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

Contrary to what the Republican spin machine would like people to believe, the federal government has been putting money, human resources and the legal system to work to try to stem the flow of illegal immigration from Mexico.

Nearly all of the 670 miles of physical fence that was to be built along the Mexican border as required by the 2005 Secure Fence Act has been built. If you look at a map of Arizona you would see that almost its entire border with Mexico is fenced.

The General Accounting Office estimates that the fence cost \$3.9 million a mile to build and will cost \$6.5 billion over the next 20 years to maintain. In addition to the physical fence, over a billion dollars has been spent so far on a virtual fence with little to show except for missed deadlines and technical problems such as radar that could not function properly in the rain and wind-blown trees mistaken for people.

The number of Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Mexican border has been doubled to 20,000. Recently President Obama sent 1,200 National Guard troops to the Mexican border to provide support for counter-narcotics enforcement. President Obama has also requested \$500 million in additional funding including funding for an additional 1,000 Border Patrol Agents.

The building of the fence and the hiring of additional Border Patrol Agents has resulted in a two-thirds decrease in illegal border crossings. The Border Patrol arrested 556,000 people in 2009, down from a high of 1.6 million in 2000. Arrests, which have steadily declined since 2000, are considered the best available indicator of illegal border crossings.

The Obama administration has used a different strategy than the Bush administration to police work-site compliance with immigration laws. While the Bush administration used very public raids, the Obama administration uses federal agents to scour companies' records for illegal immigrant workers. Last year audits were conducted at more than 2,900 companies resulting in thousands of workers being fired. Businesses are required to fire every suspected illegal immigrant on the payroll. Raids result in only those there at the time of the raid, being fired.

According to F.B.I. statistics, violent crime (murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault) in Arizona was down 15% in 2009 from 2006. When taking into account changes in Arizona's population, per capita violent crime is down 22% over the same time period. Arizona's per capita violent crime rate is lower than the per capita rates in the non-border states of Florida and Georgia.

The reports of violent crime we read about and see on TV are from the Mexican side of the border. On the American side, the increase in the crime that the officials in Arizona talk about is attributable to crimes committed against the illegal immigrants by those who smuggle them over the border.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency's Secure Communities Program matches the fingerprints of everyone booked against those in ICE's database. ICE officers arrest those that they intend to deport. The number of cases referred to federal prosecutors in March and April of this year was the largest number for any two-month stretch since the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency was created five years ago.

The Obama Administration deported over 387,000 in 2009. They are on pace to deport 400,000 this year, 10% more than were deported in 2008 and 25% more than were deported in 2007.

No matter how much money we spend and how many people we assign to the Mexican border, the flow of illegal immigrants into the country will not stop. For as long as businesses find ways to employ illegal immigrants, they will come. Whether they come on a cargo ship, over the Canadian border or overstay their visa, they will come.

An effective immigration policy must, in addition to securing the borders, strictly enforce work-site compliance and streamline the hiring of non-citizens in certain industries and small businesses. For example, we may want to prohibit employing non-citizens in construction but make it easier for the agricultural industry to hire.

Tax enforcement and compliance has to be part of any immigration policy. As long as businesses don't report income, they can hire people off the books.

We also have to agree that the violence by the drug gangs in Mexico is not a Mexican problem, it's our problem. The United States must admit that our appetite for illegal drugs has and is destabilizing Mexico. If we want to stop the drug smuggling, we need to stop our use of these drugs.

Finally, we have to address the issue of what happens to those illegal immigrants currently in the country. Believing that they will just go away is not realistic. The 4 million children of illegal immigrants that are U.S. citizens, have the same rights as any other citizen.

Any comprehensive immigration legislation must offer a path to citizenship.

Sincerely,

Richard Reichard

President, S.I.D.A.



Gail Goode is a candidate for United States Senator. She will be a guest speaker at our August 17 General Membership Meeting. She provided the following biography.

