

# THREE PARKS INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of Three Parks Independent Democrats, the unique neighborhood club with a national outreach. We hope you will continue to support Three Parks by sponsoring our **45<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit** to be held on **Sunday, May 3, 2020** from 1- 4pm at Serafina restaurant located at 2737 Broadway on the southwest corner of 105th Street.

**To have your name listed on the fundraiser invitation—as an Angel (\$1,000), Benefactor (\$500), Patron (\$300), or Sponsor (\$200)—**please mail us your check with the return form, or pay electronically by clicking on “Benefit 2020” on the home page of ThreeParksDems.org, or call Lois Safian at 917-453-5910 by Thursday, **March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

With your help this past year, we continued the immense task of restoring our democracy.

The Three Parks' campaign to Take Back Congress began soon after the disastrous 2016 presidential election. We focused on the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Hudson Valley. In early 2017, we called seniors in the 19<sup>th</sup> CD—Republicans, Democrats, and Independents—to talk about the threat to their health care coverage. After Antonio Delgado won the June 2018 Democratic primary, Three Parks led door-knocking visits, weekly, to New Paltz and Kingston to energize the Democratic voter turnout to ensure Delgado's victory. And Three Parks led dozens of volunteers to the Staten Island to help give Max Rose his victory in the 13<sup>th</sup> CD.

Since early fall 2019, Three Parks' dedicated volunteers have gathered every month to make thousands of phone calls and write postcards—to warn young Democrats in Maine about the Republican indifference to climate change; to warn older voters in Kentucky about the Republican threat to Social Security; to expose the harmful policies of Susan Collins and Mitch McConnell in these battleground states. This spring and summer, the Three Parks' campaign will expand to include congressional races in New York and New Jersey.

**Because Three Parks is and has always been an all-volunteer organization, every dollar you contribute helps tip the elections in swing congressional districts.**

This fall, Three Parks Independent Democrats, joined by Broadway Democrats, will again create and manage a presidential campaign storefront that has been the center of New York City's volunteer effort for the past twenty years. As in past years, the Three Parks' 2020 presidential

storefront—from late August through Election Day in November—will engage thousands of volunteers who will call tens of thousands of voters in swing states in support of Democratic candidates. Also, Three Parks will organize bus trips and dispatch hundreds of canvassers to Pennsylvania and other neighboring states..

Your contributions have also made it possible for us to hold **monthly club meetings where members and neighbors heard reports and presentations on national, state and local issues**, including MSNBC political analyst Maya Wiley on the impeachment hearings; New York State Executive Director and CNN panelist, Basil Smilke, on the swing state senate races; New York State Assembly Member Richard Gottfried on the legislative push for single payer health care; NYC Director of the Census Julie Menin on the City’s program to maximize our census count; and Councilmembers Brad Lander, Ben Kallos, Mark Levine, and Helen Rosenthal on the proposed City Charter amendment. We also heard from local activists on the empty retail store phenomena and their efforts to save our neighborhood stores.

In addition, club members had the opportunity to speak with Senate Chuck Schumer, Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and Congressman Jerry Nadler, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, at our recent Winter Holiday Party and last spring’s Annual Fundraising Benefit.

At this year’s annual fundraiser, on Sunday, May 3, we will be honoring **Michael N. Gianaris, New York State Senate Deputy Majority Leader**, with the *Ted Weiss Public Service Award* in recognition of his opposition to the Amazon giveaway and his consistent championing of progressive legislation. We will also honor **Dominicanos USA** with the *Jesse Crawford Community Service Award* for registering over 105,000 new voters since 2014.

**We hope we can count on your support for Three Parks.** Again, To have your name listed on the fundraiser invitation -- please mail your check, or pay electronically by clicking on “Benefit 2020” on the home page of ThreeParksDems.org, or call Lois Safian at 917-453-5910 by Thursday, **March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and to seeing you on May 3rd.

Warm regards,

*Three Parks 2020 Fundraising Committee*