

# PRID PRESS

**Park River Independent Democrats**  
P.O. Box 237020, Ansonia Station, New York, NY 10023

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 24th at 7:00 PM**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM, SCHWAB HOUSE**  
**285 West End Avenue (between 73-74th Street)**

*AGENDA:*

- ★ Guest Speaker: **JERRY SKURNIK**, political consultant and partner in Prime New York  
Topic: An Early Look at the 2012 Elections
- ★ Treasurer’s Annual Report;
- ★ Elected Officials Reports;
- ★ District Leaders’ Reports;
- ★ Candidate Statements; and
- ★ Prid Elections.

**THE BALLOT BOX WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 to 9:00 PM or 10 MINUTES  
AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, WHICH EVER IS LATER.**

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***JOIN US AT PRID’S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 3/24/11***



***REMINDER: 2011 Membership Dues Are Now Due! You Must Pay Your Dues in Order to Vote!***

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<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>	<u>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</u>
President	Raymond Loving	Gloria Aldamuy
VP Administration	Arlene Karole	Joan Klitzman
VP Finance	Bob Amsterdam	Henrietta Backer
VP Comm. Affairs	Susan Tucker	Fred Beckhardt
Treasurer	Susan Faber	Carol Ethan
Recording Secy.	Arthur Galub	Al Handell
Communications Secy.	Arlene Tyrkko	Jeff House
Membership Officer	Evelyn Polk	Peter Jenkins
District Leader	Cory Erin Haber	Min Shendell (Member Emeritus)
District Leader	Earl Scott	
		David Westerman
		Reina Wolinsky
		Maria Zachmanoglou
		Members of Congress
		Jerrold Nadler
		Members of NYS Senate
		Charles Rangel
		Member of NYS Assembly
		Tom Duane
		City Council Member
		Bill Perkins
		State Committee Members
		Adriano Espaillat
		Linda Rosenthal
		Gale Brewer
		Arthur Greig
		Debra Cooper

## PRID Calendar

Mar. 24 PRID Membership mtg  
 Apr. 4 Prid Exec mtg  
 April 5 Community Board 7  
 Apr. 21 PRID Membership mtg  
 May 2 Prid Exec mtg  
 May 19 PRID Membership mtg  
 June 2 Prid Exec mtg  
 June 12 PRID ANNUAL DINNER  
 Aug. 19 Last Day To Register For Primary Election  
 Sept 5 Labor Day  
 Sept 6 Absentee Ballot Application Deadline for Primary  
 Sept. 8 Last Day To Change Enrollment In The September  
 2011 Primary Election  
 Sep. 13 PRIMARY ELECTION  
 Oct. 14 Last Day To Register For The General Election  
 Nov. 1 Absentee Ballot Application Deadline for General  
 Election  
 Nov. 8 GENERAL ELECTION

## Handy Telephone Numbers

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo	(212) 681-4598
State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman	(800) 771-7755
Senator Charles E. Schumer	(212) 486-4430
Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand	(212) 688-6262
Congressman Jerrold L. Nadler	(212) 367-7350
State Senator Tom Duane	(212) 633-8052
State Senator Bill Perkins	(212) 222-7315
State Senator Adriano Espaillat	(212) 928-5578
State Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal	(212) 873-6368
Comptroller John Liu	(212) 669-3500
Public Advocate Bill De Blasio	(212) 669-7200
Borough President Scott M. Stringer	(212) 669-8300
District Attorney Cyrus Vance	(212) 335-9000
Council Member Gale Brewer	(212) 788-6975
Community Board 7 ( <a href="http://www.cb7.org">www.cb7.org</a> )	(212) 362-4008
20th Precinct (W. 59 – W. 86)	(212) 580-6411
24th Precinct (W. 86 – W.110)	(212) 678-1811
Central Park Precinct	(212) 570-4820
Dept. of Sanitation (Dist. 7, 59 - 110)	(212) 586-7260
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New York City Poison Control Ctr.	(212) 764-7667
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Tom Duane Web Site – <a href="http://www.tomduane.com">www.tomduane.com</a>	
Community Board 7 – <a href="http://www.cb7.org/">http://www.cb7.org/</a>	

