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At our Next Meeting:

- **Council Member**
Dan Garodnick
Candidate for NYC Comptroller



- **Roy Moskowitz**
on attending **The Art of Political Campaigning**

- **Anthony Mascolo Endorsement Vote**

Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 8:00 P.M.

**** NOTE LOCATION: Jimmy Max****

280 Watchogue Road - (718) 983-6715



The Mark Herman Picnic

New Venue: Miller Field

Sunday, July 15, 12 noon to 4 pm

The picnic area is located just southeast of the park headquarters.

This is a free picnic open to all!

Driving Directions:

There is a small parking lot off of the southern end circle of Father Capodano Boulevard. There are other parking areas which can be reached by taking New Dorp Lane, towards the ocean. Enter the park by making a left turn on Cedar Grove Avenue.



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.

Unless explicitly stated, the views herein are those of the authors and not of S.I.D.A.

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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

July 2012

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

The U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding the Affordable Care Act ruled that requiring almost all Americans to buy health insurance or pay a penalty is acceptable based on Congress’s power to enact taxes rather than on its ability to regulate commerce. “Only about 6% of the population will be affected by that part of the law when it takes effect in 2014,” according to the Urban Institute, which analyzes U.S. social and economic problems. “Most people already have coverage or will be able to get it through Medicare.” The ruling also upheld the Medicaid program which provides health care to the needy but allowed states not to have to participate in a planned expansion of Medicaid.

Letting young people stay on their parents’ insurance plans until age 26 will remain law, according to this decision. As well, the Supreme Court’s decision will prevent insurance companies from turning down people with pre-existing conditions.

Furthermore, setting up government-operated risk pools, as an option for those who will need insurance coverage, has been established as constitutional by this momentous decision.

Our country—debating the notion of national health insurance for over 100 years--has finally been given this opportunity by virtue of the majority mandate given President Obama in 2008.

The President’s proposal requires that some employers offer health insurance to their workers and that the government create affordable plans for about 30 million uninsured Americans.

Some nineteen years ago, (in 1993) according to the *Staten Island Advance*, “Businesses and the health care industry furiously lobbied against the (Clinton) plan. Republicans joined the opposition, demanding a personal mandate for everyone, instead of putting the burden on employers.” President Obama’s plan “included the Clinton-era Republican demand for a personal mandate: the Plan would require everyone to not only have health insurance, but to help pay for it.”

I was happy to spend four days in Hancock, New Hampshire, with my wife, our sons, daughters-in-law, and our three grandchildren. In between family activities, I read articles from several New Hampshire newspapers regarding the Affordable Health care Act. According to Peter Gosline, Chief Executive Officer at Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, New Hampshire, “It’s great that this decision has been made. Now we have a course that we can follow. There are incentives to hospitals to transform the way we provide patient care.....I’m glad those incentives can continue so now we can get to focus on patient care. The good news is that more people will have access to insurance than ever before. It’s about time this country stepped up,” he said.

Michael Redmond, Chief Operating Officer at a rehabilitation center in Greenfield, called the ruling, “a positive affirmation of an important right. I am pleased the Supreme Court ruled in this way,” he said. “I think it will lead to broader coverage. As the wealthiest country in the world, we should have basic health care for everyone.”

Ken Woods, who runs Dublin Health and Benefit Group, LLC, a company that provides guidance on health care options to small and medium-sized businesses, said, “A lot of the fallout hasn’t been quantified, really. It could bring incredible opportunity. Fifty-five to 60 million people are uninsured and about half of them will be brought into the market.”

Woods thinks that the law will provide protection for people who can’t get insurance through their employers. “I don’t believe people are in danger of losing coverage. I think this law will be more inclusive.”

Not everyone is happy about the law, obviously, and again reaction to the law generally splits on partisan grounds with Democrats praising the ruling and Republicans looking for indications that the Supreme Court decision might lead to changes in the law. And of course the local Tea Party groups in New Hampshire weighed in saying that the Court ruling was a bad decision. “The more we go into socialist government, the quicker we’ll go bankrupt,” according to Brian Somero, active in the new Ipswich, NH Tea Party. “We’re already trillions in debt and this will add more. It will devastate us. I think it will actually lead to more health problems, because of the stress it will cause.”

