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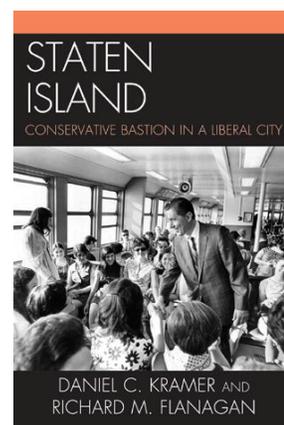
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At our Next Meeting:

Prof. Richard M. Flanagan
on his book
co-authored with
Prof. Daniel C. Kramer



Discussion of Election Results

• Election of Nominating Committee

Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 8:00 P.M.

**** NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION ****

Veranda

at Silver Lake Golf Course

915 Victory Boulevard - (718) 442-4653

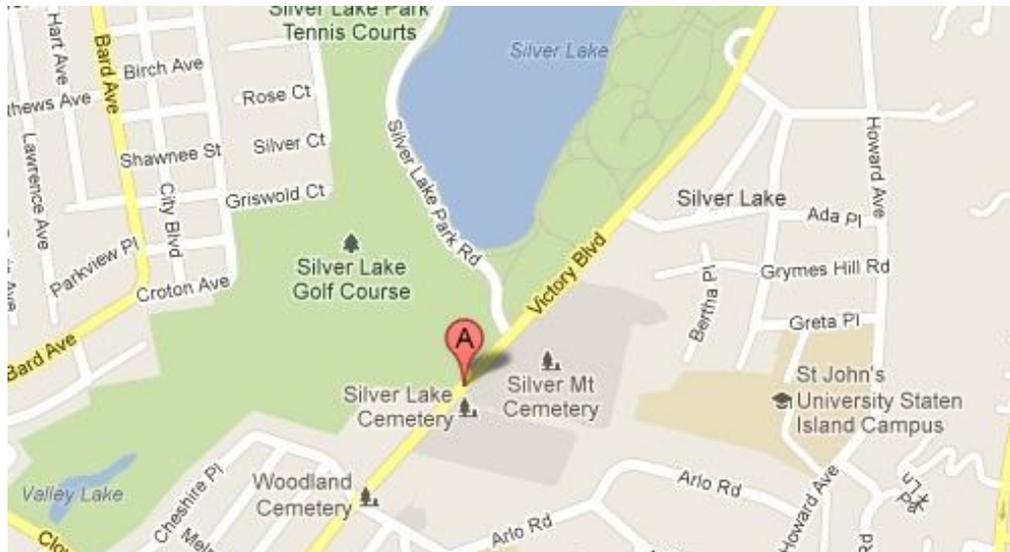


***** Please Note Meeting Location *****

Veranda

in the Oak Room
Silver Lake Golf Course
915 Victory Boulevard
Staten Island, NY 10301

November 20, 8:00 p.m.



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.

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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

S.I.D.A. President’s Message

November 2012

Dear Members and Friends of S.I.D.A.:

“ROMNEY IS PRESIDENT,” so wrote Maureen Dowd in the November 10th *New York Times*. “Team Romney has every reason to be shellshocked. Its candidate, after all, resoundingly won the election of the country he was wooing. Mitt Romney is the president of white male America... In its delusional death spiral, the white male patriarchy was so hard core, so redolent of country clubs and Cadillacs, it made little effort not to alienate women. The election had the largest gender gap in the history of the Gallup poll.”

