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At our Next Meeting

Sean Coffey - Candidate for Attorney General

Al Albanese - Candidate for 62<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District

Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 8:00 P.M.,

at **Karl's Klipper**, 40 Bay Street - (718) 720-4442



### 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:

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

Should the United States build new nuclear power plants? Should it be part of our strategy to combat global warming?

The energy legislation that passed the House in 2009 (H.R. 2454) and the legislation currently being debated in the Senate (S. 1733) offer loan guarantees to build new nuclear power plants. Given the uncertainties of the licensing and approval process for new nuclear power plants, banks have been unwilling to finance their construction. The price tag for a new nuclear power plant is around \$10 billion.

The country's 104 nuclear power plants generate approximately 20% of our electricity. Coal generates about 45% and natural gas a little over 23%. There has not been a new nuclear power plant built in the U.S. since 1996. By 2055 all 104 nuclear power plants will have gone through their life cycle and will have been taken off line.

It would cost over \$1 trillion just to replace the 104 nuclear power plants currently in operation. The price tag would go up sharply if nuclear power was used to replace coal-generated electricity. Would the money spent on building new nuclear power plants be better spent on less controversial renewable energy sources?

Advocates of nuclear power point out that unlike coal, nuclear power does not contribute to global warming. Replacing coal-fired plants with nuclear would reduce the amount of greenhouse gases. However are we trading off one type of environmental problem for another?

Radioactive leaks have been found at reactors in Illinois and New York. The groundwater surrounding Entergy Corporation's Vermont plant recorded a rapid rise in radioactive tritium. At the country's oldest nuclear power plant in New Jersey, a tritium leak was discovered in 2009.

In order to avoid fiscal responsibility for its aging nuclear power plants, Entergy Corporation recently tried to spin off into a separate company, several of its plants including Indian Point and the one the one in Vermont. Luckily their request was denied. We have seen time and time again that a company will be all too willing to walk away from their responsibility to clean up a site, leaving the taxpayers to pay.

One of the biggest issues facing the nuclear power industry is how to dispose of and safeguard spent nuclear fuel. Spent nuclear fuel remains radioactive for thousands of years. The 104 power plants produce about 2,000 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel a year. There is already more than 75,000 metric tons stored at 122 temporary sites. Since 1982 nuclear power plants have been required to store spent nuclear fuel on-site, until a permanent site is selected and developed. Utilities have already paid billions into a fund to deal with the long-term disposal issue. The cost of safeguarding and disposal is passed onto consumers.

While the probability of a major accident due to mechanical failure or human error is low, the impact a major accident would have, would be catastrophic. We should be much more concerned with a major accident caused by an earthquake. Many people are not aware that Indian Point was built near two active seismic zones.

I agree that by replacing the electricity generated by coal with electricity generated by nuclear power we could reduce greenhouse gases. However the negative aspects of nuclear power far outweigh its positive impact on global warming.

As we are now seeing in the Gulf, technology does not give us a 100% guarantee. A major accident could have significant economic, environmental and human consequences. Is the gamble that there will never be a serious accident worth the risk?

Securing spent nuclear fuel is both a national security concern and a significant economic cost. We already have large quantities which must be secured for thousands of years. Adding to the current stockpiles will only add to the risk and the cost, and ultimately to our electric bills.

The radioactive water leaks are a sign that our current nuclear plants are beginning to show their age. The energy companies are well aware of the impact these aging plants could have on their bottom line. The public either through increased electricity bills or through higher taxes will have to pay the cost. Adding additional nuclear power plants will add to the cost.

I believe that the money spent on storing and safeguarding spent nuclear fuel for thousands of years, and on building new and securing and maintaining old nuclear power plants would add to electric bills and taxes. This money could be better spent on the development of alternative renewable energy.

Sincerely,

*Richard Reichard*

*President, S.I.D.A.*

**William  
Murphy**

## **Sean Coffey**

*Sean Coffey is a candidate for New York State Attorney General and will be a speaker at our June meeting. His campaign provided the following statement.*

As the next Attorney General, Sean Coffey will bring personal accountability, transparency and new ideas to Wall Street and State Street. As Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, Coffey was dubbed “Wall Street’s New Nemesis” by Bloomberg Markets, after he led the lawsuit against WorldCom on behalf of the New York State Common Retirement Fund. Coffey not only helped to recover over \$6 billion from Wall Street banks, but in an historic first, required the outside directors and key wrongdoers to contribute from their own pockets.