As I drove down from New Hampshire, thinking about all of this reaction to the Supreme Court’s decision upholding the Affordable Care Act, on beautiful parkways and highways created by constitutionally-approved laws proposed by Democratic and Republican presidents and enacted by the United States Congress, I wished and hoped that America would give this latest law a chance to work. Americans have demonstrated time and time again that government-sponsored programs, enacted by Congress for the common good, have provided dignity, education, employment, benefits and opportunities for all members of society and have lifted people from poverty into a strong middle class.

When I returned to Staten Island, I picked up the *Sunday Advance* and turned to Tom Wroblewski’s Strictly Political column in the Perspective Section. Tom’s column was titled “Assessing the fallout from the health ruling.” If you get a chance, read that column. In the meantime, fundraising-challenged Congressman Michael Grimm and the Republican Party and

Tea Party have been vocal in protesting the Supreme Court's decision, claiming since the decision was based on the power of Congress to enact taxes that the Affordable Care Act is itself a tax! And not to be overlooked, in the Letters to Your Opinion section, one Staten Islander wrote as follows: "The Supreme Court health care decision is not a surprise. However, it is still very disappointing....I expect November elections will tell if the majority of voters want a statist, socialist/Communist government."

This should be a clarion call to those of us who believe that universal health care must remain an undeniable human right and that the Affordable Care Act—while not perfect and still in need of some modifications—has been deemed constitutional and should remain the law of the land and not be overturned by the very legislators who fought and voted against it several times over. It's time to work even harder to replace Grimm and the Republican/Tea Party Congress with Democrats who will fight against overturning "the Law of the Land," the U.S. Supreme Court's decision upholding the Affordable Care Act.

We must continue to think globally and act locally!

*Sincerely,
Dennis A. Brown
President*

P.S. Next month's meeting, Tuesday, August 21, will feature a visit and conversation with our United States Senator from New York State, **Kirsten Gillibrand**. Let's use this opportunity to gear up and kick-start our rally for a major effort to keep President Obama in the White House, to re-elect all of our Democratic incumbents and to elect our excellent local slate of Democratic candidates as well as turn out Grimm and his fellow Republican/Tea Party Congressional obstructionists and protect the Affordable Care Act for generations to come.



Dan Garodnick

New York City Council Member Dan Garodnick and candidate for New York City Comptroller will be a guest speaker at our July 17 General Membership meeting. His campaign provided the following biography.

For Dan Garodnick, public service is about spotting problems early and driving forceful solutions. Born and raised in Stuyvesant Town / Peter Cooper Village, where he, his wife and son live today, Dan foresaw that the sale of the property would put middle-income housing at risk in New York City, and initiated an unprecedented, multi-billion dollar bid on behalf of 25,000 tenants to buy the property. When Dan heard that there was a challenge to parent-sponsored teacher assistants, he quietly brought together the Chancellor of New York City Schools, the head of the teachers union, and the parent community and worked out an agreement -- before the problem became an insurmountable conflict. In response to complaints about protester noise outside a popular eastside restaurant, Dan not only curbed the protests, he helped solve the underlying race-based dispute between the restaurant and its workers.

For his vision, persistence, and insistence on results, Dan has earned a reputation among his colleagues as a thoughtful, determined problem-solver. As Dan has said, "If you identify issues

early, you can not only bring people together around a solution, you can also build the relationships that will help defuse the next problem coming down the pike.”

He has authored some of the most important legislation to pass the Council in the past number of years, including the Tenant Protection Act, giving tenants an opportunity to sue for harassment; the City’s first Green Energy Code, to reduce carbon emissions from buildings; and sweeping reforms of the process server industry.

Dan has made the list of *City Hall Newspaper’s* “Rising Stars” under the age of 40, and has been praised for his “independent streak,” and “creative problem solving.” He has brought transparency to government and sound land use decisions to his district. He was elected by his peers to chair the Manhattan Delegation and the Council’s Consumer Affairs Committee.

