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Leticia James

Candidate for NYC

Public Advocate

Election of Nominating Committee

Tuesday, October 15, 8:00 P.M.

Karl's Klipper, 40 Bay Street, 718-720-4442



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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

**Meeting will be
OCTOBER 15
at Karl's Klipper
40 Bay Street**

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

October 2013

How can progressives and liberals get our message out in a world filled every day with distortions and nonsense?

Worrisome polls recently revealed that many Americans did not know that “Obamacare” and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are the same thing. Other polls over the years have shown that while Americans overwhelmingly support almost every component of the ACA, when the bill is called “Obamacare” the poll numbers go down.

Our citizens are woefully underinformed on the most important issues facing us. Few, if any, news reports on the Shutdown mentioned that the ACA was already upheld by the Supreme Court. The textbook lessons on “how a bill becomes a law” will need to be revised: all three branches of government can enact a law, but the government can be shut down by part of one branch if they don't like that law.

Compounding the problem of the poor information that is available is the enormous amount of misinformation. In the current mayoral campaign, a Lhota spokesman said that de Blasio “wants to prevent the police from doing their jobs.” Before the primary, Sal Albanese wrote that “de Blasio wants to handcuff police by abolishing stop and frisk.” (The reality is that de Blasio never advocated abolishing stop and frisk (something only John Liu suggested).

One problem is that the right-wing figured out how to put their slogans into a neat package the size of a bumper sticker, while our message, as Gene Prisco once put it, wouldn't fit on the bumper and would continue onto the side of the car. Most of us see this as a badge of honor, showing that we put more thought into our message. Our challenge is finding ways to take our message and put it into a form that can be easily understood.

Our club has always encouraged the idea of writing letters to the editor of the various newspapers, and this is still a good idea. While they might not slow the tide of falsehoods that we hear in commercials every day -- like Lhota's, which claims that de Blasio “opposes charter schools” -- they require only a few hours each month and cost nothing. We will soon set up workshops for this endeavor.

Many members of our club have attended press conferences over the past few months pertaining to the Community Safety Act or the poor record of Congressman Grimm. We expect to have more of these over the next year, and more club members should participate.

And of course, all of us should stay well-informed, by questioning and analyzing and not blindly accepting something that we heard on the news.

*Sincerely,
Tom Shcherbenko
President*



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 September 10, 2013

Grimm Shamelessly Trying to Raise Money Based on His Syria Stance

It is difficult to not be disappointed with our present congressman. He invariably votes a straight Republican Party line, which puts him at odds with his many economically strapped constituents.

But now on the issue of Syria, his quick first statement had him standing with the administration.

Twelve hours or so later he stands against the administration and the reasons he provides are mostly a personal attack on the president, which marks Mr. Grimm as a person who thinks small. But the piece de resistance is an addendum to send him money if you agree with his position.

Now, although I may agree with his vote on this one, I find the reasons he provides for his change of opinion are second rate, and his request for funds in deplorably bad taste as well as indicative of perhaps a willingness to vote in the direction of money. Ick.

- Bonita Rothman

The following was published in www.thepilot.com serving Moore County, NC.

On-line September 17, 2013

The Message of Moral Monday is Apparently Still Obscure to Many People.

More than the speeches at the Moral Monday rally in Southern Pines, a question from a friend of long standing, who is also a reporter, focused my thinking on the subject.

"I don't know what they want," she said.

It is true that some African-Americans have achieved high political power, serve on corporate boards and are an integral part of our 21st century society. But that is not the issue of Moral Monday. The purpose of redistricting by the GOP-controlled North Carolina legislature was to ghetto-ize African-American voters.

African-Americans realize that they are still regarded as a one-size-fits-all group by focus-voting groups. If there are too many African-Americans in a voting district, and they will naturally vote one way, put them all in their own district. This is what is un-American about the N.C. legislature. African-Americans feel that they are being watched, second-guessed, and put in a category.

And that, my friend, is what they don't want.

