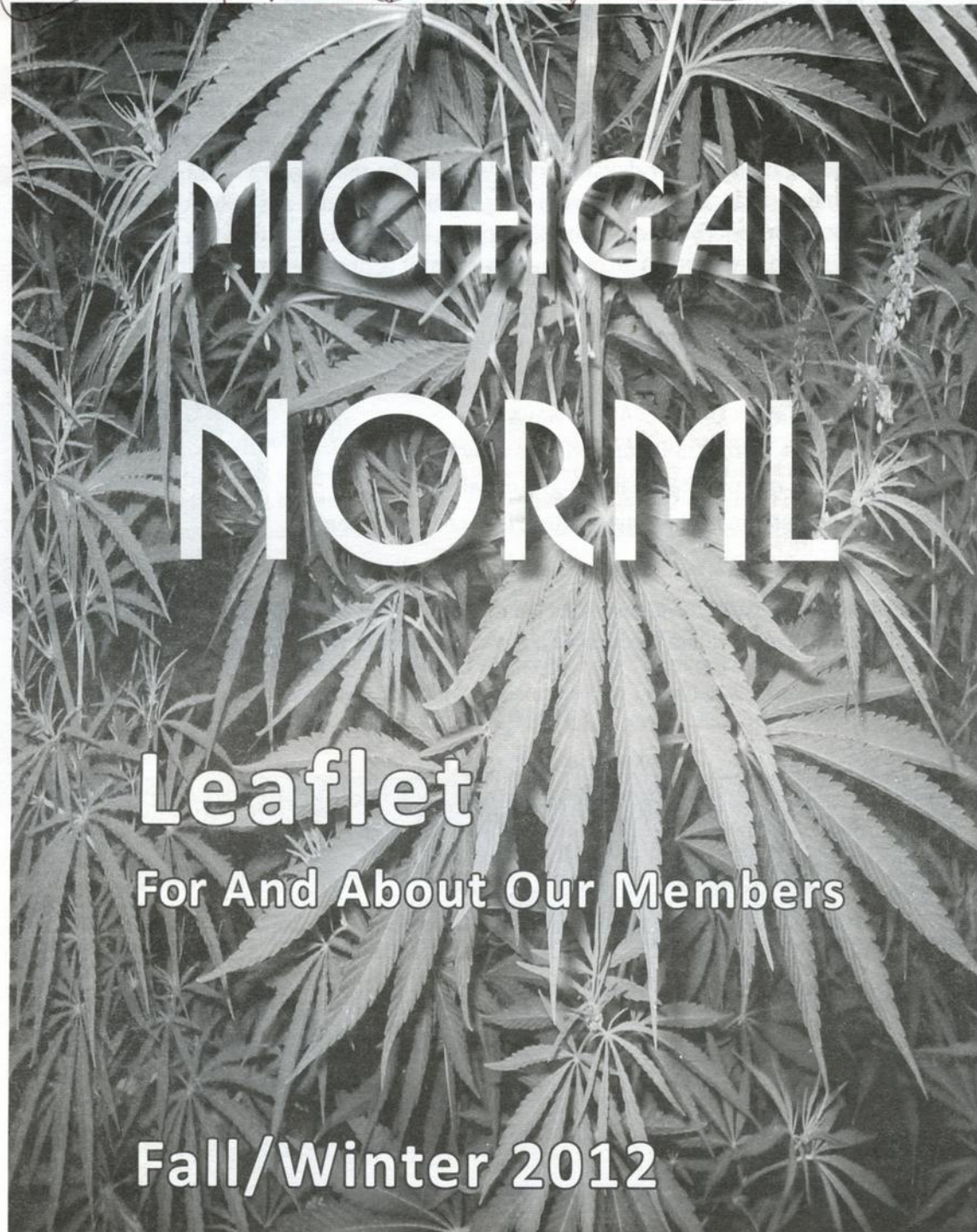


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Macomb NORML Highway Cleanup By Yanko Restovic

The weather was hot and the day was going to be sunny, but our Macomb County NORML volunteers still showed up. Our second highway clean up was on its way to being another success. It went without a hitch. We had another record number of volunteers, "Thank you"! We started off with a short meeting in the parking lot of Ghetto Rags Detroit where 40 or so people waited with enthusiasm and lots of energy. We had a short meeting just to mention events that are coming up and we talked about our petition efforts.