Prior to his election, Dan was a litigator at the New York Law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP, and a law clerk for the Honorable Colleen McMahon of the Southern District of New York. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.

His campaign website is:<http://www.dangarodnick.com>



Roy Moskowitz

S.I.D.A. Executive Committee Member Roy Moskowitz won a Lathrope Voorpsuy Scholarship for political activism in May. He will be a guest speaker at our July 17 General Membership Meeting, where he will recount his experience attending the program funded by the grant. He supplied the following narrative for the newsletter.

Roy Moskowitz used his Lathrope Voorpsuy Memorial Scholarship award to attend “*The Art of Political Campaigning*”(APC) in D.C. June 18-20. APC is an annual conference sponsored by “*Campaigns & Elections Magazine*” (C&E), a must read for candidates, campaign staff, consultants and those that aspire to be such. APC has proven to be a popular event with Lathrope winners, as past honorees, Laura Sword and Ann Marie Selzer attended the event in recent years. Panelists and topics vary from year to year so each edition of the event offers a unique experience. Several vendors paid for conference area table space to sell their wares to other consultants staffers and candidates.

At least as valuable as the knowledge imparted during lectures and panel discussions at these types of events are the opportunities to network with potential clients, employers, strategic partners, vendors, peers, mentors and mentees. Participants included Democrats and Republicans, famous political consultants and neophytes. During APC, Moskowitz developed a strategic alliance with one of the robo call vendors he uses and his company Reciprocal Results can now provide low cost calling, automated polling and live surveys to clients.

The highlight of the event for Moskowitz was a conversation and email exchange between famous pollster John Zogby and himself. Zogby, in addition to discussing campaign techniques, briefly proposed an economic strategy that possessed a tiny bit of similarity to the Jobs Bill Moskowitz developed which is being evaluated by the S.I.D.A. issues committee. <http://thepoliticalconsultant.blogspot.com/2012/02/employing-america.html>. Moskowitz emailed Zogby the above link and received positive feedback.

Effective story telling being the key to electoral victory and success in everything, was a reoccurring theme at APC, communicated by multiple participants.

Some sessions were designed for all attendees, while others were divided into Beginner, Intermediate, Expert and Consultant Tracks. Moskowitz attended seminars and discussions from all four tracks, choosing classes based on the type of people sitting in, who were leading the lectures and each topic's relevance to his professional development.

Several panels showcased their leaders' TV commercials. Interestingly, all of them presented their video work via web links instead of using DVDS, CDs or other storage media.

According to Moskowitz, some of the more memorable sessions included left and right brain campaigning, a fundraising tactic overview, merging voter data with online advertising, developing a campaign plan, winning new clients, speechwriting, ethics and negative campaigning.

Moskowitz, who has spent most of his career being an entrepreneur or being a sales and marketing executive has been forced to endure literally hundreds of sales technique lectures and speeches, most of which were colossal wastes of time. However, APC speaker John Aristotle Phillips, the founder of campaign software giant Aristotle, gave one of the best presentations on selling he ever heard. Phillips described the process of identifying prospects and closing deals with the acronym "*NUT CASE*". Phillips common sense approach can be applied to any sales situation, not just political consulting.

"*N*" stands for "*Need*". If the client doesn't need your good or service, they are not a prospect. "*U*" symbolizes "*Unique*". There is no reason for anyone to buy if what is being sold doesn't offer a unique benefit.

T is for "*Timing*". People only purchase when they are ready to do so. C="Cash". Prospects only can become paying customers if they possess the financial resources to be converted.

"*A*" signifies "*Authority*". Don't waste time with those unauthorized to make decisions. "*S*" means *Solutions*. Your good and service must solve a problem to be worthy of consideration.

"*E*" equals "*Enemies*". Avoid or derail people or variables that are in essence the deal's enemies or deal killers.



May Minutes

General Meeting May 15, 2012

President Brown called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. He announced that April's minutes would be printed in June's newsletter. President Brown reviewed the agenda for the evening. He also reported that Tony Mascolo (scheduled speaker) would not be able to speak because of a conflict with a class that meets on the same evening. Mr. Mascolo hopes to be able to speak at the June meeting and then the club could vote in July on endorsing him..