Two days earlier, November 8, 2012, the quotation of the day (again in the *New York Times*), by Tom Davis, former Republican member of Congress, tells the story as the Republican Party looks forward: “It is time to sit down practically and say where are we going to add pieces to our coalition. There just are not enough middle-aged white guys that we can scrape together to win. There’s just not enough of them”

On that same date, just two days after the re-election of Barack Obama, a quick scan of stories in the *New York Times* presented a fascinating overview of the election and looking

forward:

-- Back to Work, Obama is Greeted by Looming Fiscal Crisis; -- Little to Show for Cash Flood by Big Donors; -- Senate Races Expose Extent of Republicans' Gender Gap; -- Obama's Diverse Base of Support; -- Can Obama Give Us Confidence?; -- As Electorate Changes, Fresh Worry for G.O.P.; -- How a Race in the Balance Went to Obama; -- Triumphant Obama Faces New Foe in 'Second-Term Curse'; -- Obama Wins a Clear Victory, but Balance of Power is Unchanged in Washington; -- G.O.P. Factions Grapple Over Meaning of Loss; -- On Wall Street, Time to Mend Fences with Obama; — An Invigorated Second Term; -- Republicans, Unplugged; -Can Republicans Adapt?; --Happy Days, even with the Cliff; and finally, -- Picket Fence Apocalypse: Political reality made for a great rending of garments and gnashing of teeth among conservatives.' Wow, you can't make this stuff up!

As Maureen Dowd wrote two days later, "Romney and Tea Party loonies dismissed half the country as chattel and moochers who did not belong in their 'traditional' America. But the more they insulted the president with birther cracks, the more they tried to force chastity belts on women, and the more they made Hispanics, blacks and gays feel like the help, the more these groups burned to prove that, knitted together, they could give the dead-enders of white male domination the boot"

There's a double message in the results of the recent election. On the one hand the Republicans blew it and on the other hand the voters rose up, with a 382 to 206 Electoral College victory and over three million Popular Vote plurality, and united to repudiate the Republican platform and philosophy. One of my brothers, Doug Brown, quipped yesterday, "They tried lying, they tried buying, they tried Ryan, and now they're crying!" And Maureen Dowd opined, "Last time, Obama lifted up the base with his message of hope and change; this time the base lifted up Obama with the hope he will change." And that's our cue; we have to keep working to influence the political discourse and effect the necessary change that needs to happen consistently.

In the meantime, government and the American people have demonstrated, by the response to Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath, that regardless of political affiliation, we can work together and solve problems. We all have the capacity to reach out to each other in times of need and crisis. And the framework that we have built and kept intact -- of equipping government to provide for the needs of society and not losing sight of national responsibilities to all our citizens and visitors -- has once again given us a chance to build a better and kinder country by our service to each other and to our highest common principals and values.

We won the presidency once again, and President Obama won Staten Island! We returned our incumbent Democratic legislative leaders to office. We didn't oust any current Republican incumbents, on the other hand, and we didn't win a no-incumbent race as well. But we have all won a great victory in the national results across the board and for which we worked, donated and voted for with such hope and fervor. The election cycle is over; the next one begins now. Back to work and Congratulations!

*Sincerely,
Dennis A. Brown
President*



Prof. Richard M. Flanagan

Prof. Richard M. Flanagan, along with late S.I.D.A. member Prof. Daniel C. Kramer, co-authored Staten Island: Conservative Bastion in a Liberal City and will speak about the book at November 20 General Membership Meeting. The following was taken from the book's listing in the University Press of America's web site.

Description

Staten Island is New York City's smallest yet fastest growing borough: a conservative, suburban community of nearly a half a million on the fringe of the nation's most liberal, global city. *Staten Island: Conservative Bastion in a Liberal City* chronicles how this "forgotten borough" has grappled with its uneasy relationship with the rest of the City of New York since the 1920s. Daniel C. Kramer and Richard M. Flanagan analyze the politics behind events that have shaped the borough, such as the opening of the Verrazano Bridge and the closure of the Fresh Kills Landfill. Lost opportunities are discussed, including the failure to construct a rail link to the other boroughs of New York, to adequately plan for the explosive housing boom in recent decades and, some say, to create an independent City of Staten Island.