Sean Coffey was born in the Bronx in 1956 to first generation immigrant parents from Ireland. His father John, from County Kerry, was a union carpenter, and his mother, Mary, from County Cork, was a homemaker. To help pay for his education in parochial school, Sean followed in his father’s footsteps and worked as a carpenter’s apprentice, including on the construction of the World Trade Center and other notable New York buildings. As a child, Coffey spent seven summers working on his mother’s farm in County Cork. He graduated from Long Island’s Chaminade High School in 1974 and won an appointment to the United State Naval Academy at Annapolis.

He graduated from Annapolis with merit in 1978. As a Navy officer, he flew P-3 Orion aircrafts tracking Soviet submarines during the Cold War, and was selected by the Navy to serve as the personal military assistant to Vice President George H.W. Bush. After completing his active service, Sean continued to serve for an additional 18 years in the Navy Reserve. At the time of his retirement as a Navy Captain in 2004, Coffey’s military decorations included the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Pistol Expert Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

While working at the Pentagon and in the White House, Coffey attended Georgetown University Law Center at night from which he graduated magna cum laude in 1987. In 1991, Coffey was sworn in as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, where he prosecuted more than 60 members of the “48 Hours” heroin distribution organization, and oversaw the FBI’s “Operation Drex Paper” in dismantling a nationwide stolen car network. Coffey then returned to private legal practice, recovering billions of dollars for victims of corporate fraud. In 2002, he led the team against auditing firm Arthur Andersen, recovering \$217 million, one of the largest settlements ever paid by an accounting firm.

Sean Coffey will reform politics as usual in Albany and business-as-usual on Wall Street.

## **Al Albanese**

*Al Albanese is a candidate for State Assembly in the 62<sup>nd</sup> District and will be a speaker at our June meeting. He provided the following statement.*

Hello S.I.D.A. members, I'm Al Albanese and I am proud to be the Democratic candidate for New York State Assembly in the 62<sup>nd</sup> Assembly district.

I was born in 1954 on Staten Island, and I'm a third generation native Staten Islander. I attended PS 44, JHS 51, and Port Richmond High School. I was raised in Mariners Harbor and later moved to South Beach then to Grant City, where I have resided for many years.

Most of you know that I have been proudly active in the Democratic Party for many years, in fact, since I was 18 years old. I've worked on national races and countless local races. I have knocked on doors, attended fundraisers and rallies, made phone calls, collected petition signatures, and have proudly supported many Democratic candidates and causes on Staten Island over the years.

You also know that my roots have always been in labor. I have been a proud member of CWA Local 1101 for 30 years where I have also served as a Shop Steward.

In these tough economic times, it is my firm belief that the bedrock principles of labor, a fair wage and a secure and safe working environment, are even more important now than at any time since the Great Depression. Every New Yorker deserves the opportunity to earn a fair wage that keeps them from being part of the "working poor" and lifts them up to the ranks of the working middle-class that built New York State and America, and allows them to support their families comfortably and with pride.

The economic downturn is the biggest issue on most every mind today. The question remains, how will we recover from it and find a way to get back on track? I believe that in order to truly recover from this economic downturn, the first priority must be to keep New Yorkers working. If elected to the Assembly, my first act would be to sponsor legislation that would make it mandatory for any work contracted in the state of New York be given to a New York company. This company would be required to hire New York residents to do the work first, and would bring in contractors from other states only in the rare instance that no New York contractor is qualified. All workers would be paid prevailing union rate, period.

This is a long over due initiative that would keep tax money collected in New York and would support New York retailers. It's really very simple. Lay offs and job cuts have a snowball effect, as fewer people employed means less money is spent, causing more job loss. Hiring New York residents would have the same snowball effect in reverse, and would help tremendously toward alleviating our budget gap through increased tax revenue.

To encourage the growth of the working middle-class in New York, I would work with our elected officials in the federal government to make sure that the Employee Free Choice Act is passed and I would propose and support legislation in the New York State Assembly to make sure it is enforced at the state level.

