



### SENATOR RICH FUNKE TO KEYNOTE 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONSERVATIVE DINNER

The Monroe County Conservative Party is having its 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner on Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Joseph A. Floreano Riverside Convention Center, 123 East Main Street, Rochester. There will be a cash bar at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00pm.

This year's Keynote Speaker will be State Senator **Rich Funke**. Mr. Funke is a dynamic and important elected official who protects Monroe County from the liberalism and regionalism of the New York City Democrats. He is also a charming, good guy!

Another highlight of this year's annual dinner will be the presentation of the prestigious "**Roger J. Robach Conservative of the Year Award**" to

longtime Republican Hamlin Town Clerk, **Kathi Rickman**. Kathi has been the "de facto" Conservative Hamlin Town Leader for many years. She has helped select our candidates and passed Conservative nominating petitions.

As is our 39-year tradition, Elected Officials, Candidates and Friends will be introduced at our dinner (approximately 190 introductions - 18 minutes). We expect our annual dinner to sell out.

If you would like to attend, place an ad in our dinner journal or make a contribution call the Conservative Party (Maria) at 733-7839 for further details.

### PRIOR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

During the last thirty-eight years the Monroe County Conservative Party has had many excellent keynote speakers including: Mark Assini, Robert Astorino, Al D'Amato (4 times), John Faso (2 times), John Flanagan, Evan Galbraith, David Keene, General P.X. Kelley, Bob King, Peter King, Tomi Lahren, Rick Lazio (2 times), Rush Limbaugh, Herb London (2 times), Wendy Long, Rich Lowry, George Marlin, John "Swiftboat" O'Neill, Bill Paxon, John Podhoretz, Tom Reed, Joe Robach, William Rusher, Bill Sammon, and R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

### PRESIDENT TRUMP:

#### A SOLID RECORD OF CONSERVATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

It is difficult to fully analyze President Trump's 1½ years in office. His detractors, especially in the media, intensely hate him. This has made an accurate evaluation of his actual accomplishments somewhat elusive. President Trump is smart, tough, hard-working, and has commonsense Conservative values. He has acted. Trump has not kicked the can down the road. He has the courage of his convictions. Consequently, he has achieved many successes for our citizens. Set forth is a partial list of our President's Conservative-oriented accomplishments: Trump has virtually destroyed **ISIS** by expanding the rules of engagement and letting the Generals prosecute the war. On the **ECONOMY** (unemployment, food stamps, stock market, new jobs, G.N.P., etc) good things have happened. This is partially because of the December 15, 2017 Tax Cut and the elimination of many

unnecessary regulations. Trump has favorably altered our **JUSTICE SYSTEM** (Neil Gorsuch on the Supreme Court and a record number of Conservative Appellate Justices). His protection of our borders has led to a dramatic reduction in **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**. Trump has begun to alter the unfair **TRADE TREATIES**. New military strength and action (Syria) has made the world **SAFER**. Peace through strength! Other issues where Trump has been conservatively correct are: the move of Israel's capital to **JERUSALEM**, elimination of the bad parts of **OBAMACARE**, opening of new **OIL AND GAS DRILLING and PIPELINES** and **SCHOOL CHOICE**. There are many other Conservative achievements by Trump. President Trump is far from perfect. His style often is troubling. However, substantively he has a solid record of Conservative performance.

### WHERE WE STAND

The New York State Conservative Party is the only legally recognized Conservative Party in the nation. This is because New York allows cross-party endorsements of candidates by all political parties. Unlike other political parties, the Conservative Party stands for precise positions on the relevant issues of the day.

Most of our enrolled Conservatives and endorsed Candidates support many of our beliefs of: lower taxes, less government, life, public safety, the 2nd Amendment, a meritocracy, public safety, a strong military, patriotism, hard work, individual initiative, and fiscal sanity. We oppose reverse discrimination and the incompetence and unfair bias of the Democrat and Chronicle.

At this critical and pivotal time in our nation's history, America and our community needs and deserves the implementation of our commonsense Conservative philosophy.