My name is Gail Goode and I am running for the United States Senate. I am challenging junior senator Kirsten Gillibrand. As you may well recall, the junior senator was appointed by an unelected governor. New Yorkers deserve the opportunity to select their own senatorial candidate, just like Americans all over this great country.

While I am not a politician, I am qualified to be a senator for the people of New York. For the past 24 years I have been an advocate for the City of New York. Currently I serve as Deputy Borough Chief in the Brooklyn Tort Division of the New York City Law Department, Office of the Corporation Counsel. As Deputy Borough Chief of Trials, I defend all city employees who are accused of negligently performing their duties on the job. From 1992 through 2006, I served as a major case trial attorney for New York City Transit Authority; I handled high profile cases, including the Union Square Derailment, The Fulton Street Fire Bombing and the Fifth Avenue Bus Crash.

I began my legal career as a Bronx Assistant District Attorney from 1986 to 1992. I tried cases against career criminals accused of violent crimes. I have seen firsthand the effects of thoughtless use of guns in the streets of the community.

My first job after college was a production control scheduler on the factory floor of John Deere Harvester Works in Moline, Illinois. While working at Deere I learned about work place excellence and customer satisfaction. My work at John Deere allowed me to associate with people from all cultures and socio-economic backgrounds on the factory floor. Moreover, John Deere honed my ability to find a common thread with anyone.

From Supervising Nutritionist Rubye Barnett-Goode a member of DC 37, I learned that every citizen has a duty to give back to those less fortunate. As a board member of Highbridge Community Life Center located in the shadow of Yankee stadium, I work to improve the lives and provide services to many people in need in the South Bronx. Hence, because of my 24 years of public service and a total of 30 years of work experience, I am qualified to represent the citizens of New York.

I believe New Yorkers deserve a choice.

Minutes

General Membership Meeting July 20, 2010

President Reichard called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes

A motion was made to accept the previous month's minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion carried.

Endorsement Vote – Part I

Joann Olbrich made the following motion: *I move that we close voting on the endorsement vote for Attorney General and 62nd Assembly District at 9:30 p.m.* The motion carried. Cindy Lowney, Gene Prisco, and Paul Scublinsky volunteered to collect and count the ballots.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Dennis Brown presented highlights from the last Executive Committee meeting held on June 23. He mentioned that we will continue to meet at Karl's Klipper through September. Mark Herman mentioned that this was his first S.I.D.A. meeting in four months. He also said that he didn't have a chance to "cheer on" the picnic. He thanked Social Secretary Alex Baltovski and other members for helping with the picnic.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Carsel reported the following amounts:

Balance 6-30-10...\$3, 456.22

Balance 7-20-10.....\$2,888.26

Gary reminded members to send in their dues.

Legal Committee

Legal Committee Chair John Lavelle reported that the Legal Committee met last week. He said they discussed the proposed changes to county's by-laws. He said that the committee welcomes suggestions from the members. John mentioned that the Legal Committee came up with a proposal that county's nominations are done by secret ballot.

President Reichard announced that someone from the county committee was originally scheduled to speak but cancelled due to some recent events.

Guest Speaker

Council Member Debi Rose thanked S.I.D.A. for inviting her to the meeting and for their support during her campaign for city council. She discussed her first six months in office and spoke about the importance of getting along with colleagues. She also spoke about the budget process and the deficit. There was a problem getting the city budget in place because New York State hasn't passed their budget.

Ms. Rose mentioned that she has tried to keep essential services. She also spoke about the Progressive Caucus that was recently created to try to generate revenue so they won't have to cut services. Councilmember Rose appealed to S.I.D.A. for support with the Progressive Caucus agenda. She also mentioned that she hopes to get help from the NY State legislature.

Ms. Rose mentioned the hard fight she won to save the West Brighton Senior Center and to save local city swimming pools from being cut. She also mentioned that she was proud of the monies she was able to bring home for member items and for capital improvements.

