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At our Next Meeting:

- **Mark Murphy**
Candidate for
Congress



- **John Mancuso**
Candidate for Assembly,
60th District

- **Gun Violence
Position Paper**

Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 8:00 P.M.,
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: 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

February 2012
December 2011

Dear Members and Friends of S.I.D.A.,
Why does the Staten Island Democratic Association exist? What is our reason for remaining in existence as a political club, after 50 years of continuous service? Are we just an organization of like-minded people who get together once a month to talk about politics? I think that all of us would have good answers to these questions. I am equally sure that none of us would hold that we are merely an organization that likes to come together to socialize and reminisce, or even to discuss matters and complain about problems of the times we live in.

It is said of S.I.D.A. that if there are 55 members in the room, we have at least 65 opinions on a given subject! Certainly we are an organization that has always loved to debate the issues of the day, and indeed, we often disagree even as we search for common ground. There is no doubt that we examine and probe the topics under discussion, explore a multitude of important facts, and share our many strongly-held opinions on these matters. Even after rigorous dialogue, we may not always come together in harmonious agreement. We are truly an independent group of

progressive, reform-minded individuals, and there is always room for a minority report even after an issue has been exhaustively debated.

However, our organization has always been more than a debating association; S.I.D.A. has been an “action association” relative to working and fighting for political reform and progressive causes. We foster good government by interviewing, promoting, endorsing and supporting candidates for public office. We are zealous in our attempts to bring about positive reform in a society which needs active involvement of its citizens to protect the common good and the rights of all, especially those among us who are the most vulnerable and exploited: the poor, children, elderly, infirm, and disabled. S.I.D.A. has been an active force, as well, not only by debating issues and taking a stand, but also by asking our elected leaders and institutions to implement new ideas and policies. We do these things for the benefit of our city, state, country and the world in areas such as social justice and equal rights for all, the prevention of violence, the ending of wars and their consequences, and the provision of services and opportunities held sacred in our highest democratic ideals, principles, ethics and universally-accepted moral and legal codes.

S.I.D.A. exists, and will always have meaning and purpose, if we continue to remain active and strive to influence the political system--and the world itself--by our actions as well as by our energetic efforts to promote good government and positive, progressive and reform-oriented solutions to the problems we face today and into the future. We must constantly search for ways to help our community and world find peace, sustainable development, health, educational and work opportunities, fairness and justice for all people and an end to suffering, pain and misery. We have a progressive philosophy and a political platform that has elevated the human condition and which needs to be espoused anew and carried forward by our candidates for public office. We need to find those candidates, work with them to develop solutions and help them get elected so we can bring about the changes needed to make our world a better place.

*Sincerely,
Dennis A. Brown
President*



Mark Murphy

Democratic Congressional candidate Mark Murphy will be a guest speaker at our February 21 General Membership Meeting. He provided us with the following statement.

I wanted to personally thank the members of the Staten Island Democratic Association for allowing me to speak at the upcoming meeting. S.I.D.A. has proven itself many times over as one of the most passionate clubs on Staten Island. I know that when I stand before you at Karl's Klipper we will have a long, challenging and informational exchange about where I stand on the issues facing our nation. You ask some of the toughest questions and absolutely no candidate can get away with simply trying to pander to the crowd. The debate is always real and honest.

S.I.D.A. also has a well-deserved reputation for its work on behalf of candidates after receiving the club's endorsement. You excel in making phone calls, knocking on doors, standing outside super markets in the searing heat or bitter cold to persuade Staten Island voters into supporting the Democratic



candidate. This is the most important aspect of any campaign and the fact that SIDA members are so willing to perform these tasks must be celebrated.

The club represents an important base of the Democratic Party and we may not always agree. Yet, although we may disagree on the approach to some issues I know that SIDA will always have the best interest of the Democratic Party at heart as do I.

Your unwavering commitment to the highest principles and ideals of the Democratic Party is something to admire. I'm proud to have the opportunity to address SIDA and I look forward to hopefully receiving its endorsement in the coming months!

