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At our Next Meeting:



Bill de Blasio

Candidate for Mayor

Kevin Elkins

Executive Director,
Democratic Committee of
Richmond County



Endorsement Votes

- Mayor
- Public Advocate

Tuesday, June 18, 8:00 P.M.

**** NOTE LOCATION: 120 Bay Cafe****

120 Bay Street (former Cargo Café) - (718) 273-7770



July 14 Mark Herman Picnic

S.I.D.A. Mark Herman Bastille Day Picnic

Sunday, July 14, 12 – 4 pm

Willowbrook Park Barbecue Area

Driving Directions: Richmond Avenue, turn east on Eton
Place. Barbecue area is behind Carousel.

Celebrate the French Revolution with S.I.D.A.!

Note new venue.



For information contact Liz Price, lizprice@aol.com, 347-415-4555



Editorial Policy

Items for publication must be submitted to the newsletter no later than the last Friday of the month before the meeting. Please send items to: cmaxbauer@yahoo.com.

Unless explicitly stated, the views herein are those of the authors and not of S.I.D.A.

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"I hold it, that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms are in the physical."

- Thomas Jefferson
1787

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S.I.D.A. President's Message

June 2013

When you receive your Mayoral ballot at our meeting, I hope you will join me and check off "No Endorsement."

Endorsing one candidate from so many that have authentic progressive credentials will not improve the status of our club. It will cause unnecessary rancor among our members. It benefits one candidate to the detriment of S.I.D.A..

There is no obligation for our club to make an endorsement. One thing that makes S.I.D.A. special is our rejection of the 'politics as usual' tradition. We believe that our members have the intelligence to decide for themselves which candidates to support.

Should our club make an endorsement, this does not obligate any member to support that candidate. Four years ago, some members campaigned for Tony Avella, despite his opponent receiving the club's endorsement. We welcome that kind of political dissent.

Lately some candidates have made accusations about their opponents' motivations rather than describing their plans for improving the lives of New Yorkers. If there is any club that should rise above the bitter and sometimes vacuous or misleading attacks on fellow Democrats, it should be S.I.D.A. Our focus must remain getting liberal Democrats elected, not enabling the Republicans with attacks on each other.

With so many progressive candidates running for Mayor, I do not see the value in granting only one of them the privilege of declaring themselves as endorsed by S.I.D.A. We need to focus on Election Day, not Primary Day. We must not allow another Republican to be elected Mayor.

Whatever the outcome of the primary, we must agree to whole-heartedly support the eventual Democratic nominee. We have to move away from our 'Party of Sour Grapes' pattern, where we find ourselves unwilling to support the candidate that was not our 'primary' choice. Our candidates should pledge to support and campaign for the nominee and encourage their followers to do the same.

I've watched Republicans win elections over and over because of the attitude that only a 'perfect' Democrat deserves our time and money. None of us wants another Republican mayor, but some of us have already stated that there are some Democrats that they will not support. We need to recall Mark Herman's slogan: 'A bad Democrat is better than a good Republican.'

We need to take the energy that too often goes into attacking other Democrats and use it to articulate what we stand for in contrast to Republicans. We are the party of labor, of civil rights, of equality. Our goals are greater than our differences. We should stand together.

*Sincerely,
Tom Shcherbenko
President*



The Annual Mark Herman Picnic

Sunday, July 14

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Bill de Blasio



New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio is a Democratic candidate for Mayor and will be a guest speaker at our June 18 General Membership Meeting. His campaign provided the following statement.

From his early days as a community activist, to his current position as Public Advocate for the City of New York, Bill de Blasio has spent his life fighting to ensure every New Yorker gets a fair shot — in neighborhoods throughout our five boroughs. Bill is committed to reforming our city government to ensure a quality education for every child, safe streets and thriving small businesses, and a fair economic playing field for all New Yorkers — no matter who they are or where they live.