I would work with my fellow lawmakers to implement a Pay As You Go mentality in Albany. Legislators in Albany must take it upon themselves to stop spending money we don't have on programs we don't need, while cutting services that New Yorkers do need and deserve. Many of the budget cuts recently proposed are just plain wrong.

We should never cut money from our veteran programs, our youth or our seniors. It's simple. If it wasn't for our military I would not be able to run for office and all of us would not be gathered here tonight. We all owe our veterans more than we could ever pay them back for the sacrifices they made defending our American way of life. Our youth is our future, and every time we cut a program for them our future is compromised. And our seniors got us to where we are now and have earned the right to be taken care of.

Over the course of the campaign, you will be hearing from me on many issues facing Staten Islanders today. And you can rest assured that I will always be an advocate for the people, not the powerful, of the South Shore of Staten Island, and that I will make that abundantly clear throughout this campaign.

We have all seen the signs that the political environment on the South Shore is trending more and more Democratic every year. As more Democrats move into the area from other locations, our chances of taking it back are getting better all the time. I am proud of the candidates who have run great races in the South Shore before me. They have helped raise the Democratic profile on the South Shore and have contributed to our party quickly becoming a force to be reckoned with.

I know that I can win this race. But I also know that I cannot do it without your help.

There are many ways you will be able to volunteer for the campaign, and there will be many opportunities in the coming months to canvass, door knock, make phone calls, and the like. Of course, a financial donation is always needed and welcomed. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check payable to Friends of Al Albanese to Nick Popolo, Treasurer, 41 Challenger Drive, Staten Island, NY 10312. If you would like to host a house party fundraiser for my campaign, please contact my campaign manager, Paul Casali, at [paulcasali0974@gmail.com](mailto:paulcasali0974@gmail.com) or call him at 917-714-4205.

Thank you all for your support and friendship. And now, let's work together in take back the South Shore!

Sincerely,  
Al Albanese

## Minutes

### **General Membership Meeting May 20, 2010**

President Reichard called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. There was a motion to accept April's minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion carried. Joann made a motion to close voting for the evening's endorsement at 9:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. Cindy Lowney, Peter Killen, and Paul Scublinsky volunteered to count ballots.

#### **Vice President's Report**

President Reichard reported highlights from the Executive Committee meeting held on April 28, 2010.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Gary Carsel reported the following balances:

Balance 4-30-10 .....\$4,860.71

Balance 5-20-10 ....\$ 3,782.61

President Reichard announced that one of the guest speakers, State Senator Eric Schneiderman had to cancel because of a conflict and John F. Lavelle was going to speak instead. President Reichard initiated a discussion about the Republican's nomination of former Congressman Vito Fossella for the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Several members expressed their feelings. There was also a discussion about the recent breakfast sponsored by Congressman Mike McMahon.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Guest Speaker**

John F. Lavelle spoke for State Senator Eric Schneiderman, candidate for New York State Attorney General. John mentioned that Senator Schneiderman sent his apologies. John spoke about the Senator's education and background. He said that the Senator was elected to the State Senate in 1999. He was chair of the Codes Committee, and also passed the long awaited Rockefeller Drug law reforms which were very important. John mentioned that Sen. Schneiderman has already been endorsed by Local 1199, and he personally thinks that Senator Schneiderman would be a great Attorney General.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Guest Speaker**

President Reichard announced that Assemblyman Matt Titone, who will be the recipient of this year's S.I.D.A. Paul O'Dwyer Humanitarian Award, would be introducing Assemblyman Richard Brodsky, Candidate for NYS Attorney General. Assemblyman Titone said that Assemblyman Brodsky wrote the Authorities Reform Bill. He explained that the bill is very good for Staten Island because it will make the MTA accountable.

Assemblyman Matt Titone spoke passionately about how Assemblyman Brodsky took him under his wing in his early days up in Albany. He also mentioned that they had worked on a number of bills together. He feels that Assemblyman Brodsky would be a great Attorney General. He mentioned that he has a successful history taking on the “big guys”.

Assemblyman Brodsky thanked S.I.D.A for inviting him back. He also mentioned that Matt Titone has been an extraordinary voice in Albany. Assemblyman Brodsky said that if we are interested in someone who could take on the big guys, he is the one. He said he has progressive credentials. He mentioned that politically he is in good shape and that he has received a lot of endorsements.