Unlike much of New York City, Staten Island is a place with robust party competition and lively democratic politics with hard-fought campaigns, bitter feuds, and career-ending scandals. Staten Island's two most successful politicians of the twentieth century—Republicans John Marchi and Guy Molinari—defended the borough's interests while defining an urban conservatism that would influence politics elsewhere. In fact, Staten Island has played a pivotal role in the winning electoral coalitions of Republican mayors Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg and continues to spark the imaginations of New Yorkers on a scale that is disproportionate to the borough's relatively small size.

Staten Island: Conservative Bastion in a Liberal City will allow readers to gain access to the borough-based roots of New York City's politics. This book will be of special interest to anyone who wishes to understand the dynamics of middle-class life and democratic representation in a global city.

Authors

The late **Daniel C. Kramer** joined the faculty of the City University of New York in 1967, retiring as professor emeritus of political science in 1999.

Richard M. Flanagan is associate professor of political science at The College of Staten Island, City University of New York.



Minutes

General Meeting October 16, 2012

President Brown called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. He announced that we would not be able to stay at Jimmy Max to watch the Presidential debate as planned. He also contacted

guest speaker Richard Flannagan and told him not to come out and said he would like to re-schedule.

Chris Bauer made a motion to suspend the by-laws and hold the Nominating Committee election at the November General meeting. The motion carried unanimously with a quorum of the membership present.

President Brown extended condolences to Mark Herman (S.I.D.A.'s Executive Secretary) on the passing of his companion and longtime S.I.D.A. member Robin Carey. President Brown also announced that a memorial service will be held for Robin on Saturday, Oct 20th.

Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Mark Herman thanked President Brown and S.I.D.A. members for their condolences. He mentioned that she was a very good friend and S.I.D.A. member and knows she will be missed.

Fundraiser for Matt Titone

President Brown mentioned that Loretta and Gene Prisco agreed to hold a fundraiser at their home for Assemblyman Matt Titone on Sunday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. [The fundraiser was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. – Editor]

Mary Kain made a motion that S.I.D.A. give \$100 to the Prisco's to help defray the cost of refreshments for the fundraiser. The motion carried with 22 in favor and 1 opposed.

President Brown announced County's Gala is scheduled for October 18th. He reported that he recently found out that Chairman Gulino is no longer taking ads in the Dem clubs dinner journals. So instead of having S.I.D.A. pay for the ad he asked if members would chip in money. President Brown mentioned the full page ad would cost \$150 and we would have to pay an additional \$20 for the artwork. Several members contributed to the ad.

Joann made a motion to send President Brown to the Dem Gala. The motion carried unanimously.

President Brown reported that we have been taking an ad in Peace Action's "Make Food Not War" dinner journal. Mary Kain made a motion to take a full page ad for \$100. The motion carried unanimously.

Political Action Committee

Chair Richard Reichard reported he has lawn signs available for Gary Carsel (Democratic Candidate for State Senate 24th District) and asked if people would take them.

President Brown said the November meeting will be held at a different venue and would let the membership know.

The meeting was adjourned early so members could go home and watch the Presidential debate.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marie Dwyer
Corresponding &
Recording Secretary*



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.

Published in the *New York Times*
Printed December 12, 1982

The Pentagon

To the Business Editor: The words of David Blond, a Pentagon strategist and advocate of increased Pentagon funding, in "At War Over the Pentagon" (Nov.14), deserve especially careful scrutiny. In the context of the fostering by the Japanese Government of technological change, Mr. Blond is quoted as saying that "... only the Department of Defense's budget is rich enough to experiment with new approaches to complex problems."

A peculiar budgeting rule, indeed! Give any lavishly funded agency additional responsibilities and funding simply because it has been overfunded in the past? Why not further fund the Pentagon so that it can take over medical research? Higher education? Support of the arts? The Pentagon has worked in these areas (think, for example, of the military bands), and medical research, higher education and support of the arts are surely underfunded national responsibilities.