## President's Report

By Raymond Loving

Dear Members of Park River,

My two-year term as President of PRID draws to a close this month. I have to say I have thoroughly enjoyed the job. Aggravations, sure; but, the opportunity to be involved in politics even with the tumultuous events of the last two years has been satisfying. Most of all I have enjoyed the people, the members of Park River. We have great members at PRID. People who care about the political life of our city, state, and nation, and who

have been involved in politics through our club for many years. We were out there for the elections last year and the year before, and our democratic candidates, now in office, are off to a promising start. We are also lucky to have capable district leaders, Cory and Earl, who provide effective political leadership.

On a policy note, New York State should adopt GAAP accounting principles and 3rd party annual audited statements for state and municipal budgeting and financial reporting. Currently, accounting at the state and municipal level is riddled with gimmickry. You will remember that NY State borrowed from its pension plan, and called it "revenue" to cover its budget shortfall, which under current accounting is allowed. Some of you may say, What?, Adopting GAAP accounting principles? Since when is that an issue. It is just another aspect of bringing "transparency" (the most over-used word in politics these days. sorry for using it again) to financing state government. If we don't agitate for this and other reforms, don't expect the politicians to do it. Many thanks to Sue Faber who has done a wonderful job as treasurer. Additionally, Carol Ethan is back in action. Welcome back Carol!

Best,

Raymond Loving

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## District Leader Report

By Earl Scott

We have much to be concerned about at the current time. Teachers, who are entrusted with nurturing the nation's most precious asset, its children, are under attack. It is well known that teachers frequently dip into their own pockets to provide needed additional resources in the class room. It is so well accepted as a fact that our tax code allows teachers an offsetting tax deduction for out of pocket and unreimbursed class expenditures by teachers in grades K through 12.

The teaching profession is a task for the committed and the talented. It generally pays the least among other available career choices to which a college graduate can aspire. Yet, despite the obvious self-sacrifice of the nation's teachers, conservative politicians have become increasingly strident in their attacks on teachers. They forget that if we continue to batter teachers while acknowledging that most are doing excellent work, we will take away any incentive and desire for new college graduates to become teachers and thereby diminish the future supply.

Let's show respect and appreciation for all that teachers do. Let's pay them more so that they can live a decent lifestyle. Let's spend more on training teachers rather than criticize them. Let's stand up for them as

they stand up for our children. Most of all, let's not penalize teachers for low test scores of underperforming students. Perhaps, instead, we should consider assigning our most experienced teachers to schools with chronic low performance test scores. Teachers are not magicians. We must remember that public school teachers do not get to select their charges as do operators of charter schools. Moreover, we cannot take away tenure or pension rights from teachers who have given several years of service to the system. It is the bargain they made and we should honor it. Of course, that does not mean that we cannot reassign teachers when necessary to further enhance the education our children receive.

Our hearts go out to all the victims of the earthquake and resulting tsunami that occurred in Japan. We know that the United States and the rest of the international community will spare no effort in rushing aid to those who are stricken. At the same time, we must take another hard look at nuclear energy as a viable alternative to fossil fuels in this country.

A coalition of Upper West Side clubs is taking the initiative of urging our elected officials to ensure that the operating licenses of Indian Point nuclear facility, just 38 miles north of New York City, will not be renewed when the current licenses expire in 2013 and 2015. We have discussed this question before. The current crisis in Japan concerning a possible meltdown and release of radioactive contaminants that threaten life should be reviewed thoroughly along with the possibility of a similar occurrence in this country and particularly in older nuclear power plants that were built without the most recent failsafe technologies.

We will be holding our annual meeting and club elections at the March 24<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. Please be sure to attend and vote. We offer our thanks and appreciation to outgoing club president Raymond Loving along with the outgoing officers and Executive Board members for their service to the club during the past year. We also thank Raymond for making his home available for club events on several occasions.

