



# Conservative PARTY NEWS

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## GENERAL P.X. KELLEY TO KEYNOTE 46TH ANNUAL DINNER

The Monroe County Conservative Party is having its 46th annual dinner on Friday, May 16, 2008 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 East Main Street, downtown Rochester. There will be a cash bar at 6:00 p.m. and dinner (parmesan crusted chicken) will be served at 7:00 p.m.

This year's keynote speaker will be General Paul (P.X.) Kelley. Mr. Kelley was the 28th Commandant of the US Marine Corps. He was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President Reagan. General Kelley had a much decorated, 37 year military career. He continues the long tradition of the Monroe County Conservative Party of having the "very best"

individuals as our keynote speakers (Rush Limbaugh, Senator Al D'Amato - 4 times, John "Swift Boat" O'Neill, Bill Sammon, Rich Lowry, David Keene, William Rusher, etc.).

Another highlight of this year's annual dinner will be the presentation of the prestigious "Roger J. Robach Conservative of the Year Award" to our long-time, loyal friend, Angelo Bianchi. Mr. Bianchi has been extremely supportive to our mutual candidates and our shared conservative principles: lower taxes, life, public safety, less government, individual initiative, etc. During the last 20 years, the Monroe County Conservative Party has not had a better

friend than Angelo Bianchi.

Elected Officials, candidates, and friends will be introduced at our dinner (approximately 150 introductions).

Our annual dinner, together with our journal advertisements, are the primary source of funds which enables us to operate as an effective political party. We expect our annual dinner to sell out. If you would like to purchase tickets or place an ad in the dinner journal, please contact us (585-381-6850). Your advertisement can also be emailed directly to [MCCP@PittsfordPrinting.com](mailto:MCCP@PittsfordPrinting.com). A good time is planned for Friday, May 16th.

## WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR. (1925 - 2008)

William F. Buckley, Jr. was the founder of the modern intellectual Conservative movement. Before Mr. Buckley, Conservatives were viewed with suspicion and they were basically ignored. After Mr. Buckley acted as an author, commentator, lecturer, and interviewer for over 50 years, the Conservative movement is respected, appreciated, relevant, and influential.

Starting in the 1950's and beyond, through thousands of his syndicated newspaper columns, thousands of lectures, dozens of books, his very influential magazine National Review, and through the television program "Firing Line" (for 33 years), Mr. Buckley articulated, explained, defended and advanced the Conservative philosophy.

That ideology believes in the sovereignty of the individual over the sovereignty of government. It advocates national security public safety, family values, patriotism, life, and other traditional American values.

Mr. Buckley's conservative philosophy was based upon common sense.

His legacy was that he had hundreds of talented and articulate Conservative disciples (Bill Kristol, Newt Gingrich, Rich Lowry, Bill Sammon, Sean Hannity, Mike Long, etc.). Mr. Buckley helped, encouraged, incited and inspired generations of philosophical Conservatives.

In the early 1960's, Mr. Buckley was involved in the creation of the New York State Conservative Party. In 1965, he ran for New York City Mayor on the Conservative line. He lost the election (despite 341,266 votes). However, he ran an exciting and entertaining campaign based on Conservative ideas.

Without William F. Buckley, Jr., there would have been no Ronald Reagan. Without President Reagan, there still would be a Soviet Union and widespread Communism. In effect, Mr. Buckley and his philosophy

helped to end the "Cold War".

Mr. Buckley had a unique sense of style. Often armed only with his intellect, humor, raised eyebrow, and his impeccable and outrageous vocabulary, he could educate and intellectually disarm Liberals and their outdated and failed philosophy (more government, higher taxes, etc.).

Mr. Buckley had a zest for life! He intertwined his love of sailing, his adventurism, his close friendships, his advancement of the Conservative philosophy, his novels, and his devotion to his Catholic religion to lead a full, rewarding, and wonderful life.

A hundred years from now when they write the history of the second half of the 20th century, there will be one ideological GIANT whose activities and philosophy changed the world: William F. Buckley, Jr.

For true Conservatives, Mr. Buckley was our mentor, our inspiration, and our hero!

# COOK'S COMMENTS

by Thomas D. Cook, Chairman, Monroe County Conservative Party



## THE SELECTION OF A NEW MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER: Thomas G. Smith, David Gantt, and Gannett

Thomas G. Smith, the President of the Monroe County Bar Association, and his political allies, Assemblyman David Gantt and the Democrat and Chronicle, for various reasons, were desperate to control the selection process for a new Monroe County Public Defender.

Therefore, on December 26, 2007, Mr. Smith sent a 5-page letter-memorandum to the three Judges who were asked to serve on the Legislature screening panel to select a new Public Defender (and to 43 other individuals). Therein, he used the following accusatory phrases; "action raises serious concerns", "ethical propriety", "participate in a political function", "serious ethical issues exist", "a partisan political activity", etc. In effect, Mr. Smith was lecturing, threatening, and attempting to intimidate the Judges so that the Bar Association and its political allies, rather than the legally mandated County Legislators (County Charter Section C-7-5), could appoint a new Public Defender. He in effect called 3 very ethical and well-regarded Judges; UNETHICAL!