But enough. Let us instead subtract a suitable number of dollars from the Pentagon's budget to fund an Office of Technological Development charged with meeting an important nonmilitary, nondefense responsibility.

- Robin Carey
*Associate Professor of Economics The College of Staten Island
Staten Island, Nov.18, 1982*

On-line October 7, 2012
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DOE's School Bus Mandate Can't be Justified

Recently, I wrote a letter to Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott, expressing dismay at the Department of Education's decision to withhold yellow bus service from seventh- and eighth-graders at the School of Civic Leadership and the Marsh Avenue Expeditionary Learning School.

After the tragic death of seventh-grader Aniya Williams, I worked to restore some sense of security and peace for the students and staff at the School of Civic Leadership and produced the following results through advocacy with the New York Police Department, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the city Department of Transportation:

- The addition of a crossing guard at the MTA bus stop at South Avenue and Goethals Road North;

Moving the location of the MTA bus stop on South Avenue to reduce the street crossings for the children to one from two;

- The cross walk was refurbished; A leading pedestrian indicator (LPI) was installed at Goethals Road.

Chancellor Walcott must rescind this ridiculous mandate, which denies yellow bus service to the seventh- and eighth-graders of the School of Civic Leadership, the SS Columbia and the Marsh Avenue Expeditionary Learning School.

It is my hope that the good sense that brings peace and security to our children and families will prevail.

- Councilwoman Debi Rose

[The writer is represents the 49th (North Shore) District in the New York City Council.]

On-line October 23, 2012

Published October 23, 2012

The Last Thing the P.A. Needs is Another Airport

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is now talking about taking over the Atlantic City International Airport.

I fail to see how buying an airport over two hours from New York City is a necessary project for a cash-strapped agency that loses over a billion dollars each year.

In February, Navigant and Rothschild, Inc., released a scathing audit of the “dysfunctional” Port Authority. A follow-up audit released just last month noted that the Port Authority was improving, and that if it followed through on the steps it had taken, it would “help the agency rid itself of years of inefficiency.”

The audit also noted that toll increases would prevent necessary projects from “being deferred, delayed or canceled altogether.”

The ink was not yet dry on the September audit when the cash-strapped Port Authority once again showed us what is wrong with the Port Authority. Before the Port Authority goes shopping far afield for new acquisitions it ought to get its finances in order, as any responsible business would do.

- Gary Carsel

[The writer is the Democratic candidate for the 24th State Senate District.]

On-line October 23, 2012

Published October 24, 2012

Romney Administration Will Wreak Havoc on Medicare, Social Security

Who should you trust on the issues of Medicare and Social Security? The Republicans, who only a few years ago were proposing privatizing of Social Security and who only a year ago were proposing turning Medicare into a voucher program or the Democrats who established both programs and have been fighting to preserve them ever since.

We just went through the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression which resulted in many seniors seeing their nest egg shrink.

Can you imagine the poor financial shape seniors would be in today if the Democrats had not stopped President Bush from privatizing Social Security? Mitt Romney has promised that if elected, that he will reverse everything that President Obama has done to increase benefits and extend the solvency of Medicare.

The doughnut hole in the prescription drug plan that President Obama closed, saving seniors hundreds of dollars, will once again be opened.

Seniors will once again have to pay for preventive care such as screening for diabetes and cancer which they now get for free and Medicare will become insolvent in 2016.

The party you should trust is the party that has always fought to preserve both programs, the Democratic Party.

- *Richard Reichard*

On-line October 28, 2012

Published October 28, 2012

A Thorough Health Study of Fracking Must be Done

The “review of potential public health effects of [hydraulic] fracking” about which New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joseph Martens speaks is not the health-impact assessment (HIA) needed to assure our health is protected against this inherently-contaminating drilling process for gas.