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The PRID Constitution requires that there shall be a nominating committee, whose members shall be the political leaders and seven club members elected at the November membership meeting. An election of members of the Nominating Committee was held at

the November 30<sup>th</sup> membership meeting and the following club members were elected. This election was rescheduled from November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Nominating Committee Members

Arthur Galub  
Joan Klitzman  
Raymond Loving  
Vincent Meehan  
Anne Raphael  
David Zelman  
Cory Erin Haber  
Earl Scott

Nominations for club officers and Executive Committee positions were made by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor were rescheduled from January to the February membership meeting and the club elections and annual membership meeting were rescheduled from February to March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Nominees' Profiles:

**President: Dottye Seales.** A retired faculty member from The City College (CCNY) continued to teach courses in psychology until 2008 at the College of New Rochelle. At CCNY she served on the Executive committee of the Faculty Senate for six years. She has been a resident of the West Side for 36 years. She has held the following offices: Executive Board, New York State Counseling Association, NYS Regional Representative to American Counseling Association, President, Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development, a division of the American Counseling Association. She joined and began working with PRID during Clinton's campaign for second term. As a PRID member she has held the following offices: Secretary, VP, Community Affairs, VP, Finance, VP, Administration and PRESIDENT. Dr. Seales has been Chair of the PRID Annual Fund-raising Dinner six times. She has worked in national and local campaigns for PRID supported candidates during these years. Dottye Seales, PRID Exec. member, has been chosen as an honoree by the Mid Manhattan Branch NAACP. Honors will be conferred at the Annual NAACP luncheon to be held September 17, 2011.

**President: David Zelman.** Married to an excellent high school English teacher for the past 40 years. Educated. Community Activist for over 20 years. Publisher of the Schwab House Gazette. Former Board Member of the Schwab House. Former Exec. Board member of the Ansonia Democrats. Member of PRID. Community member of CB #7. Active participant and former Officer of the 20<sup>th</sup> Pct. Council. Member of W. 75<sup>th</sup> St. Block Ass'n. For over 20 years, CEO of Prologue 2000, Inc. a design and manufacturing firm. Artist with works in the permanent collections of major museums throughout the country. Designer featured in almost every design magazine in the U.S and abroad.

**VP Administration: Joan Klitzman.** PRID Treasurer: 1 year, Vice. Pres. For Admin. 1year. Active member: 7 yrs.

**VP Finance: Raymond Loving.** PRID member since 1982; former President of PRID; Attorney in private practice; Practice areas include criminal law, family law, and personal injury; Majority of practice is assigned counsel work where I am appointed by the court to represent poor individuals in criminal cases.

**VP Community Affairs: Susan Tucker.** Former Communications Sect.; former VP Community Affairs, Recording Secretary; PRID campaigns and petition drives; attorney; NOW volunteer; Masters in Public Administration in Human Resource Management from CUNY John Jay and was also admitted to the honor society for that subject. I would be proud to serve as VP for Community Affairs, a position I held in the past. I am knowledgeable about West Side community problems, having lived on the West Side for over 30 years.

**Treasurer: A. Gloria Aldamuy.** Dear Members of Park River, I am running for Treasurer, and I'd like to share with you my qualifications for the job and my vision for Park River. For the last thirty years I've run a Customs Brokerage business located near the site of the World Trade Center. My office building was shut down during the aftermath of the Trade Center attack and we were forced to relocate for nine months. We returned and rebuilt with new equipment and personnel. Fortunately, our clients remained loyal and their business did not suffer. I believe that the skills I have relied on in business will be of great value in the role of Treasurer. Most important is my ability to work with people constructively to get things done. I am confident that I can assist in mediating between the differing viewpoints within the club and help forge consensus.

**Membership Officer: Bob Amsterdam.** I have been an active member for many years and am currently managing the PRID website.