- Kevin Lewis

On-line September 23, 2013

Printed September 23, 2013

Bowing to the Health-Care Industry, GOP Proposes to Gouge Consumers

After trying and failing to repeal Obamacare for the 40th time, Congressman Michael Grimm and his Republican colleagues will try for the 41st time to repeal Obamacare by threatening again to shut down the federal government.

The Republicans' only solution to hold down health-care costs has been to increase deductibles and co-pays. They believe that people use more health-care than they need because they have no sense of the real cost. Republicans view health-care as just another consumer product like cars, refrigerators, etc.

The Republicans have been less than honest about why they really want to repeal Obamacare.

The real reason is that it cuts into the ever-increasing profits of the health-care industry, which consists of medical device manufacturers, and health insurance and pharmaceutical companies. This multi-billion-dollar industry is one of the few industries to see its profits increase many times more than the rate of inflation.

Those who believe that money gives access to and influence over our legislative process should be aware that the health-care industry ranks number one in lobbying spending. Year after year this industry spends about \$230 million on lobbying.

Of course the Republicans are not going to bring up this fact in the debate.

- Richard Reichard

On-line September 23, 2013

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There Should be No Question That Mount Manresa Must be Saved

We shouldn't have to fight for everything on Staten Island. Mount Manresa should be saved. That's it. Why? We don't need more townhouses; we don't need more traffic. We have enough overcrowding. We have enough flooding. And don't we have enough cancer? The community needs trees, and a place to decompress from all the stress we experience.

I am a native-born Staten Islander. I've been to retreats and picnics at Mount Manresa. I know from experience the place is a gem. It should be protected. If it can't be a Jesuit Retreat house, it should be a park. End of story.

I've heard people say, "Staten Island is the Borough of Parks. We don't need more." Well, look at a map. There are no parks in this area. Mount Manresa is the only green space this particular area of Staten Island has. If you don't believe me, ask Ellen Pratt, from the Protectors of Pine Oak Woods.

I want to know why every elected official isn't in there with Diane Savino, Nicole Malliotakis, Jim Oddo and Debi Rose, trying to protect Mount Manresa. And all the candidates too. What are you waiting for? This isn't a Democrat or Republican issue. This is about Staten Island. Once Mount Manresa is gone, it's gone forever.

- Carol Ann Salerno Labita

On-line September 29, 2013

Printed September 29, 2013

Gun Violence Claims Many More Lives Than Terrorism

The following is addressed to Rep. Michael Grimm:

Following the horrific events of September 11, 2001 our nation was riveted by its determination to prevent a reoccurrence.

Little expense was spared to protect our homeland. As a result, only 19 Americans have since died on our soil due to terrorism.

However, since Sept. 11th, 364,000 Americans have died here by gunshot. Despite that, Congress has not passed a single bill that addresses this madness.

We are a country awash with guns and we have no effective means of regulating access. As you well know, idiots can and do get them.

The argument that more guns with more bullets makes us safer is hogwash.

As a specialist in violence risk-assessment who has read the peer reviewed literature, I can assure you that limiting access to the tools of widespread destruction is a much better idea.

It seems to be a bedrock principle of foreign policy; why not domestic policy?

There is a very modest bill pending in the House (HR 1565) that would expand background checks to cover all commercial gun sales. If you can't support it, please propose a stronger one!

Remember the casualty count: 19 vs. 364,000.

- Phil Jonas



August Minutes

General Meeting August 20, 2013

President Shcherbenko called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. He pointed out that the evening's endorsement ballot had three parts: Borough President, County Committee Officers, and District Leaders; and all members in good standing were eligible to vote.

Phil Jonas moved to close the balloting at 9:00 p.m., Nick Popolo seconded the motion; the motion carried. Paul Scublinsky, Alex Baltovski and Phil Jonas volunteered to count the ballots.

