



# Conservative PARTY NEWS

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## GOLISANO THE CLOWN

B. Thomas Golisano announced that he is going to spend up to \$5,000,000 and form a Section 527 P.A.C. to support certain candidates (mostly Democrats) who answer his questionnaire, and who agree with his "positions" on various issues of the day. The 527 loophole allows the Rochester billionaire to avoid campaign finance limits.

Thomas Golisano was successful as a businessman (Paychex). Mr. Golisano has been generous in his philanthropy to various area charities. However, his "ego" insisted that most entities who receive his money must incorporate his name in that project. In 1994, he formed a political party called the Independence Party which initially complained of money in politics and P.A.C.s. However, that Party now ideologically stands for nothing except the pursuit of political power. He ran for Governor three times. Mr. Golisano spent over \$100 million on said embarrassing losing elections. In his campaigns, Mr. Golisano stated he was in favor of considering the legalization of drugs and prostitution. He advocated the distribution of hypodermic needles to all drug addicts.

Mr. Golisano did not even vote until he was over 40. In choosing the name of the Independence Party, Mr. Golisano apparently "fraudulently" wanted the voters to believe that if they registered in his Party, they would be independents (not enrolled in any Party). In fact, many of the enrolled Independence Party Members still think they aren't registered in a political Party. Mr. Golisano selected a Lt. Governor candidate who had the same name as a founder of the NYS Conservative Party. This was another attempt to "fraudulently" fool the voters in a Conservative Primary. Unfortunately for him his Lt. Governor candidate, Mr. Mahoney, illegally voted twice in 2001.

He took the Fifth Amendment (9 times) and fled (ran out of) an Albany Courtroom. Nice choice!

In 2002, Mr. Golisano paid his peti-

tion passers (Florida residents) to get signatures on nominating petitions. Supreme Court Justice John Ark ruled that their actions were permeated by fraud. In one of Mr. Golisano's losing Primary runs (Conservative), he spent thousands of dollars for each vote he obtained. Now he wants to try to "buy" this year's election for the State Senate, and other races, with his money? Mr. Golisano's record as a candidate and as a politician is pathetic. It is ridiculous. He and/or his supporters have been involved in fraud. Politically, he has been a buffoon, a loser, and a joke. Mr. Golisano is back in politics. So what! It is simply the return of an ego-driven political "clown"!

## RADIO ADS

*This October and November, we will run the following Radio Ad:*

This year there is only one political Party which has clear, precise, logical, and common sense positions on each of the important issues of the day.

That Party is the Monroe County Conservative Party. We are on ballot line D.

Conservatives stand for lower taxes, less and more efficient government, life, individual initiative, and public safety. We oppose reverse discrimination.

This year we have endorsed well-qualified and conservatively-oriented enrolled Conservatives, Republicans, and Democrats.

From Sarah Palin to Judge Bellini. From Cheryl Dinolfo to Judge Lunn, from Joe Robach to Jim Alesi, we have endorsed the very best candidates.

On Tuesday, November 4th, please vote for our excellent, principled conservative candidates.

**For lower taxes, public safety, and less government,**

**Please Vote Row D**

## CHAIRMAN MINARIK

On June 27, 2008, Steve Minarik resigned as Chairman of the Monroe County Republican Party. He had held that position for 16 years. When Steve became active in the Republican Party, almost all of the County-wide elected offices were held by Democrats. They controlled the Legislature. The Republican Party was in shambles, disheartened, and financially weak. It had no organization or coherent ideological principles.

During the last 16 years, Steve Minarik has made the Monroe County Republican Party a model for all political parties. Against a recent Democratic tide, and contrary to a corrupt, incompetent, liberal, and racially-motivated daily Democrat & Chronicle, Mr. Minarik has led the Republican Party to control most Towns, most County-wide offices, and the Monroe County Legislature. He has selected and helped to elect excellent candidates. Steve used extensive polling data to direct the Party's resources to key electoral contests. Yes, he has been strong and aggressive. However, politics is not whiffle ball. During the last 200 years, American politics traditionally has been a game of hard ball which has resulted in many very good elected officials. Weakness, conciliation, and appeasement, despite the suggestion and whining of Gannett and/or the Liberal Democrats, do not win elections or advance ideological principles.