An HIA, a scientific study, is done in advance of approval of permits, and gives the public the ability to participate in hearings, meetings, etc. It would also focus on the most vulnerable: including infants, children, pregnant women and the elderly. The gas and oil industry would certainly not be the only participants in an HIA: Findings from independent experts from multiple disciplines are necessary to assure that the health of New York City and upstate New Yorkers is protected.

New York City is not protected. Our air quality will be impacted as we are downwind from upstate; our milk and produce will be compromised by the fracking chemicals known to migrate into the ground; our state will become an industrialized wasteland, affecting the very reservoirs from which we get our most precious resource: Our water.

We ask that all sitting state elected officials assure us that an unbiased health impact study is going to be performed before this energy-intensive process destroys our environment and health.

- *Carlton Chew*

[The writer is the co-founder of New Yorkers for Clean Water.]

On-line October 28, 2012

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Democrats are the Clear Choice When It Comes to Women's Issues

The respective platforms of the Democratic and Republican parties differ markedly with regard to women's issues.

For example, the Democrats favor putting teeth behind the idea of equal rights and pay. The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the first new law signed by President Obama, was opposed by Rep. Paul Ryan in his House vote.

Democrats support a woman's right to choose while the Republicans are committed to overturning *Roe v. Wade* and turning the clock back to another century. Democrats support funding for Planned Parenthood, an organization devoted to providing a wide variety of women's health services — including breast cancer screenings. If elected, Republicans will de-fund it.

The stances of both the presidential and local congressional standard bearers from each party could not be more clear.

I will be voting for the Democratic slate for many reasons but the health and freedom of my wife and daughter trump all others.

- *Phil Jonas*

On-line October 28, 2012
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Gary Carsel Understands the Importance of Mass Transit

As someone who takes public transportation to work every day, I am happy to see that we have a candidate for State Senate, Gary Carsel, who himself takes public transportation every day.

I believe that my current state senator, Andrew Lanza, who has been an elected official on Staten Island since 2001, has forgotten what it is like to stand on a bus stop for the bus that never comes or to miss the ferry by one minute because the train was late. If public transportation is an important issue for you, then you have a real choice this year.

You can vote for Sen. Lanza, who has not been a regular public transportation commuter since last century, or you can vote for Gary Carsel, who uses public transportation on a daily basis.

- *Shawn Dwyer*

On-line October 28, 2012
Published October 28, 2012

Lanza Opposes Public Financing but Taxpayers Pay for His Mailings

During the debate between State Sen. Andrew Lanza and his opponent Gary Carsel, Sen. Lanza said he was against public financing [of campaigns].

According to the article that appeared in the Advance on Oct. 13, Sen. Lanza spends thousands of dollars of taxpayer money to send out campaign-type mailings.

I guess what Sen. Lanza meant by being against public financing of elections is that he is against allowing his opponents to use public funds but that he has no problem with him using taxpayer dollars.

If you believe that the tens of thousands of dollars Sen. Lanza used to send out these campaign-type mailings was a misuse of your tax dollars, then the best way to send a message to Albany is not to vote for him.

- *Jeff Stonehill*

On-line October 29, 2012
Published October 29, 2012

How about Saying 'Enough' to Power-Hungry Corporations?

To add to William Quinn's letter ["Americans are getting wise to Obama's pattern of deceit," Your Opinion, Oct. 13]:

I agree that every voter needs to say "enough" — but I and like-minded folks say enough of the reverence for success (defined as money), and of this unyielding faith in the "free" market.

Both liberals and conservatives are deeply concerned with liberty — but see different threats. Conservatives say, "big government"; liberals say, "undemocratic economic power."

Today, we have an unholy combination of both.

In speaking with Rep. Michael Grimm's staff, I asked about his statement that businesses are the foundation of the country (not citizens) and whether he would tear up Grover Norquist's pledge.

The answers were "talking-points": Government is the problem and businesses are the answer.

In speaking with Mark Murphy, I believe him to be open to the idea of strengthening democracy by restoring checks and balances between big business and government.