Gun Violence Prevention

Phil Jonas announced that a Gun Violence Prevention Rally will be held on Wednesday, Aug 21 at 12:15 p.m. on the steps of Borough Hall. He said the rally was to support background checks on gun sales. He encouraged members to attend because we need the change made in the law.

Kevin Elkins, Executive Director, Democratic Committee of Richmond County

Mr. Elkins provided a brief overview of the Democratic Committee on Staten Island and provided more detail about their primary focus areas i.e., fundraising, party building and candidate recruitment. He mentioned that 10 members on the Executive Board are from S.I.D.A., and he feels that signifies how far the party has come.

Mr. Elkins said the party was grateful to S.I.D.A. for all their hard work collecting petitions. He also mentioned that the Democratic Committee wants to reach out and work with all the Democratic clubs on Staten Island.

After his presentation, Mr. Elkins took questions from several S.I.D.A. members in attendance.

Sarah Weinstein, DCCC

Ms. Weinstein mentioned that NY 1 covered the recent Women's Equality Act Rally, and that the party has been trying to put together various events, e.g. Gun Prevention and Social Security, that NY 1 is covering. She mentioned that Staten Island is a vulnerable district and that is why she is here to help.

Ms. Weinstein spoke about other planned events that will underline Congressman Grimm's record while he is home for the Congressional recess. She spoke about laying the groundwork now, and that they want people to help follow the Congressmen's voting record on the issues.

Chris Walsh, Democratic Candidate for South Shore Council Seat

Mr. Walsh mentioned that he has been involved with his neighborhood since he was very young. He said he needs 4,000 votes and is running in one of the most Republican Districts. Mr. Walsh says that the "political stuff" is all new to him and he wants to do the right thing. He has been trying to get his name out there by attending various events, including the 4th of July Parade, and block parties.

Mr. Walsh spoke briefly about some of the important issues on the South Shore including prescription drug abuse, roads and overdevelopment.

After his presentation, Mr. Walsh took questions from several members.

Economic Democracy Issue Paper

Rich Florentino said that the paper has gone through 3-4 major revisions. He said the idea for this paper came from a presentation he did with Professor John Lawrence of the College of Staten Island and Peace Action.

Rich spoke about the major premises of the paper and feels that corporations have too much power. He encouraged members to read the paper and said that we have to push back.

Rich feels we need to discuss these issues with the "other" side and wants to form an outreach committee.

David Jones moved to accept the paper as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Joy Robins and passed unanimously.

Rich encouraged club members to sign up for an Outreach Committee.

Mike Post, Independent Candidate for N.Y.C. Mayor

Mr. Post said he is running as the people's candidate and he gave out cards with information about his web site.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Joann Olbrich thanked Roy and Anne Moskowitz for hosting the July Executive Committee meeting at their home and for their hospitality. She also presented highlights from the meeting.

Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Mark Herman reminded members of the important election on September 10th which he pointed out will occur before our next meeting. He said the amount of people at the meeting amazes him. Mark also mentioned that Richard Luthmann was knocked off the ballot for Borough President but intends to appeal.

Mark reminded members that election time is almost here and he encouraged members to get involved because this is what the club is about.

Endorsement Vote Results

49 Votes Cast

Borough President

Lou Liedy.....	29
Richard Luthman	11
No Endorsement.....	8
Oddo.....	1

Lou Liedy is S.I.D.A.’s endorsed candidate for Borough President.

County Officers

Michelle Akyempong.....	43
Belinda Dixon.....	43
John Sollazzo.....	38

District Leaders

Paul Cinquemani	34
John Mastellone.....	26
Rosemarie Magnano Cavanagh.....	39
Richard McMahon.....	35
Joann Olbrich	45

All County Officers and District Leaders on the ballot were endorsed.

Social Secretary’s Report

Social Secretary Liz Price reminded members about the big S.I.D.A. gala coming up on September 3. She announced ticket prices are \$85 before the event and \$95.00 at the door. Liz encouraged members to save money and buy their tickets now. She said that she hopes everyone comes and she said she had extra invitations.