Bill has consistently championed the rights of middle and working class New Yorkers — by fighting for improved early childhood education, tenants' rights, and job opportunities for all New Yorkers.

Together with his wife, Chirlane, Bill is the proud parent of Chiara, a college freshman, and Dante, a high school sophomore. Having raised their children in Brooklyn and sent them to New York City public schools, both Bill and Chirlane have a firsthand understanding of the fundamental role parents and teachers share in educating the next generation — and of the importance in having equal education opportunities in all city neighborhoods.

After graduating from NYU, Bill studied at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. He began his career in public affairs working for New York City's first African-American Mayor, David N. Dinkins, and later became an assistant for community affairs at City Hall.

Bill then moved to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, working as Regional Director under then-Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo, as New York and New Jersey's highest-ranking official in the department. As regional director, Bill fought for increased federal funding for affordable homes and expanded housing services for senior citizens. At HUD, Bill continued his focus on tenants' rights — which helped inform Bill's landmark, citywide Landlord Watch List in 2010.

At HUD, Bill crisscrossed the Tri-State region, gaining a critical understanding of the diverse communities that make up the New York metropolitan area. In a region where city and state are so interdependent, Bill saw how invaluable the private sector could be in creating jobs in New York City, and how crucial it is for government to support small businesses.

In 1999, Bill joined District 15's School Board in Brooklyn, where he championed early childhood education, and helped his district become the first to cap class size in First Grade and establish universal pre-K programs.

In 2000, Hillary Clinton asked Bill to manage her historic campaign for the U.S. Senate. Working at the helm of a vast statewide operation, Bill helped re-introduce Mrs. Clinton to large portions of the electorate who had until then known her only as the First Lady — eventually helping secure her a decisive victory in a highly competitive campaign.

Two years later, he started his service in the City Council, representing the diverse Brooklyn neighborhoods of Park Slope, Boro Park, Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, Windsor Terrace, and Kensington.

In his eight years on the City Council, Bill focused his efforts on improving public education, engaging parents, expanding affordable housing, and protecting New York's middle-class and working poor.

As head of the City Council's General Welfare Committee, Bill reformed government programs to minimize bureaucracy and better serve middle and working class families.

Under Bill's leadership, the Committee passed the Gender-Based Discrimination Protection law to protect transgendered New Yorkers, and passed the Domestic Partnership Recognition Law to ensure that same-sex couples in a legal partnership could enjoy all the same legal benefits of domestic partners of heterosexual couples in New York City.

During his tenure, Bill's committee also passed the Benefits Translation for Immigrants Law, which helped non-English speakers access free language assistance services when accessing government programs.

As an outspoken advocate for tenants' rights, Bill passed legislation that ended landlord discrimination against tenants who held federal housing subsidy vouchers.

Bill also helped pass the H.I.V./AIDS Housing Services law, improving housing services for low income New Yorkers living with H.I.V./AIDS.

In 2010, Bill was sworn in as Public Advocate, the City's second-highest elected office. Since then, Bill's voice can be heard across our city, forcefully advocating for stronger representation and services for the millions of workers who represent the foundation of New York City's economy.

As Public Advocate, Bill has fought to ensure that our government represents the needs of every New Yorker — from Midwood to Morningside Heights; from Bushwick to Bay Ridge. When the NYPD refused to release WTC workers' medical records, Bill joined law enforcement advocates to successfully pressure the city to turn over this critical data. And when the Department of Environmental Protection refused to address skyrocketing water bills, Bill held hearings and released guides to help homeowners fight back.

He has worked to cut down on needless bureaucracy, hold city government accountable, and ensure that our elected officials use their resources to create good jobs and give parents a real voice in their children's schools.

Bill knows that early childhood education is the best way to invest in our city's future — and he has pushed tirelessly to make after-school programs and early childhood education a top priority in our city. Bill is committed to expanding these programs, and has aggressively fought against proposed budget cuts to these critical services.