# ELECTION 2017: A GOOD YEAR!

The Monroe County Conservative Party had a good election last year. We endorsed 98 candidates for public office and we had 88 winners. Our leading candidate Supreme Court Justice John Gallagher received 17,680 votes on Row C, the Conservative ballot line (with only 8,022 enrolled Conservatives). This is a 220% Conservative voter turnout vs. a 36% general voter turnout. We were the “margin of victory” in twelve electoral contests. In Clarkson (3 races), Greece (4), Mendon (2), Perinton (2), and Webster (1) our votes made our endorsed candidates a winner. There were 3 countywide election contests last year. We came out early and strong for the candidates for Supreme Court and Family Court, This led the Democrats to not even oppose our great endorsed Judges, Election 2017 was a good solid year for the Conservative Party. We will continue to advance our commonsense Conservative policies and our endorsed candidates, in order to play a constructive and a pivotal role in Monroe County politics in the future.

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# CONSERVATIVE TIDBITS

Random thoughts on political issues in  
Rochester, Albany and Washington

On March 4, 2018 the **HONORABLE ELMA A. BELLINI**, a Supreme Court Justice passed away. She was a wonderful person and a good friend of the Monroe County Conservative Party. Elma was a fierce, extraordinary, competent and compassionate defender of justice. She will be missed. All honor to her name and to her memory. / **THE NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATIVE PARTY** is a political party of ideological principles. Every year we take 25 key state bills and grade the various Senators and Assemblymen on where they stand in regard to our Conservative philosophy. In the Senate, among our 6 local State Senators, Senator Robert Ortt had the highest rating of 76%. In the Assembly, Joe Errigo had the highest rating of 92%. The key bills included traditional Conservative policies on taxes, spending, crime, regulations, education, pro-life issues, etc. / Next year's election, **ELECTION 2019** is the “Super Bowl” of local politics. The County Executive, the District Attorney, One Supreme Court Justice, One County Court Judge, all 29 County Legislative seats and half of the local races will be up for election (over 150 contests). There could be a major power shift from the Republican Party to the Democratic Party. The Conservative Party will play a crucial electoral role next year. / **ELECTION 2020** is the “World Series” of Judicial races. That year we will have 4 State Supreme Court Justices, 2 County Court Judges, and the Surrogate Judge is up for election. / Radio wacko **BOB LOSERBERRY** may have finally helped win a Countywide election contest with Todd Baxter. Or did he? (See O'Flynn article.) Loserberry is mean, uninformed and unfair. Most of our Judges are FIRM and FAIR. The word Loserberry and fair have never been in the same sentence. He has a tradition of endorsing losing candidates. Recently, three times in 10 months, he very strongly backed Candidate X who lost those elections. A record? X is a good guy so we won't name him. Loserberry is probably the most disliked individual by the Judges in the Hall of Justice. Loserberry may dislike all Judges since he was once a local judge for a few months? Then, he was virtually removed for misconduct. / **THE SANCTUARY CITIES** issue is ludicrous. Our Constitution does not allow local officials to ignore Federal Law. What if Alabama did not enforce Federal Civil Rights laws? President Trump should act aggressively against Sanctuary governments. / Every year a political party has to pass **PETITIONS** to get our endorsed candidates on the ballot. This year we will get over 1,000 signatures in March for the Congressional and in June for state and local candidates (at least 5% of registered party voters). Our petition-passing Conservative team represents the grass roots of the Conservative Party and they are all volunteers. (See Executive Committee list.) / **MARK ASSINI** has been a politician for 26 years. He has run for Congress three times. The last time he lost by 10%. In late 2017, we were informed that Mark was not going to run this year for Congress. We then interviewed and supported a great candidate for Congress, Dr. James Maxwell. After that, Mark decided he again would run for Congress. We declined to give Mr. Assini the opportunity to lose for a FOURTH TIME and we stayed with Dr. Maxwell (29-0). Assini is obsessed with RUNNING for Congress. Unfortunately, he is not obsessed by WINNING Congress! / One of our petition-passers for our Congressional candidate **DR. JAMES MAXWELL** was recently getting a signature for the petition, when the signer said “hey, he's my doctor!” He then proceeded to pull up his shirt to show her his Maxwell scar. Talk about hands-on campaigning!