Save Mt. Manresa

Jack Bolembach and Barbara Sanchez started a grassroots committee to save Mt. Manresa from being sold and turned into townhouses by developers. They mentioned they are trying to get landmark status for it and they have several politicians fighting for them. Jack and Barbara want to safeguard this beautiful land and make it into a public park.

Barbara announced that a press conference is scheduled for Aug 21, 10:00 am at City Hall. They want to encourage the Mayor to come look at this “ready made” park and save it from over developers. They directed members to their website www.savemanresa.org

By-Laws Committee

Chair Joann Olbrich directed members to the proposed by-law changes on page six of the August newsletter. Sally Jones said she didn’t feel it was necessary to change the by-laws. Laura LoBianco-Sword suggested a change to #3 Special Elections in event of vacancy on the Executive Committee.

Joann asked members to let her know if they have other comments or changes they want made. She said the changes need 2/3 vote to pass and that she plans to discuss more changes in the future.

John Mancuso

John Mancuso is S.I.D.A.'s endorsed candidate for City Council in the 50th District. John said he is working hard on his campaign and he appealed to S.I.D.A. for their help. He asked members that are interested in volunteering to help to contact Alex Baltovski.

John Liu's Mayoral Campaign

Laura LoBianco Sword said that she is the Staten Island representative for N.Y.C. Comptroller John Liu and the Staten Island Coordinator for John Liu's campaign for Mayor. Laura also announced a debate watch party on August 21 at Marjorie Ryan's home and a fundraiser for John Mancuso on Thursday, August 22.

Laura also reported that John Liu is the only Mayoral candidate with an office on Staten Island. She urged members to sign up to canvass or work at the phone banks for John Liu.

New Business

Peter Killen spoke about the Community Safety Act for police reform. He said Councilmember Jumaane Williams is trying to do away with the practice of "Stop and Frisk".

He added that Mayor Bloomberg wants it to be his legacy. Peter feels the culture of the N.Y.P.D. has become rotten. He said that the N.Y.C. Council is voting Thurs 8-22 to override the veto. Peter urged members to call City Hall to tell the City Council to override the Mayors' veto.

Peter Killen made a motion to purchase a full page ad for \$150 in the N.A.A.C.P. Freedom Lunch Journal. Joann Olbrich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Prior to the close of the meeting Marie Dwyer asked the club to stay to sing Happy Birthday to Joann Olbrich and Teresa Cirelli and to have some cake and cookies.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marie Dwyer
Corresponding &
Recording Secretary*



September Minutes

General Meeting September 24, 2013

President Shcherbenko called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm. He asked members to review the minutes from the August meeting which were not published in the newsletter. Someone mentioned that Council member Jumaane Williams name was misspelled. Secretary Marie Dwyer made note of the correction. Joy Robins made a motion to accept the August minutes and it was seconded by Jeff Stonehill and passed with the correction.

President Shcherbenko reminded members that the club endorsed Leticia (Tish) James, Democratic candidate for NYC Public Advocate. He urged members to go out to vote in the run-off election.

First Guest Speaker

Randy Laird, N.Y.C. Co-Director of the **New Leaders Council**, explained that the N.L.C. is a progressive leadership training program whose mission is to recruit, train and promote the next generation of progressive leaders. They are looking for young professionals with an entrepreneurial streak to join the 2014 class. It is a highly selective, intensive training program which holds sessions one weekend per month in the spring. Mr. Laird announced that this is the first time they have come out to Staten Island. He mentioned that the organization is looking for talented, motivated young people from all different backgrounds and ethnic groups. Mr. Laird mentioned that he had business cards and pamphlets available. He asked members to get the word out about this program and urge young people to apply.