His "Worst Landlords Watch List" publicly identified ineffective landlords, and the listed individuals were pressured to improve building maintenance and upkeep. Bill mirrored this tactic in "Open Government NYC," a public database emphasizing City Council funding transparency. Bill has been a forceful opponent of the corrosive influence of corporate money in politics.

Dubbed the “Citizens United Avenger,” Bill has built a national coalition of elected officials against corporate spending, even convincing JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup to pledge not to directly spend any corporate dollars in elections.

Bill is motivated by a desire to see a truly transparent government that works for the good of the middle and working class — not merely for those in power. Today, Bill lives with his family in Park Slope, and on any given day can be found in one of our city’s great neighborhoods, fighting to reform our city government and strengthen our local economy.



Kevin Elkins

Kevin Elkins is the Executive Director of the Democratic Committee of Richmond County and will be a guest speaker at our June 18 General Membership Meeting. He provided the following statement for publication in our newsletter. It is Mr. Elkins’ speech upon accepting the Anthony R. Gaeta Club’s 2011 Democrat of the Year award.

There are people who bemoan the fact that Democrats stand for nothing, that our message is too muddled, that our principles are as vast and contorted as the constituencies our party represents. To be honest with you, I can’t stand those people. We have a message, we have defining principles and we have beliefs that the Democratic Party, our party, is the party of compassion, of fairness, of equality.

While others would have us adhere to the status quo, or accept the unacceptable as the price of a free market, we seek out the vulnerable, the suffering and those without a champion and give them the means to fulfill their own American dream. In our view, it is the government’s responsibility to ensure a fair and just economy that allows people to rise and fall based on their own merit, and hard work.

Instead of sowing division, Democrats embrace one another as neighbors, as partners, as one large extended family in the interconnected world in which we live. For us, compassion is not a sign of weakness; instead it is a mark of strength. It’s easy to focus solely on one’s own life and nothing more, to pursue your own ambitions without a care for the desperate wishes of others. There’s nothing wrong with that. But, when you sacrifice so that others may eat, so someone has that second chance, or allow someone to emerge from the depths of a hard life to become a positive force for civic pride and duty - that is a something to be proud of, that’s character. That is not socialism; it is not big government... that is compassion, that is fairness, that is equality. That is what being an American is all about – that is what being a Democrat is all about.

We know that so long as one child, one man or one woman endures the tragedy of hunger, or poverty we cannot hail ourselves as a true beacon of prosperity. We have not made one man’s dream a reality when a person’s station in life is determined not by their own merit and potential, but on where or to whom they were born. If one American is denied the rights all of us are endowed with by birth, we have yet to enter the gates of that shining city on the hill. In the Democratic Party we are our brother’s keeper, we rise and fall together irrespective of the differences others would use to divide us.

Those guiding principles, those goals are as ambitious as they are difficult to hold firm to. Some would say they are the rhetoric of idealists, destined to failure. But, I say that’s nonsense.

We do not hope for the least, or shy from the impossible. It's been proven time and time again when we aim for the impossible, we can overcome the insurmountable.

After all, we are the party that established the right to retire in dignity. Our leaders articulated a vision that sent men to the moon and brought down the iron fists of tyrants. We fought tooth and nail for the rights of workers everywhere, for the birthright of medical care. Blood, sweat, and tears were shed in steady streams for the pursuit of equal rights for each and every American... a struggle that continues tragically to this day.

Each of those battles was as tough as the one which came before. The political and moral tests of the past, present and the future require a resolve and power of will that does not come naturally to the ordinary person. By being a member of this organization you show everyone that the strength and resolve required is alive and well. These principles, this legacy, this party are something I wear proudly on my arms with all of you.



Letters

We in S.I.D.A. like to make our views known. The following are some of the letters written by S.I.D.A. members that have appeared in print. Unless otherwise indicated, all letters were in the Staten Island Advance and/or posted on the Advance's website www.silive.com. Unless explicitly stated, the views herein are those of the authors and are not the views of S.I.D.A.

