

CAMPAIGN RALLY SET FOR SEPTEMBER



As county Democratic chairman Joseph Spicuzzo was thinking about the organization's annual dinner, he was certain of one thing.

"I want this to be big," he said.

A 25-member committee, co-chaired by Surrogate Kevin Hoagland and Carteret Mayor Dan Reiman, have met several times this spring to plan the County Democratic Campaign Rally and Dinner on September 16 at the Pines Manor. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. while dinner and program begin at 7 p.m.

Spicuzzo said that while he knows the party faithful will attend the event, the committee is working on attracting younger voters.

"That is very important," he said. "We need to reach out to young professionals and those who are attending college."

Hoagland said the rally will be an opportunity to energize the party.

"I am looking forward to a great event," he said.

For more information about the rally, please call (732) 906-3680.

County Democratic Chairman Joseph Spicuzzo and Dinner Committee Co-Chairs, Carteret Mayor Dan Reiman and Middlesex County Surrogate Kevin Hoagland.

CHAIRMAN SPICUZZO RE-ELECTED



County Democratic chairman Joe Spicuzzo and Vice-Chair Helen Gottlieb

Since 1994, county Democratic chairman Joseph Spicuzzo and vice-chair Helen Gottlieb have stood together, guiding the party and making it the strongest in the state.

In early June, they were enthusiastically re-elected to their positions at the county reorganization.

"I deeply appreciate the support from the county Democratic committee," said Spicuzzo. "They have put their faith in me and I promise to keep our party strong."

Monroe Mayor Richard Pucci said Spicuzzo has led the party "time and time again." He added the party has not been defeated at the county level during Spicuzzo's chairmanship. Gottlieb praised the committee, saying they are the "true strength of this party."

Speaking about the general election, she said, "Let's do what we do best...What we do best is work together."

DEMOCRATIC FREEHOLDER WEBSITE LAUNCHES

For those who follow the actions of the Democratic Freeholder Board, they understand the positive impact the Freeholders have on the lives on Middlesex County residents.

To the general public, though, most of their accomplishments and projects go largely unnoticed.

To help provide a better understanding of the roles of the Democratic Freeholders perform, a website was launched in August.

The site, www.mcfreeholders.com, devotes a page for each Freeholder and has a section which lists accomplishments for each town.

Visitors will be able to view a Freeholder's biography, current projects and their blog. The blog is an interesting feature which provides a Freeholder an opportunity to frequently update their constituents.

The website also includes a page which is dedicated to the Democratic Freeholder candidates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Middlesex County Democratic Organization will be hosting a Day at the Races at Monmouth Park on Friday, August 22 at 12 p.m. For more information, contact county headquarters at (732) 906-3680. To check out upcoming state, county and local Democratic events, please visit our website at www.mcdonj.com. If you would like to add an event to our calendar, contact county headquarters.

I want to extend to all of you best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

I would also like to thank the Democratic committee men and women for their support in re-electing me as chairman and Helen Gottlieb as vice-chair. We are truly humbled. Both of us love the Democratic Party and we will continue to work hard to ensure victories for all our candidates.

The past six months have been a trying time for Democrats. We have endured a long presidential primary between U.S. Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. Closer to home, we had a primary between U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg and Congressman Rob Andrews.

I consider the Democratic Party a family. At times, we have disagreements but, in the end, we all come together. Now that the dust has settled, we must put aside the differences of the primary season. The only way we are going to win is by sticking together.

We must work hard to ensure Senator Obama becomes our next president and Senator Lautenberg and Congressmen Frank Pallone, Rush Holt, Albio Sires and Congressional candidate Linda Stender earn victories in November. Our country has been headed in the wrong direction under the Bush administration and we cannot have another four years of a Republican in the White House.



Chairman Joseph Spicuzzo

We must not forget about our county and local races. Our county team of Freeholder Director Dave Crabiel, Freeholder Ron Rios and Freeholder candidate Millie Scott are full of energy and have been on the campaign trail constantly.

I am really excited about the organization's campaign rally in September. The dinner committee has done a wonderful job in organizing this event. My thanks to Carteret Mayor Dan Reiman and Surrogate Kevin Hoagland who are serving as committee co-chairs. Tickets should be available in August. I hope to see you at the Pines.

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