He said that we shouldn’t give up fundamental principles and that we need to create coalitions to help govern. Assemblyman Brodsky has initiated hard hitting reforms across the state and has led the fight for constitutional change.

Assemblyman Brodsky asked for S.I.D.A’s support. He asked members to join with him to change the state. He also mentioned that he only wants to be NYS Attorney General and that he is not looking to go on to another office. He said that the job of Attorney General is not just a lawyer’s job but a leader’s job and that he will be an agent for change and establish a connection between the people and the government.

After the dynamic presentation, Assemblyman Brodsky answered questions on many different topics. Assemblyman Brodsky was passionate about all the work he has done and what he feels he can do as NYS AG in the future.

### **New Business**

Susan Chew of Clean Water NY mentioned that Congressman McMahon has sponsored Bill HR 2766. There is a moratorium to give people more time to sign on. Peter Killen gave kudos to Susan Chew for all her hard work organizing the rally against hydro fracturing (held on April 29<sup>th</sup>). The audience applauded.

Tom Scherbenko announced that the Gaeta Club will be having their annual dinner on June 24<sup>th</sup>. He made a motion that S.I.D.A purchase a full page ad in their journal for \$150 and one ticket to send President Reichard for \$85. The motion carried.

Cindy Lowney made a motion that S.I.D.A create an emergency search committee for a congressional candidate and report back their findings by next month’s meeting. The motion failed.

### **NYS Comptroller Endorsement Vote**

Peter Killen reported the results”  
Thomas DiNapoli.....29  
No Endorsement.....5  
Other .....1

Please note that S.I.D.A is endorsing Thomas DiNapoli for NYS Comptroller.

President Reichard reported on the recent breakfast sponsored by Congressman McMahon on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Lowney reported that the Brooklyn Dems for Change thanked S.I.D.A for sending David Jones to their recent dinner.

President Reichard announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 8:00 p.m. at his home. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

*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](http://www.silive.com). Unless explicitly stated, the views herein are those of the authors and are not the views of S.I.D.A.*

On-line May 12, 2010

Printed May 12, 2010

### **U.S. Government Runs on Deals, Up-Front or Not**

art Sharp in his April 21 letter displays ignorance of how legislation is passed in B America. He complains that the recent health-care legislation, which no Republican had the courage to support, resulted from deals that congressional Democrats struck in order to secure the necessary votes.

But legislation at all levels of American government involves deals, up front and back-door, for votes. The prescription bill, wisely supported by President George Bush, came about in much the same way, including the Republican House leadership keeping the House vote open for five hours so that Republican whips could make the deals and round up the votes.

I don't know what copy of the Constitution Mr. Sharp reads, but mine does not include vandalism of congressional offices as examples of free speech. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter and Congressman Anthony Wiener are just two examples widely reported.

And if Congressman John Lewis needs to video record racial slurs directed at him before some will take his word as some conservative commentators want, it simply underscores the frustration that health-care opponents feel that their thuggish behavior did not carry the day.

- Richard Currie

On-line May 16, 2010

Printed May 16, 2010

**Target Illegal Immigrants'  
Services, Not Senior Centers**

Re: "City to shutter four of Island's senior centers," Advance, May 12:

Am I reading this correctly? The very people, who all their lives, have contributed to this city and country, the old-fashioned way, legally, by working hard and paying taxes, are being targeted to take away one of the few things they have left in life and are able to do.

Our Mayor, Daddy Big Bucks, wants to knock the legs out from under them — at least the ones who can still stand — and take away from them what for many, is the only thing they have left in their waning years to look forward to.

Seems to me that he should be targeting illegal aliens, and take some benefits from them, who never contributed or paid any taxes, to keep these centers open. Why are their benefits never touched? Why do they even have benefits? Would I get those same benefits if I tried to get them in the countries they came from? Most of them are working, yet pay no taxes. This is not a big secret.

I have one more question. How do I become an illegal alien? I wonder how many people feel as I do?