Council member Debi Rose

Council member Rose announced that she wanted to clear up any misconceptions about the Wheel and Empire Outlets. She said that the City Council hasn't voted yet. Ms. Rose said that she is negotiating for what is best for Staten Island and she wants to make sure all the issues are addressed. There are concerns about traffic, jobs and economic development opportunities. She will be negotiating with the Mayor's Office and the Economic Development Corporation. There will be a hearing on October 2, 9:30 am at City Hall and the voting will take place on October 30.

Ms. Rose said that she is supporting Leticia "Tish" James in the run-off with Dan Squadron for NYC Public Advocate on October 1. She encouraged members to go out to vote. She also reminded members that she is up for re-election this November. Although she is referred to as Debi Rose, we should look for "Deborah Rose" on the ballot on November 5. She also said she would appreciate any help she can get with her campaign i.e., phone banks and lit drops.

Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Mark Herman mentioned that he felt we had a very successful dinner, as 120 people attended, and we honored some important people.

He also reported that our regular meeting (September 17) was postponed because County scheduled their convention the same night. He felt S.I.D.A. was well represented at the September 17 Convention, which was held at the Excelsior.

Mark reminded members that he is a State Committeeman. He also explained that Mike Ryan got voted in for the position of Executive Director for the Board of Elections which had been vacant for three years. Mark mentioned that we need to get the word out for Bill de Blasio who won the primary and will be running against Republican Joe Lhota for Mayor this November.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Joann Olbrich reported that she was unable to attend the Executive Committee meeting held on August 28 because she was away. She said we would be voting on constitution revisions and each one would need 2/3 vote to pass.

President Shcherbenko reported that at the Executive Committee Meeting, members discussed final details for the banquet held on September 3.

By-Laws Committee

Proposed changes to the S.I.D.A. constitution had been published in the July, August, and September newsletters and were presented at the July and August meetings.

Change 1

Article IV: Meetings

Section 2: Other Meetings

Peter Killen made a motion to accept the change and it was seconded by Belinda Dixon. The motion passed unanimously.

Change 2

Article IV: Meetings

Section 6: Agenda

Peter Killen made a motion to accept the change and it was seconded by John Lavelle. The motion passed unanimously.

Change 3

Article VII: Executive Committee

Section 7: Vacancies

Peter Killen moved to accept the change proposed by Laura Sword and it was seconded by Mary Kain.

The motion passed.

Change 4

Article X: Committees

Sec I: Audit Committee

Joy felt the results from the audit should be released to the general membership. Joann said the information shouldn't be published because it goes out to people that are not members.

Susan Chew made a motion to table voting on this constitution revision. The motion carried.

Joann encouraged members to join the By-Laws Committee and to send her any comments regarding further revisions. President Shcherbenko announced that the club's by-laws are on the web site and that they will be updated per tonight's discussion.

Treasurer's Report

President Shcherbenko thanked Treasurer Bonnie Rothman for her hard work. Bonnie thanked Gary Carsel for his assistance and hard work. Bonnie reported the net profit from the recent banquet after expenses was \$6,333.21. She also reported that there is \$2,025 in outstanding revenue from the banquet. The balance as of 9-10-13 was \$11,310.88

Social Secretary's Report

Social Secretary Liz Price felt the banquet was a great success. She thanked Gary Carsel and Susan Chew for all their help taking reservations and organizing the front of the house. She also thanked Dennis Brown for doing another remarkable job with the journal. Liz also thanked Bonnie Rothman, Theresa Cirelli, Richenda Kramer and Mary Kain for helping at the door.

Liz also reported that she has met with the Young Dems to discuss the Annual Holiday Party. She plans to meet with them again in October. Liz announced the tentative date for the party is December 5.

Second Guest Speaker

Tom Orlando, Business Agent Local 79 Construction and General Buildings Laborers, and Eaamon Carey, Carpenter's Union spoke about the Staten Island Harbor Commons Development including the world's largest Ferris wheel, hotel, parking garage and a retail outlet store complex which will create 1,200 temporary construction jobs and 1,100 permanent jobs according to the Mayor's Office.