# AN IMPERFECT STORM: THE POLITICAL DEFEAT OF PATRICK O'FLYNN

Incumbent Judges, Prosecutors and Sheriffs are usually easily re-elected. The voters compare them with the criminals they deal with. Then, the Law and Enforcement officials are usually successful. Not Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn! Why? President Trump, in 2017, somewhat depressed Republican voter turnout. Recent polling data shows that Trump is seriously decreasing the Republican vote among highly educated suburban women. He substantially increased Democratic turnout. The Constitutional Convention, on the ballot as Proposition #1 in 2017, led to more Democratic union members

voting on November 7, 2017. The fact that Mr. Baxter was previously an active military veteran and involved in Veteran Affairs, also increased voter turnout. Some enrolled Conservatives would not sign petitions or put up an O'Flynn lawn sign simply because of Baxter's military history. Baxter did well in Greece partly because he was a former Greece Police Chief and a member of the influential Greece First Bible Baptist Church. There was an anti-incumbent movement which was not helpful to Patrick. Baxter won despite the usually fatal support of Bob Loserberry. Sheriff O'Flynn was hard-working, competent and

honest. He had a high job approval rating. His 1,100 member department had no serious scandals. Patrick is a good guy. He was however, not a particularly good politician. In fact, the O'Flynn Administration was mainly devoid of politics. There are currently 50,000 more registered Democrats than Republicans and Conservatives in Monroe County. Our community is not better off by the unfortunate political defeat of Patrick O'Flynn. Will Baxter be a political puppet of Loserberry and/or the left wing of the Democratic Party? Hopefully, he will not.

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## CUOMO'S "BROTHER" GUILTY OF BRIBERY AND FRAUD!

### CUOMO IS OTHERWISE BAD FOR NEW YORK!

The recent Federal trial of Joseph Percoco, Governor Andrew Cuomo's long-serving top aide ("my brother"), shined a bright embarrassing light on the Cuomo Administration. Percoco was convicted of three felonies (fraud, bribery, and stealing). The Governor's Administration was one of big money lobbying influence, bullying, greed, sleaze and hubris. It was all about the money!

The other defendants were big-time Cuomo donors. The prosecutor's key witness (other than the "ziti" emails), was lobbyist Todd Howe, who was shown to be despicable and dishonest. How could Percoco and Howe have been our Governor's long-term best friends and key employees?

It would be nice if Cuomo addressed the question on everyone's mind: How can his two closest aides and friends use their relationship with the governor to try to enrich themselves by illegal means, without Cuomo knowing or suspecting a thing?

Other than his bad associations, Cuomo has been a terrible governor for New York State. He has been a clever phony. He has championed a progressive agenda of: highest taxes, reckless spending, onerous regulations and anti-Upstate actions which have caused many New Yorkers to flee the state. His dishonest expensive false TV ads, which tell New Yorkers how great things are, are a joke. Yet most New Yorkers apparently like Andrew Cuomo despite his administration's corruption, liberalism and incompetence. This is very unfortunate. Our citizens deserve so much better!

## ELECTION 2018

This year's election is a combination of Federal, State and local contests. Four small towns (Mendon, Rush, Wheatland and Hamlin) are represented by Congressman Chris Collins. Chris was the first in Congress to support President Trump. His district is the most Republican Conservative in New York State. Dr. Jim Maxwell is the Congressional candidate in the rest of Monroe County. He has 20,000 former or current patients. Maxwell has a legitimate chance to win. For the statewide candidates we will endorse the candidates supported by the Republican Party. Cuomo is progressive, dishonest and anti-Conservative. Our countywide Judicial Candidates are experienced, talented, firm and fair. We have a long history of endorsing and helping to elect the very best judges. Our endorsed state Senators (6) and Assemblymen (4) are up for re-election and they should easily be re-elected. There are also 13 local election contests. In election 2018 we will continue to support and help elect very good candidates for the benefit of our citizens.

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### NEWSLETTER

**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, all Conservative endorsed candidates and Elected Officials. It is also sent to key contacts throughout Monroe County and New York State (approximately 10,000 recipients). 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.