



September 2015

## Staten Island Democratic Association

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At our Next Meeting:

**Panel on GMOs**



- **State Senator  
Diane Savino**



- **Dr. John Piazza**



- **Alex Beuchamp  
Food & Water Watch**

Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 8:00 P.M.

Charlie Brown's Steakhouse, 1001 Goethals Road North



## Editorial Policy

Items for publication must be submitted to the newsletter no later than the last Friday of the month before the meeting. Please send items to: [cmaxbauer@yahoo.com](mailto:cmaxbauer@yahoo.com).

Unless explicitly stated, the views herein are those of the authors and not of S.I.D.A.

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*"I hold it, that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms are in the physical."*

*- Thomas Jefferson*  
1787

### S.I.D.A. Executive Committee

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		Ex Officio .....	Tom Shcherbenko

## S.I.D.A. President's Statement

September 2015

Our speakers for the September 2015 meeting will discuss the topic of GMO's (Genetically Modified Organisms). These are food products that have been modified at the gene level. These are relatively new products, and we do not know the long term consequences of eating these products. However, the corporations that are creating these grains and other products do not want American consumers to know which food products have been adulterated with GMO's: the House of Representatives voted on July 23 for the "Dark Act" – HR1599, known as the "Deny Americans the Right to Know" Act. This legislation would ban laws passed by state and local governments to regulated and require labels for foods that contain GMO's. [[http://ecowatch.com/2015/07/24/house-passes-dark-act/?utm\\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\\_campaign=8f4224190d-Monthly\\_News\\_7\\_31\\_2015&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_49c7d43dc9-8f4224190d-86000097](http://ecowatch.com/2015/07/24/house-passes-dark-act/?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=8f4224190d-Monthly_News_7_31_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-8f4224190d-86000097)]

More than 30 states have introduced legislation to require labels for Genetically Modified foods, and the states of Connecticut, Maine and Vermont passed this legislation. Senator Diane Savino is a co-sponsor for legislation to require labeling GMO's in New York State. All over the world, countries have required labeling these products, and 26 countries have banned them. It is a betrayal of the American people to try to deprive them of this knowledge about what is in their food.

Another example of the way Americans are being kept in the dark about their food products is the lack of requirements for milk to be labeled when it is from cows treated with growth hormones and/or antibiotics. Unless a milk product specifically states that it has not been adulterated with these chemicals, one should assume that it does contain them. This is another area where we do not know what the long term consequences would be from consuming these items. Are the antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria and increasing levels of early onset of puberty due in part to the consumption of these adulterated products? Why do the corporations responsible for these products feel the need to keep secret what food items contain their products?

One of the reasons given for the need for cows to be treated with these chemicals is because of the horrible conditions in which they are kept. America's farms have come a long way from Old MacDonald's; now factory farms owned by large corporations try to maximize profits at the expense of humane treatment of the animals and at the expense of the safety of the food products they produce for American consumption. [<https://www.aspc.org/fight-cruelty/farm-animal-cruelty/what-factory-farm>] The American taxpayers are subsidizing these factory farms and their atrocities towards the animals! [<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2012/03/overhauling-the-farm-bill-the-real-beneficiaries-of-subsidies/254422/>] Even as the Republicans in Congress keep trying to strip the farm bills of funding for the SNAP program, that provides nutrition subsidies for poor families with children, the elderly and disabled, including around 900,000 of our veterans, and the families of our troops in active service, they keep the subsidies for the corporations that control the factory farms. Both humane treatment of farm animals and the safety of the food products consumed by us should be given more consideration by our elected officials, instead of their repeated attempts to protect the corporations at our expense.

- Joann Olbrich



## Senator Diane Savino

*State Senator Diane Savino will be a guest speaker on a panel on GMOs at our September 15 General Membership Meeting. She provided us with the following biographical information. Also copied below is text from the Sponsor's Memo for Senator Lavalle's bill S485A of which Senator Savino is a co-sponsor, and which would require the labeling of foods containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs).*

### Biography

New York State Senator Diane J. Savino (Democrat, Independent, Staten Island-Brooklyn) was born and raised in Astoria, Queens and was educated at Most Precious Blood Elementary School and Dominican Commercial High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree from St. John's University in Psychology with a minor in Sociology and has a degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University.

Diane Savino has dedicated her entire professional career towards improving the lives of working families. She began her career in public service as a caseworker for New York City's Child Welfare Administration, providing direct assistance to abused and neglected children.