During the last 16 years, Mr. Minarik has been hard working, smart, very organized, tough, a media guru, talented, loyal, honest, and above all else, a winner. The citizens of Monroe County owe him a vote of thanks for his leadership in helping to elect excellent candidates who support the core principles of; stable property taxes, less and more efficient government, and public safety. Steve has made Monroe County a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Kudos to Steve Minarik! He did a great job!

# COOK'S COMMENTS

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

## ELECTION 2008

The New York State Conservative Party has endorsed Senator John McCain for President of the United States. He has some non-conservative positions on the issues of the day. He is a "maverick". However, in deciding whether to endorse Senator McCain, it was necessary to view his overall record and to examine the qualifications of his opponent. Also, by selecting a dynamic true Conservative like Governor Sarah Palin for Vice President, Senator McCain further earned our support. He is "conservative enough"! He has a lifetime 83% Conservative rating – (hereinafter C.R.). The two key qualifications for our next President should be his positions on the war on terror, and on the upcoming Supreme Court appointments. Senator McCain will be a strong Commander in Chief who will stand up to al-Qaeda, Iran, etc. He will appoint "strict constructionist" Supreme Court Justices (like J. Roberts, J. Scalia, etc.).

Democratic Presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama has no military or foreign policy experience. His policies on terror are weak, and will be ineffective. He opposed the successful "surge", and at that time he advocated "surrender" in Iraq. Mr. Obama will appoint Supreme Court Judges who believe that the Constitution is a "living changing document". Said judicial approach could greatly affect our traditional American values for the next 35 years! One respected Senatorial rating service graded Senator Obama as the most Liberal of the 100 U.S. Senators. Mr. Obama initially ran on a platform of "change". Little did his supporters know he would "change" his position on almost every important ideological principle in an opportunist hypocritical attempt to be elected.

Therefore, informed Conservatives should support Senator McCain. Senator Obama would be very dangerous as our next President because of his lack of experience (much less than Governor Palin), lack of judgement and his Liberalism.

We endorsed Christopher Lee in the 26th Congressional District (western Monroe County). He is refreshing and hard-working. Chris is a successful businessman with a great family. He has an

excellent chance to win. Mr. Lee's business approach is much needed in Washington. The Monroe County Conservative Party has also supported Randy Kuhl in the 29th Congressional District (southern Monroe County) (72% C.R.). Randy is a hard-working, two-term Republican-Conservative Congressman from the Southern Tier. He is much better than his Democratic opponent. We have also endorsed Dale Sweetland in the 25th Congressional District (Webster, part of Penfield and part of Irondequoit), and David Crimmen in the 28th Congressional District.

One of the highlight races this year should be Senator Joe Robach (84% C.R.) against his Democrat opponent in the 56th Senate District (Rochester, Greece, Brighton, and Parma). There are 28,198 more Democrats than Republicans in that district, and there will be a large Rochester Obama turnout (Democratic). However, if anyone can win the 56th Senate race, it's Joe. He is everywhere. He represents his constituents personally and effectively. Joe deserves to be re-elected! The Monroe County Conservative Party has also endorsed Senator Jim Alesi in the 55th Senate District. Jim is a long-time Republican-Conservative incumbent who has a good record (84% C.R.). His Democratic opponent has little electoral or community experience. He intends to spend much of his own money in an attempt to "buy" the election. Also he will have the "clown's" financial help. We have also supported Senator George Maziarz in the 62nd Senate District (84% C.R.), and Senator Michael Nozzolio in the 54th Senate District (84% C.R.). They are long-time friends of the Monroe County Conservative Party, and excellent State Senators. We can't let the State Senate go Democratic since we will be dominated by New York City Liberal interests.