We began the clean up with tradition and made our way to 12 Mile & Gratiot and took photos at our sign. Then we began the real hard work, the cleaning of garbage. Once again we had four teams and we split up and had two teams start at 14 Mile and two teams at 12 Mile. We were done in record time once again and had no mishaps thanks to our many volunteers.

TAKE THE PLEDGE

I AM a Born Again American

I AM My Country's Keeper

My President And My Congress Report To Me

And So.... I Will Stay Informed And Involved

I Will Make My Voice Heard

And Not Just At Election Time

I CAN Make A Difference I MATTER

I AM An American, BORN AGAIN!!

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Candidates For Board



I'm Annette Nay Nay and I'm interested in running for a board position with Michigan Norml. I'm currently the Director of Macomb County NORML. Since being appointed Director by Macomb NORML's board in October of 2011, I have taken a five-to-six member chapter into a 40+ member chapter and we are still growing strong. Macomb County chapter members and volunteers have been involved with the Adopt-A-Highway program, cleaning the side of the roadway to beautify the area and help protect the environment. I also recently attended and completed training with the Clinton River Watershed Council's Adopt-A-Stream program to lead our chapter in monitoring a segment of the Clinton River. What would make me a great board member is I'm a very active member within the MJ community. I love what I do. I love being funny but am also a dedicated professional. I have been an active signature petition gatherer during the Repeal Today Campaign, which I loved doing. I'm a very loyal and dependable person. People like me because I make them laugh and I always have a smile for everyone. I'm an loyal friend and a hard worker. I have been marijuana activist now for about two years. I believe I have actually found my passion and really enjoy the interaction with the many personalities within our community. I have watched activists spend their lives, their time, and their personal capital to actively work towards positive change. It would be a truly valued opportunity for me to serve as a board member of Michigan NORML and work for the positive change so urgently needed here in Michigan.



I, Richard C. Clement, am officially placing my intent to run for re-election and retain the current seat on the Board of Directors of Michigan NORML. I am proud to have represented the members concerns and ideas for the betterment of Marijuana Reform in the State of Michigan to the public. I have 12 years of drug law reform activism in the State of Michigan. 10 years of advocating change in policy regarding Marijuana in the City of Lansing Michigan. Meetings and speaking at public gatherings with elected leadership in the City of Lansing and County of Ingham have started to put us in the mainstream regarding Marijuana. Introduced and increased participation in Hash Bash by minority owned small business over 3 years. On a National level, responsible for the development of a Historically Black College Initiative to introduce hemp research for the development of research programs at respective educational institutions in Alabama, Florida, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Responsible for supporting the informational technology needs of members by providing technology support of members and managing the talk list(s) for 3 years.

Candidates For Board (continued)



I am Annette Crocker, RN. Since 2010, I have worked with my husband, David Crocker, MD, serving patients throughout Southwest Michigan at Michigan Holistic Health with medical marijuana certifications and renewals. I have been an RN for 24 years, and my professional background includes tenure as a Transplant Coordinator for the University of Virginia Medical Center, many years as an ICU nurse, and assignments as a home care and hospice nurse, and staff nurse at two Veterans Administration hospitals. I am a member of the American Cannabis Nurses Association, and would look forward to serving on the board for MINORML and working for awareness, education, and policy change in Michigan.

Thank you so much for your consideration.