After her presentation Councilwoman Rose took questions from many members regarding many important issues.

Councilmember Rose announced that she plans to have a meeting on July 27th about "I am Staten Island" which is a multi tiered educational approach to advance the initiative against hate crimes on Staten Island.

Newsletter Editor, Chris Bauer said that he will be going away to Germany on July 29 and needs a volunteer to help with the newsletter. Marie Dwyer and Gary Carsel volunteered to help Chris while he is away.

Susan Chew thanked Paul Casali for help on moving the hydro fracturing issue. She also mentioned that Loretta Prisco helped develop a booklet for children. She asked Democratic Organization of Richmond County (DORC) to print the booklets.

Susan also mentioned that the media is finally picking up on this important issue. Errol Lewis of the *Daily News* has picked up on hydro fracturing and feels it is a bipartisan issue.

Endorsement Vote – Part II
NYS Attorney General

Ballots Cast	41
Richard Brodsky	15
Sean Coffey.....	8
Eric DiNallo	0
Kathleen Rice.....	8
Eric Shneiderman.....	5
No Endorsement.....	5

Note that we could not endorse for this office because 50%+1 was needed and was not achieved.

Endorsement Vote

NYS Assembly 62nd District

Ballots Cast39

Al Albanese.....26

No Endorsement.....13

Al Albanese was endorsed for NYS Assembly in the 62nd District.

New Business

Sally Jones spoke about the issue regarding the Mosque in Midland Beach. She wanted the member's thoughts on the issue. She asked if we should pass a resolution. Several members expressed their opinions on the issue. Sally suggested having the civic association hold a forum on the issue and S.I.D.A. could be a sponsor. President Reichard suggested we put together a statement on this issue for the August newsletter. Vice President Brown felt the issue should be referred to the Issues Committee. After the discussion, President Reichard said that he felt this issue should be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting and that we should put together a statement.

Carmen Cognetta (Congressman McMahon's Chief Of Staff) reported that Rep. McMahon asked him to thank members for all the petitions they collected. He also reported that Congressman McMahon unofficially opened his campaign office on the North Shore. The address is 646 Bay Street. He said that it is important for us to support Congressman McMahon and the other Democratic candidates running for office.

Joann Olbrich reported that she has been in touch with Assemblywoman Janele Hyer-Spencer regarding various ways to help with her re-election campaign. Members interested in helping Janele's campaign can contact Joann.

Susan Chew spoke about Mountain Top Mining. She mentioned that she wants to write a letter to President Obama to ask him to advocate for clean energy.

President Reichard announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 8:00 p.m. at his home.

The meeting adjourned.

*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.

On-line July 15, 2010

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Demand That State Senate Enact Hydrofracking Ban

The New York State Senate Majority Leader, John L. Sampson, is taking a tally of all state residents, as there are bills in Albany to bring a moratorium of hydraulic fracturing in New York State.

Hydraulic fracturing (hydrofracking) is a threat to New York City's water. This unconventional method of drilling for gas in New York State, including proposed drilling in our watershed, uses chemicals injected into the ground to break up shale for the extraction of gas.

Experience in other states — particularly close to home, Pennsylvania — shows ground water contaminated, negative effects on health. Two homes exploded due to methane leaking into the homes, not to mention destruction of the environment, wildlife, and domestic animals.

And drilling in our watershed would involve self-regulation by the energy companies, as was the case with BP in the Gulf.

Please call Sen. Sampson's office at 718-649-7653 or e-mail him at: sampson@senate.state.ny.us and give your name and zip code and tell him that you want a moratorium on hydrofracking until the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency completes its study of this drilling. Also, you can tell him that you want hydrofracking prohibited in the New York City watershed.

- *Carlton Chew*

On-line July 22, 2010

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Deplorable Conditions in Park Hill Complex Warrant an Investigation

I am a resident of the Park Hill Apartments and I am fed up with the deplorable conditions tenants are forced to live with.