Joann Olbrich made a motion to close voting for the evening's endorsement vote for State Senate at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried. Peter Killen, Mary Kain and Bonnie Rothman volunteered to count the ballots.

Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Mark Herman spoke about current political news. He also mentioned that S.I.D.A. member Bob Domina is in the hospital.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tom Shcherbenko reported a balance as of May 15 of \$8,986.92.

President Brown gave Joy Robins and Ralph Dickar an opportunity to address the members. Joy mentioned S.I.D.A.'s by laws, specifically Article II. *"The purpose of the club shall be:...To seek and support candidates for public and party office of ability and integrity who are dedicated to public service...and To further the interest and participation of all citizens in the civic affairs of our community."* She maintained that the Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship Fund was spun off from the club and does just that. She was upset that S.I.D.A. did not bring to a vote the \$500 donation for the LVMSF requested at the last meeting.

President Brown reported that at last month's meeting a motion was made by Sally Jones requesting that S.I.D.A. donate \$500 to the Lathrope Voorspuy Memorial Scholarship Fund. He said that we did not have the S.I.D.A. budget available at the time to check to see if we had money available. President Brown also reported that he recently created a Budget Committee to review the budget etc. and Phil Jonas is chairing the committee. President Brown said that we would get to the budget issue.

After a spirited discussion about events at the last meeting, Phil Jonas reported that he reviewed Tom's budget and said that it is entirely balanced. His opinion is that the LVMSF should be supported by S.I.D.A. Phil will be bringing the budget. *Joy Robins made a motion to print the budget in the next newsletter with a summary of what was spent last year.* With 20 in favor, 9 opposed, the motion carried.

Social Secretary's Report

Social Secretary Liz Price reported that the venue for the Mark Herman picnic will be Miller Field. She will find out what dates are available. Suggested dates – July 14, 15 or 21 or 22. Liz also reported that the Planning Meeting for the Annual Dinner is Thursday May 17th.

Gary Carsel, Democratic Candidate for State Senate, 24th District

Gary thanked the members who supported him and thanked them for being there for him. Gary reviewed his background with the club. He mentioned that he is running for office because he wants to help make the community a better place. Gary also spoke about issues that are important to him i.e., social economic justice, transportation, sidewalks, fixing up the SIRT etc. After his presentation, Gary answered questions from several members in attendance.

Issues Committee

Chair Loretta Prisco thanked the committee and mentioned that Rich did a remarkable job on the Oil Consumption Reduction paper. *Joy Robins made a motion "I move that the club accept the position paper on Oil Consumption Reduction as printed in May 2012 newsletter."* Helen Settles seconded the motion. It carried with 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Political Action & Strategy Committee

Chair Richard Reichard asked members to write letters to the Editor to help get Gary Carsel's message out. He also mentioned that he has volunteer forms to hand out so that people can help with Gary's campaign.

Jamie Cammera presented a resolution in support of Fair Elections. S.I.D.A. is supporting the motion and it will be published in the newsletter.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Rosemary Palladino presented highlights from the recent Executive Committee meeting held on April 25, 2012.

Publicity & Public Relations Committee

Chair Roy Moskowitz reported that the Staten Island Advance didn't put the meeting notice in the paper.

Endorsement Vote Results

With 44 in favor, S.I.D.A. voted to endorse Gary Carsel for State Senate 24th District.

Guest Speaker

NYC Comptroller John Liu spoke about a focus on reducing spending; He said he wants to take money out of city agencies that are not getting the job done right. He also spoke about revitalizing the economy for the city. Mr. Liu told S.I.D.A. members that he is privileged to serve as NYC Comptroller. After he spoke, Mr. Liu took questions from several members in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marie Dwyer
Corresponding &
Recording Secretary*



June Minutes

General Meeting June 19, 2012

President Dennis Brown called the meeting to order at 8:40 pm. He apologized for the problems he was having setting up the new sound system.