As to Mitt Romney and the President, the distinction is obvious. I will not vote for someone who “likes” firing people, “harvests” American companies and puts millions in offshore accounts.

To find OUR common sense again we must talk to fellow citizens and neighbors who disagree with us. So, I attended a Tea Party meeting. I was treated courteously and had excellent discussions.

- Rich Florentino

On-line November 1, 2012

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Lanza Failed to Support Consolidating Primaries

An editorial in the New York Daily News stated that the failure to move the primary election for state offices to June is “a classic case of Albany selfishness.”

In order to comply with federal law requiring military voters to receive their absentee ballots earlier, the primary date for Congress was moved to June.

In March, the Assembly had voted to move the primary for State Senate and Assembly to June so as to save taxpayer money. Both Michael Cusick and Matthew Titone were co-sponsors of the legislation.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that holding separate primaries would be costly and depress voting. It is estimated that holding a separate primary in September costs taxpayers \$50 million.

In an example of Albany dysfunction, the Republican leader in the State Senate, Dean Skelos, with the support of Andrew Lanza, refused to even consider moving the primary to June.

This is the same Dean Skelos who former Mayor Koch said was an “enemy of reform.”

The next time you hear Sen. Lanza say he is up in Albany to protect taxpayers, ask him about the \$50 million he wasted this year on a separate September primary.

- Mark Herman

On-line November 4, 2012

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Hydrofracking won't Bring Economic Benefits to New York

Proponents of hydraulic fracturing (hydrofracking) in New York State cite job-creation as a rationale for this inherently contaminating drilling process for methane gas.

However, most high-skilled jobs will be taken by out-of-state workers. Housing will be subsidized by the energy companies, creating inflated standards of living by which local residents are not able to find affordable apartments.

Hotel rooms will also be subsidized for workers leading to lack of rooms or highly-inflated rates which visitors to upstate New York will be unable to afford.

Earnings of out-of-state workers will benefit their families back home, as partial earnings spent in the State do not compare with money spent by New York resident workers. Sociologically, an influx of men without families presents problems which are self-evident to any thinking parent.

As Sen. Andrew Lanza — a friend of the energy industry — has cited jobs as one of his reasons to support hydrofracking, I ask that he revisit his position and that ALL New York State elected officials sign S4220B and A7218B to prohibit hydraulic fracturing extraction of methane gas in the state.

Our water, environment and the health of our children are simply too precious to risk for uncertain jobs and politics.

- Susan Chew

[The writer is the founder and chairwoman of New Yorkers for Clean Water.]

On-line November 4, 2012

Printed November 4, 2012

Grimm Puts His Emphasis on Business Rather Than Citizens

Last year in an article, Rep. Michael Grimm said, businesses are the “backbone of America.”

I had the chance to speak to his staff and said that I thought citizens were the backbone of the nation.

Sound like “splitting hairs”? No, because emphasizing companies fundamentally devalues individuals. It leads to rulings such as Citizens United that protects corporations and “money as speech.” If this is not a perversion of the Constitution — and the ideals of the Founding Fathers — I don’t know what is.

Note that every Supreme Court justice who voted in agreement with the Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission was chosen by a Republican president.

Business-first thinking is what leads to increasing corporate profits (and CEO pay via stock options, etc.) while wages of regular workers have remained stagnant, or decreased for over 30 years now.

Is this perhaps why the economy has slowed — because the “job creators” are already “getting theirs” so why bother to create jobs?

If we elect a man who was born on third base and thinks he hit a triple — and a congressman who supports him — I shudder to think how much further the Constitution will be shredded and how much worse off “regular” American citizens will be.

- Rich Florentino



**YES
WE
DID!**



Robin Carey



1929 - 2012

It is with profound feelings of loss that the Staten Island Democratic Association acknowledges the passing of Robin Carey, Professor of Economics and long-time activist for economic and social justice.