We are not entitled to have a superintendent to take care of emergencies after business hours; none is posted in the buildings. Tenants do not know whom to call or what to do since no one will respond when called by security.

I've tried writing to our elected officials, our previous administration and HUD in Washington, without results. My opinion is that since most of the tenants are people of color, no one really cares how we are being treated; that is the part that saddens me.

Tenants are living with mold, water damage caused by management's neglect, inoperable kitchen appliances, dirty common areas, inoperable elevators forcing the Fire Department to rescue trapped people two and three times a day. So many rescues occurred that the Department of Buildings was forced to shut down the elevator in building 240 for residents' safety recently. All complaints to management falls on deaf ears.

What this complex need is a full-scale investigation by our elected officials into the conditions tenants are being forced to live under. I wonder what elected official will step up to the plate.

- *Ermell Abdul-Halim*

On-line July 24, 2010

Where was the Tea Party When Bush was Overspending

In Robert Scamardella's July 18 commentary in defense of the Tea Party movement, he states, "In a movement of millions, there are a few whose actions are regrettable."

He is correct in saying that it is unfair to label the whole movement because of the actions of "these very few." But by ignoring or denying the existence of the violence and the racial epithets of its members, they appear to be condoning such behavior.

Mr. Scamardella also claims that the "liberal left [Is there a conservative left?] could not understand why people got perturbed" over government bailouts for people that couldn't pay mortgages that any "5th grader would have know [was] unaffordable."

But his characterization of liberals is incorrect. While I don't attempt to speak for the entire left, what I don't understand is why during the Bush administration, when spending was out of control and the deficit reached unprecedented levels, due to his administration's misguided war and equally misguided tax cuts for the very rich, there was no outcry from the "conservative right."

- *Philip Blitz*

On-line July 25, 2010

Conservative Judges Missing, Even Among Republicans

I find hypocritical the conservative display of the Republican senators' advocacy of judicial restraint, original intent and what they disingenuously call judge-made law, in the recently concluded hearings of Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court. Their supposed model

of such ideas and practices, John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, are anything but restrained in their rulings.

The Roberts Court is busily inventing rights not found in the Constitution (corporations are the same as individuals when it comes to free speech in elections) and the ruling that individual U.S. citizens have the right to carry guns rather than the clear language in the document referring to only the right of organized militia to carry weapons.

If you consider Sen. Orrin Hatch's comment that he might not have voted to confirm Thurgood Marshall to the court, can Roberts, Scalia, Thomas and company be far from returning to the lily white Constitution that the Founders ratified?

- *Richard Currie*

On-line July 25, 2010

GOP Lawmaker's Pity for BP Shows Why Democrats Must Win

Most Americans were astonished when Congressman Joe Barton apologized to BP's CEO. He said he was "ashamed" that BP has been subjected to what he characterized as a \$20-billion "shakedown" by having to set up an escrow fund to compensate oil spill victims.

This is the same BP that according to the OSHA, had 760 "egregious, willful" safety violations at its refineries between June 2007 and February 2010. The next oil company had only eight. This is the same BP whose refinery fire in March 2005 killed 15 workers. This is the same BP that was found responsible for the largest on-land oil spill in Alaska.

Why should we care about what Joe Barton says? Because he is the ranking Republican on the Energy Committee. This means that if the Republicans take back the House in this year's election, Joe Barton will control all the legislation dealing with the clean-up of the Gulf and the compensation of the victims.

If you are sincere about your concern for the people of the Gulf, then you would not want Joe Barton to become chairman of the Energy Committee. A vote for a Republican for Congress is a vote for Joe Barton.

- *Richard Reichard*

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'Stop-And-Frisk' Just Another Form of Racial Profiling

Re: Richard Bruno's July 25 letter, "Councilwoman Rose on the wrong side of stop-and-frisk law":

The disenfranchised few, as you put it, have as much right to walk this earth as you without the threat of being stopped and frisked and eternally placed into a data base.