*Best,
Mark Murphy*

<http://www.electmarkmurphy.com>



Visit the S.I.D.A. website at

<http://sidems.org/>

John Mancuso

John Mancuso is a candidate for the 60th Assembly District and will be a guest speaker at our February 21 General Membership Meeting. His campaign provided the following biography. (The 60th District will become the 64th District after redistricting takes place this year.)

John M. Mancuso is the Executive Chef/Owner of Silvestro's Gourmet Deli & Caterers, located in Westerleigh, Staten Island. He holds a Culinary Arts degree from the Art Institute of New York City. A fourth generation Staten Islander, John attended St. Peter's Boys High School, I.S.51 and P.S. 19.

John is the Captain/Commanding Officer of NYPD Auxiliary Police for the 122 Precinct and Highway Patrol Unit #5 (Staten Island). He has received numerous awards for his service since 1998, including Supervisor of the Year and Officer of the Year. He is also a volunteer with the NYC Parks Department Enforcement Patrol's Mounted Auxiliary Unit.

For the last 14 years, John has been involved in youth ministry, and has had the opportunity to work with many of the top youth ministry leaders in the United States. As a motivational speaker and retreat leader, he discusses topics such as leadership and bullying with over 15,000 teens each year in local parishes, youth conferences and in his home base, the St. Francis Center for Spirituality in Todt Hill. Additionally, he is co-host of The Devil's Advocate podcast with David A. Dein, where they discuss everyday religious and social issues targeting teens and young adults.

Previously, John served as Chief of Staff to NYC Council Member Vincent Gentile, Deputy Chief of Staff to former NYS Senator Seymour Lachman and Vice President of Marketing & Public Relations at Supreme Chocolatier in Bloomfield.

John is the current treasurer of the Young Democrats of Richmond County. He is a member of the board of directors of the local non-profit organizations New York Center for Interpersonal Development and Community Health Action of Staten Island.

Additional Awards:

- Staten Island Heart Association Chef's Extravaganza – Best Dish Award in 2007 and 2008
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel–St. Benedicta School – 2010 Honoree, Annual John J. Bruno Children's Luncheon for the Benefit of Children
- Young Democrats of Richmond County – 2011 Business Leader of the Year



Friends Don't Let Friends Vote Republican

Gun Violence Position Paper

The Issues Committee produced the following position paper on gun violence prevention. The paper will be presented at our February 21 General Meeting for an endorsement vote. The primary author was Phil Jonas with input from the rest of the committee, which consisted of Bonnie Rothman, Rich Florentino, and Loretta Prisco (Chair).

Gun Violence Prevention

The rate of gun violence in the United States far exceeds that of any other industrialized nation. The rate of firearm related homicides per 100,000 in the U.S. is 9.1 compared with 1.8 in Australia and 1.6 in Germany – the countries with the next highest gun homicide rates among advanced industrialized democracies.¹ Rates in England and Japan are much lower still. In the four days following the first anniversary of the Tucson, Arizona shootings, 1072 Americans were shot, another stunning statistic that captures the frequency of gun violence in the U.S.² On the local level, 43 people were shot on Staten Island in 2011, including a 17-month old girl. This paper will focus on some of the steps that can be taken to lessen the carnage.

Explanations for this tragically high incidence of gun violence are many, including a history, since the nation's birth, of the perceived need for individual gun ownership. The need for self-protection on our developing country's frontiers continued throughout westward expansion. Our history of frequent political assassinations and attempted assassination further establishes, if not normalizes, the idea that violence is an option for those with passionate views. Additionally, the celebration of violence in our society by the entertainment industry through film, television and video games further supports the notion among some that gun violence is acceptable. While the social contributors to our legacy of gun violence certainly needs to be addressed, this discussion will explore the legal and legislative issues, and their attendant remedies.

Particularly strong support for individual civilian ownership and use of firearms derives from "2nd Amendment supporters", especially within the National Rifle Association (NRA). The NRA's fundamental reading of the 2nd Amendment is that it confers a basic right to gun ownership in the service of self protection from individual threats to safety as well as against the

dominance and intrusion of a potentially overbearing government. The 2nd Amendment, as ratified by the States as part of the Bill of Rights in 1791 reads as follows:

“A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”.