Gary Carsel, Democratic Candidate for State Senate (24th District) addressed the membership. He spoke about his upcoming Press Conference, campaign kick-off and S.I.D.A. sponsored fundraiser. He mentioned that he had just been endorsed by the Working Families Party and that more fundraisers are being planned for him.

There was a motion to accept the April minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried. President Brown reported that Marie had copies of the May minutes with her. He said she could read them or print them in the next newsletter. It was agreed that the May minutes would be printed in July's newsletter.

Social Secretary's Report

Social Secretary Liz Price reminded members about the Mark Herman Picnic scheduled for July 15th at Miller Field. She also sent a sign-up sheet around for members to sign up to help out at the picnic. Liz also reminded members that S.I.D.A.'s Annual Banquet is scheduled for September 20th at the Staaten. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for June 25th at Roy Moskowitz's home.

Political Strategy Committee

Chair Richard Reichard reminded members about the June 26th fundraiser to be held for Gary Carsel and hosted by the Prisco's and S.I.D.A. He also announced that he had volunteer forms to hand out for Gary's campaign. Rich mentioned that Marie and Shawn Dwyer are Gary's volunteer coordinators. He also spoke about other upcoming events. Finally Richard mentioned that S.I.D.A. has adopted Gary as a candidate and he asked members to come out to the events to show their support.

President Brown reported that at a recent meeting with all the Democratic club presidents and Chairman Gulino it was decided that each club would adopt a candidate. S.I.D.A. adopted Gary Carsel and Mark Murphy.

1st Guest Speaker

Anthony Mascolo, Candidate for N.Y.S. Assembly, 62nd District, apologized for not being able to make it to prior meetings due to a course he was taking at CUNY on Immigration Law. Mr. Mascolo introduced his campaign staff. He also spoke about his background, his campaign, his reasons for running and his priorities if elected. He says he understands the needs and concerns of the people he hopes to represent in Albany.

President Brown thanked Mr. Mascolo for running and announced that we will hold an endorsement vote at the July meeting.

2nd Guest Speaker

Dr. Catherine Guerriero considers herself a progressive Democrat and announced that she plans to run for NYC Public Advocate in the fall. A native Staten Islander, Dr. Guerriero spoke about her background, reasons for running and issues that are important to her. Dr. Guerriero feels a calling for this position, as she feels she wants to help disenfranchised people that don't have a voice.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Rosemary Palladino presented highlights from the recent Executive Committee meeting held on May 30th.

Executive Secretary's Report

Executive Secretary Mark Herman thanked both guest speakers for their presentations. He mentioned that this is now the political season. County Committee members are carrying petitions for a 3rd time this year. Mark reminded members about the June 26th primary. He also explained about the petition process.

Issues Committee

Chair Loretta Prisco announced that on July 10th the committee will meet to discuss Roy's paper on job creation. She also mentioned that she plans to distribute flyers about Richard's Oil Consumption paper. Loretta asked for members to contact her if interested in either activity.

Gun Violence Prevention Committee

Chair Phil Jonas reported that legislation for Micro stamping has passed in the State Assembly but not in the State Assembly. He said the legislation will not pass this year. He reported that we need Governor Cuomo to endorse it. The issue will be re-visited in next year's legislature.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Tom Shcherbenko gave the balance as of June 19 as \$8,925.00. Tom reported that he has collected more dues and he is waiting for bills from the printer.

President Brown reported that we were going to publish the S.I.D.A.'s budget in the June newsletter but the editor felt we should re-visit the issue. He wasn't able to get it in this month. President Brown announced that the July meeting will be held at **Jimmy Max, 280 Watchogue Road**. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 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. Unless explicitly stated, the views herein are those of the authors and are not the views of S.I.D.A.

On-line June 15, 2012

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Worry about Graduation Rates, Not About Songs

The June 12 issue of the *Advance* had two education-related stories — one, the tempest in a teapot over what songs are sung at a kindergarten graduation, and immediately below that, a story about graduation rates here and across the city.

One of these stories seems to have given rise to great outrage, while the other seems to be almost unnoticed. Which one do you think is which?

