



THE ITHACA LIBERTARIAN

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Message from the Editor

This is the first issue of *The Ithaca Libertarian*, published by a recently organized group of Libertarian activists in the Ithaca area. Our goals include locating and organizing existing area Libertarians, and increasing our community presence and membership through outreach efforts and the media. We also plan to continue to support and help elect Libertarian candidates, and have a good time at it!

The Ithaca Libertarian's Yahoo email group documents the brief history of this new group of individuals with a chronological listing of our group email posts. Please join the free email service - it is how we all stay in touch and announce special meetings and events. On the group's Yahoo homepage, we have pictures, documents, the newsletter, a media database and our email dialog. Please go to:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ithaca_LP/join

We also have a webpage, courtesy of the NYLP. There you will find our local letters to the editor, newsletters and press releases. Go to:

www.ny.lp.org/ithaca

Register as a Libertarian!

You can now register to vote as a Libertarian in NY for the first time. Be counted as a registered Libertarian! Details of the 2003 court ruling and a printable Voter Registration Form are available at the NYLP website, here: www.ny.lp.org/enroll As of October 13, 2004, there were 13 people registered as Libertarian in Tompkins County, though that figure doesn't reflect some of the recent voters who have re-registered. The Libertarian Party's

Tompkins County voter registration numbers will be reported in the Ithaca Journal from now on right alongside the other parties - finally, we can stand up and be counted in the community.

Badnarik's Visit to Ithaca

Libertarian Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik visited Ithaca on October 5th and 6th. In addition to participating in the Presidential debate at Cornell, we kept him busy with media and a special fundraiser. Thank you to all the local Libertarians who helped out with all the planning and making everything a great success! We'd like to invite him back to town to teach his Constitution Class in 2005. Mr. Badnarik has a new website to support his class and his new book, *Good To Be King: The Foundation of Our Constitutional Freedom*. The site address is:

www.constitutionpreservation.org The CU debate video is archived at: www.c-span.org - how many local Libertarians can you spot?

Upcoming Events

Join the Ithaca Libertarians for an election night party at the Stockers' house! It's November 2nd after 7:00pm We'll watch the media coverage and see who wins. It's a potluck so bring good snacks and drinks! If you have any questions about it, call or email Brian at 277-5085 or bsulliv1@twcny.rr.com

A **regular monthly meeting** of the Ithaca Libertarians is now held on the **third Friday of the month, 5:15pm** at Bool's Flower Shop, 209 N. Aurora St., Ithaca. Come by anytime up to 6:30pm and say hello. We're making big plans for speakers, outreach, parties and more.

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and submissions to the Editor.

Calendar 2004/2005

November 2, 2004 - Election night party at the Stocker's 7:00pm
November 19, 2004 - Ithaca Libertarians meeting 5:15pm at Bool's
December 17, 2004 - Ithaca Libertarians meeting 5:15pm at Bool's
April 23, 2005 - NYLP State Convention - Syracuse
Ithaca Libertarian Forth of July Celebration - Enfield, dates TBA

NYLP calendar with state and local events:

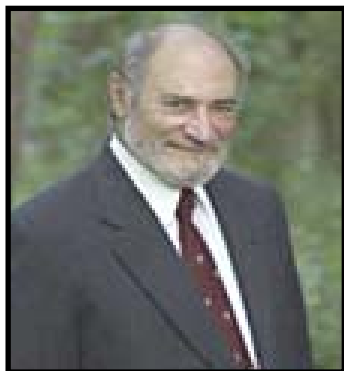
<http://ny.lp.org/.calendar>

Support Silberger!

Donald Silberger is running for
U.S. Senate for NY.

Please visit his website:

silbergerforsenator.org



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Two rights remaining to me, which I believe have not yet been infringed upon, are my right to vote and my right to choose.

I choose not to vote for either candidate. I choose not to vote for the lesser of two evils. I choose not to throw away my vote. I choose to vote for a third-party candidate. I choose to send a message that I do not believe that Bush or Kerry will end our position of being the police force of the world and bring our soldiers home.

Neither will curb the glutinous appetite of big government to take too much of your money and spend even more than they take. Neither will see laws are eliminated which take away more of your rights.

As a registered Libertarian, I believe very strongly in the Bill of Rights. I am concerned when I see those rights being eroded by special interest groups. I am horrified and saddened at the wars waged on crime, drugs, and terrorism we never win. And all of this is unchallenged, and even promoted by the Democrats and the Republicans.

Both parties intentionally make it very difficult for a vote to be cast for a third-party candidate. Enough is enough! A mind or a body is a terrible thing to legislate. That is why I choose to vote Libertarian.

Ellen E. Ricketson, Town of Enfield

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To the Editor:

The mainstream political battle of Bush vs. Kerry is like the cola war of Coke vs. Pepsi - the contents and packaging are only slightly different, and neither one is actually good for you! Isn't it time to choose something with a little more substance, something more than high-priced marketing and catchy slogans?

The Libertarian Party stands for individual freedom, personal responsibility, and limited government - and these are not just promotional buzzwords, they represent a philosophy and a way of life.

To live freely and peacefully and allow others to do the same; to take responsibility for our own actions; to keep all government out of our personal life choices and restrict the federal government to its constitutional boundaries; these are the hallmarks of the libertarian ideal.

If you're dissatisfied with government, demand a higher standard from our elected officials instead of lowering your expectations. If you believe in the ideal of a free and self-governing society as I do, vote Libertarian.

Christa Siering, Trumansburg