Drawing the reasonable line between protecting personal gun rights, while protecting the welfare of the general public, occupies much of the current debate on ‘gun control’. Since the passage of the Bill of Rights, case law has confirmed the individual right to bear arms but it has consistently found that reasonable restrictions can be placed on the type of weapons available to individuals and who is eligible for ownership. Two of the Supreme Court’s most seminal cases (Miller 1932) and (Heller 2008), taken together, establish an individual right to gun ownership – but not an unfettered right. The Court has found that reasonable limits include denying public access to weapons whose only legitimate use is clearly military. For example, private citizens are not entitled to their own fully armed F-14’s!

Current federal and New York State law address some, but not all, of the regulation of gun ownership that would reduce the epidemic of gun deaths in this country while still guaranteeing appropriate individual gun rights. The most effective and comprehensive regulation would be the establishment of federal licensing of gun owners who pass continually updated background checks and the registration of all firearms from manufacture to sale and resale. At present the vast majority (85%) of gun crimes in New York State are committed with guns obtained from out of state suppliers in areas with lax local gun laws.³ Criminals and other dangerous individuals are currently able to acquire unlimited quantities of firearms, without a background check, by traveling to private gun shows outside New York State. They can, and do, resell these firearms in New York. The perpetrators of mass killings, from Columbine to Virginia Tech and more recently Tucson, have been mentally disturbed individuals who would not have passed a background check to obtain firearms if an effective federal system were in place.

It is not being argued that all bad actors can be prevented in all cases from acting out violently through the passage of better gun safety laws. However, the history of car safety regulation is instructive. Not only do we require the licensing of car operators and registration of all vehicles, consumer safety laws, including better drunk driving enforcement, increasingly improve the safety of vehicle use resulting in the net reduction of fatalities despite an increase in the number of vehicles registered. Vehicle fatalities dropped 17% from 1994 to 2009 even with an increase of 35% in vehicles registered.⁴ Firearm fatalities can and will be reduced with similar measures without compromising responsible ownership.

Recommendations⁵

The ongoing epidemic of gun violence in this country is a personal tragedy for many and a public health issue for all. It has multiple causes and therefore requires multiple responses. The Staten Island Democratic Association (S.I.D.A.) stands firmly behind legislation that will help keep firearms out of the hands of criminals and the irresponsible. Our goal is to protect citizens and support law enforcement.

The following federal legislative initiatives are worthy of S.I.D.A.’s support.

1. *Fix Gun Checks – NICS Background Check System (HR1781 McCarthy/S436 Schumer)*

- Requires Brady criminal background checks on all firearm purchases nationally with limited exceptions.
- Fully funds the State’s ability to contribute to the national background check system.

- Several other provisions in the proposed law further clarify and include the mentally ill, drug abusers and those with domestic violence convictions in order to further improve the data base of individuals who should not be armed.
- 2. *Ban High-Capacity Ammunition Magazines (HR308 McCarthy/S32 Lautenberg)]*
- Bans manufacture and transfer of firearm magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition.
- High-capacity ammunition magazines are designed to enable shooting mass numbers of people quickly and efficiently without reloading. They have been used in numerous mass shootings, including in Tucson, Virginia Tech, the Long Island Railroad, Fort Hood and Columbine, but they are not useful for hunting or self-defense.
- 3. *Close the Terror Gap (S1317 Lautenberg/HR2159 King)*
- Provides Department of Justice oversight and discretion to block sales of firearms to terror suspects (currently individuals on the terrorist watch list are unable to board a plane but able to purchase firearms legally once they are in the United States), i.e. more than 90% of the people on the terror watch list who applied to purchase guns were successful.

The following New York State legislative initiatives are worthy of S.I.D.A.'s support.