An active member of her local labor union, the Social Service Employees Union, Local 371, DC 37 of AFSCME, she quickly rose through the ranks to become the Vice President for Political Action & Legislative Affairs, where she became one of the most respected labor leaders in New York State.

Senator Savino has authored numerous laws protecting hard-working New Yorkers. Among the laws she has had enacted is the first in the nation **Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights**, expanding basic worker protection rights to domestic workers; the **Prompt Pay Bill**, which ensures prompt payment to construction contractors and their employees; **Wage Theft Prevention Act**, assessing preventative and punitive measures on employers that steal income from their employees; and another national first **The New York State Commercial Goods Transportation Industry Fair Play Act**, establishing new standards for determining whether a commercial truck driver is an employee or an independent contractor, helping to further protect workers' rights statewide.

Local initiatives include the establishment of a Quiet Zone on the Staten Island Ferry; Access-a-Ride, Railway, Ferry and Express Bus Service Surveys; a Mobile District Office; the annual "Back to School Blasts" to give away free school supplies to students; Veterans' Benefit and Job Fair; Street Games; Soap Box Derbies; Read to Lead literacy programs; Women's Health Events; a series of hearings on the foreclosure and subprime lending crisis; district-wide workshops for seniors on the Medicare prescription drug plan, and statewide hearings on Heroin and Opioid abuse and HPV, the virus that causes cervical cancer and the HPV vaccine.

In 2015 her Standing Committee Assignments were: Banks (Chair – 2015 – present) Labor (Chair – 2013-14 Sessions), Children and Families (Chair, 2011-12 Sessions), Civil Service and Pensions (Chair, 2009-10 Sessions), Cities, Codes, Consumer Protection, Crime Victims, Finance and Judiciary.

**NYS Senate Bill S485A**  
[text from Sponsor's Memo]

**SPONSOR:** LAVALLE

**TITLE OF BILL:** An act to amend the general business law and the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the labeling of genetically modified foods

**PURPOSE:** To require the labeling of genetically modified foods and other consumable products made from genetically modified materials.

**JUSTIFICATION:** In the past few decades, genetic engineering has enabled the development of new foods and crops. Genetic engineering is a process which allows for the altering of the genetic material contained in an organism to change the characteristics the organism will display as it develops. The introduction of these new genes is no longer limited to genes from similar species, as the genes from animals or other plant species can be added to create new character traits within a particular organism. The genes are generally introduced into the cells of the organism with the use of viruses, antibiotic-resistant genes, and bacteria. The emergence of these new crops has initiated debate among countries, scientists, farmers, and environmentalists.

A variety of plants are being grown that contain genetically modified organisms, including corn, canola, cotton, wheat, apples and strawberries. It has been estimated that 60-70% of packaged grocery products contain some genetically modified organism ingredients. Consumers should be provided the information necessary to make informed decisions when choosing food products for their families. This legislation requires that the information be provided through product labeling requirement.



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**Dr. John Piazza**

*Dr. John Piazza will be a guest speaker on a panel on GMOs at our September 15 General Membership Meeting. His office provided the following biography.*

**Dr. John Piazza**

**W**ith his integrated, multi-faceted approach that addresses his patients' whole-body wellness, Dr. Piazza is a recognized and respected authority on health, nutrition and fitness. A practicing doctor in the field of chiropractic care since 1996, Dr. Piazza is passionate about the benefits of incorporating dietary and lifestyle changes for better health.

Dr. Piazza's work with amateur and professional athletes has made his practice, NY Chiropractic & Physical Therapy, one of the nation's top centers for the rehabilitation of sports-related injuries. Dr. Piazza is also the founder of the Sports Science Lab. The Sports Science Lab, slated to launch in September 2015, measures and quantifies the subtleties and complexities of athletic movement through the use of the state-of-the-art sports science technologies utilized by leading human performance labs, professional organizations such as the MLB, NFL, MLS, NBA, UFC and the United States Olympic training center.

Drawing upon his experience as a doctor and as a health and fitness enthusiast, Dr. Piazza has published his Nutrition Reform and Weight Loss program guide. The program features

advanced and scientifically backed equipment, exercises and a nutrition regime to achieve health and optimal physical fitness. A frequent lecturer at local and national conferences, Dr. Piazza often is a featured industry expert on television and in print. He recently served as a presenter at the prestigious NY/NJ Pain Medicine Symposium.

