

# The Statue of Liberty Club Newsletter



www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com Spring 2018 Volume 28, Issue No. 1

SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY

## Liberty George Project

After 'Liberty George' Dukov attended the October 2017 Club meeting in Las Vegas, he returned to the New York City area and started a new project to build a large-size Liberty mask using the national flag of approximately 156 nations for the facial cover.

George was invited to do this project at LaGuardia Community College, Long Island City (across the East River from Manhattan).

This is the third large-size mask George created in his many years producing Liberty masks; each mask has a specific theme.

The first large-size mask uses pictures of individuals responsible for the concept, funding and building of the Statue and had been displayed, several years ago, on Liberty Island. Interestingly, that mask also used national flags at Liberty's crown area; the first large-size mask is shown on page 7 of this newsletter.

The second large-size mask was created to honor the First Responders who died at the World Trade Centers during the September 11, 2001 attack on America. George donated that mask to a memorial honoring those First Responders.

The third mask is 6 feet tall, 4 feet wide and 3 feet deep ... when the crown spikes are included, the mask is 8 feet tall. The crown spikes can be seen in the background of the picture below. This mask is still at LaGuardia Community College and will eventually be mounted on a wall at the college.

George expects to again visit the U.S., from his home in Bulgaria, this coming summer.

SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY



*In  
This  
Issue*

Liberty George Project	1	From the Vice President	5
In the Shadow of Liberty: A Roman Odyssey	2	Marketplace	5
		Dear Friends	6
From Iris November	3	Club & Member Information and Newsletter URLs	7
From the President	4	Liberty Sightings	8

## In The Shadow Of Liberty:

### A Roman Odyssey

By Jeffrey S. Dosik



Between March 17-27, 2017 I went on an 11-day international seminar study trip to the United Kingdom (England, Wales and Scotland) with the faculty and students of my undergraduate college: Orange County Community College (SUNY Orange) of Middletown, NY. As a group we visited the major attractions in the United Kingdom: London, Stonehenge, Cardiff, Liverpool, Stratford-upon-Avon, Bath and Edinburgh.

SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY



During our visit to Bath, England we visited the famous Roman Baths (Aquae Sullis: The Waters of Sullis). The Romans founded Bath, England in 63 AD as the Roman town of Aquae Sullis with a population of 2,000 people. During our visit to the Roman Baths I realized that it was through the prism of the Roman Empire, that we have the origins of the concept of "Liberty".

The Roman contribution to the origins of "Liberty" was their creation of two types of law:

**jus civile**, "the law of the community" which applies only to Roman citizens and dates back to a time when Rome consisted of just seven hills inhabited by a primitive agricultural community, and

**jus gentium**, the body of law that settled disputes that arose between Roman citizens and foreigners.

It was this second interpretation of these two bodies of Roman law that was preserved over the centuries to our modern world with increasing emphasis on the existence of a universal concept of law "Liberty" which is applicable to all mankind.

SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY

In 528 A.D. the Eastern Roman Emperor Justinian authorized a group of talented Roman jurists under the Roman Jurist Tribonian to organize the immense mass of centuries old legal precedents, juridical opinions and imperial edicts that constituted Roman law into a four

volume work the: "Corpus Juris Civilis" (The Body of Civil Law). The "Corpus" would survive down through the centuries to return to Western Europe in the twelfth century to form a synthesis. To create the rational legal systems of the developing nation-states of Europe. A development which would encourage the political philosophers of seventeenth and eighteenth Western Europe: John Locke, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Voltaire and Montesquieu with their ideas of good government: "The Social Contract Theory of Government" that all power for government comes from "We The People" and "Separation of Powers" in government (executive, legislative, judicial) to check and balance power in civilized societies.

It was the legalistic Roman mind which laid the foundations for our modern world. In his monumental work: "The Statue of Liberty Encyclopedia", Barry Moreno writes:

"The Statue of Liberty is a modern allegorical representation of "Libertas" a goddess of ancient Rome. Libertas, the personification of liberty and personal freedom ordained by the Roman state, emerged from the Roman law of freedom (libertas) and was fully deified in the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C. in an official state cult under the name of Jupiter Libertas.

Her original association with Jupiter, king of the Roman gods, was due to the legal origin. Her worship was more common among individuals than within social groups: she was a personal goddess.

