

# The Republican Update

## Rockland County Republican Committee

Vincent D. Reda, Chairman



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## Chairman's Corner

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#### Did You Register A Republican Today?

My fellow Republicans,

The New York Republican State Committee convention was held in New York City. **Chairman Ed Cox** is to be complimented for running a very orderly event while keeping the nominating process completely open. Everyone who had an interest in running had the opportunity to be heard and considered. In the hotly contested race for Governor, **Rick Lazio** won the Party's nomination. Contrary to some reports neither **Steve Levy** nor **Myers Mermel** will run a primary. Now is the time to unite behind Rick. (Photos inside)

The second half of our Rockland County Republican Committee designating convention was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Clarkstown Town Hall that was filled to standing room only capacity. We had the opportunity to meet our candidate for **NYS Attorney General, Dan Donovan** who is currently the Staten Island District Attorney. We unanimously voted to nominate **John Cornelius** to run for the Assembly in the **95<sup>th</sup> District**.

The spotlight of course was on race for 38th District seat held by **Senator Thomas Morahan**, who is not seeking re-election due to illness, between Legislator **Ed Day** and County Executive **C. Scott Vanderhoef**. That crucial vote was taken on voting machines and counted along with **proxy votes from Orange County**. Scott Vanderhoef prevailed by winning 221 votes compared to Ed Day's 114. Both candidates had vowed beforehand not to run a divisive primary. Following the vote, **Ed Day** kept his word and agreed to unite behind Scott. Since then **Senator Morahan** has also endorsed Scott to run as his replacement.

The convention process has given us our officially designated and endorsed candidates. It is time to put

**Party before personal ambition** and to unite behind all of them as move ahead with the campaign. This is particularly the case in the **17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District** where **York Kleinhandler** is our official nominee. He also won the endorsement of the Conservative and Independence parties in Rockland Westchester and Bronx. Both of his competitors, **Joe McLaughlin** and **Anthony Mele** agreed to abide by the will of the party and not run a primary. Mr. McLaughlin has kept his promise. Unfortunately **Anthony Mele** has broken his sacred word of honor.

Now that the convention is behind us, our next duty as committee members is to tackle huge job of getting the signatures we need on our **petitions** to get our candidates on the ballot. The petition phase of Election 2010 begins **June 8<sup>th</sup>** this year. The **town chairs** are distributing petitions along with blank voter registration forms. This is the perfect time to **register new Republicans** while walking our districts with petitions.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vinnie".

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Chairman

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