A graduate of Life Chiropractic College and the City University of New York, Staten Island, Dr. Piazza is an active philanthropist, supporting local organizations such as the Grace Foundation and the Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden. He is President for District 5 (Richmond County) of the New York Chiropractic Association and is a member of both the New York Chiropractic Council and the American Chiropractic Association. In 2014, Dr. Piazza was selected by Borough President James Oddo to serve on his health and wellness advisory council.



## August 2015 Minutes

### **General Meeting August 18, 2015**

President Olbrich called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. She announced that we would be holding the endorsement vote for Staten Island District Attorney (D.A.) and also for S.I.D.A. members that are elected party officers and District Leaders. She told members that Tom Shcherbenko and Rosemary Palladino volunteered to hand out the ballots.

Marie Dwyer made a motion to close voting at 9:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Richenda Kramer. Mark Herman made a friendly amendment to change the time to 9:30 p.m. The friendly amendment was accepted by Marie. The motion to close voting at 9:30 pm carried. Paul Scublinsky, Bryan Ellicott and Cindy Lowney volunteered to count the ballots.

### **Vice President's Report**

Marie Dwyer gave a report on behalf of Vice President Susan Chew and presented highlights from the July 30 Executive Committee Meeting.

### **Executive Secretary's Report**

Executive Secretary Mark Herman spoke about the election for Staten Island D.A. He also spoke about the status of the Trans Pacific Partnership (T.P.P.) and the upcoming Presidential election. He suggested that we invite representatives from both the Hilary Clinton and Bernie Sanders campaigns to speak at a future meeting.

President Olbrich announced that invitations for the upcoming S.I.D.A. banquet have been printed and she mentioned that they will be mailed out during the week of August 24.

### **Issues Committee**

Committee Chair Richard Reichard spoke about the status of the T.P.P. legislation He reminded members that he is trying to schedule a rally to celebrate the anniversaries of both Medicare and

Social Security. He is hoping to schedule the rally in September. He also reported that Rich Florentino is writing a paper on corporate personhood.

There was discussion about how Bernie Sanders can get on the Presidential ballot since he is registered as an Independent. Richard said that he feels we should have a speaker that is familiar with election law. He said we should invite representatives from the Clinton and also the Sanders campaign in February or March.

### **Social Secretary's Report**

Social Secretary Roy Moskowitz announced that the annual banquet will be held on October 1 at the Crystal Room. He listed all the names of the honorees. Roy also mentioned that he was speaking with Marie about establishing an incentive program for members that sell non-endemic ads. i.e. ads that we don't normally get. He would like to give members that sell these ads a discount on their banquet ticket. President Olbrich asked Roy to write up something for her to send out to the members. Roy also told members he had banquet invitations with him and asked who would like to take their invitation instead of having it mailed out to them.

President Olbrich gave S.I.D.A. members that are running for reelection for party offices and District Leaders the opportunity to speak to the members. The following members spoke: John Sollazzo (running for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Belinda Dixon (running for Secretary), Tom Shcherbenko (running for District Leader 61<sup>st</sup> A.D.), Joann Olbrich (running for District Leader 64<sup>th</sup> A.D.).

Joy Robins asked to speak to members about a piece "Some simple Questions for SI Dems" that was circulated at the meeting by Richard Luthman. She expressed her concerns about the way the Democratic Party is being run on Staten Island and feels we need a change. Richard Luthman thanked Joy and said he takes full credit for the piece that Joy mentioned. He spoke about the case he has against the current party chairman.

### **New Business**

Tom Shcherbenko mentioned his concern about the fact that there was no county convention held to discuss the South Shore City Council race. Carmen Cagnetta explained that since it's a special election, candidates run on their own and the party cannot nominate anyone.

Tom also announced he received an e-mail from the Food and Water Watch inviting our club to sign a global initiative against fracking. Tom made a motion for S.I.D.A. to sign on to the letter against fracking. The motion carried unanimously. President Olbrich said she would go to the website to add S.I.D.A. to the signers of the letter.

Dennis Brown announced that the N.A.A.C.P. is holding Freedom Lunch on September 26 to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He made a motion for S.I.D.A. to take a full page ad (\$150) in their luncheon journal. Belinda Dixon seconded the motion. President Olbrich reported that the expenditure was already discussed and approved at the recent Executive Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Richard Reichard made the following motion: *Motion for S.I.D.A. to support the re-authorization of the Voter's Rights Act.* The motion carried unanimously.