While it may make great water-cooler conversation about which pop song gets sung at a kindergarten graduation, I believe that, as elected officials, we should be less concerned about what they sing at their kindergarten graduation and more concerned about whether they can read the lyrics to the song.

According to Department of Education statistics, the likelihood is that fully one third of those students will not make it to their high-school graduation, and if they do, they are unlikely to be college- or career-ready.

That is an issue that should raise the ire of all of us, whatever tune we march to.

- *State Sen. Diane Savino*

[The writer represents the 23rd Senate District (North Shore and South Brooklyn) in the New York State Senate.]

On-line June 17, 2012

Rich Protect Their Own Interests but We're All in This Together

News alert: Capitalism is not perfect. As a regular person, it seems to me that almost all growth in “our” economy benefits the already very privileged — and winds up costing everyone else.

Wealth concentration at the top is as high as ever (back to pre-Great Depression and pre-2008- “meltdown” levels), while millions of regular people have lost jobs, health care, homes and pensions.

And, this is AFTER trillions have gone UP via lower tax rates and bailouts. THAT’s called socialism — for the rich — while regular people are set up to fight over what trickles down.

Follow the money. Not everything is the fault of the “big, bad unions” or the government (which is now overly influenced by big money, anyway).

Doing her job as a union official, Diane Savino, representing regular people, indicated an awareness that some deals were not in the public interest. That is admirable — just like many wealthy people who realize their low taxes are not in the public interest either.

Such people know that fighting for self-interest is necessary to succeed but also understand that we’re all in this together, as religions teach and patriotism used to mean.

Otherwise, “We, the people” cannot succeed.

- *Rich Florentino*

On-line June 18, 2012

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Romney's Teen Bullying Should Not be Taken Lightly

Should someone be held accountable for something they did while a senior in high school?

According to his classmates, Mitt Romney was incensed when he saw another student with bleached-blond hair that draped over one eye. Romney said “He can’t look like that. That’s wrong. Just look at him!”

A few days later, Romney led a group of students who tackled the student and while the other students held him down, Romney cut his hair.

One of the students involved said that the student was “terrified” and was calling for help during the attack.

After the attack, Romney led the group of cheering students back to the dorm.

Five of his fellow students, who were either involved or witnessed the attack including Romney’s childhood friend, confirmed the attack occurred.

When asked about it, Romney said he didn't remember it but said he was involved in a lot of "pranks" and some went too far.

This attack was no "prank"; it was an assault. Also I'm not the only person who finds it hard to believe Romney doesn't remember it.

If leading this assault does not disqualify Mitt Romney from being president, failing to own up to it should.

- *Richard Reichard*

On-line July 6, 2012

Printed July 6, 2012

DOE Must Move Forward So Schools Won't Lose Federal Aid

The arbitrator's decision last Friday halting the city Department of Education's "turnaround" school plans, is yet another example of the time and energy that must be wasted to deal with the fruitless and wasteful education policies and practices of this administration.

Rather than try to develop and implement thoughtful turnaround plans for schools it has deemed "troubled" or "failing," the DOE tried to do an end run around the law and improperly close the schools and fire the staff.

And now, the predictable result has occurred — a neutral arbitrator, agreed upon by both the DOE and the unions, has deemed this behavior improper.

Unfortunately, rather than accept the outcome, the DOE has vowed to continue on its wrongheaded, quixotic quest and appeal the ruling, wasting more time, putting its interest in fighting with unions above the best interest of the students, and putting millions of dollars of federal aid for our schools at risk.

I call upon the Mayor and the Chancellor to respect the collective-bargaining process and honor the arbitrator's ruling, so that they can move forward and work to implement plans so that our schools do not lose \$60 million in critical federal school aid.

- *Councilwoman Debi Rose*

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



Upcoming Meetings

July 17, 2012	August 21, 2012
General Meeting Jimmy Max, 280 Watchogue Road	General Meeting Location TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Dan Garodnick, candidate for NYC Comptroller • Roy Moskowitz on attending “The Art of Political Campaigning” • Endorsement vote, Anthony Mascolo, candidate for South Shore Assembly seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

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