New York City has entered into a long term lease with the developers for the use of the land and has provided various other incentives to promote this development. They explained that city-sponsored developments that utilize public waterfront property such as SI Harbor Commons should be built responsibly and sustainably to provide long term opportunities for local communities - not just profits for private developers.

They explained that in order to realize this vision there are some principles they support i.e., create good jobs to help grow the economy, provide a career path to long-term career goals for local residents, ensure economic opportunities for local and MWBE Businesses. After the presentation, Mr. Carey and Mr. Orlando took questions from several members.

De Blasio Endorsement

Mark Herman made a motion to suspend the rules of the club to endorse Bill deBlasio for Mayor. He said we would need a 2/3 vote. Dave Seeley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mark made a motion for S.I.D.A. to endorse Bill deBlasio for Mayor. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

John Lavelle reported that he received an email from Frank Santarpia (Staten Island Tea Party) suggesting we hold a forum with the Staten Island Tea Party for the candidates running for the Mid-Island Council seat. After some discussion, Peter Killen made a motion that we participate with the Staten Island Tea Party and have the forum for Mid-Island Council candidates. Gary Carsel seconded the motion. Rich Reichard made a friendly amendment that the format would be subject to the approval of the endorsed candidate, John Mancuso. The motion carried with 19 in favor, 11 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Gary Carsel made a motion to purchase a ticket for President Shcherbenko for the Dems Gala on October 24 for \$150. Mary Kain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gary made another motion to take a full page ad in the Gala journal and Mary Kain seconded it. After some discussion, Gary withdrew the motion. President Shcherbenko told members there is an early bird special \$25 discount for people that purchase their tickets before October 11.

President Shcherbenko reminded members to vote for Tish James on October 1 and to help Bill deBlasio with his campaign for Mayor.

President Shcherbenko announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 8 :00 p.m. at Marjorie Ryan's, 203 St. Paul's Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Marie Dwyer
Corresponding &
Recording Secretary*



Todd Turner

September 2013

Dear S.I.D.A.:

I hope this letter finds you all well. I commend the Club and its members for your continued efforts to support progressive policies and candidates. I congratulate the Club on its 52nd Anniversary and sorry I could not make the dinner this year.

I also want to thank you for your past support of my efforts in Maryland. Anita, Rachel, Maya and I are doing well and can't believe we just celebrated our 12th year in Maryland this year. I am seeking election as an At-Large (citywide) member in the Bowie City Election on November 5th.

I appreciate and respect the trust that the residents have placed in me to represent their interests and concerns as I have served the City of Bowie since November 2005. In November 2007 I was selected by my colleagues to serve as Mayor Pro Tem and in 2011 elected Council Member At-Large, becoming the first African-American to hold those positions in the City's history. I believe I have served the City well and offer this year as a candidate to the citizens of the City of Bowie for an additional 2-year term.

That is why I am calling upon you again as a friend to help me in my candidacy for re-election to the Bowie City Council by providing your financial support. Your past support, guidance and assistance was instrumental in assisting me to get to this point in my professional and political career. I only hope that our relationship transcends the physical distance between us now and is based on our shared ideals, visions and works as good Democrats.

I look forward to your continued support of my efforts in Maryland. To find out more about my campaign and to download a contribution form, please visit at my updated website – www.turnerforcouncil.org. To learn about my activities as Councilman and the City of Bowie – please visit - www.cityofbowie.org. And feel free to contact me at (301) 785-0487, at todd@turnerforcouncil.org [Nominating Committee](#) or like me on my Facebook page. I thank you again for your consideration and wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

*I am Sincerely,
Hon. Todd M. Turner
Bowie City Council – At-Large*



Nominating Committee

Article VII of the S.I.D.A. Constitution covers the election of the Executive Committee. Traditionally the way that that section has been implemented is that at the October meeting members in good standing in attendance are given a ballot listing all the club's members in good standing. (One must have been a member for at least 45 days in order to vote.) Members then mark up to nine people on the ballot, and the top nine vote-getters form the Nominating Committee, with the person getting the most votes being the chair. If there is a tie for the ninth place, all those in the tie get on..

