</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00	Lifetime Sustaining
<input type="checkbox"/> 150.00	Lifetime
<input type="checkbox"/> 35.00	Sustaining
<input type="checkbox"/> 15.00	Regular
<input type="checkbox"/> 5.00	Student (School: _____)

- ☐ Monthly Pledge for each of the next 12 months: \$ _____
☐ \$15.00 Libertarian National Party Dues (one year).
☐ NJ Libertarian susbscription only, \$10.00.
☐ I am not the first member at this mailing address, and do not wish to receive a copy of the newsletter.
(\$10.00 may be deducted from the Regular membership dues only.)

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

X _____ Date: _____
(Signature indicating acceptance of above statement is required for membership)

NJLP Bylaws require that members either live or work in NJ.

Make checks payable and return to: NJLP
PO Box 56
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Convention Schedule:

- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 - 10:15 Welcome - Dan Karlan, State Chair
- 10:15 - 11:00 "88 and Beyond" - Rich Duprey, Former State Chair
- 11:00 - 12:00 Business Session - Election of Party Officers
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch - , "Drug Laws vs. a Free Society"
James Ostrowski, Attorney at Law
- 1:30 - 2:30 "Libertarian Influence in Mainstream Politics"
Dick Zimmer, Republican State Senator
- 2:30 - 5:00 Business Session - Election of Candidates and
Electors
- 5:00 - 6:00 Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar
- 6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
- 7:00 - 8:00 Keynote Speaker, Ron Paul, Libertarian Candidate for
President
- 8:00 - 9:00 "Patriotism"
Dave Walter, Vice Chairman, National Libertarian
Party
- 9:00 - ? Hospitality Suite