Freed slaves were especially devoted to her. A famous votive offering to Libertas was a painting depicting a First Punic War battle in which slaves are shown securing their manumission; it was placed in a temple (aedes), built for her in 238 B.C. In the following



"Liberte" (the ancient Roman Goddess "Libertas") is from: J.B. Huet, "Le tresor des artistes", Paris, France, 1810

century, the Roman statesman and reformer Tiberius Sempronius Gracchus (168-133 B.C.) built an even more glorious temple to Libertas on the Aventine Hill of Rome. One of the famous: "Seven Hills of Rome". This temple probably of Greek design, would have been furnished with her idol, a sacrificial altar, lamps, basins



for ceremonial washings and benches. In the 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. the orator Asinius Pollio placed a statuary idol of the goddess in the Roman Forum. There was also an Atrium Libertatis (Atrium of Liberty) in a part of the Forum of Trajan that was known as the Ulpian Basilica.

The temples of Libertas had state priests who presided over the ceremonial offerings of sacrifices and prayers and the celebration of public festivities to her glorification. During these celebrations, cult images and objects dedicated to the goddess were displayed to worshippers. Her sacred attributes included the vindicta, the pileus, the sceptre and at her feet, a broken vase and a cat. The vindicta was the rod or staff with which a slave was tapped to grant manumission.

The pileus (Phrygian bonnet or cap of freedom) was worn by emancipated slaves to proclaim their status as freedmen. The scepter signified the goddess's dominion over mankind; the cat, which had not yet been domesticated in Rome, represented the natural instinct for freedom; and the broken vase symbolized the end of confinement. Under the regime of Julius Caesar, the cult of the goddess became associated with political liberty. In 48 B.C. Julius Caesar issued denarii coins bearing the likeness of the goddess to strengthen his claim of being a liberator of the Romans. But his assassins, Brutus and Cassius (who had accused him of despotism) exalted Libertas on their own denarii, showing two daggers and a pileus".

In designing the "The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World" in the 1870's and early 1880's, the French artist Auguste Bartholdi clothed Lady Liberty in the same fashion as other statues of classical Roman female deities. She wears a palla, a cloak which is fastened on her left shoulder by a clasp.



Underneath she wears a stola which falls to her sandaled feet in many folds, and in her left arm she holds a book of law inscribed in Roman numerals: "July 4, 1776", all within the shadow of liberty.



#### From Iris November

It's been a busy winter so far for me. My knitting group--now 9 years old--is going strong and coming up with some new ideas to keep people warm and feeling loved. It's a real joy to be involved. Check our founding organization's newsletter on the website: [www.women4peace.org](http://www.women4peace.org)

I also will be meeting my brand-new great-grandson, Isaac Samuel Carson, in Denver on St Patrick's weekend-- I think that's perfect!! He is so adorable,

and I can't wait to hold him. He is a 5th generation American on my dad's side--awesome! I consider Ms Liberty his "auntie", and I am his "bubbe", which was what I called my grandma, (my dad's mother), Isaac's great-great-great grandma, who was born in Lithuania. Isn't that amazing!

And that brings me to an observation and a conclusion. Meeting so many people in the groups I have joined or constructed, opens me up to diverse beliefs, opinions, biases, passions, etc. I feel very blessed to get to know these new friends. So, I must share the excitement I personally felt watching the second Women's March this January. Here were "my people", all different, and from many ethnicities, yet all "one" group as they spent a few hours celebrating unity and understanding. The posters that were all over showed creativity, and even more so, they spoke the words that haven't been expressed for so long, by so many. It was even more powerful than the 2017 march, though it grew out of that one, plus incorporating the events that have overshadowed the news this past year. This year's march had a new dynamic-- emboldened by the support generated by the marchers as well as their partners, spouses, children, and caring citizens. It truly celebrates liberty.



February 14, 2018 -Valentine's Day - has given each of us a dagger in our hearts--the news made it difficult to catch my breath, and the tears kept falling. Of course I was glued to the news even though each report made it worse. I remember when President Roosevelt died--yes, I am old--and the end of World War II--the atomic bomb falling on Nagasaki-- and the more recent losses of JFK, and RFK, and MLK-- tragic and senseless. And then the litany of mass shootings just in the last 18 years, the sheer insanity of it all. It is time for the culture of killing to cease. Of course, that's easy to say. However, to say nothing can be done, only extends the horror for our grandchildren, and my little Isaac.

SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY

One thing I have decided to do is to write each of the elected politicians in my state, Ohio, both on the State level as well as the Federal level. I have asked our newspaper to publish the names, emails, and amounts of NRA money they accept. It is my plan to ask each of them to support legislation that will make all of us safer, and especially, school safety, plus whatever else is needed, and to not vote according to what the NRA dictates-- vote their conscience and their obligation to the voters who elected them, and to their children.