- Paul Cinquemani

On-line May 17, 2010

Printed May 17, 2010

**No Amount of Regulation Can Make Hydraulic Fracturing Safe**

Re: New "rules" for hydraulic fracturing in the New York City Waters

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has issued new "rules" for hydraulic fracturing for gas in the New York City Waters. The energy company would have to do an environmental impact statement (EIS) for each proposed well.

If you believe that self-regulation — the fox in charge of the chicken house — is a reliable way to avoid contamination of our drinking water, consider that the oil spill in New Orleans involved some self-regulation by BP.

While some believe these new rules will discourage energy companies from wanting to drill in our watershed due to higher costs incurred with individual EIS's, let's not let our guard down while they prepare to either get around the rules, or decide to skew an EIS to suit their needs and budget.

Can we really believe that energy companies don't have the funds and power to accomplish what they want while destroying our water and environment?

Our message to Gov David Paterson and the DEC commissioner, Pete Grannis, is that only a total prohibition of hydraulic fracturing in New York can assure over 9 million people that their water will remain one of the purist in the country.

- Susan Chew  
[The writer is a member of  
Clean Water New York.]

### **View from the First Row**

Are the Bloomberg/Klein anti-union, pro-charter ideologues using the financial crisis as a way to push their political agenda or is it just all so coincidental? Using every crisis that befalls us (Katrina, the banking crisis, NYS and NYC economic crisis) forces like these are out there shaping and manipulating public opinion against workers and unions, while pushing privatization as they remain unscathed and grow a lot richer. Follow these events.

The UFT contract expired in October 2009. The City offered a 2% raise. Engaged in pattern bargaining for years, the UFT expected the same 4% that other workers contracted.

Everyone knew there would be a budget deficit. The Federal stimulus money, which saved schools this year, dried up. That reality was made clear with the threat of losing 6,400 teaching positions.

The UFT contract has a “no-layoff clause” and if there is to be excessing (eliminating positions in a particular school), it is to be done by seniority. You heard about “seniority”, made a four letter word by Bloomberg/Klein.

Bloomberg/Klein have opened over 100 new schools, staffed mostly by new teachers. Although there are over 1,000 teachers, (called ATRs) many with salaries over \$100,000 twiddling their thumbs outside of the classrooms they want to teach in. Forty percent of the staff of new schools can be new teachers and others hired out of seniority.

Now it gets tricky. Using their influence with the press and the influence of the ed defomers living in conservative, anti-union think tanks:

- They create a need for charter schools by convincing New Yorkers that the public schools that they have controlled for 8 years are failing while bragging that they have raised scores and the graduation rate. Scratching your head over that one? Charter schools will be able to hire and fire teachers without regard to seniority. Feel like we are going around in circles?
- Managed to change the equation of seniority from experience to one of being lazy and burned out.  
Bloomberg/Klein falsely declared that the ATRs are teachers that no one wants and continue to press for their firing after 1 ½ years out of the classroom. Claiming a major reform in the way that schools do business, Bloomberg/Klein gave principals control

over their budgets. Dealing with a 12% budget cut since 2007, principals would rather hire 2 new teachers than one experienced one. Ah! but there is that old seniority rule – they must get rid of it. Seniority, one of the major protections of workers. Tear down the union, divide the new teachers from the experienced, create dissatisfaction in the union, and get at seniority. Feel like we are going around in circles again? It gets better!

Knowing there will be cuts, the DOE continued to hire Teach for America teachers and Teaching Fellows. So fire 6,400 teachers but hire new ones? Huh?

Knowing there will be cuts, the DOE continues to hire high priced consultants in no-bid contracts.

Knowing there will be cuts the DOE dished out \$340,000 in pay raises to bureaucrats and non-school people just weeks ago (10 received raises of 10% or more), and gave out \$500,000 in raises in April. 157 non-school employees received raises this school year, \$1.6 million in total. Sure it doesn't equal the deficit, but do you go out and buy a new car when you are losing your home?

Briefly, those are the facts. Deliberate? Serendipitous? Machiavellian?

- Loretta Prisco

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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.*

### **General Meeting Minutes April 17, 2001**

President Joy Robins called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. The Minutes were accepted as read. Treasurer Ralph Dickar gave his report; there are 122 members paid for 2001, and 45 for 2000. Helen Settles reported that her basketball team went all the way to the finals.

