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"It's Not About Me, It's About Us!"

Please know you are encouraged and welcome to attend our board and committee meetings at the Westchester County Office Building.

Hello Friends!

Since I was re-elected last year, I have been very busy sponsoring and passing legislation, supporting local community centers, supporting our working men and women, organizing senior trips, patronizing our friends and local businesses throughout the district and supporting our community through events, meetings and everyday life! More specifically, here is what I have been up to:



St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 25, 2018 — We had another great St. Patrick's Day on McLean Avenue! We were proud to see so many great groups marching down McLean Avenue. I was also proud to march with my brothers and sisters as a Hibernian.



Para-Transit Act

July 24, 2018 — Happy to have helped passed our recent Act, replacing 25 deteriorating vehicles in our Para-Transit fleet. Roughly 45% of unique riders of Para-

Transit are senior citizens. Para-Transit is a public transportation, which provides service for those who are unable to utilize the regular fixed bus service.



Senior Advocacy Day in Albany

May 8, 2018 — As Chair of the Seniors & Constituencies (S&C) Committee I organized nearly 40 seniors to travel from Westchester for more than a 2 hour drive to Albany for Senior Advocate Day! We were the only group from Westchester County. We met with several representatives such as, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, Senator Shelley Mayer, Senator Terrence Murphy, Senator Sue Serrino and Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins. We discussed several issues regarding seniors such as, Assisted Living, Elder Abuse, Financial Security, Health Care, Housing, Isolationism, Medicare, Medicaid, Nurse-to-Patient Ratio, Over-Pricing of Prescription Drugs, Social Security, Technology,

Transportation and many more issues. We communicated our issues clearly with our NYS representatives and we learned from each other current issues. I'm happy to report that our NYS representatives took all these issues to heart and understood the importance of helping and protecting our Golden Agers!



Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOB) legislation

April 25, 2018 — We signed-out of committee and passed unanimously on the Legislative Floor "Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business'es" (SDVOB) legislation!

The legislation requires departments and offices of Westchester County to encourage the participation of Certified SDVOB's in the county contracting process and to document efforts to do so; giving several SDVOB opportunities.

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Barbara Walters Campus Center Opening

January 22, 2018 — We enjoyed the Ground Breaking of the Barbara Walters Campus Centers!

With its thoughtfully planned design, the building will be a symbol and celebration of the importance of place and the natural landscape with a focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility. Serving as a “front door” to the College, the Center will welcome neighbors from the local community to share cultural experiences.

The project site is entirely on the campus of Sarah Lawrence College and didn't infringe upon the surrounding community.



Senior Trip to Mohegan Sun

April 29, 2018 — We had our first “Senior Trip to Mohegan Sun”! We Sponsored the Senior Trip with the Sisterhood of the Lincoln Park Jewish Center (LPJC). The day started with 50 seniors meeting at Lincoln Park Jewish Center (LPJC) for breakfast at 8:30 a.m., following by everyone riding on the bus at 10:00 a.m., then after two short hours travel was Mohegan Sun. At 5:15 p.m. we went back on the bus and arrived home at roughly 8:00 p.m. Our trip cost \$50, \$15 for food, \$15 for gambling/play and \$20 for the bus. Everyone was very happy with the reasonable price, long hours of playing/exploring and overall good time. Keeping our seniors active, happy, healthy and social is the best way to fight senior isolationism.



Westchester County Correction Officers Benevolent Association Board Swearing-In

January 30, 2018 — Congratulations to our newly sworn-in board of the Westchester County Correction Officers Benevolent Association (COBA)! It was an honor and privilege to have performed the duties of ‘Master of Ceremonies’, for the ‘Installation of Officers’. I thank our brave officers for all they do, day-in and day-out, for all their sacrifices.



St. Ann's Teen Club

April 28, 2018 — St. Ann's Teen Club hosted Bingo Night, raising money for cancer research, our youth is amazing!



Fleetwood Neighborhood Association

February 2, 2018 — This year, we discussed several community issues at the Fleetwood Neighborhood Association (FNA). I cannot be prouder, representing the great people and unique community

of Fleetwood is a true privilege. Fleetwood is the ‘Beating Heart of Mount Vernon’!



‘100 Hispanic Women’: Latina Leadership Forum & Scholarship Award Luncheon

April 24, 2018 — Congratulations to our talented Honorees at the ‘100 Hispanic Women’: Latina Leadership Forum & Scholarship Award Luncheon!

The 100 Hispanic Women is committed to serving Latina's throughout Westchester and surrounding areas.

Its' objective is to foster enrichment opportunities for women and support young Latina's aspirations for higher education, while building bridges with members of our community.



Senior Paint Day

April 26, 2018 — We hosted our first ‘Senior Paint Day’! Artists Evan Bishop and Katori Walker instructed our seniors on how to paint a wonderful canvass! Thank you to Aurea Roman, owner/proprietor of How Sweet It Is, for having us paint. Keeping seniors active and social helps overall health!



Community Cleanup

October 9, 2018 — Constituents have recently communicated and informed us that there's been issues with trash and pails in our district. Today, with several dedicated volunteers, we cleaned up as much as possible and will be communicating with the Departments of Public Works and Parks of both the City and County, to prevent trash from piling up again. If there's any trash around and it's not being cleaned up, please message/inbox us, we'll communicate with the appropriate government agencies or even clean it up ourselves. We also must educate the public as much as possible, people even littered right after we clean up. There were broken bottles, cups, straws, bottle caps, food, Styrofoam, gum, wrappers and much more.



Senior Trip to the Movies

September 12, 2018 — Senior Trip to the Movies! We provided, with help of Arts Westchester, transportation and refreshments for our beloved seniors at the renowned Jacob Burns Film Center (JBFC). The film we watched was ‘An Education’, a coming-of-age drama based on the memoir of the same name by British journalist Lynn Barber.

Italian Cultural School

June 9, 2018 — Grand opening of the Italian Cultural School at St. Ann's Elementary School (40 Brewster Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701). The program is designed to teach 5-16 year olds the Italian language and culture. If you'd like your children to participate, please contact us at (845) 554-5618 and/or ItalianCulturalSchool@gmail.com.



Coffee, Cocktails, & Conversation in Fleetwood

June 14, 2018 — Our first Coffee, Cocktails & Conversation in Fleetwood was fantastic! Happy to have had great friends and community people show up!



Columbus Day Parade-Yonkers

October 1, 2018 — Columbus Day Parade- Yonkers. I had a wonderful time seeing old friends and meeting new friends alike!



National Night Out

August 11, 2018 — National Night Out (NNO): 2nd Precinct. National Night Out is an annual Community-building campaign that promotes police-Community partnerships. Together we are naming our communities safer, more caring places to live.



St. Barnabas Elementary School Mock Legislature

October 11, 2018 — We hosted our first Mock Legislature for Fall 2018 with St. Barnabas Elementary School. Students were inquisitive, smart and active in the legislative process!



Seniors & Constituencies Committee Meeting

September 19, 2018 — At our recent Seniors & Constituencies (S&C) committee meeting we discussed two important topics. The first topic was the discussion of fighting ‘Body Shaming’ with the Youth Bureau, while the second was discussing accessibility and inclusion of all people of the Office for People with Disabilities. ■