



ROCKLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

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Since taking the helm of the Rockland County Republican Committee in 1992, Vincent D. Reda has cultivated a magnificent record of achievements from rebuilding the Republican Party in Rockland County to strengthening it to win major elections despite a 3 to 1 Democrat voter enrollment edge.

Vinnie's political service began as a member of the Young Republican Club at Fordham University. He was then a committeeman in the Bronx until moving to Rockland County about 30 years ago. Upon coming to Rockland, he joined the committee and quickly moved into the leadership. He was elected to Chairman of the Clarkstown Committee and served there for 14 years until 1992.

In 1992 the Republican Committee in Rockland, a county of over 300,000 residents, was essentially closed for business. There was no County Headquarters, the Committee was in debt for over \$1500 and there wasn't even a telephone listed in the phone book.

Elected officials and party loyalists at the time tapped Vinnie who was serving as the very successful Chairman of the Clarkstown Republican Committee.

Upon taking the reins as County Chairman, Vinnie's first campaign was for the County Executive race in 1992 which pitted long time Democrat incumbent John Grant against the then little known Republican C. Scott Vanderhoef. In one of the most dramatic upsets in Rockland politics, Vinnie was able to lead the charge and got Vanderhoef elected. Since then Scott has been re-elected to an unprecedented four consecutive terms.

In subsequent years, Vinnie's leadership continued to turn the tide and the Rockland County Republican Committee returned the Sheriff, District Attorney (after 20 years) and Family Court (first woman judge) to Republican control. The Orangetown Town board was returned to Republican control joining Stony Point as a board focused on good government ideals. Inroads have also been made in Clarkstown where Republicans are a strong minority. Even in Haverstraw where the Democrat edge is over 5 to 1 and controlled by a Democrat "machine" for ¾ of a century, a Republican mayor was elected and re-elected twice under Vinnie's leadership

In addition, his guidance led to the success of Tom Morahan's bid for State Senate during a special election in 1999 and returning him to serve us in Albany in 2000 and again in 2002. His leadership

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has also garnered Republican victories to hold on to two of the four Assembly seats serving Rockland County.

Vinnie's success as County Chairman was recognized by State Committee and he was appointed to serve as campaign coordinator for the 9th Judicial District which encompasses five counties: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester.

Since taking on the assignment as coordinator of the 9th Judicial District, he has an outstanding undefeated record. His oversight and guidance has led to the election of 26 consecutive Republican Supreme Court Judges in the five counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam Rockland and Westchester an accomplishment that will have a long lasting effect on our district for many years to come.

In 2006, Vinnie once again was tapped by the State Committee for a top leadership position. He was unanimously elected by his peers, the 62 County Chairs, to become Executive Vice Chairman of the New York Republican State Committee.

Today, the Rockland County Republican Committee is flourishing. It has a new headquarters in the County Seat, New City. The headquarters has a private office/conference area, main meeting room that can seat 75 people, a "war room" which is a conference room outfitted with phones, fax machine, copy machine, a 10 line phone bank and a new state of the art computer system with updated software and electronic voter registration records and finally a phone bank room ready for every campaign.

The committee is also no longer in debt and its coffers are full each year. This is due, in large part, to Vinnie's annual Lincoln Victory Ball, which attracts over 700 guests from all over the country. The event has grown in popularity to the point that nowhere in Rockland County is there a ballroom large enough to handle the crowds and he has been forced to go over the border into New Jersey.

Everyone who knows Vinnie knows that these victories and many others are not an accident. He is tenacious and a true political tactician who has honed the art of leading winning campaigns over years by getting the most out of his committee members. His motto is "continued success is the result of hard work".

Hard work is not just something he gives for the Republican Party. He works as Legislative Aide for Senator Vincent Liebell. He also serves in the NY State Guard with the rank of Major. An active community booster, he has served as Clarkstown Sunrise Rotary Club President and has been awarded the highly prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship and a Presidential Citation. Twice he has been honored with the Distinguished Service Award of the Rockland Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is also a Navy veteran and a member of the American Legion, Korean Veterans and associate member of the Vietnam Vets. He is a member of the Italian American Social Club and Sons of Italy.

Vinnie is a proud father of two daughters and a son along with six grandsons and two granddaughters.