**Recording Secretary: Arthur Galub.** Currently Recording Secretary. PRID member since 1996. Took part in all political campaigns since then. Served in various officer capacities as well as member-at-large of executive committee. Member, nominating committee, constitution committee. Member, county committee. Delegate or alternate delegate to judicial nominating conventions. Attorney; professor emeritus Bronx Community College/CUNY; active in professional and scholarly organizations.

**Communications Secretary: Arlene M. Tyrkko.** I've been a member of Prid for 14 years. During that time I've been proud to do the jobs I've done and helped with. Communication is such a vital part of our lives. Prid Press is the one tool the club has to stay in touch with its members. I look forward to getting the Prid Press out in a timely manner. Thank you for your support.

**Political Leader Male: Earl Scott.** Current District Leader; electrical engineer; patent attorney; former Assistant United States Attorney; Adjunct Professor of Business Law and Intellectual Property Law at The New School; former Prid president; John Kerry delegate, 2004 Democratic National Convention; member, New York County Democratic Judiciary Committee; actively campaigned on behalf of Democratic candidates in past presidential election campaigns; coordinated PRID's tabling, petitioning drives and campaign button solicitation effort for several years.

**Political Leader Female: Cory Erin Haber.** Current serving female District Leader for Park River. She has been active in campaign and petitioning drives as well as fund raising campaigns on behalf of the club. Cory spearheaded the recent State of the Union watch party with other clubs in the community. She has worked on various local issues with our elected representatives and attends many meet-

ings and events on behalf of the district. As District Leader, Cory is involved with judicial candidates. Cory was rewarded for her hard work by receiving the coveted "District Leader Rookie of the Year" award from County Chairman Keith Wright. Professionally, Cory is an attorney and specializes in litigation.

#### **Exec Committee Members-at-Large:**

**Henrietta Backer.** Taught elementary school, Philadelphia, PA; former Democratic Committeewoman, Merrick, Long Island, involved in the election campaign of Congressman Allard Lowenstein; also worked with Michael Harrington, the author of "The Other America," to establish caucuses within the Democratic Party to address the growing inequities in our society; former chair, Princeton Community Democratic Organization, Princeton, NJ. and worked very closely with the students on the Princeton campus "The Young Democrats;" former Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Princeton; was a long time volunteer at the Princeton Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament. Early on my arrival in New York three years ago, I was wonderfully impressed by the voter registration tabling I found in front of Fairway. I joined PRID immediately and have volunteered at the tables. I have continued my lifelong activity in the national secular Jewish self-help organization, the Workmen's Circle ("W.C."), founded by immigrants, whose purpose was "a better more beautiful world for all", now serving on the National Executive Board.

**Fred Beckhardt.** Before joining PRID I was President of Ansonia. I have been president of parents association PS 199. District Leader PRID 1971-75. Member Community Board #5 1975-1992 Parks Committee Chairman Board 5. Advisory Committee Lower West Legal Services board. Self employed Theater Ticket Broker. Member Duke Ellington Society. Active in many past Judicial and Legislative campaigns.

**Susan Faber.** I have been a member of PRID, on and off, since 1968. Being a Real Estate Broker gives me some of the financial experience needed to function as treasurer. (FYI - I balance my personal check book to the penny every month.) During my years as a member of PRID I have worked on campaigns and volunteered at the annual dinner. Thank you for considering me.

**Olive Freud.** Lived on the Upper West Side for the last 50 years. She is an activist and has been involved in numerous political and environmental issues. She has her own organization the Committee For Environmentally Sound Development (CFESD). Olive can be reached at (212) 877-4394 or Elfreud@aol.com.

**Alan Handell.** A two time President of the Club, Alan Handell has been a member of Park River for over 35 years. He has also served the Club as a judicial delegate or alternate for over 25 years. In his capacity as official printer for the Manhattan Democratic party he has helped thousands of Democrats get elected to public and party office. He also serves on the National Board of Directors of World Hunger Year, one of the country's leading organizations fighting hunger and poverty. WHY was founded by the late great folk singer Harry Chapin.