I'm David Crocker, MD, and I've have been a certifying physician since February, 2010, when I opened Michigan Holistic Health in Kalamazoo. Since then, I have expanded to serve patients in five communities in Southwest Michigan with medical marijuana certifications and renewals. My professional background includes service at Tampa General Hospital; the Moffitt Cancer Center and the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital in Tampa; All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg; and the Veteran's Hospital in Reno Nevada; and as director of interventional radiology at the Mobile (Alabama) Infirmary Medical Center. I earned my MD from the University of South Florida College of Medicine, and am a lifetime diplomate of the American Board of Radiology. I serve on the board of the Southwest Michigan Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and last year was qualified as an expert on medical marijuana by the Hon. Vincent C. Westra, judge of the 8th District Court, Kalamazoo. I am committed to the healing value of marijuana and value the work of the NORML chapters and national organization. Thank you for your consideration, Peace



Hello. I'm Howard Plourde, and you all know me as Hoss. I'm looking to get on the MINORML board. I go to every thing to do with MINORML that I can. I also go to every thing to do with MMMP. I can get around if you need me to. I'm for our brothers & sisters in this state. So if you think I can do good for MINORML, then vote for me.

Candidates For Board (continued)



Benjamin Mark Horner is the owner of MMM Report, and is an activist for cannabis and social progressiveness. Using the monthly free publication, Mr. Horner writes about the ever-evolving world of medical marijuana, cannabis cultivation and other related subjects. He also is a caregiver that works with thousands of MM patients and caregivers, and has helped pioneered the new MM industry. Education: School of Hard Knocks (and still going!) As a board member, Horner hopes to help add energy and vitality to MINorml. Having been an active member in MINorml, he is ready to join the team of activists leading the charge to reform Cannabis and Hemp laws throughout Michigan. Ben is 33 and lives in Goodrich Michigan with his wife, three kids, two dogs, three cats, two hamsters and one breaded dragon. Email: Chefbmoney@gmail.com Phone: 810-338-5645



High, I'm Donna Paridee. I would like to put in my intent to seek a seat on the board of directors of Michigan NORML. I have been active in the Michigan marijuana movement since the fall of 2001 and am a founding 'mother' of Michigan NORML. In the last decade, I was instrumental in getting the Adopt-a-Highway program for Macomb (County) NORML; I've had dozens of letters to the editor published; helped to get signatures in 3 petition drives; Went to the Playboy Mansion (MPP fundraiser) in 2006 to help monetarily the (then) prospect of medical marijuana in Michigan; and I get along well with people. If elected, I will serve Michigan NORML with dignity, integrity and (one) love. It would be an honor. Thank you. Peace, pride and pot!



I am George T. Sherfield & I would like to express my desire to run for board member. My qualifications are; Former MINORML Executive Director and former board member. As E.D. I started the talk list and the Leaflet. I designed one of our logos, and our MINORML pamphlets. I feel the most significant thing I did was to form the board of directors. I thought a board of directors would keep MINORML going in good times and bad. My reason for stepping down was that I was too busy with my paying job to dedicate the time that the job required and deserved. But things have changed. I have retired from my day job. Now I am ready and able to work for MINORML once again. So please vote for me on the ballot.

Candidates For Board (continued)



Josef White. Worked as a job developer and renewable energy specialist for the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University. His background in physical education and environmental science remains a career focus. Joe is a former manager for the Roll In the Dome venue at the Pontiac Silverdome. For many years he worked as the Southeast MI. Skate in School", manager for Rollerblade and several school districts and before that for the Michigan Governor's Council On Physical Fitness Health and Sports. He has written proposals for safe kids programs designed to engage youth to exercise during their leisure time after school. Joe's wife of 25 years suffers from MS but has found her relief with cannabis and leaf capsules, both are registered MMJ patients as are Joe's sister and two adult sons; both suffered injuries from motor vehicle accidents. Joe is a native Detroiter and long time activist. Joe is currently working as an advocate for marijuana reform and calls for a stop in the War on Drugs, a member of MINORML, Macomb NORML, Committee For A Safer Michigan, MIHEMP and the Detroit NAACP. Joe took part in the press announcement with Committee For A Safer MI., volunteered with Macomb NORML during Hash Bash and the Spring Gratiot clean up. Joe has presented "The New Jim Crow Mass Incarceration" to Oakland NORML and was asked to present again for Brighton Compassion Club, and various other groups. Joe argues the "War On Drugs Americas 30 Year Failed Policy" shreds the constitution and has endangered our basic freedoms and rights as citizens and is working to help form the Michigan Justice Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to hold state hearings concerning private prisons and prison policy reform and gather testimonials from concerned individuals victimized by drug laws. We hope to engage citizens across the state that are concerned with human rights and America's Failed Drug War.



