

SAVE THE DATE

September 17, 2015

NCVOA 2015 ANNUAL DINNER/TESTIMONIAL

HONORING MAYOR PETER CAVALLARO

NCVOA IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

MAYOR , VILLAGE OF WESTBURY

Crest Hollow Country Club

Woodbury NY

Cocktail Hour 6:30-7:30PM

Dinner/ Program 8:00PM

For more information call NCVOA Director at 516-437-1455 or email: exec@ncvoa.org

From the President's Desk:

Dear Mayors, Trustees and Friends:

Thank you for your confidence in me and for the honor and privilege to serve our fine organization. Following Peter Cavallaro, I understand how Didi Gregorious must have felt when he learned he would be joining the Yankees as Derek Jeter's replacement. Peter Cavallaro has been the NCVOA's Derek Jeter, having served as our captain and leader for the past year. It is quite obvious by his recent accomplishments that Peter is an outstanding



Barbara Donno

mayor in the Village of Westbury and we were fortunate to benefit from his knowledge, experience and leadership this past year. I have learned a great deal from working alongside Peter.

I am also very fortunate to work with an outstanding Executive Committee, dedicated to guiding our organization during the year.

You have heard it repeated many times throughout the NCVOA's nearly 90 years of existence; Village government is the government closest to the people: our most efficient and effective form of government. Since the Village of Hempstead became

Nassau County's first incorporated village in 1853, the viability of village government has not changed. Now, more than ever, our residents demand and expect the level of service only we can provide. And I don't have to tell you it becomes more difficult each year. Unfunded state mandates, increasing costs, tax cap restrictions, and collective bargaining agreements are just a few of the challenges we must tackle as we look to balance budgets and operate efficiently. We continue to rise to these challenges by introducing new and innovative ways to share services and increase efficiencies.

We also know we cannot do it alone and rely on solid partnerships with key decision makers in Albany who understand how village government works and are committed to working with us for the benefit of our residents and our communities. We are fortunate to have two very strong partners representing us in state government: Senator Jack Martins and Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel. When it comes to local government, Jack, former Village of Mineola mayor, and Michelle, former North Hempstead Town Clerk, get it. They have consistently supported the NCVOA and have taken strong, sometimes politically unpopular, stands in our defense. Personally, I am fortunate to experience first-hand how hard Jack works and how much he cares for his constituents.

Our goals for the upcoming year remain the same: to continue to advocate for our residents at the local and state levels. We have heard it many times in this room: There is strength in numbers. We need your involvement and the commitment from your village to

continue to make our organization an effective voice for all village residents. Thank you, again, for your support. I look forward to working with all of you during the coming year.

Mayor Barbara Donno

President-NCVOA

Mayor Donno Announces Executive Committee Appointments for 2015-2016:

NCVOA President Barbara Donno has made the following Executive Committee appointments for 2015-2016:

Stewart Manor Mayor Gerard Tangredi, Great Neck Plaza Mayor Jean Celender, Garden City Mayor Nicholas Episcopia, Farmingdale Mayor Ralph Ekstrand, and Lynbrook Trustee Hillary Becker have been reappointed to the Executive Committee. As past presidents, Westbury Mayor Peter Cavallaro, East Williston Mayor David Tanner, and North Hills Mayor Marvin Natiss also are Executive Committee members.

Rockville Centre Mayor Francis Murray, who has been on the Executive Committee for the past several years, stepped down due to a continuing conflict with his village responsibilities. President Donno appointed him NCVOA liaison to the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM), as Mayor Murray is a member of the NYCOM Board.

Paper Ballots Requirement Explained:

Having receiving numerous calls regarding the requirement to purchase 110% of a villages voter file has prompted the Nassau County Board of Elections to ask us to send our members the following guideline as printed in the NY State Board of Elections Report regarding paper ballots.

New York State Board of Elections

February 2015

Report Concerning Recommendations and Guidance for the Administration of Elections by Villages, School Districts,

Fire Districts, Library Districts and Other Municipal Corporations Required to Hold Elections in New York State

The concern for costs associated with the printing of paper ballots must be considered by any jurisdiction making the transition to optical scan ballots. **However, no jurisdiction is required to print 110% of its voter file.** This was based on 'best practice' advice provided by the State Board for only 2009 and 2010 pilot scanner roll-out projects at respective primary and general elections. This figure was developed using initial

implementation advice from optical scan-user states across the country. This figure had been used in many states, and was recommended to the State Board to help ensure that in an initial implementation year, if and when voters needed to make corrections to their ballots, there would be sufficient replacement ballots on hand in poll sites to accommodate any scenario. This was an implementation year advisory only and is neither a statute nor a regulation. The State Board continues to encourage election administrators to develop their own print thresholds for each type of election they conduct.

Any village that would like the entire NY State Board of Elections report should email the NCVOA Executive Director at exec@ncvoa.org.

NCVOA June 2015 Meeting Attendees:



NCVOA Past President Ralph Kreitzman administers the oath of office to NCVOA officers for 2015-2016- President Barbara Donno, 1st Vice President Bernard Ryba, 2nd Vice President Robert Kennedy, and Treasurer Elaine Phillips



Newly elected NCVOA President Barbara Donno addresses the membership



Brian Harvey, assistant to the mayor, Great Neck Plaza; Plandome Manor Village Clerk Randi Malman and Sands Point Village Clerk Liz Gaynor



Former Westbury Mayor and NCVOA President Ernie Strada with current Westbury Mayor and outgoing NCVOA President Peter Cavallaro



Great Neck Mayor and NCVOA Past President Ralph Kreitzman with Bellerose Deputy Mayor John Tweedy



NCVOA Counsel Gary Fishberg, Incoming NCVOA President and Plandome Manor Mayor Barbara Donno, and Kensington Mayor Susan Lopatkin



NCVOA Executive Director Warren Tackenberg with newly elected 1st Vice President and Old Brookville Mayor Bernard Ryba



NCVOA Incoming President and Plandome Manor Mayor Barbara Donno and Mineola Trustee Dennis Walsh



NCVOA Past Presidents David Tanner of East Williston, Vicki Siegel of Bayville, and Ernie Strada of Westbury



North Hills Trustee Gail Cohen with Baxter Estates Mayor Nora Haagenon



Outgoing NCVOA President Peter Cavallaro with Great Neck Plaza Mayor Jean Cellender



Stewart Manor Mayor Jerry Tangredi and Bellerose Deputy Mayor Joe Juliano

The Last Word: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing"

... Edmund Burke