1. *Microstamping. (A1157 Schimel/S675 Peralta).*
- Microstamping copies an alphanumeric code from the firing pin and the breach face onto the ejected cartridge case of the ammunition when a handgun is fired.
- This allows law enforcement to identify shell casings at crime scenes and trace back gun ownership more efficiently than currently possible. The proposed law is supported by all 62 NYS District Attorneys, regardless of party affiliation.
- Requires any semi-automatic pistol manufactured, delivered or received into NYS to any licensed firearm dealer be capable of microstamping

Microstamping would also assist in identifying illegal trafficking and straw purchases (the purchase of guns by one person to sell to another who could not pass a background check).

2. *Five-Year Renewable Gun Permits (A380 Paulin/S725 Peralta)*
- Requires permit holders to renew and restate important information about their eligibility to possess handguns and the number possessed.
- Provides regular confirmation that licensees remain qualified to possess a handgun and ensures the integrity of the licensing system with updates of current information.

While New York State already has some of the best gun laws in the country, these additional provisions would further improve public safety and position NYS as a leader in gun safety regulation and would be a model for federal action.

Endnotes

1. www.nationmaster.com
2. www.bradycampaign.org
3. www.kirstengillibrand.com/issues/gun-violence
4. www.-fars.nhtsa.dot.gov/main/index.aspx
5. These are some key 2012 legislative priorities of New Yorkers *Against Gun Violence* (www.nyagv.org)



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 January 17, 2012

Printed January 17, 2012

What Will Happen to Pupils Who Remain in PS 14?

Will children remaining in old PS 14 be doomed? Unfortunately, it will follow the path of every phase-out school: Parents will receive a letter offering a transfer and those who can negotiate the system will transfer.

The children left behind will be the lower-achieving. Their parents, usually those least connected to school, though not the least caring, will remain. Those transferring with low scores will be seen as pariahs in receiving schools.

The new school will get money, painted classrooms, computers, Smartboards — not a bad thing for them. The children in the old school will suffer. All will be aware of the stark differences.

There will be turf fights, “old PS 14” will lose — shortchanged on the gym, library and cafeteria usage. Knowing their days are numbered, teachers who can will understandably leave to avoid becoming ATRs [Absent Teacher Reserve]. Lacking the resources needed to teach, the remaining will be demoralized.

The new school will be without reading and math scores for several years and will remain off failing lists. Special education and ELLs [English language learner students] will not be admitted. The number of failing schools will drop and the mayor will look good.

This decision is not being made in the best interest of kids.

- Loretta Prisco

On-line January 17, 2012

Printed January 17, 2012

'Vulture Capitalist' Charge Fits Mitt Romney to a T

Michael Grimm wants people to stop calling Mitt Romney a “vulture capitalist.”

Maybe Grimm should do a little more research before telling us what to do. Romney became super-rich by sucking the wealth from traditional capitalists, firing employees in the process.

Sounds like a vulture to me.

And this particular vulture even said that he likes to fire people. I hope that Grimm and his new pal don't get a chance to use those same tactics on Staten Island.

- Tom Shcherbenko

On-line January 30, 2012

Printed January 30, 2012

Avoid Tax Refund Anticipation Loans and Checks

In these difficult economic times, circumstances may tempt taxpayers to seek tax refund anticipation loans (RALs), which provide money right away in exchange for an extraordinarily steep fee.

Despite the Internal Revenue Service cracking down on this form of predatory lending, tax preparers have turned to refund anticipation checks (RACs), a temporary bank account into which the IRS direct deposits a refund check. While cheaper than an RAL, those who set up RACs will incur unnecessary costs.

To expedite your tax refund's turnaround time, consider the following suggestions:

- File your taxes online using an e-file system. Taxes filed online are often processed within 7 to 10 business days.
- Check your refund status using the IRS's "where's my refund" tool (www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96596,00.html).
- Indicate "direct deposit" on your tax return form. Taxpayers who choose direct deposit when filing their taxes will have their return deposited into their checking accounts within 10 days of filing.
- If you don't have a bank account, open one today. Many banks provide free checking accounts to consumers. For more information, please visit the IRS at www.IRS.gov or check out www.tax.ny.gov, the website for New York State's Department of Taxation and Finance.