President Robins delivered the Awards Dinner report for Social Secretary Vanessa Mercurio. The dinner probably would be held on Thursday, September 6, 2001. Bill Clinton declined the honor, and Hillary Clinton doesn't accept engagements that far in advance. Chuck Schumer hasn't responded yet. President Robins also read the letter in favor of the naming of a courthouse in honor of Paul O'Dwyer, which had been sent by the S.I.D.A. to various newspapers. President Robins introduced Joe Wien, a candidate for the mid-Island Council seat, who spoke about his stand on the issues.

Issues Committee Chair Dan Kramer reported that the Committee had approved two more papers that will be printed in the newsletter before S.I.D.A. votes on them. He

presented the position paper on abolishing the Electoral College. Sally Jones made a motion to add a friendly amendment, which was accepted by the Issues Committee. The Amendment was: "S.I.D.A. supports the abolition of the Electoral College and the establishment of [Presidential Election by] the Popular Vote. Accepting that this is unlikely to happen, we prefer alternative two as outlined above in the short term."

The paper was accepted with a vote of 20 in favor, 5 opposed and 1 abstention. The next position paper will be Against Abolishing the Estate Tax.

President Robins introduced Councilwoman Katherine Freed, a candidate for Public Advocate, and former Parks Commissioner and Director of the New York Historical Society Betsy Gotbaum, also a candidate for Public Advocate. They spoke about their candidacies and stands on the issues.

Young Democrats President Nick Popolo thanked those who had attended the Mayoral Forum sponsored by the Young Democrats. He announced that on the following Sunday, the Young Democrats were sponsoring a Bowling Fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association at Bowling on the Green. Vanessa Mercurio made a motion for the S.I.D.A. to donate \$100 to the American Diabetes Association; the motion was seconded and passed.

Joann Olbrich announced that the Richmond County Business and Professional Women were holding their Annual Murder Mystery in June. Anne Taylor Butler announced that the Ethnic Outreach Committee of the Democratic Party was holding a picnic on May 20 in Willowbrook Park. Joann Olbrich made a motion that the S.I.D.A. sponsor the picnic with a \$75 donation, the motion was seconded and passed. Mark Zink announced that on Mothers' Day at 12 PM, at Borough Hall, there would be a rally against gun violence. Helen Ginsburg announced that on May 19, there would be an election reform rally in Washington, DC from noon to 6:00p.m.

The next Executive Committee meeting would be on Wednesday April 25, at 8:00p.m. chez Jones'.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Joann Olbrich  
Recording Secretary

## **Todd Turner**

*We received the following press release from S.I.D.A. ex-pat in Maryland Todd Turner.*

### **PRESS RELEASE**

April 23, 2010

#### **Oden Bowie Democratic Club Elects 2010-2012 Officers**

Bowie, MD - The Governor Oden Bowie Democratic Club, meeting last Thursday evening April 15th in Old Town Bowie, elected the following members as officers for the 2010-2012 term of office: Hon. Todd M. Turner, President; James Golato, 1st Vice-President; Kurt Walter, 2nd Vice-President; Dr. Norma Martof, Corresponding Secretary; Katie Costello, Acting Recording Secretary and James Chittams, Sgt. at Arms. In addition the Club thanked outgoing President Ken Fox for his leadership and service to the Club over the past three years.

“I look forward to upholding the long tradition of the Oden Bowie Democratic Club as a leader in the Democratic Party in Prince George’s County and Maryland while bringing in new members and technology to represent the future of democrats in Bowie,” President Turner stated. “2010 will be an important year for Democrats in the County and Maryland as we look to maintain gains at the Federal, State and County levels of government and the Club plans to play an active role in supporting our candidates leading up to November,” he concluded.

Mr. Turner is the first African-American to be elected President of the Club in its forty year plus history. Council Member Turner was elected in November 2005 to the Bowie City Council, served as the City's Mayor Pro Tem from 2007 to 2009 and is in his third term on the City Council. Mr. Turner had previously served as 2nd Vice-President and Secretary of the Club and is the former coordinator for the 23rd Legislative District Team.

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Happy birthday, Liz! Super Secret Admirers  
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for voting to repeal  
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- Chris Bauer

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Birthday,  
my L4L



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from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
at the Priscos

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of the  
State Senate

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