On-line May 12, 2013

Printed May 12, 2013

Loophole Allows Gun Buyers to Avoid Background Checks

Contrary to what the National Rifle Association (NRA) says, there is a gun show loophole and it is responsible for many of the illegal guns recovered in New York City.

Under federal law, licensed gun-dealers at gun shows must conduct background checks. However unlicensed "occasional sellers" at gun shows are not required to conduct background checks.

They are only barred from selling guns to those they believe would fail a background check. It is these unlicensed sellers who exploit the "occasional seller" loophole.

In 2009, New York City conducted undercover operations at seven gun shows in Tennessee, Ohio and Nevada. Of the 30 sellers from which guns were purchased, 19 broke the law by selling guns to an undercover agent after the agent said that he probably could not pass a background check.

Two assault weapons and 20 semiautomatic handguns were sold by sellers who were aware that the buyer probably could not pass a background check.

The NRA was the driving force behind the recent defeat of the Senate legislation to close the gun-show loophole.

New Yorkers need to hold the NRA and those elected officials they control responsible for making our city less safe.

- Richard Reichard

On-line June 7, 2013

Election Reform Bills Should Command Every Citizen's Attention

I took a bus ride up to Albany with 20 or so other Brooklyn and Staten Island citizens on May 29 to see our legislators about the election reform bills that are currently in the works.

Right now is the closest such action has ever been to success.

There are a range of provisions under consideration. Some seek to provide six-to-one matching funds to allow candidates to compete with less reliance on deep-pocket donors.

Other bills seek also to reduce access to so-called “housekeeping” funds that are handled on a party-wide basis and can circumvent certain limits.

Some combination of these ideas would serve to reduce big-ticket (i.e. corporate) donations and encourage smaller donors — in essence, to level the playing field.

There is naturally concern over the cost of matching funds (in the \$50-million range) but it will be a sorely needed investment in our weakened democracy.

If our democracy fails to reflect the consent of the governed, all else fails.

It is a noble effort and worthy of every citizen’s attention. Call your state senator, get info, express your ideas and interests. That is how democracy is supposed to work. Make it work — for us!

- Rich Florentino



May Meeting Minutes

General Meeting May 21, 2013

President Shcherbenko called the meeting to order at 8:12 pm. Joy made a motion to accept the April General Minutes as published in the newsletter with the following correction. Rich Florentino noted the name of his issue paper is Economic Democracy. The Corresponding & Recording Secretary noted the correction. The motion was seconded by Belinda Dixon and passed.

President Shcherbenko announced there would be a bus going from Staten Island to Albany on May 29 to lobby for Fair Elections. He reminded members that the endorsement vote for New York City Comptroller as well as the 49th and 50th Council Districts would be held. He explained that candidates must receive a majority of the votes to get endorsed by the club. Peter Killen made a motion to close the ballots at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried. Rich Florentino, Alex Baltovski and Marie Ettlinger volunteered to count the ballots.

1st Guest Speaker

Jamie Kemmerer, local community activist from Common Cause returned to speak to members. He reported that most campaigns are funded by one half of one percent of donors. He wants to bring the government back to the people and away from special interest groups and lobbyists by adopting a practice similar to the one in New York City public financing. Here, a candidate raises a certain amount of money and every donation after that is matched by the city using tax payer funds, six to one. He explained that New York State is poised to vote on a comprehensive campaign reform package to make this a statewide practice.

He reminded members that S.I.D.A. passed a resolution last year. Mr. Kemmerer announced that there will be a bus going to Albany (leaving from Boro Hall) on May 29TH to lobby legislators to pass this bill. He urged members to take the trip to Albany or to call Gov. Cuomo to push it through.

Cathy Guerriero

Cathy Guerriero, a Democratic candidate for N.Y.C. Public Advocate, spoke briefly to the members about her candidacy. She asked the club for their endorsement and took some questions from several members.

