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FEBRUARY 2014 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Change of Venue:

The February 2104 NCVOA general membership meeting will be held in the Stewart Manor Country Club located at 51 Salisbury Avenue in the Village of Stewart Manor. As is our custom, the meeting will start with a cash bar at 7:00PM and our dinner program will commence at 7:30PM.

NCVOA FEBRUARY 2104

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 11, 2014-7:00PM

Stewart Manor Country Club

Guest Speaker

MR. KEVIN HAMILTON

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TODAYS EXPLANDED DEPOSIT OPTIONS

From the LIE exit 34S (New Hyde Park Road) and the Northern State Pkwy exit 26S. (New Hyde Park Road) Go south on NHP Road for 4 miles. After passing second set of railroad tracks, make 1st. right turn onto Salisbury Avenue. Club is on the right.

From the Southern State Pkwy.

- From the east exit 16N (Franklin Avenue)
- From the west exit 15N([Corona Avenue](#)), make left at 2nd light(Franklin Avenue)

Go north for 1 3/4 miles crossing Hempstead Turnpike; bear left at fork onto New Hyde Park Road, go through 2 more lights, make left onto Salisbury Road.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK:



david tanner

Dear Mayors, Trustees and Friends:

The January 14, 2014 General Membership Meeting focused on the ongoing recovery from Super Storm Sandy. Jon Kaiman, the former North Hempstead Supervisor who is overseeing the NY Rising program for Long Island, and Jamie Rubin, who is directing NY Rising statewide, were our guest speakers. They updated us on the assistance programs available to residents and villages, as well as the status of the disbursement of checks to impacted residents. Jon and Jamie were extremely thorough and responded to concerns voiced by several members. We appreciate their taking the time to maintain open lines of communication. This was particularly helpful to those waterfront villages still struggling to recover from this devastating storm.

Voting Machine Update

As you know, we have been continuing our efforts to address the lever voting machine issue. When state legislation was passed in 2010 mandating electronic voting machines, Senator Jack Martins and Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel successfully spearheaded a temporary exemption for villages. They once again came to the aid of villages when they secured an extension of the original bill's sunset date. That extension expires December 2014. The Nassau County Board of Elections leases and controls the electronic voting machines, and there has been uncertainty regarding how and when they can be provided for village elections. I have requested a meeting with Board of Elections Commissioners Louis Savinetti and William Biamonte and the NCVOA Executive Committee to see if we can reach a mutually acceptable agreement. I will keep you apprised of any developments.

PSEG Weathers First Storm

So far, so good for PSEG. The company literally hit the ground running as the first serious winter storm hit Long Island January 2 – one day after taking over for LIPA. Despite the intense wind and blizzard-like conditions, there were only isolated outages that were quickly rectified. We still have two months left of winter. David Daly, PSEG's president and CEO – Long Island, will be speaking with us this spring to update us on the progress of the company's transition.

Governor Proposes Tax Break

The start of the New Year also marked the beginning of the budget season. It looks as if Governor Cuomo continues to keep a target painted on the backs of villages. His original legislation designed to eliminate village government has fallen flat on its face. With 22 villages conducting votes to decide whether or not to eliminate, only 3 have been successful. This is an overwhelming endorsement of the efficiency and effectiveness of village government. Unfortunately, the Governor refuses to concede. Once again, he is targeting villages. He is proposing in his 2014 budget a two-year income tax credit for homeowners living in areas that abide by the state's 2% tax cap and take steps to share or consolidate services. While many villages have been able to remain within the cap, unfunded state mandates, rising pension costs, and expenses resulting from Super Storm Sandy have made complying with the 2% tax cap impossible for some. This legislation unfairly places villages in a difficult position with residents by placing the onus for reducing taxes on us. We will be reaching out to our state colleagues to make them aware of our vehement opposition.

February General Membership Meeting at Different Venue

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday, 11, 2014. **We will be changing the location to the Stewart Manor Country Club, 51 Salisbury Avenue in the Village of Stewart Manor.** Our guest speaker is Kevin Hamilton, Regional Director. Promonoty Interfinancial Network. He will discuss the FDIC Reciprocal Insurance Deposit Program. I look forward to seeing you at the Stewart Manor Country Club!