Roy Moskowitz circulated a sheet for members that were taking banquet invitations to sign so the invitations wouldn't also be mailed out.

Helen Settles made a motion to purchase one ticket for President Olbrich to attend the N.A.A.C.P. Freedom luncheon on September 26, price \$100. Richard Reichard seconded the motion. The motion carried with 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

President Olbrich announced that there is a fundraiser planned for Mike McMahon and it is being co-sponsored by South Shore Dems, The Young Dems, DORC and the North Shore Dems on September 21 at The Old Bermuda Inn. She mentioned that S.I.D.A. was asked to join as a co-sponsor of the event. Richard Reichard made a motion that S.I.D.A. join all the other Democratic clubs in co-sponsoring the fundraiser for Mike McMahon on Sep 21. Dennis Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposed

### **Endorsement Vote Results**

President Olbrich announced the results of the endorsement votes:

*District Attorney*

(38 Ballots Cast):

Michael McMahon.....	28
No Endorsement.....	7
Joan Illuzzi.....	2
Robert Gigante.....	1

**S.I.D.A. endorsed Michael McMahon.**

*Democratic Committee of Richmond County Officers*

*First Vice Chair*

John Sollazzo .....	30
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*Secretary*

Belinda Dixon.....	30
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*Executive Secretary*

Michelle Akyempong.....	27
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*For Democratic Committee of Rich County District Leaders*

*61<sup>st</sup> A.D. Zone 1 Female*

Joann Mardikos.....	21
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*61<sup>st</sup> A.D. Zone 1 Male*

Tom Shcherbenko .....	35
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*61<sup>st</sup> A.D. Zone 2 Male*

Danielle Lavelle .....	25
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*62<sup>nd</sup> A.D. Zone 1 Male*

John Mastellone Male .....	21
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*62<sup>nd</sup> A.D. Zone 2 Female*

Rosemarie Magnano Cavanagh .....	32
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*63<sup>rd</sup> A.D. Zone 2 Male*

Paul Cinquemani.....	30
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*64<sup>th</sup> A.D. Zone 1 Female*

Joann Olbrich.....	32
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*64<sup>th</sup> A.D. Zone 1 Male*

John Mancuso .....	26
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**Everyone was endorsed.**



### Announcements

Helen Settles announced that Julian Bond passed away and felt S.I.D.A. should send a letter of condolence to his widow. Ashley Owens from Mike McMahon's campaign announced that the campaign plans the next two Saturdays as "Saturdays of Action". She urged members to come out to help. President Olbrich announced that a program on GMOs is planned for the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Marie Dwyer*  
*Corresponding &*  
*Recording Secretary*



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### Letters

*We in S.I.D.A. like to make our views known. The following are some of the letters written by S.I.D.A. members that have appeared in print. Unless otherwise indicated, all letters were in the Staten Island Advance and/or posted on the Advance's website www.silive.com. Unless explicitly stated, the views herein are those of the authors and are not the views of S.I.D.A.*

Online August 12, 2015

Printed August 12, 2015

*New York Daily News*

Staten Island: Megyn Kelly is a hypocrite! As offensive and repulsive as Donald Trump's statements about women have been, who has been harmed by them? Meanwhile, every other man on that stage at the Republican debate has supported policies that are disastrous for the women of this country. All of the men vying for the Republican nomination oppose equal and equitable pay for women. They also oppose the right of women to make their own medical choices, without the interference of government and someone else's religion. Where was Kelly defending the rights of women against these policies? Every Republican candidate opposes raising the minimum wage; some even would eliminate the minimum wage altogether. Most of those earning the minimum wage are adult women, often the sole support for themselves and their families. Why isn't Kelly speaking up on behalf of all of those women?

*- Joann Olbrich*

Online August 7, 2015

Printed August 18, 2015

#### **Don't Be Unhappy with the Mayor**

Who do these public opinion poll takers talk to? The latest poll says New Yorkers are unhappy with Mayor de Blasio. I guess those pollsters didn't ask the one million people who now enjoy paid sick leave thanks to our mayor. They probably didn't ask the hundred thousand parents whose children now attend public pre-kindergarten, something considered impossible two years ago. I wonder if they asked people who shop at Whole Foods if they appreciate our mayor saving them money?

Or maybe they asked people who don't approve of our lowered speed limits. I'm sure they heard from some who are opposed to people living in projects getting free Internet. And not everyone is happy that our mayor helped secure an extension of rent stabilization laws. Some issues will always be divisive, that's the nature of our democracy – but I have a hard time believing that the people benefiting from those programs are unhappy with our mayor.