That right was given by the Emancipation Proclamation and followed by the Civil Rights Act.

Councilwoman Debi Rose neither wrote nor did her position allow her to vote on the stop and frisk law. But those state rep representatives who probably had an input were not mentioned in your tirade — State Sen. Andrew Lanza, Assemblyman Lou Tobacco, et al.

Our own District Attorney Dan Donovan supported the bill and its signing. He just might become the highest law enforcement figure in this state, insuring that this decision won't be "overturned."

It's obvious Ms. Rose is being taken to task for some other, unmentioned reason. It couldn't be because she's the only . . . ah . . . Nah, that's too obvious.

What is it? Take a deep breath and let it out. You can tell us. It'll go easier on you. Stop-and-frisk is just another form of racial profiling and I shudder to think how well you handled it when you were commander of the 120th Precinct.

- *Emanuel Braxton*

Flashback

We keep our history alive by reprinting articles from past newsletters, minutes from past meetings, or other items of interest from the past. If you have items that might be appropriate for the Flashback column, please call Joy Robins at (718) 816-4128.

July 20, 1999 meeting, Cargo Café
MINUTES

President John Lavelle called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM. The Minutes were accepted as read.

President Lavelle announced that Hillary Clinton had declined to be our honoree at the September brunch. The pool party had been a big success; David and Liz Goldfarb were thanked for being our hosts. The party had also been successful as a fundraiser for the club.

President Lavelle announced that at the August meeting, the speaker would be Jim Scarcella of the National Resources Protective Association, who would speak on the dredging of the Kill Van Kull.

Treasurer Ralph Dickar gave the Treasurer's Report: New Balance \$1334. Joy Robins and Herman & Sylvia Zaage had sponsored the July Newsletter; the Richardson Family would sponsor the August Newsletter. The profit from the pool party was \$779.82. Joe Getcy and Olivia Brennan will sponsor a future Newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

President Lavelle announced that S.I.D.A. members can attend the Young Democrats' dinner for \$30, instead of \$45. The profits from this dinner will help Todd Turner in his campaign for the National Committee of the Young Democrats.

A \$300 deposit had been given to the Pavilion for the September brunch.

President Lavelle introduced the speaker for the evening, Linda Davidoff, the head of Citizens' Action in New York City, who would speak on Campaign Finance Reform.

Ms. Davidoff first asked for a moment of silence for John F. Kennedy, Jr. She announced that while the 1998 effort to put a Campaign Finance Reform referendum on the ballot in NYC did not succeed, it did influence the City to put its own Campaign Finance Reform on the ballot; one of the reforms was to provide those candidates who meet the criteria with 4 to 1 matching funds. This reform helps candidates win without making commitments to special interests. Linda distributed Clean Money petitions to get the support of NYS legislators. While Gov. Pataki has introduced Campaign Finance Reform legislation, his falls far short of the reform that Citizens' Action is pushing: ultimately, primarily public funding of campaign. Citizens' Action is also involved with reforming health care, and increasing public parkland.

Bob Cutrona spoke on closing the Fresh Kills Dump. We have been promised that the dump will close on Dec. 31, 2001. That date is beginning to seem unlikely, because the other boroughs have been fighting proposed transfer stations, and the National EPA is now investigating to see if the transfer stations violate the civil rights of residents. People United to Close the Dump is writing letters and meeting with National officials to get the dump closed on time. Gov. Pataki, Mayor Guiliani, and BP Molinari must come up with alternative plans to insure that the dump closes on time. Attorney General Spitzer must enforce the law that says that the dump must close by a certain date.

David Goldfarb asked for support for the Bell campaign against gun violence.

President Lavelle thanked Linda Rispoli for her phone calls to remind members of the pool party.

Mark Herman reported that S.I.D.A. members brought in more signatures for Democratic candidates than any other Dem. Organization. The North Shore District – Mark's – brought in more than any other district.