I am not against the second amendment-- just against what has happened to its true meaning. Perhaps you have other ideas-- please act on them.

*With Love, Iris*



#### From the President

I thank the many club members who reached out to me over the 2017 Christmas holiday to wish me a Merry Christmas/Happy 2018 and thank me and Brian and Lebo for our efforts on behalf of our club.

#### Liberty Gifts

In the Fall/Winter (November) 2017 newsletter, I related an email conversation I had with club member **Kathy Sheeran** and the Living Liberty she personifies at U.S. naturalization ceremonies in the southeast Florida area. Kathy and I shared additional email recently where we discussed my offer, on behalf of the club membership, to donate age appropriate gifts for the children at these ceremonies. Kathy advised me the children are not being naturalized, they are there to support parents/grandparents/family who are completing their citizenship process. Generally, children from infant to under-18, and born outside the U.S., receive citizenship when a parent(s) is naturalized. Young adults 18 and older must apply under separate rules for U.S. citizenship.

So, back to the age appropriate gifts, Kathy has agreed to accept donations from club members and see that the children attending the ceremony receives a gift showing The Statue of Liberty from a Living Liberty (Kathy) at the ceremony. Club members can contact me – information on page 7 of this newsletter – to obtain Kathy's mail or email information or to discuss what type of Liberty items might be 'age-appropriate'.

During a February visit with **Jean and Bob Weaver**, in northeast Florida, I mentioned that I would like their approval to send Kathy many of the Liberty pins they donated to the club - they agreed enthusiastically.

#### Liberty Gift Shop

I recently emailed the Evelyn Hill gift shop on Liberty Island regarding the status of the shop's website and was advised it is still being redesigned and thus is not available ... at this time.

I will keep checking and let the membership know when the new website is online. Until then, if you want to shop with the gift shop for books, jewelry or any of their many Liberty items, you can call, 7 days a week, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Eastern time) at 212-363-3180.

#### Her Right Foot

Book Review by  
**Marilyn Ebersole**



**Her Right Foot** is a book Statue of Liberty Club members should have in their library. It is marketed as a children's book by the Junior Library Guild selection, but it is a must read for every man, woman and child in the land.

In a time when immigration is a hot button issue, it's good to be reminded that Lady Liberty continues to lift her lamp beside the golden door. The book, with its marvelous illustrations, is a love letter to America.

Publisher: Chronicle Books LLC, Published 09/19/2017  
Author Dave Eggers, Art Shawn Harris  
ISBN: 9781452162812

[ED: Additional reviews can be found online at various book seller websites]

**Cherish Our Liberty.**

*Vince Swift*

SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY

## From The Vice President



The New York 2019 Club Meeting planning is underway. This visit will have some changes to it. First, our preferred hotel is slated for demolition and we need to find another location. Second, the new museum on Liberty Island is scheduled to open in 2019!

We have been spoiled getting both an affordable room rate and a meeting room where we could bring in our own food. I'm calling on all members especially those that live in the NYC area and those that travel there, to help locate a suitable location for our club meeting. In searching the internet there's an overwhelming list of thousands of locations. What we need is someone with inside or personal knowledge of a hotel. Anyone with family members that are connected with a NYC hotel, have read about a "hidden gem", or heard of a hotel that could fit our needs to respond.

All of the major chains are costly just for the meeting room and food service. In the past, we paid under \$100 per attendee for our all-day Saturday gathering and food/beverage.

The Yotel across the street would be \$300+/person for the meeting room and food. There's a new POD style hotel that's affordable and popular. Perfect for those that just need a clean room in a good location without lots of floor space. If you have traveled in Europe, you probably remember rooms of this limited size. However, accommodations for a family of 4 is not possible unless booking 2 rooms. Meeting room ability is still yet to be determined. **We need your help!**

The dates are tentative for early October 2019 but could be adjusted slightly to the opening of the new museum on Liberty Island. We hope to have a tour of the public exhibits and a behind the scenes tour of the archived items. This is a rare opportunity to experience both.

**Requesting:** Research information on an affordable hotel and meeting space. Please inquire on room rate and potential meeting space for 25-50 attendees before forwarding. Our room rate goal is \$200+taxes/night single or double occupancy located within a few blocks of Times Square or very close to a subway station. All day meeting space needs to be under \$500/day or \$1,500 with buffet dinner service included (based on 20 attendees). Qualified locations will be easier to narrow down.