- Matthew Titone

[The writer is a member of the New York State Assembly representing the 61st District (North Shore) in the New York State Assembly..]

On-line February 08, 2012

Printed February 08, 2012

Advance Has Asked the Right Questions about PS 14

In the fight to save PS 14 from being phased out by the Department of Education, the Advance has done an exceptional job in keeping the community informed and its consistent reporting on PS 14.

The support of our local media is critical in building the momentum and supporting the tenacity needed in our communities to deliver a powerful message to the Department of Education about where we stand on this issue.

With all of the convoluted language being recited by the DOE regarding the phasing out of PS 14, it is crucial that this process is made as transparent as possible. The Advance has been thorough in creating a comprehensive platform for this pressing debate, where facts and conjecture alike can be scrutinized.

There are too many gaps in the answers the DOE is feeding our community. The Advance has put emphasis on these glaring discrepancies, most notably, the resources that the DOE plans to use to create PS 78, which should be put to much better use in fully restoring the under-resourced PS 14. This should be our primary option.

I want to thank you for your leadership in thoroughly covering the closing of PS 14 and providing a forum to address this issue.

- Debi Rose

[The writer is a member of the New York City Council representing the 49th (North Shore) District]

On-line February 9, 2012

Most Insurance Will Have to Cover Contraception

Last month, President Obama's administration announced some big news for women's health — but over the past couple of weeks, there has been some confusion about the impact of this new policy.

Starting Aug. 1, most insurance plans will be required to fully cover contraception without co-pays or deductibles as part of women's preventive care. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more women will be able to make health care decisions based on what's best for them — not their insurance company — and could save hundreds of dollars every year.

On Jan. 20, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius announced that certain religious organizations, including churches, will be exempt from paying for insurance that covers contraception. Other religiously affiliated organizations that employ and serve people of different faiths can qualify for a transition period — allowing the organization to prepare to comply with the law while making sure women who want contraception will soon have access to it through their insurance without paying out of pocket. Many religiously-affiliated organizations employ and serve people regardless of their faiths. It would be wrong to deny them coverage for contraceptives that all other employees will have.

President Obama is committed to respecting religious beliefs — both of organizations and their employees — and increasing access to important preventive services.

I'm standing with the President on this important issue that affects millions of women across the country.

- Teresa Caliani Olya



View from the First Row

“I didn't do it!” said the Mayor defensively and arrogantly as he continues to close schools.

Yes, I have been in charge of the schools for almost 10 years – just about a child's whole school career – well at least the careers of those who didn't drop out or were thrown out - with my able Chancellors Klein, Black (well perhaps not so able), and Walcott. A shout out to the legislators and all of the agencies that I support with funding that lobbied them to give me that honor.

Yes, I have changed the organizational structure several times – I lost count – was it 3 or 4 or perhaps 5, whatever – I don't do well with small numbers - did you want me to stay with structures that I began but were failing our kids? Don't you like kids? Don't you put Children First? Shame on you! Obstructionists!

I did my best, honestly, to cook the scores so that the kids would feel successful and I would be successful. After all, that's what we do in finance – cook the numbers. I even added almost two dozen employees to the original 3 members of the DOE public relations corps to keep those numbers out there. You can't blame me for those goody two shoes type characters that figure it all out and go to the press. And that Diane Ravitch is such a turncoat using scores from national tests to prove me wrong. I knew better than to trust educators – that is why I threw so many out. Whistleblowers - the whole lot of them!

Through my Leadership Academy, begun under the tutelage of that mastermind of business, Jack Welch, and taking the selection process out of the hands of those corrupt school boards and