Mr. Smith's memorandum was based upon his legal research. It quoted several cases. It referred to the "Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics of the New York State O.C.A." eleven times. Unfortunately for Mr. Smith, his memorandum was completely legally incorrect! On January 31, 2008, the above referenced

Advisory Committee ruled decisively that based upon the specific plan for the appointment of a Public Defender in Monroe County, it was obviously not unethical for the Judges to sit on said screening panel. They were simply doing a "public service". That O.C. A. opinion cites prior precedent. It makes it clear that said issue was very easily resolved in favor of the Judges. Therefore, Mr. Smith's threatening, lecturing, and intimidating memorandum was very legally incorrect and/or it was a fraudulent document.

In response to the definitive O.C.A. ruling Judge Edmund Calvaruso, one of the well-respected Judges appointed to the screening panel, said; "I think they were trying to "intimidate" us not to serve on the committee. There was no question in my mind that we could serve" (D & C, 3-31-08). For a professional attorney, there is nothing worse than to wrongfully accuse well-respected Judges of being unethical! Several Judges said Mr. Smith should resign as Bar President and he should apologize. He did neither. His wrongful December 26th memorandum was probably libelous. In addition to the above, Mr. Smith violated the law in regard to the Public Defender issue. On January 17, 2008 at a meeting of the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Smith refused at least five lawful orders to leave the meeting room. This is either criminal or semi-criminal activity which may include; Failure to Comply with a Lawful Order, Trespassing, Disorderly Conduct, etc. This inappropriate, unlawful conduct was recorded and is available on a Channel 13 video.

On February 9, 2008, Assemblyman David Gantt, after being arrested for disorderly conduct at a Public Safety Committee meeting on the Public Defender issue, while in handcuffs said; "AND YOU GUYS WONDER, THERE IS VIOLENCE, YOU GUYS WONDER. YOU WONDER WHY A GUY IN MISSOURI GOES AND SHOOTS SOME DAMN BODY". Mr. Gantt was referring to an incident in Kirkwood, Missouri on February 7, 2008. There, an individual who was unhappy with a Legislative body and had a prior dispute with said local government (sound familiar?) went on a rampage and KILLED two police officers and three City Councilmen before he was fatally shot. Why would Mr. Gantt, while in handcuffs, say something as outrageous as that? KINDA

SCARY! Mr. Gantt later was forced to apologize for his inflammatory, inappropriate reference to a fatal, somewhat analogous anti-government rampage.

Other inappropriate conduct in regard to the Public Defender issue by Mr. Gantt was on January 17, 2008 at the Public Safety Committee meeting. Mr. Gantt charged the podium at the meeting. He virtually begged to be arrested (hands behind his back, etc.). Also at said meeting, Mr. Gantt refused to comply with many lawful orders by the Sheriff's Deputies. He remained illegally for 90 minutes after being ordered to leave. His wrongful activity is preserved on a Channel 13 video.

If you read Gannett, you probably didn't know all of the above facts about Mr. Smith and Mr. Gantt. The Democrat & Chronicle's conduct in the appointment of a new Monroe County Public Defender violated basic professional journalistic standards. It misrepresented and covered up the Public Defender issue.

Thomas G. Smith, embarrassed himself and the Bar by lecturing, threatening, and trying to intimidate respected Judges with a legally incompetent and/or fraudulent memorandum. Gannett tried to hide said outrageous, inappropriate conduct. After the O.C.A. Advisory Committee ruled strongly that the Judges on the Public Defender's Legislative screening panel were obviously not acting unethically, there was a weak confusing story in the D & C (March 31, 2008 on 3-B). A respected Judge in Monroe County said, in sum and substance; I read that the Judges were unethical on the front page. Mr. Smith libeled the Judges! When the ridiculous charge was thrown out, Gannett hid the story and it let the libeler attempt to justify his wrongful conduct.

When Assemblyman David Gantt made a petulant allusion to a rampage that killed 5 people, Gannett minimized that important story. Bizarrely, when the Sheriff's Department increased security based partly upon Mr. Gantt's inflammatory reference, the Sheriff was criticized by Gannett?

When the real heroes in this matter, the 15 Republican County Legislators, withstood threats and/or intimidation and the D & C attacks and followed the law, they were criticized by Gannett. When said Legislators appointed the "very best Public Defender" in all of New York State, Tim Donaher, they were ridiculed and scolded by Gannett.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Gantt, and the D & C acted very inappropriately in regard to the appointment of a new Monroe County Public Defender.