Assemblyman Bill Reilich (134th Assembly District) has our endorsement. He has an excellent constituent and ideological record (88% C.R.) (Bill is also the new Monroe County Republican Chairman). In the 135th Assembly District, David Bonacchi is running against a Democratic Assemblyman who has accomplished nothing during

his tenure in Albany. The citizens of East Rochester, Penfield, Perinton, and Webster deserve Dave Bonacchi to be elected as their Assemblyman.

We have endorsed hard-working, incumbent Monroe County Clerk Cheryl Dinolfo. She is doing an excellent job. Cheryl showed courage in standing up to former "bulldozer" Governor Spitzer on the illegal alien drivers licenses issue. She runs an efficient, effective, and responsive Monroe County Clerk's Office. Cheryl's office is so efficient that each year, it returns millions of dollars in funds to Monroe County.

We are supporting incumbent Appellate Division Justice Robert Lunn and Acting Supreme Court Justice and County Court Judge Elma Bellini for Supreme Court. Both candidates are conservatively-oriented, hard working, and very well respected. They are both strongly supported by the vast majority of the police agencies in Monroe County. Their two Democratic opponents have never been Judges. This is not the time for on the job training!

We have endorsed businessman Jack Moore for Henrietta Town Council, Andy Moore for Penfield Town Council (also new Executive Director of the Monroe County Republican Party), and Deborah Campanella for Riga Town Council.

Finally, the Monroe County Conservative Party has supported the following incumbent candidates who appropriately have no opponents. Assemblyman Joe Errigo in the 130th Assembly District and Assemblyman Steve Hawley in the 139th Assembly District. Judge Frank Geraci for Monroe County Court. Judges Gail Donofrio and Joan Kohout for Family Court. The fact that they have no opponents is a tribute to their very good records and perhaps to our early strong support.

This year the Monroe County Conservative Party has endorsed the above excellent candidates for public office. We have chosen our endorsed candidates from among enrolled Conservatives, Republicans, and Democrats. Our well-qualified, and conservatively-oriented candidates are on the Conservative line; Row D. They stand for, and will work to achieve: lower taxes, life, public safety, less and more efficient government, and personal responsibility. The Judges will be firm but fair. The Monroe County Conservative Party hopes that you, your family, and friends can vote for our very good candidates on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th.

## **ANTI-DEMOCRATIC GANNETT**

The Democrat & Chronicle, the local Gannett paper, has developed a novel and un-American thesis. If you are involved in the electoral process, or democracy, you are disqualified from holding almost any non-publicly elected position. A good example of this is Bill Smith. Mr. Smith graduated from the prestigious Yale Law School. He was the general counsel for a major corporation. He is a member of a well-respected local law firm. Those who have dealt with Mr. Smith describe him as smart, reasonable, and thoughtful. He has an excellent relationship with almost all relevant sectors of the Monroe County community (a necessary requirement for a M.C.C. President).

However when Bill Smith applied for the position of President of Monroe Community College, Gannett said he was unqualified simply because he had been previously elected by the voters. Yes, Mr. Smith had been elected three times as a Monroe County Legislator. He participated in our democratic process. Under Gannett's new thesis, anyone who was involved in democracy can't hold certain positions regardless of their excellent qualifications. Gannett believes anyone who participates in elections becomes unqualified. What a ridiculous, naïve, and un-American theory. Bill would have been a great M.C.C. President.

Another example of Gannett's anti-democratic thesis is the appointment of Tim Donaher. Every knowledgeable individual agreed that out of all the citizens in New York State, Mr. Donaher, based upon his legal expertise and local experience, was the very best individual to be appointed as Monroe County Public Defender. However according to Gannett, he had a major flaw. Mr. Donaher had done volunteer legal work for a political Party in its selection of judicial candidates at its Supreme Court Judicial Convention. He

also had made contributions to well-qualified judicial candidates (and also to deserving charities). Therefore Gannett, the Bar Association (the disgraced Tom Smith), and some Liberal Democrats said his excellent credentials were negated by his public service voluntary participation in our democratic process. Obviously everyone agrees that Mr. Donaher is doing a great job as Public Defender.