At the November meeting, the Nominating Committee will submit its report of recommended candidates. The election of the Executive Committee will take place at the Annual Meeting in January.



**You are invited to the
S.I. Women's Political Caucus
Women in leadership forum**

**Sat. October 19, 10 AM to 1 PM
Richmond Town Library Auditorium
200 Clarke Ave. SI, NY 10306**



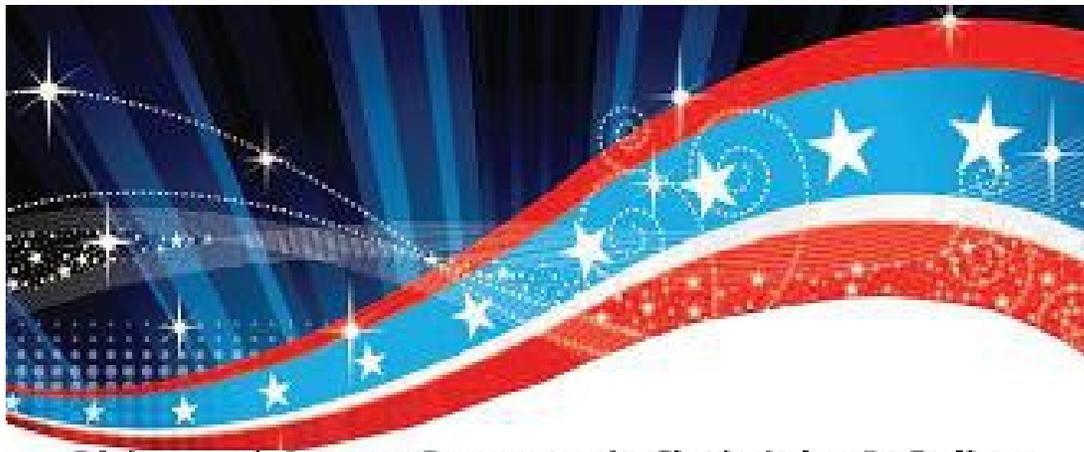
**The Elizabeth A. Connelly Award
Will be presented to
Beryl Thurman**

Director of the North Shore Waterfront Conservancy

Plus a distinguished panel of environmentalists.

- 🕒 **Free and open to the public!**
- 🕒 **Light refreshments served**
- 🕒 **Info call Joy, 718-816-4128**





Richmond County Democratic Chair **John P. Gulino**
cordially invites you to the

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Honoring
with Lifetime Achievement Awards

John Sollazzo
First Vice Chair, Richmond Democratic Committee

Richard L. McMahon
*District Leader, 64th A.D.
and Richmond Democratic Committee Labor Liaison*

Thursday, October 24, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Excelsior Grand
2380 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306

\$150 Guest* \$250 Friend \$500 Supporter \$1000 Sponsor

**after October 11th Guest tickets are \$175*

Don M. Bosco, Esq. and Sadia Malik, Gala Co-Chairs



___ **YES**, I will attend. Please reserve ___ tickets for the Thursday, October 24th Gala at:

- \$150 Guest* \$250 Friend
- \$500 Supporter \$1000 Sponsor

*after October 11th, Guest tickets are \$175

Enclosed is my contribution \$ _____.

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2013 Democratic Gala Table Seating List

Tables can seat 10 or 12

For tables, please list names OR tell guests to ask for the table of the organization or person that purchased the table.

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Please include as much information as possible.

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Upcoming Meetings

October 15, 2013	November 19, 2013
General Meeting Karl's Klipper, 40 Bay Street	General Meeting Location TBD
☉ Letitia "Tish" James, candidate for NYC Public Advocate	☉ Speaker TBD
☉ Election of Nominating Committee	☉ Nominating Committee Report

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
	_____ Other _____

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S.I.D.A. Executive Committee

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