## **LOPEZ TORRES**

The local and State Bar Associations, the Office of Court Administration, and other elitists, do not like elected officials, politicians, or even democracy. They think that they, by a "screening commission", rather than the current political process, should select our State Judges. In the recent case of Lopez Torres vs. New York State Board of Elections, the Supreme Court of the United States overruled the Second Circuit and a local District Court Judge and decided that Judicial Conventions in the selection of New York State Supreme Court candidates was constitutional. This decision shocked and upset the Bar Association and its allies. A Bar Official asked a knowledgeable Supreme Court observer "how" the vote could have been 9 to 0? His reply was; "there are only 9 Judges on the U.S. Supreme Court". Democracy lives!

## **ELECTION 2007**

In 2007, the Monroe County Conservative Party endorsed 101 well-qualified and conservatively-oriented candidates for public office. Eighty four of our candidates were victorious in their election.

We were the "margin of victory" in 11 election electoral races. County

### **NEWSLETTER**

To paraphrase Mark Twain; "If you don't read the newspaper, you are uninformed. If you read the Democrat & Chronicle, you are misinformed"! Therefore, Conservative Party News, the Conservative newsletter of Monroe County, was started in May of 1989. It is published twice yearly, in May and October. Conservative Party News is provided free to each registered Conservative (7,457) in Monroe County, and to all Conservative-endorsed candidates and Elected Officials. It is also sent to key contacts throughout Monroe County and New York State. The purposes of our newsletter are threefold: To explain the conservative philosophy, to provide the enrolled Conservative with timely, accurate, relevant political news, and to promote (help elect) our endorsed candidates. We hope you enjoy this issue.

Legislators Dick Yolevich and Anthony Daniele won thanks to the votes on the Conservative line; Row D. The Monroe County Legislature would have gone Democratic without our support of Mr. Yolevich and Mr. Daniele. Also, we provided the "margin of victory" for Supervisor Ralph Esposito in Gates, for a Town Judge, and for various Town Council Members and Village Trustees.

In some election contests, our candidates on Row D received more than twice as many votes as there were enrolled Conservatives in that Election District. Obviously many Republicans and Democrats agreed with our candidate endorsements. 2007 was a very good election year for the Monroe County Conservative Party.

## **ELECTION 2008**

This year, the New York State Conservative Party will endorse Senator John McCain for President. Mr. McCain is not a William F. Buckley, Jr. However, he is comparatively conservative enough (83% A.C.U. rating). This is especially true since his likely opponent, Senator O'Bama, is very inexperienced. Also, he has been rated the "most Liberal" of the 100 U.S. Senators. Finally, for the last 20 years, Senator O'Bama has faithfully attended church services where his Pastor, close friend, and "uncle", Reverend Jeremiah Wright, has consistently crudely ranted against the United States of America, and against white people. The fact that Senator O'Bama never objected to, or departed from, said outrageous conduct is extremely troubling. Also, Mr. O'Bama appears to be a Harvard educated elitist ("locals cling to religion, etc.").

We intend to play a crucial role in the three contested Congressional District races which enter into Monroe County. The Monroe County Conservative Party will endorse Joe Robach for the State Senate, and other State Senators and Assemblymen. There are five County-wide judicial races, and other electoral contests (Monroe County Clerk Cheryl Dinolfo, etc.) up this year. The Monroe County Conservative Party

will continue our tradition of endorsing and helping to elect the very best candidates for elective office whether they are enrolled Conservatives, Republicans, or Democrats. Election 2008 should be a very good year for the Monroe County Conservative Party.

## **LUV GOV #1**

In the May 2006 Conservative Newsletter, Cook's Comments was entitled, "ELIOT SPITZER: AN OUT OF CONTROL, ETHICALLY CONFLICTED, FAILED BULLY". In retrospect, that article should have said that he was also an immoral hypocrite. Mr. Spitzer went from being the most disliked and feared individual in Albany to being the most irrelevant and pathetic person in New York State. He had many extra-marital affairs with expensive prostitutes. Mr. Spitzer outrageously lied in regard to "Troopergate"! Wouldn't John Faso, with his conservative principles and his personal morality and integrity, look pretty good as Governor Faso right now?

## **LUV GOV #2**

Governor David Paterson, the day after he was sworn in, admitted he had an extra-marital affair. No, make that several extra-marital affairs. No, make that many extra-marital affairs. His wife admitted she also had extra-marital affairs. Governor Paterson said he did not think that his campaign paid money in regard to said sexual trysts. However, he was not sure and he ended up personally reimbursing his campaign for two hotel stays. Also, some of the women he had sexual relations with worked for him. Two of them were written checks (\$500 and \$1,000) from Mr. Paterson's campaign account (what for?). Governor Paterson also casually admitted frequent cocaine and other illegal drug usage. Incredibly, the Governor and his wife made \$280,000 last year, and they ONLY contributed used clothes in the amount of \$150 to charity. With 18 million citizens in New York, one would think we could find a Governor who could behave much better than Luv Gov #2.

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