Loretta Prisco, John Lavelle, and Chris Bauer had attended the swearing-in of Gene Prisco to the SI Community School Board. Loretta reported on the first School

Board meeting with the new board. She urged members to attend School Board meetings to support Gene and other members.

The next Executive Committee meeting is August 10, at the home of Anne and Tyrone Butler.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

JOANN OLBRICH, REC. SEC

View From The First Row

Q - When is a 65 not a 65?

A - When we want to feel good about how kids are doing. Or when you want to do political crowing about your success.

Recently the NYS Regents revealed what every teacher has known: (1) Scores on standardized tests and Regents are manipulated and (2) the tests have been “dumbed down”. I have written about this before, but there is new information. Thanks to Steve Ross for his research.

In the good old days when most SIDA members went to school, you had to answer 65% of the questions correctly. Remember how we sweated it out? No longer the case. Below are the conversion scores for the first year Math Regents.

Year of Regents	Points needed to pass	% correct	Score
Good old days	65/100	65%	65%
2002	48/85	56.5%	65%
2004	37/84	44.1%	65%
2006	33/84	39.3%	65%
2008	30/87	34.5%	65%

Now a look at the test itself:

Many of the same questions are repeated year after year. Practice and you have it made. Practice all year and you will be Fulbright material.

How’s this for a challenge: A question on the American History Regents contained a photograph captioned, “...federal troops escort the Little Rock Nine to their classes at Central High School” and asked “Based on the photograph, what was the job of the United States Army troops in Little Rock, Arkansas?”

Asking students to find the area of a rectangular box or calculating miles per gallon is Math we taught in middle school, but there it is on the HS Regents.

The NY Sun reported that the UFT determined that the difficulty of the reading exam dropped from 9th grade level to 3rd or 4th from 2004 to 2005.

“We’re creating an illusion of success that is really nice for everybody in the system except the kids. - Daniel Koretz, Harvard School of Education

Q - How do the kids suffer? They get the diploma, the cap and gown, the prom, the party.

A - Being promoted or graduating is not a happy ending for those who cannot succeed on a higher level, nor is it helpful for survival as a contributing member of society. High schools report that entering students cannot do simple high school work, and colleges report that they must provide more and more remedial work. Most importantly, high scores based on dumbed down tests and inflated scores, deprive students of needed support in the lower grades when it would be most beneficial. The State mandates support for students who score “below standard”, but nothing is offered to higher performing students. The Mayor and Chancellor claim to be winners, but the kids are the losers.

“The more any quantitative social indicator is used for social decision-making, the more subject it will be to corruption pressures and the more apt it will be to distort and corrupt the social processes it is intended to monitor.” Donald T. Campbell, Sociologist

For those S.I.D.A. members who did well in school or as school staff were able to raise test scores by any means, you are too late to cash in. Principals can pocket up to \$25,000 or teachers as much as \$3,000 for delivering high scores. Kids and their parents score here too. But, beware,— don’t even think of referencing poverty, drug abuse, victimization of sex crimes, incarcerated parents, illness or truancy when discussing low scores – you may lose your job, or your school may be closed. So what if the kids don’t come to school, reach them by osmosis.

And that dirty little secret – cheating – the result of high stakes. Our own Jim Callaghan wrote about it in one of our Staten Island high schools. Reports of cheating come in from all over the city and it doesn’t seem to be discouraged. The teacher whistleblower at JFK HS was sent to the rubber room for “theft of service” because she used the school fax machine to report cheating at her school to the UFT.

“Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted”.

Albert Einstein

Another instance where the kids lose: Art, music, critical and creative thinking, social studies, family living/sex education, socialization skills – don’t fit into the equation, don’t count.

This is not just a NYC phenomenon. Bush’s No Child Left Behind and Obama’s Race to the Top have taken testing to a level at which education is reduced to scoring on reading and math tests. We will pay the price for many years to come.

- Loretta Prisco

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July 17, 2010 Mark Herman Picnic



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