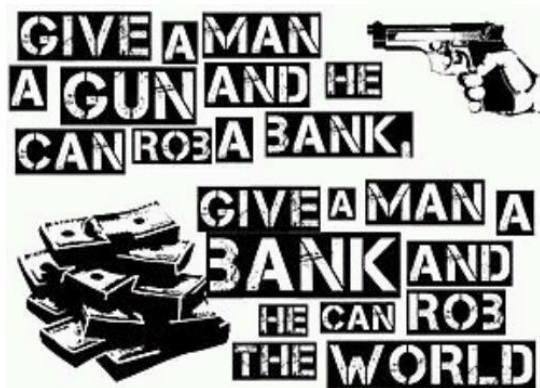
parents who think they know their schools and children best, I have trained and put over 80% of the current principals in total control of their schools. Some, I am proud to say were never teachers. (They say that they have no control – whiners – the whole lot of them.) I had to put up with the constant criticism of those naysayers who said that Welch might know about GE toasters but doesn't know about kids and schools. Complain! Complain! Complain! How short the memories of those who criticize are – they don't remember the day when a piano was taken out of school by a corrupt school board member.

And yes, I know that more than half of the teachers have less than 5 years seniority and those principals who my Chancellors put in have hired more than 60% of the teachers who are responsible for the failure of our children. But you can't blame me for that, can't blame the principals. It is the evil union and that damn contract that has led them astray.

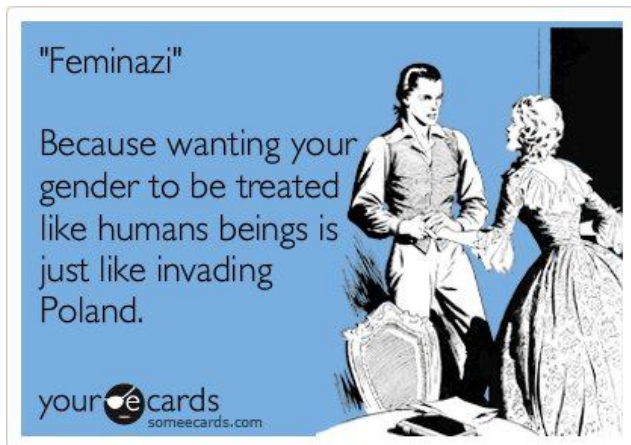
So what if I hired the chancellors, who hired the principals, who hired the teachers who failed kids, who swallowed the fly – oh! sorry wrong story.

I didn't do it – they did it – those bloody principals, bad teachers, and our customers – who use lack of support in schools, large class size, poverty, lack of health care and food, living in drug addicted and unsafe neighborhoods as excuses. Fire them, close their schools. Slash and burn!

- Loretta Prisco



“What sort of person thinks there is nothing wrong with asking the folks tasked with teaching our children to take a 20% cut on a \$50,000 annual salary, but thinks it’s a terrible idea to ask millionaires to pay an additional 3% more in taxes?”



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. The following pictures were provided by Ralph Dickar.

1988 S.I.D.A. Holiday Party



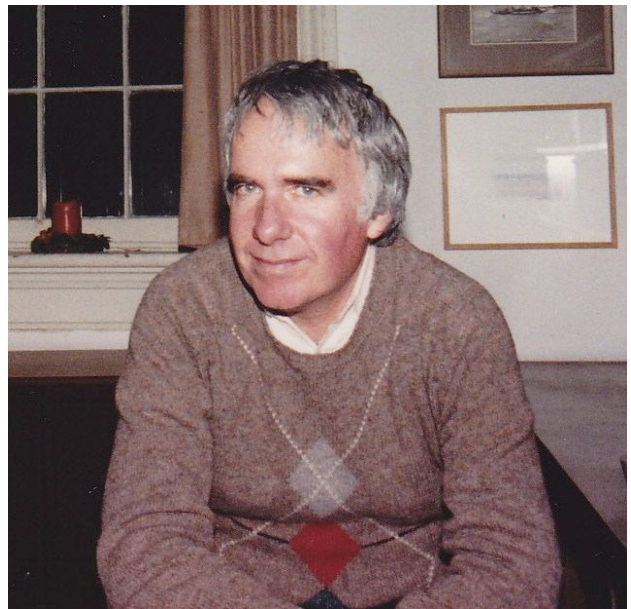
Dr. Elaine Allen, Mae Seeley



Virginia Mudgett, Ida Augcomfar



Tom Hamilton, Lathrope Voorspuy, Dr. Elaine Allen



Bob Dunne

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Location to be announced





The Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.