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Please take the time to advise the Board on the three people you would like to see fill the three Board positions that are open.

Please select the three people you would like to be on the Board for the next three years:-
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What the Appeals Court Opinion means for local ordinances

The Michigan Court of Appeals issued a landmark opinion, *Ter Beek v City of Wyoming*, on July 31, 2012 that all but eliminated a municipality's authority to regulate the "medical use"

of cannabis for a registered qualifying patient or a registered primary caregiver who is acting in accordance with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA)

. This watershed decision also prohibits municipalities from banning the medical use of cannabis based on the federal Controlled Substances Act!

This opinion applies directly only to the City of Wyoming, but other municipalities including Livonia, Birmingham, and Bloomfield Hills have realized by now that their bans are void too. This decision however extends far beyond these blatant violators, and will ultimately effect every ordinance in the State containing any provision that conflicts with the MMMA.

Municipalities across the state have passed local zoning ordinance amendments which contain provisions that are more restrictive than the MMMA. Those provisions are unenforceable and will be struck down if a patient or caregiver is cited for an ordinance violation, then challenges the citation. Ordinance amendments already in place may stay and can not be challenged until a patient or caregiver has been cited.

The Appeals Court decision applies ONLY to registered qualifying patients and registered primary caregivers who are acting in accordance with the Act.

An ordinance amendment CAN NOT specifically target registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers, it must apply to the entire municipality. MCL 125.3201 § (2) "Except as otherwise provided under this act [Michigan Zoning Enabling Act], the regulations shall be uniform for each class of land or buildings, dwellings, and structures within a district."

Zoning officials CAN NOT cite registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers with "nuisance per se" under MCL 125.3407, for cultivating medical cannabis at their residence. The Appeals Court Opinion provides IMMUNITY to registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers who are acting in accordance with the Act from "penalty in any manner".

Below are some additional provisions municipalities CAN NOT require from registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers who are acting in accordance with the Act:

Reclassify a registered qualifying patient or registered primary caregiver's residency status

Classify a registered primary caregiver as a Home Occupation

Require secondary registration with any local zoning authority

Regulate where or how cannabis can be cultivated

Regulate the size of any cultivation enclosure

Regulate the number of plants

Regulate the amount of cannabis registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers may possess

Regulate how cannabis is acquired

Regulate how cannabis is transferred

What the Appeals Court Opinion means for local ordinances (continued)

Regulate how cannabis is consumed

Regulate how cannabis is transported

Regulate how cannabis is delivered

Regulate how cannabis is manufactured or processed

Regulate how cannabis is packaged

Regulate the number of caregivers permitted to operate at a single location

Require warning signs or notices in or around a cultivation enclosure

Regulate the number of patients or caregivers who can visit a cultivation enclosure

Establish hours of operation for caregivers

Municipalities CAN restrict outdoor signs and outdoor lighting of registered primary caregivers who are acting in accordance with the Act (Most likely already part of a residential provision)

Excessive traffic CAN result in a nuisance violation or harassment by law enforcement

Dispensaries CAN be regulated through local zoning ordinance amendments as they are not specifically mentioned in, or protected by the MMMA.

It is presumed that collectives and cooperatives are permitted as no language in the MMMA prohibits freedom of association by registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers. While the United States Constitution's First Amendment identifies the rights to assemble and to petition the government, the text of the First Amendment does not make specific mention of a right to association. Nevertheless, the United States Supreme Court held in NAACP v. Alabama that the freedom of association is an essential part of the Freedom of Speech because, in many cases, people can engage in effective speech only when they join with others. A collective becomes a dispensary if cannabis is transacted exclusively by Agents of the collective, and not by the members themselves.