Email your hotel suggestion(s) to Brian Snyder at

**vicepresident@statueoflibertyclub.com**

[ED: Brian has also provided research information on the progress of the new Liberty Island Museum. According to available Internet sites, the museum's opening is still on track for 2019; BUT a firm dedication date has not been published.

The chances that an opening will be in, or before, October 2019 are in our favor, since this newsletter is being mailed out 18 months before then, but until construction progress is measured against its schedule, nothing is certain.

However, please heed Brian's request and provide your eyes, feet and research into identifying a possible location(s) for the 2019 club meeting in New York City.]

#### Marketplace Ad Titles on March 1, 2018

Book: The Secret Life of Lady Liberty:

Goddess in the New World

Liberty Greeting Card by Peter B. Kaplan

Handmade & Unique Liberty Greeting Cards

Bartholdi Signature "For Autograph"

4 Liberty Prints ~ Reverse Paint

Book: Liberty Enlightening the World

Book: New York World's Fair Medals 1939-1940

Book: Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World

Book: The Story of the Statue of Liberty

Book: Book of New York City Sites in 1936

Booklet: 2-image Statue of Liberty Booklet

Booklet: Around The World

Liberty Lawn Sprinkler

Poster: Rock6 ComicCon Limited Edition of the Statue of Liberty Torch

DVD: *We Put Her There: The Contributors*

(English Version) / *Le Cadeau* (French Version)

(English & French versions included on the DVD)

Wanted: Book – Images of Liberty

Members are expected to **use the contact information within the ads** to contact the seller/buyer

<http://www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/marketplace/>

SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY

[ED: Please advise a club officer – the 3 officers and contact information is listed on page 7 of this newsletter – of your success in working with or accessing the Club's MARKETPLACE. We need to know if this free service is meeting **your** needs/expectations or how we might improve it to be the venue for club members to conduct transactions for buying or selling Liberty collectibles. **THANKS!**]





### Dear Friends

A little feedback about our visit at the Bartholdi Museum on Saturday, October 14, 2017 for the inauguration of the temporary exhibit

**"Bartholdi, portrait intime du sculpteur"** translated by myself as **"Insights in Bartholdi's private life"**.

[Curator Isabelle] Mrs Bräutigam was very happy to welcome Roseline and myself in her inaugural address to the numerous audience.

The mayor of Colmar and Régis Hueber weren't present. The SAMBA [ED: Société des Amis du Musée Bartholdi: Society of Friends of the Bartholdi Museum] yes.



And indeed, there were a lot of historical artifacts displayed, some of them for the first time, in the room, where we presented a couple of years ago [2008], the Bas Relief of Don Wiegand, gift of our club to the museum.

Mr Belot (right) explained Bartholdi, through the eyes of the historian he is, and provided some anecdotes which were displayed. (Bartholdi's testament, his childhood in Paris with his brother, the hidden age of his wife,



the freemasonry, the Annexation of Alsace Lorraine to the German empire, his assistance to Gustave Eiffel to overcome the opposition to the building of the Eiffel Tower, the aim to give the house in Colmar to the City as a retirement residence. Luckily, today the Museum ... ) well, a lot of interesting stuff, I wasn't aware about.



On the red strip, a lot of explanation of Bartholdi's activities throughout his life, in various important time slots, and on the top and bottom of this red line, major global events often in America, Europe, and local events impacting both his private and professional life, especially World Fairs, and the annexation of Alsace to the German Empire.

Alsacian wine and pastries was served later, whereas with Roseline and myself, we strolled in the Museum.

I was really surprised by the efforts done by Mrs Bräutigam to refurbish a lot of rooms of the American level in the House. Great job and a lot of explanation handouts in French. Good job. For your next visit to Colmar, a guided tour in this floor and pictures would be a must. Enclosed a couple of pictures taken this day, actually not easy because of the people and the narrow displays in the rooms. Anyhow, we hope you will enjoy it.