Sincerely,

David E. Tanner
President

KAIMAN AND RUBIN TELL IT LIKE IT IS:



Jamie Rubin, NY Rising

Recognizing many unanswered questions and issues surround a massive undertaking such as recovering from Super Storm Sandy, NY Rising officials Jon Kaiman and Jamie Rubin accepted our invitation to speak at the January General Membership meeting.

Jon Kaiman, former Town of North Hempstead Supervisor and currently Governor Cuomo's Special Assistant for Storm Recovery on Long Island, explained the complexity of creating a comprehensive agency (NY Rising) in just six months after Super Storm Sandy produced massive destruction along much of Long Island's coastal communities. With the obligation to distribute over a billion dollars in Federal and State aid, this responsibility was not taken lightly. While there is now over \$100 million in the pipeline to be distributed to storm victims, many residents are still concerned because they have been given no indication as to when they will receive some financial assistance.

Both Kaiman and Rubin explained the detailed process required to document and verify all the financial information involved in each application. Because most of the aid is filtered through the federally funded Community Development Block Grant program, great care had to be exercised to ensure applicants did not receive funds from other sources including FEMA (the first federal agency responding after the storm), Small Business Association (provider of low interest loans), and insurance companies (individual homeowner insurance claims).

At present, more than 3,000 notification confirmation letters have been sent to Nassau and Suffolk County residents who are receiving a portion of the \$95 million allocation for Long Island.

At the conclusion of their presentations there were many questions from our members, which we believe Jon and Jamie answered honestly and respectfully. The NCVOA members thanked the State officials for an excellent presentation.

JANUARY 2014 MEETING ATTENDEES



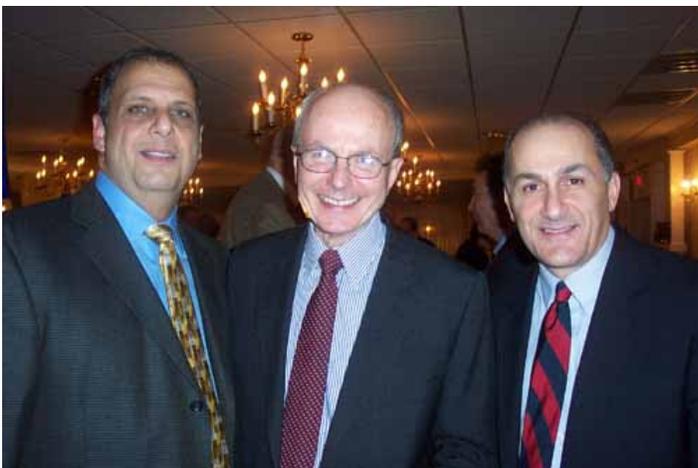
Doug Watson, mayor, Village of Bayville and Tony Panzarella, former mayor, Village of Malverne and NCVOA past president



Dr. Dan Levy, mayor, Village of Saddle Rock and Warren Tackenberg, NCVOA executive director



Ernie Strada, former mayor, Village of Westbury and NCVOA and NYCOM past president and Bernie Ryba, mayor, Village of Old Brookville and NCVOA treasurer



Jerry Tangredi, mayor, Village of Stewart Manor; John Tweedy, trustee, Village of Bellerose; and Peter Cavallaro, mayor, Village of Westbury and NCVOA 2nd vice president



John Giordano, administrator, Village of Lynbrook; Ed Oppenheimer, trustee, Village of Rockville Centre and Warren Tackenberg, NCVOA executive director



Village of East Rockaway officials Francis Lenahan, mayor; Bruno Romano, deputy mayor, and Ed Corrado, trustee



Village of Farmingdale officials Ralph Ekstrand, mayor; Cheryl Parisi, trustee; and Pat Christiansen, deputy mayor



Village of Manorhaven officials Joe Guinta, commissioner of special projects; Giovanna Guinta, mayor and Liz Gaynor, Village clerk