[1] MCL 333.26423, § 3(e) "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, cultivation, manufacture, use, internal possession, delivery, transfer, or transportation of marijuana or paraphernalia relating to the administration of marijuana to treat or alleviate a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the debilitating medical condition.

[2] "In accordance with the Act" requires a general familiarity with the entire MMMA including all rights and responsibilities of cardholders.

Prepared by Brad Forrester of the Cheboygan County Affiliate of the Michigan Chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws



Dear Fellow Activists,

This year many folks deserve to be praised for their efforts. We remember those who have passed. We remember our victories and learn from our struggles for freedom. The important information gained by being a member is valuable and informative. The *MMM Report* is a proud supporter MI Norml.

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"Please remember to always press forward. Let us honor those who have sacrificed for cannabis freedom. There are many unsung hero's out there. Never give up."

-Ben Horner, MMM Report ED

YOU Can Help Free the Weed

Marijuana. Cannabis. Hemp. It's everywhere nowadays. Michigan citizens have the medical marijuana act and the accompanying grow stores, certification centers, dispensaries and more. Marijuana is even making news in the Olympics.

These are exciting times in the marijuana movement. I've been saying that line for over ten years now. The past decade has been memorable, yet there's more work to be done.

There are things we could do right now. The wonderful, wise Jack Herer (rhymes with terror) told me, "Talk about marijuana, cannabis, hemp to everyone you meet!", after I inquired what I, as a new activist, could do to help 'free the weed.' It was great advice.

We could write a quick email to our attorney general or give him a friendly phone call. The governor and other state officials need to know how we feel about medical marijuana (and personal marijuana too). Writing letters to the editor is always effective. You could create a powerful new message for protest signs. Four dollars and twenty cents is not a lot of money. What if you and me and every medical marijuana patient in the state sent that \$4.20 every month to MINORML, national NORML or MPP (Marijuana Policy Project), or the great group of people at DPA (Drug Policy Alliance). Facebook is allowing a lot of us to get the word out and 'it's all good.'

Action is as easy as asking the cashier at Kroger or Speedway how he or she feels/stands on the issue of marijuana, cannabis, hemp. A brief conversation ensues, and perhaps, just maybe, you made a difference. It's just that easy. Any action is better than none. We have to help any way we can. It's of the highest priority right now.

You can make the difference.

Bring your special, unique attributes to the table and do your own little part to help keep medical marijuana a reality in Michigan, and ultimately, ending marijuana prohibition!

We are Americans. We are smart, strong and proud. Let's show them.

**Peace, Pride and Pot,
Donna Paridee
Michigan NORML #420**

Some Thoughts From Gersh "Peanut Butter" Avery

Cannabis tends to bring body systems into a normal range. Weight too low?

Cannabis will help with weight gain. Weight too high? Cannabis can help to lose weight. It tries to get your body zeroed into balance.

One of the more interesting things I recently heard about cannabinoids is that they adjust the clock inside cells. The clock that tells the cell it's time to die and be replaced. Cancer cells have this clock turned off.

So cannabis starts the clock running again inside the cancer cells. In addition it adjusts the clock in normal cells slowing down the aging of the healthy cell.

Which makes me think that cannabis believes our normal life expectancy may be much greater than we believe today.

Easily over 100 years. It would be very interesting if someone could calculate what age cannabis considers to be "normal" for humans. 200? 300?

More thoughts on this. From what I've seen and what folks have been telling me for three years:

This is an example of an interesting intersection of science and theology.

Science is about to come to grasp the order of magnitude of details in alignment. This lock has hundreds of pins that line up with this key.

When theology grasps the order of magnitude, it will give them the chance to say it again "welcome aboard."

It will be fascinating to watch as these two worlds collide yet again.



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MICHIGAN NORML 4TH QUARTER MEETING

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No alcohol or smoking allowed during Meeting!

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MINORML's mission is to move public opinion sufficiently to achieve the repeal of marijuana prohibition so that the responsible use of cannabis by adults is no longer subject to penalty, including asset forfeiture, and to allow industrial hemp to be produced and marketed by Michigan farmers.