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www.lvmsf.org

President: Cindy Voorspuy, Vice President: Joann Olbrich
Treasurer: Bob Dunne, Secretary: Joy Robins

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

In remembering Lathrope's lifetime of commitment to the community, it is the mission of the Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship Fund to encourage grass-roots activism by underwriting the costs for Staten Islanders to attend programs that will train them to excel in community organization and political campaigning. We have given scholarships to a diverse and energetic mix of community activists ranging from an outstanding high school student who attended a National Student Leadership Conference to a local environmentalist who attended the Women's Campaign School at Yale University. To learn more about these awards, please visit our website, www.lvmsf.org.

Please encourage your friends, neighbors and co-workers to apply? **There is no age restriction.** Most of our scholars have attended courses that lasted over a weekend or for a week during the summer, courses that are convenient for people with jobs, or for students. A sample list of courses is on the application form, but they are there as examples only – applicants may suggest other courses. The Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship Fund covers the cost of the program, which usually includes room and board, but not transportation.

The Fund is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization registered with the Federal government and the State of New York. You can make a donation in support of the Fund's purposes using PayPal. **Also, we hope that you will join us at our Ninth Annual Awards Breakfast and Fundraiser, currently scheduled for May 20, 2012, at the Colonnade Diner, 2001 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY.**

Sincerely,

Cindy Voorspuy, President



**The Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship Fund
A 501 (c) 3 Nonprofit Community Organization
P.O. Box 140371, SI, NY 10314-0371**

“The mission of the Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship Fund is to encourage grass-roots activism by underwriting community members in selected programs that train for community organization or for political candidacies.”

Names of candidates must be submitted by **March 12, 2012**.
To submit names, call Joy Robins at 718-816-4128.

Applications may be mailed to:

LVMSF
P.O. Box 140371
Staten Island, NY 10314-0371

or by e-mail to joyrobins@si.rr.com
or via the web at www.lvmsf.org.

The winner(s) of the scholarship will be announced at the Award Presentation Breakfast on Sunday, **May 20, 2012**. The event will be used to raise funds for the next award in 2013.

Application for the Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Training Program you are applying for: _____

Do you have housing in the location, if not included in the program, and a means of getting to the program?

1. Why are you interested in learning community organizing/campaign skills?
2. What do you most hope to get out of the training program?
3. What previous social justice/organizing/campaign efforts have you been involved in, either as a volunteer or paid?
4. Thinking of your previous experiences, tell more about one particular thing that you did. Explain why you either felt great satisfaction in the experience, or did not feel satisfied.
5. How would you apply the skills you learn in this program?
6. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?
7. How did you hear about this scholarship?

List of Typical or Sample Programs:

(Other programs will be considered at the request of applicants.)

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

The Midwest Academy – Training That Works For Citizen Organizations

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

Southern Empowerment Project

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

Emily's List

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

The Women's Campaign School at Yale University

http://www.wellstone.org/camp/category_page.aspx?catID=3752

Camp Wellstone

<http://www.eleanorslegacy.com/html/program.html>

The Agnes Varis Campaign Institute of the Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy

<http://www.highlandercenter.org>

Highlander Center, New Market TN.

<http://www.whitehouseproject.org>

The White House Project

**📌 Constructions of Conscience: 📌
The Social Art of Susan Grabel**



A retrospective exhibition surveying 40 years of the artist's sculpture and prints. Grabel's serial works deal with the human dimensions of social, cultural and political issues, such as homelessness, alienation and the image of the aging woman's body. Her art is an attempt to face things that we encounter daily but often refuse to acknowledge.

**January 29 - May 28, 2012
at the Staten Island Museum, 75 Stuyvesant Place**

(For those of you who don't know, the artist is S.I.D.A.'s own Susan Rappaport Grabel!)

📌 Bulletin Board Policy 📌

Items posted on the Bulletin Board are done so at the request of an S.I.D.A. member and are for informational purposes only. A posting on the Bulletin Board does not imply endorsement by S.I.D.A.

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