**Jeff House.** Jeff served as a member of the Executive Committee 2002-2003 and as Vice-President Administration 2003-2004. In February 2004, Jeff was elected President. Jeff is an attorney with a law firm in midtown where he practices environmental law and litigation. In addition, as time permits, he pursues his passion for acting, primarily on the stage in New York.

**Peter M. Jenkins.** PRID member 20+ years, current President, former V.P.-Admin, V.P.-Community Affairs, Lowenstein Ctte, Nom. Ctte-Chair, Constit Ctte, Editor, PRID

Press; President, Rachel Carson Democratic Association; New Democratic Coalition-Asst Treasurer. Campaigns for Pres. Clinton, Carter, Mondale, Gore, Cong. Nadler, Gov. Cuomo, McCall, Norman Siegel for Pub Advocate, D.A. Morgenthau, B.P. Stringer, Councilmember Brewer, etc.

**Vincent Meehan.** MPH from UC-Berkeley, MBA from Baruch College. President of Schwab House 2 years; Scoutmaster for Upper Westside Boy Scout Troop for 10 years; administrator of return to work programs for State of NY.

**Evelyn Polk.** Born a long time ago Have been a Manhattan resident since 1980. Noticed the PRID table in front of Fairway while living on West 92nd St. Became a PRID member some time after the Gore debacle and have grown increasingly politically active nationally and locally since that time. Have relished being on the exec bd for the past four years and kept the membership list since 2009. Would love to continue as an exec member at-large.

**Fran Schoen.** Has lived on the Upper West Side for more than 50 years and has always been active in county affairs – West 79<sup>th</sup> St. Block Association, Parents Association at PS 87 and, of course, PRID. She cares deeply about our democratic community. She has been a paralegal and a teacher. An avid bridge player, she currently supervises several groups at various Senior Centers. She has just completed the course for Senior Advocacy given by JASA and hopes to impart her knowledge to Park River.

**David Westerman.** In the district since 2001, previously residing in Rye, NY since 1968, and before that in The Bronx. Active in leadership roles in Bronx and NYC Reform Democratic politics for about 11 years including Reform candidacy for Bronx Borough President in 1957 Democratic primary election. Member first community planning board for West Bronx. Campaign manager for Cong. Jonathan Bingham. Active in Democratic Party in Rye and Westchester County 1968-2001, including service as Chair, Rye City Democratic Party; member Executive Committee, Westchester County Democratic Party; Rye Human Rights Commission. Active in local school affairs as PTO president and Chair, Rye Nonpartisan Committee for Selection of School Board Candidates. Interested in helping rejuvenate grassroots reform politics.

**Reina Wolinsky.** Reina Wolinsky was born in Guatemala, raised in Honduras, and came to this country nearly 50 years ago. Reina remembers casting her first vote for Harry Truman, Democrat for President. Since that time, Reina has been involved with the Democratic Part working on numerous campaigns. She is a licensed cosmetologist by profession, having worked in the industry for over 40 years. Reina has worked with many celebrity and show business clients including Liberace, Judy Holiday and Peggy Lee. Although Reina is retired, she remains very active volunteering her time to her community. She is currently a Board Member and Office of Sociedad Honduras New York, Inc., delegate o the Desfile of the Hispanidad, and active with the Red Cross and numerous relief missions and causes to victims of devastation worldwide. Reina is a widow, mother of a young international executive at Standard & Poors, a dedicated New Yorker, and lives on the Upper West Side.

**Maria Zachmanoglou.** As a long standing, active Democrat in several cities and states where I lived, I am particularly pleased to be a member of PRID. In the past year, I have engaged in organizing, fund raising and vote-getting in various places. For many years, starting in the early 60's I was in the forefront of the anti-war movement in the midwest and am now a member of the local Grandmothers for Peace. Currently, I work full-time as a psychologist with the New York City Department of Education with my office in Harlem. My volunteer community work consisted largely of advocating for housing for peo-

ple with mental illness. PRID has a wonderful history of liberal and progressive accomplishments and I shall try to contribute my very best to that tradition.