Have a very nice day

**Roseline and Christian MEYER**

[ED: Narrative and pictures are from a set of emails to Vince Swift for Club members from Roseline and Christian]

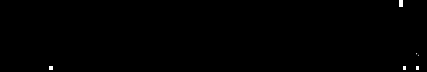
**An additional note** from Vince Swift: In addition to the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, there is another very important historic American site only 1 mile distant, **Ellis Island**. While many European immigrants first saw America by way of the Statue on the horizon, they first experienced America on Ellis Island – my maternal grandfather was one of those immigrants, from Italy, in 1905. Over the years, the U.S. government has restored The Great Hall and a few of the many buildings used during the active life of Ellis Island (1892-1954). Dozens of the island's buildings have been abandon/neglected since the Island stopped processing immigrants. Please visit, and consider supporting, a cause to restore at [www.SaveEllisIsland.org](http://www.SaveEllisIsland.org)

**24 Renewing Members ... Thank You!**

Mary & Dennis Ackley	Dave McCutcheon
Joan Adelman	Roseline & Christian Meyer
Susan Costa	Micky & Gilbert Miclo
Laura Cortner	Karen Mock
Ronald Cutadean	Joyce & Ted Mueller
Michael J Forster	Lolly & Steve Sample
Louisa French	Dorothy Shearn
Annie Gay	Kathy Sheeran
Asher Hetrick, Jr	Nancy Sherman
Robert R. Hieronimus	Kim & Brian Snyder
Joan Laskoff	Paul Virgadamo
Gail & Alan Marder	Jean & Robert Weaver

**2 New Members ... Welcome!**

Lisa Liu ~ Joined January 2018



Xiyue Zhang ~ Joined January 2018

**Join the Club or Renew Your Membership Online!****\$23 Annual Membership Dues (U.S.)****\$25 Annual Membership Dues (International)**

SLC members can renew their annual memberships, or new members can join, using a credit card or PayPal account from the club's web site at

**[www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/join/](http://www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/join/)**

Using online renewal will send your payment electronically to the SLC credit union account.

Members, new and renewing, will receive an electronic confirmation of their payment transaction. A paper application can be found on the above webpage. The application contains a mailing address.

SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY

**SLC Contacts**

President: Vince Swift  
~~804 Durrham Ct, Edison, NJ 08817~~  
 President@StatueOfLibertyClub.com

Vice President & Webmaster: Brian Snyder  
~~1901 West El Paso Ave, Fresno, CA 93722~~  
 VicePresident@StatueOfLibertyClub.com

Treasurer: Lebo Newman  
~~7705 Bayview Way, Reno, NV 89511~~  
 Treasurer@StatueOfLibertyClub.com

Editor: position open  
 For now, Vince & Brian will work as co-editors  
 Editor@StatueOfLibertyClub.com

Founders: Iris & Mort November  
 Statue of Liberty Collectors' Club (1991)  
 Iris November

 3  
 lbrtyclub@gmail.com



Liberty George with his first large-size mask and 6 masks of the size he sold at several locations in New York City.

URL#	Internet Address	Our Club's Website Address is: <a href="http://www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com">www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com</a>
	<a href="http://secretlifeofladyliberty.com">http://secretlifeofladyliberty.com</a> Cortner/Hieronimus book is also available on major Internet book stores	
	<b>The Statue Of Liberty Online Gift Shop is under redesign and currently not available. Call 212-363-3180</b>	
	<b>Moreno ~ Statue Of Liberty: Wonder of the World ~ Gift Shop Item # 3335</b>	
	<b>Khan ~ Enlightening the World: The Creation of the Statue of Liberty ~ Gift Shop Item # 3753</b>	
	<b>Mitchell ~ Liberty's Torch: The Great Adventure to Build The Statue of Liberty ~ Gift Shop Item # 4999</b>	



## Liberty Sightings



SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY



"The Statue of Liberty is backdropped by a supermoon, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, seen from the Brooklyn borough of New York. The supermoon, which is the final of three consecutive supermoons, also experienced a lunar eclipse as it set over the horizon, but only a partial eclipse was visible in the East Coast."

Attribution: Text/Mike Rose, cleveland.com, AP Photo/Julio Cortez

"The Statue of Liberty is no longer accessible on foot, in Paris, January 23, 2018. The level of the Seine has reached 4,90m [16 feet] at the bridge of Austerlitz and could exceed by the end of the week the peak of 6,03m [19.8 feet] reached in 2016."

Attribution:  
Text: [www.20minutes.fr/france/](http://www.20minutes.fr/france/)  
Photo: Jacques Witt/SIPA

[ED: Vince Swift drove through Paris in June 2016 on his way to Roseline & Christian Meyer's wedding; he reported on the 2016 flooding, with pictures of this same Liberty in the Seine, in the newsletter of Summer 2016 Volume 26, Issue No. 2]



SLC \*\*\* ARCHIVE \*\*\* COPY