The above anti-democratic and un-American theory shows that the Gannett Editors (especially Mr. James Lawrence) lack the requisite common sense and life experience to have appropriate input into the affairs of our community. They have no idea that participation in our electoral process is a long-time traditional American virtue. Being involved in our democracy should not disqualify extremely well-qualified individuals from further public service. It's a shame we have such a wonderful Monroe County community and such a terrible, misguided, and ignorant daily newspaper as the D&C.

## **WORKING FAMILIES PARTY**

The misnamed Working Families Party (WFP) was legally formed in 1998. It is currently on ballot line Row E. It is a more radical successor to the old disenfranchised New York State Liberal Party.

The Working Families Party is a New York City dominated labor coalition (70 unions) made up of activist union members. Its ideological principles are very liberal. It is in favor of granting the right to vote to non-American citizens. The WFP is in favor of issuing drivers licenses to illegal aliens. It is strongly in favor of gay marriage. It favors legislation forcing public agencies and private businesses to accept IDs from foreign consulates rather than NY issued photo IDs? All of the WFP other ideological principles, pursuant to its website and otherwise, are very radical, even un-American.

In last year's County Legislature election, the State Working Families Party became active in opposing Ray DiRaddo. They sent unemployed union members from throughout New York into the 6th Legislative District. These out of County residents aggressively campaigned against Mr. DiRaddo. They made false allegations, and they attempted to intimidate the voters. As a

result of this inappropriate campaigning, Ray DiRaddo lost. The County lost a good guy and a valuable member of the Monroe County Legislature due to the wrongful actions of outsiders.

In the future the Monroe County Conservative Party will adopt a policy that if any candidate accepts the endorsement of the Working Families Party, we will not endorse him or her. There is no place in Monroe County politics for ideological radicalism and inappropriate campaign activity.

## **INDEPENDENCE CORRUPTION?**

This year Jack Davis, who very much wanted the Independence Party endorsement, paid a \$5,000 "consulting fee" to the wife of the Monroe County Independence Party Chairman. She apparently did nothing for said money. It certainly appears to be an attempted "bribe". That payment led to a criminal investigation.

The leaders of the Independence Party did not appropriately deal with the "scandal." In fact, they bizarrely endorsed a completely unqualified candidate which led to the question of whether there was another consulting fee or some other improper consideration? Does the Independence Party stand for anything ideologically, except perhaps corruption?

## **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 all registered Conservatives 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.

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\* Denotes Town Leader/City Leader

## PRIMARY

On September 9th there was a Conservative Primary against our excellent conservatively oriented endorsed candidate, George Maziarz in the 62nd Senate District. Mr. Maziarz won in Monroe County 167- to 9 (95 %). We will track down and bring to Justice the nine negative voters. (just kidding ?) Thanks and congratulations to all the loyal enrolled Conservatives who appropriately voted for the Senator. Kudos to the Voters!

## PETITIONS . . . PETITIONS

How does a candidate for public office receive the Conservative Party's endorsement? First of all, we conduct a "screening" or look at an individual's record as to their qualifications and their stand on the issues. Then, the law requires that we must pass "nominating petitions" and obtain at least five percent (5%) of the enrolled Conservative signatures in order to get the candidate on our ballot line; Row D. The petition passing period is from early June to early July. Then, an authorization and an acceptance must be filed.

This year we had 41 "petition passers". Executive Committee Member Charlie LaGaipa obtained 152 signatures, and Ogden Town Leader John Jennings witnessed 107 signatures. In total, the "Conservative Petition Passing Team" collected over 700 signatures from registered Conservatives. As a result of the efforts of the petition passers, we supported and placed on our ballot 24 excellent conservatively-oriented candidates for public office. The Monroe County Conservative Party Petition Passing Team is well organized and loyal. Thanks to the petition passers, and to the petition signers.