Join Your Fellow Democrats
All Dems Year-End Get-Together
(formerly All Dems Holiday Party)
The Crystal Room
67 Olympia Boulevard
South Beach, Staten Island
Thursday December 6 7 – 11 PM

We've been through a lot this season; let's spend some time
with each other and get re-energized for the work ahead

Bring items to be donated to Nursing Homes, for example:
lap blankets, sweaters, shawls, socks, blankets, DVDs

\$50 per person
Checks can be mailed to:
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Staten Island NY 10314-0371

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Contact Liz Price
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and the dream shall never die”**



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Congratulations on your victories to:

- President Barack Obama
- Vice President Joe Biden
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
- State Senator Diane Savino
- Assemblyman Matt Titone
- Assemblyman Michael Cusick

Thank you to the following Democratic candidates for your hard fought races, giving the people of Staten Island a choice and keeping our democracy robust:

- Mark Murpy
- Gary Carsel
- John Mancuso
- Anthony Mascolo



Nominating Committee

Below are excerpts from the S.I.D.A. by-laws pertaining to the election of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII Elections

Section 1: Time Officers and members-at-large of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the annual meeting. (Article IV, Section 1: Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the club shall be in January, on a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee.)

Section 2: Nominations

a) Nominating Committee At the October meeting there shall be elected by ballot a Nomination Committee of nine members of the club. Balloting for members of the Nominating Committee shall conform, as nearly as may be, to the procedure for election of members-at-large of the Executive Committee as set forth in Section 4b of this Article. The Nominating Committee shall select nominees for each of the offices and for members-at-large of the Executive Committee, which selection shall be made by majority vote of the Nominating Committee. At the November meeting, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the members of the club a written report setting forth the nominees for various positions. If requested by two members of the Nominating Committee, the report shall include a minority report in which additional nominations may be made for any position or positions and such nominees shall be deemed to have been nominated in addition to the nominees of the majority. The report shall also set forth the procedure for nomination by petition.

b) Nomination by Petition Additional nomination may be made by petition signed by 15% of those members in good standing or 15 members, whichever is fewer, as of the final date for the submission of such petitions namely the December meeting at which all candidates shall be presented to the membership as an order of business. Nominating petitions shall be submitted to the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, or in his or her absence to an officer designated by the President or Acting President.

c) Nomination from the Floor Nominations from the floor may be made only in the event that no eligible candidate has been otherwise nominated for an office.

d) Notice All names of persons nominated will be included in the mailed notice of the annual meeting.

Traditionally the way the above by-laws have been implemented is that at the October meeting [the November meeting this year] 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 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.



Upcoming Meetings

November 20, 2012	December 18, 2012
General Meeting Veranda, 915 Victory Blvd.	General Meeting Jimmy Max, 280 Watchogue Road Site TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Richard Flanagan on his book <i>Staten Island</i> • Discussion of Election Results • Election of Nominating Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker TBD • Nominating Committee Report • Statements by candidates for Executive Committee

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

To become a member, renew membership, or make a donation, call Tom Shcherbenko at (718) 420-0252, or complete and return the coupon. Voting privileges begin 45 days after joining.

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S.I.D.A. Executive Committee

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Vice President	Rosemary Palladino	Member at-Large	Loretta Prisco
Executive Secretary.....	Mark Herman	Ex Officio	Belinda Dixon
Corresponding &		Ex Officio	Shawn Dwyer
Recording Secretary	Marie Dwyer	Ex Officio	Gary Carsel
Treasurer.....	Tom Shcherbenko	Ex Officio	Joann Olbrich
Social Secretary	Liz Price	Ex Officio	Nick Popolo
Member at-Large	Michelle Akyempong	Ex Officio	Richard Reichard
Member at-Large	Phil Jonas	Ex Officio	John Sollazzo
Member at-Large	John F. Lavelle	Ex Officio	Mark Zink