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## Governor Andrew Cuomo

By Vince Meehan

An inauguration of a new governor is a time of optimism and goodwill, but optimism must be tempered with caution. Choleric Carl was a gift, but also a curse to the Democrats. A gift, because he was a gaffe-a-day geyser, spewing bilious drivel so repugnant that even staunch Republicans were repulsed. His “I’ll take you out!” comment to a New York Post reporter sealed his fate. A curse, because his cantankerous, Howard Beale persona allowed Andrew Cuomo to run on a right-tilted platform. For instance, his proposal to cap property taxes (excluding NYC) may sound appealing, but Proposition 13 in California has so handcuffed the state fiscally that they are reeling from the consequences, e.g., 12.4% unemployment and a \$28 billion budget gap. Capping property taxes and reducing taxes for the wealthy puts enormous pressure on spending while the economy is still struggling. Dean Skelos (R-Rockville Center), the Senate majority leader, has signaled his approval of Cuomo’s approach, except for Cuomo’s plan for a 5% pay cut of his \$179,000 salary (plus housing and meals). Skelos stated it was Cuomo’s choice to cut his own salary, but “you need more than symbolism” to close the deficit, indicating he would not ask his caucus or staff to share the pain! This is cause for concern.

The campaign poetry is jobs, jobs, jobs, while the governing prose is laying off 900 workers - 900 more unemployed, 900 more collecting benefits, and 900 fewer taxpayers. The poetry of the campaign is: we must eliminate the corrosive influence of special interests on government. The prose of governing is soliciting funds from business interests for an advertising campaign to support your agenda. Cozying up to business lobbyists is an inauspicious start to cleaning up the corrupt, criminal cesspit in Albany.

The State’s condition is so dire that cuts will be made across the board: health care, education, public em-

ployees, transportation, environmental protection, and parks. Yet tax rates for those making more than \$200,000 per year are being reduced, and that's on top of the renewal of the Bush tax cuts.

Governor Cuomo has announced many promising proposals to reform Albany and rein in spending. However, if all the nattering about fiscal austerity is a smokescreen for ignoring the impoverished and the middle class, will our elected officials have the resolve to stand up for our values? If they don't stand up for us, will we stand up to them? Will we remain quiet while labor is scapegoated for budget shortfalls caused by a Republican recession, Gekkoesque shenanigans on Wall Street, tax cuts for the wealthy, invading Iraq, and inadequate oversight? Will we allow our core principles to be sacrificed on the altar of oedipal ambition, while yet another son tries to fulfill his father's destiny?

Keep in mind that Schumer, Gillibrand, Schneiderman, and DiNapoli won statewide races on progressive platforms, indicating that Cuomo's victory was as much a "*refudiation*" of Republicans as it was a mandate for his agenda. Barry Goldwater's words at the 1964 GOP convention are worth remembering: "...*moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.*"

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GENERAL ELECTION 2010 TALLY  
67 A.D. & NEW YORK COUNTY

**Assembly District 67**

**Total Ballots 40,649**

CUOMO / DUFFY (DEM.)	29,390	72.3%
CUOMO / DUFFY (WF)	3,330	8.2
CUOMO / DUFFY (IND)	1,202	3.0
PALADINO / EDWARDS (REP)	3,449	8.5
PALADINO / EDWARDS (CON)	333	1.0

**New York County**

**Total Ballots 364,619**

CUOMO / DUFFY (DEM)	264,812	72.6%
CUOMO / DUFFY (WF)	25,230	6.9
CUOMO / DUFFY (IND)	10,230	2.8
PALADINO / EDWARDS (REP)	31,729	8.7
PALADINO / EDWARDS (CON)	3,321	1.0

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NEW YORK CITY ANTI-WAR RALLY MARCH 19 AT  
TIMES SQUARE IN SOLIDARITY WITH VETERANS FOR  
PEACE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

If you're unable to join the Veterans for Peace protest at the White House on March 19, we're planning a support rally here in New York City. In conjunction with the local chapter of Veterans for Peace, we're going to do it again....protest the war in Afghanistan and demand that our troops be brought home immediately.