I'm happy with the progress that our mayor has made so far. I didn't expect all our problems to be solved overnight, but this is a good start.

- Tom Shcherbenko

Online August 13, 2015

Printed August 20, 2015

### **Fifty Years Later, Medicare is Still Debated**

Medicare turned 50 on July 30. Before Medicare less than 50 percent of Americans 65 and over had health insurance. Today 99 percent have health insurance.

Having health insurance has greatly improved the lives of seniors. Today a 65-year-old can expect to live 18 years longer than a 65-year-old lived prior to Medicare.

It is therefore not surprising that the vast majority of Americans see Medicare as important to them, their families and the country.

The debate over Medicare that began 50 years ago when 84 percent of Democrats voted to create Medicare and a majority of Republicans voted against it continues today.

The only thing that has changed is the Republican plan of attack. Republicans understand that calling for the repeal of Medicare is politically unachievable. They are now calling for maintaining the current Medicare system only for those close to or currently receiving Medicare. For all others they want to move Medicare to a voucher system and increase the eligibility age.

Medicare is a pact between generations. Are older Americans willing to support a voucher system and raising the eligibility age for younger Americans? Younger Americans who have paid and continue to pay into the Medicare system that supports older Americans' health benefits.

They say elections are about choices.

When you cast your vote for president and Congress, you need to decide whether or not you want to make these changes to the Medicare system that will affect Americans who have been paying into the system for years.

If you are opposed to these changes, then wouldn't you want to have a representative and a president from the party that created and has defended Medicare for 50 years at the table when the future of Medicare is debated?

Wouldn't you want a Democrat at the table?

- Richard Reichard

Online August 24, 2015

Printed August 29, 2014

### **Our Lawmakers Should Back Iran Deal Now**

We should be celebrating the success of diplomacy over war in the recent negotiated nuclear deal with Iran.

Our Senators Gillibrand and Schumer and our Representative Donovan need to show us that they support the Iran deal now and not wait for the last minute to make the intelligent choice.

- Sally Jones



## S.I.D.A. Constitution

*There has been discussion recently regarding the purpose and mission of the Staten Island Democratic Association, and the obligations of those who choose to join this organization. The Executive Committee felt it was important to put in the newsletter what the S.I.D.A. Constitution has to say in regard to these questions:*

### **Preamble**

**W**e believe in the principles of the Democratic Party on the national, state and local levels. We believe that the successful furthering of these principles demands an active party organization in every community. We believe that such an active party organization can exist only if it is representative of all the Democratic voters in such communities. In consonance with these beliefs, we adopt the following Constitution, to be the guiding instrument of such an organization to be formed in Richmond County.

### **Article I**

The name of the club shall be: The Staten Island Democratic Association.

### **Article II**

The purpose of the club shall be:

- To provide an independent, vigorous, liberal Democratic organization in Richmond County;
- To promote the basic principles of the Democratic Party on the national, state and local levels;
- To encourage the participation of all Democrats in the affairs of their party;
- To seek and support candidates for public and party office of ability and integrity who are dedicated to public service;
- To promote measures designed to serve all the people and to encourage the appointment of qualified public officials and employees without regard to political sponsorship; and
- To further the interest and participation of all citizens in the civic affairs of our community.



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David Jones

### **Support David Jones Wednesday September 16, 9a.m.**

Please join me on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, in support of long-time club member David Jones, as well as David Thomas and Rachel Goodman. We will be meeting at the Supreme Court on 18 Richmond Terrace at 9 am. This hearing is the result of a so-called investigation into the election of Councilwoman Debi Rose, our club-endorsed candidate who successfully defeated the incumbent, Democratic Party-backed Councilman in the 2009 Primary.

At this time we are hoping that all charges will be dismissed. This investigation is a classic example of a politically-motivated witch hunt. Former Campaign Finance Board chair Fritz Schwarz wrote, "... a criminal investigation of the ordinary campaign activities of one city council race when there is an agency that is fully suited to the job is not only unnecessary but a

seriously bad precedent.” Known associates of Guy Molinari sued over five years ago and the case was settled at one-tenth of what they demanded. US Attorney Preet Bharara declined to investigate.