Gun Violence Prevention

Phil Jonas spoke about recent legislation which failed to pass the United States Senate by five votes. He said the same bill was proposed by the House. He mentioned the committee will be starting phone banks on June 10th. He also announced the next Gun Violence Prevention meeting is scheduled for June 1, 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Phil also announced that the local OFA (Organizing for America) is going to hold a press conference in front of Congressman Grimm's office on May 30th. He urged members to join the committee.

Richard Reichard made a motion to write letters to Senator Savino, Assemblymen Titone and Cusick, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand thanking them for the gun control legislation and also thanking Governor Cuomo for signing the gun control legislation into law. Belinda Dixon seconded the motion and it passed.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Joann Olbrich presented highlights from the April Executive Committee meeting. Joy Robins questioned Joanne about the ad S.I.D.A. purchased for Peace Action Staten Island's (PASI) dinner journal. Joann reported that it was approved months ago. PASI's dinner originally scheduled for last fall was postponed due to Hurricane Sandy. President Shcherbenko said he would check on this.

Social Secretary's Report

Social Secretary Liz Price reminded the members that the annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 14, at Willowbrook Park, and the annual dinner is scheduled for September 3 at the Crystal Room. Liz said she expects to send invitations for the dinner out around July 20th.

Liz also announced this year's honorees:

Humanitarian Eric Adams
Club ServiceDennis Brown
Environmental..... Cliff Hagen
Labor Belinda Dixon
Political Action Phil Jonas

Issues Committee

Chair Loretta Prisco reminded members that the Issue paper on the Postal Service is in the current newsletter. She also mentioned that the committee is working on Rich Florentino's paper - "Economic Democracy". Loretta also announced that there will be an Issues Committee Meeting on May 28th at her home to finish work on Richenda Kramer's paper "Solitary Confinement."

President Shcherbenko reminded members about the LGBT Pride Parade and Festival on June 1. He hopes to march in the parade with other members.

John Liu

New York City Comptroller and Democratic candidate for Mayor John Liu remarked on the incredible turnout at the meeting. He said it has been a privilege to serve as Comptroller. He has been proud to have had the club's endorsement in the past. He is appealing to S.I.D.A. for their endorsement for his candidacy as Mayor. He said it's time for changes and feels ready. Mr. Liu spoke about his background, experience, key issues and plans to make things better. He said he is consistently progressive on all the issues and he is the only candidate who doesn't accept money from Wall Street and other big corporations. Mr. Liu said he has tremendous plans to change the city. He took questions from many members after his presentation.

Results of Endorsement Vote

Alex Baltovski delivered the results .He reported there were a total of 66 votes cast.

NYC Comptroller

Scott Stringer 62
No Endorsement..... 4

49th Council District

Debi Rose 64
No Endorsement..... 2

50th Council District

John Mancuso 34
Mendy Mirocznik..... 18
No Endorsement..... 14

Guest Speaker

Reshma Saujani, a Democratic candidate for New York City Public Advocate, and an Indian-American daughter of political refugees from Uganda, said she has dedicated her life to public service. She mentioned that she has had the opportunity to serve as the Deputy Public Advocate. She spoke about her background and experience as well as a program she started called "Girls who Code."

Ms. Saujani said that the city needs a Public Advocate that is a change agent because the American dream is tattered. She said we need someone to fight for the families. Ms. Saujani spoke about her record of accomplishment and the four items she intends to focus on ie; jobs, educational opportunities, affordable housing and women's rights. She thanked members for the chance to introduce herself and took questions from several members in attendance.