On Dec. 16th, we had a successful rally at the Times Square recruiting center in support of the big one at the White House organized by the Vets for Peace, at which 131 people were arrested. Approximately 80-100 people joined us here in NYC and 11 of our group got arrested. Among participants at the event were the Granny Peace Brigade, the Catholic Workers, the local Veterans for Peace, members of the War Resisters League, the Raging Grannies and others. There are wonderful videos of our rally all over the Internet.

Let's have an even bigger one on Saturday, March 19, to commemorate the invasion of Iraq 8 years ago on that date in 2003. Same time -- 5 to 6 p.m. Same place -- Military Island at Broadway and 44th St. We will have speeches from leaders in the peace movement, as well as songs, again, by the Raging Grannies, followed by non-violent civil disobedience. Please give thought to participating in that portion of the rally.

Inspired by the massive turnouts in Wisconsin and elsewhere on behalf of the public employee unions, we should be able to mobilize large numbers here to END THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN AND THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ.

Please put this on your calendars and, if you're not planning to go to Washington for the big protest, please join us in Times Square.

LET'S RISE UP AND END THESE CONFLICTS THAT KILL INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND OUR OWN MILITARY, AND SUCK THE MONEY AWAY FROM OUR NEEDS HERE AT HOME!!!

Contact Joan Wile, Grandmothers Against the War, at [joanwile263@aol.com](mailto:joanwile263@aol.com), 917-441-0651

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## To the Membership

By David Zelman

The other night we heard Assemblywoman Rosenthal discuss the scary situations that we are encountering. She listed 3 items that are serious and need to be addressed forcefully. 1. To insure that Cumo's plan to allow the "rich persons" tax surcharge to expire 2. To see to it that ethics reform is passed and that the ethics reform require legislators to reveal their clients, and 3. To pass a law that states that if an elected official is convicted of a felony, he/ she would not be entitled to a pension.

We need to take the lead in making sure that these 3 items become process, we need to reach out to other Democratic and Republican clubs throughout the city and call for a "day of democracy" where hundreds of concerned individuals take to the streets gathering petitions denouncing this assault on the Democratic Party and process. We need to call upon our elected officials, Assemblywoman Rosenthal, Senators Duanne and Espaillat, BP Stringer, and Cong. Nadler to mobilize their forces and assist us in taking these issues to the streets.

We need to act, and we need to act quickly.

Respectfully,  
David Zelman

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Tuesday May 5, 2011, 6:30 PM**

– **Community Board 7:** Full Board Meeting at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, 1000 Tenth Avenue (West 59th Street)

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### Membership Dues Reminder

**Dues for 2011 are now due and payable. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE UNLESS YOUR DUES ARE PAID. Include your email address if you wish to be on the PRID email list -- email is an important means of club communication.**

*Please send your 2011 dues payment to PRID at P.O. Box 237020, Ansonia Station, New York, NY 10023. Also, please send the completed back page of this bulletin along with your check.*

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We also would like to hear from you about your celebrations, family outings, new additions, political activities, and other news. Use email address [cethan@nyc.rr.com](mailto:cethan@nyc.rr.com) to communicate with us.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PRID Web Site / E-mail Group / Prid Press. If you have a background or experience in graphics, publishing, web site creation or maintenance and would like to contribute some of your time and talent to managing the PRID web site or PRID PRESS monthly bulletin, please contact us (email: [info@prid.org](mailto:info@prid.org)).



State of the Borough  
Address, February 8th  
2011, at the Graduate  
Center, the City Univer-  
sity of New York .

Borough President  
Scott Stringer,

Shelley Winfrey,

District Leader Earl  
Scott

# Park River Independent Democrats

## Membership Registration Form

Annual Dues:	General Membership	\$35
	Sustaining Membership	\$75
	Limited Income Membership	\$15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Skills/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New membership: \_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_

Please mail your completed application and check payable to:  
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