These cases seem to be a habit for Special Prosecutor Adler. When he prosecuted a different election law case he was rebuked by that judge for abuse of the grand jury process for bringing in slanted witnesses and permitting hearsay only when it hurt the defendant. Now, after seeking criminal charges against “the two Davids” he decided to enlarge his scope of targets by indicting Rachel Goodman, currently chief of staff to Councilmember Brad Lander. Adler sounds like a combination of Cotton Mather and Joe McCarthy.

As Councilwoman Rose said, "This is malicious, political and, I believe, it's racial. While I believe that these abuses are targeted toward me, they are a threat to every citizen's right to participate in the electoral process."

On August 13<sup>th</sup> I was privileged to attend, along with many SIDA members, a fundraiser for the “Rose Justice Fund” hosted by members of the City Council (I posted some photos on our Facebook page). We are planning something similar on Staten Island for the near future. I hope to see you at one if not both of these events.

*-Tom Shcherbenko*



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Social Security & Medicare Rally

**Rally**  
to Celebrate the  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of Medicare**  
&  
**the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of Social Security**

**Saturday October 3, 2015**

**11am – Noon**

**10<sup>th</sup> Street & New Dorp Lane**

(Across from Congressman Donovan’s office)

Bring your family, bring your friends

For more information contact [islanddems@aol.com](mailto:islanddems@aol.com)



All Clubs McMahon Reception



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**Wine & Cheese Reception**

*In Honor of*  
**Michael McMahon for District Attorney**

**The Old Historic Bermuda Club**  
**Monday, September 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2015**  
**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Radhakrishna Mohan, Chair of the Event**

*Suggested Reservations*

**Friend - \$60 • Supporter - \$100 • Loyalist - \$500**

**Please RSVP to Rosemarie Mangano 718.948.6997 or roepower1@gmail.com**



S.I.D.A. Banquet



You are cordially invited to the  
***Staten Island Democratic Association***  
***54th Anniversary Banquet***  
*Honoring*



**Marge Garvin**

Hon. Paul O'Dwyer Humanitarian Award

**Sam Cocozza**

John W. Lavelle Labor Award

**Rosemarie Mangano**

Tyrone Butler Political Action Award

**Jim Scarcella**

Terence H. Benbow Environmental Award

**Bonnie Rothman**

Peggy Johnston Club Service Award



**Thursday, October 1, 2015**

Program and Dinner . . . 7pm - 11pm

The Crystal Room

67 Olympia Boulevard Staten Island, NY 10305

# Banquet Response Card



## Staten Island Democratic Association

54th Anniversary Banquet RSVP

Thursday, October 1, 2015

\_\_\_\_\_ Person(s) will be attending. Payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I can't attend, but enclosed is a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$85 per person

If payment is received at door:

\$95.00 per person

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Use enclosed envelope to send to: SIDA, P.O. Box 140371, S.I., N.Y. 10314-0371  
Inquiries to: [sidabanquet@sidems.org](mailto:sidabanquet@sidems.org) or pay online at [www.tinyurl.com/sida54](http://www.tinyurl.com/sida54)

# Banquet Journal Rate Card



## Staten Island Democratic Association

54th Anniversary Banquet Journal Ads

Thursday, October 1, 2015

**Congratulate honorees; support SIDA and Democratic candidates; promote your business.**

***Submissions accepted until Thursday, September 18, 2015***

(54th Anniversary Banquet Journal size will be 8 1/2" x 11")

Please check box to indicate size and cost of your Journal ad

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page .... \$50 (4 1/4" x 5 1/2") | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Card ..... \$35     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/3 Page .... \$65 (3 2/3" x 8 1/2") | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Full Page ..... \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page .... \$85 (5 1/2" x 8 1/2") | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Full Page ..... \$250   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page .... \$150 (8 1/2" x 11")  | <input type="checkbox"/> Inside Covers ..... \$300    |

Please submit your ads conforming to the above dimensions.

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

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

Send to: SIDA, PO Box 140371, Staten Island, NY 10314-0371  
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<b>General Meeting</b> <b>8:00p.m.</b> <b>Charlie Brown's Steakhouse</b> <b>1001 Goethals Road North</b>	<b>General Meeting</b> <b>8:00p.m.</b> <b>Charlie Brown's Steakhouse</b> <b>1001 Goethals Road North</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel on GMOs with State Senator Diane Savino, Dr. John Piazza, and Alex Beuchamp of Food and Water Watch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblyman Matthew Titone</li> <li>Assemblyman Michael Cusick</li> <li>Nominating Committee Election</li> </ul>

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