New Business

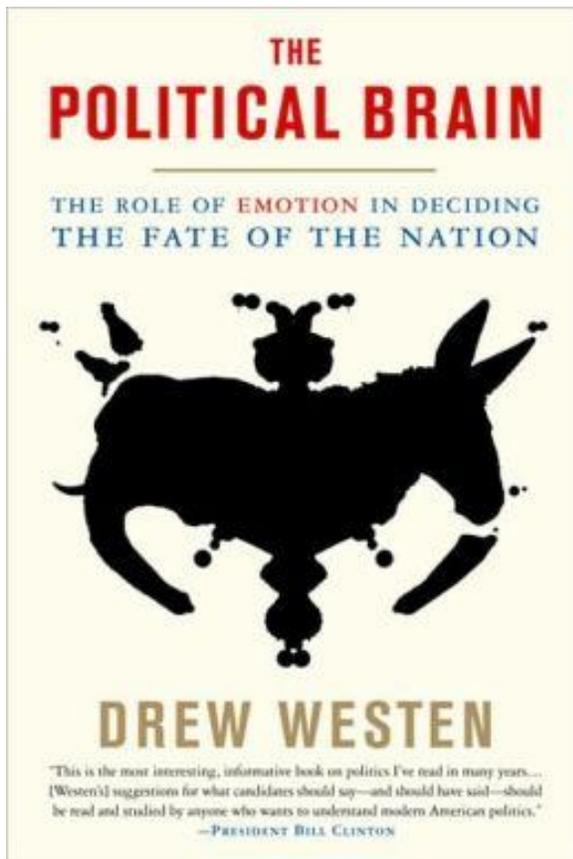
Joann asked if members could meet on the following Thursday for a By-Laws Committee meeting. Gary Lane made a motion to hold the Endorsement vote for Mayor at the June 18th meeting. After some discussion the motion carried with 31 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 abstention. President Shcherbenko announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 29th, 8:00 p.m. at the home of Marjorie Ryan. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marie Dwyer
Corresponding &
Recording Secretary*



Members' Recommended Reading

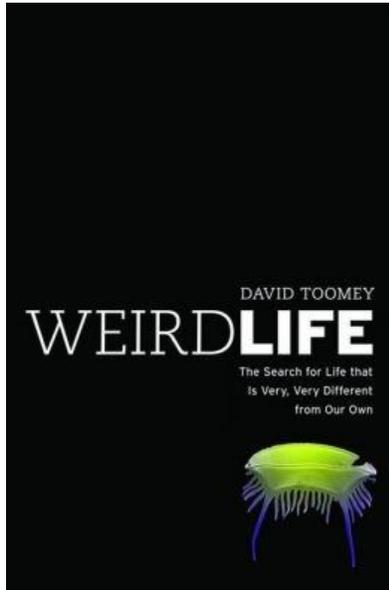
In Members' Recommended Readings S.I.D.A. members let us know which books they have enjoyed.



Although not a recent read, this book would appeal to many club members. Drew Westen, PhD is a Emory University professor and political consultant. Dr Westin, a clear partisan who is continually pained by the electoral shortcomings of his beloved Democrats, is also a psychologist and neuroscientist. He brings academic research skills to the study of political persuasion and concludes that conservatives are better at appealing to the emotions of voters and that progressives tend to be too cognitive - and therefore don't connect with the raw emotion needed to win hearts. While this argument is perceived by some centrists as self-serving and overly partisan there is ample evidence cited in this book and elsewhere that conservatives and liberals are "wired" differently - even from birth.

This is a passionate book that will appeal to the activist who longs for more 'fire in the belly' when arguing our perspective. Early on he offers his version of what Al Gore *should* have said to George Bush in their first debate when Gore's manhood was questioned. That piece alone was worth the price of this book.

- Phil Jonas



If you are interested in the search for extraterrestrial life and want to delve further into the topic, this is a fascinating book. David Toomey touches on the search for other carbon-based life forms but spends the majority of the book exploring the possibility of other life, and how these life forms could survive in environments totally hostile to carbon-based life. He explains how hard it is to just define life, and also how hard it is to even devise a method for detecting it. You have to know what you are looking for if you want to know that you found it. It is a mind-broadening book and reminds us how we let our assumptions limit us.

- Chris Bauer



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(former Cargo Café)**

Links to Mayoral Campaigns

We will be having the mayoral endorsement vote at our June 18 General Membership meeting. Since all mayoral candidates have not addressed the club, links to the campaigns are provided below (in alphabetical order by last name) to help the membership make an informed vote at the meeting.

Sal Albanese

<http://www.salalbanese2013.com/>

Ceceilia Berkowitz

<http://www.ceceiliaberkowitz.com/>

Bill de Blasio

<http://www.billdeblasio.com/>

Randy Credico

<http://www.credico2013.org/>

John Liu

<http://johnliu2013.com/>

Christine Quinn

<http://www.quinnfornewyork.com/>

Erick Salgado

<http://www.salgadonyc.com/>

Bill Thompson

<http://billthompsonformayor.com/>

Anthony Weiner

<http://www.anthonyweiner.com/>



Bulletin Board



SAVE THE DATE
1 ISLAND PRIDE

THE STATEN ISLAND LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS:
ONE ISLAND ONE PRIDE DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Old Bermuda Inn, Staten Island, NY

join us as we celebrate and honor
**TERI RUSSO, CHRIS BAUER AND
THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF STATEN ISLAND**

The evening includes Cocktail Hour, Entertainment, Open Bar,
Chance Auction, dancing and much more!

For tickets, information, or to place a journal ad please contact
Zakhar Berkovich at oneislandonepride@gmail.com or call
646.258.9778

www.silgbtcenter.org

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7a2m1tc8a9323d3&llr=eo7cpeeab>



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County Chairman's Boardwalk Bash



Save the date!

**Richmond County
Democratic Chair
John P. Gulino**



Invites You to
*A Summertime
Boardwalk Bash*

Located at
South Fin Grill
300 Father Capodanno Boulevard
Staten Island, NY 10305
On
Saturday, July 13th, 2013
12:00 PM-4:00PM

Sponsorship

\$1,000

Guest	Supporter	Friend	Host
\$50	\$150	\$250	\$500



Kindly RSVP To:
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Email: sidemocrats@yahoo.com

Checks Made Payable to:
Life of the Party



S.I.D.A. Banquet

SAVE THE DATE

S.I.D.A.'s Annual Banquet

Tuesday, September 3, 2013
Crystal Room, 67 Olympia Boulevard

Honorees:

Eric Adams

Paul O'Dwyer Humanitarian Award

Dennis Brown

Peggy Johnston Club Service Award

Cliff Hagen

Terence H. Benbow Environmental Award

Belinda Dixon

John W. Lavelle Labor Award

Phil Jonas

Tyrone Butler Political Action Award



Upcoming Meetings

June 18, 2013	July 16, 2013
General Meeting 120 Bay Café, 120 Bay Street	General Meeting TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill de Blasio, mayoral candidate • Kevin Elkins, Executive Director, DCRC • Public Advocate & Mayor Endorsements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lou Liedy and Richard Luthmann, candidates for Borough President

It's Time to Join or Renew Your S.I.D.A. Membership!

To become a member, renew membership, or make a donation, call Bonita Rothman at (917) 596-3724, or complete and return the coupon. Voting privileges begin 45 days after joining.



2013 DUES	DONATION
_____ \$15 - Family	_____ \$5
_____ \$10 - Individual	_____ \$50
_____ \$5 - Senior, Student, Unemployed	_____ \$100
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P.O. Box 140371
Staten Island, NY 10314-0371

S.I.D.A. Executive Committee

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Corresponding &	Ex Officio Dennis Brown
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Treasurer Bonita Rothman	Ex Officio Belinda Dixon
Social Secretary Liz Price	Ex Officio Richard Reichard
Member at-Large Richard Florentino	Ex Officio John Sollazzo
Member at-Large Richenda Kramer	Ex Officio Mark Zink