President's Report

By Lorraine Zamora

Typically in our newsletter's June issue, we report on the success of our annual fundraising benefit. It's usually been held on a Sunday afternoon in early May at an Upper West Side restaurant. This year, Three Parks had to change its plans.

This year, our 45th annual fundraiser will be held virtually—on Sunday, June 7, from 5:00-6:00 pm. Three Parks will be honoring Hon. Michael Gianaris, State Senator and Deputy Majority Leader, with the Ted Weiss Public Service Award, and Dominicanos USA with the Jesse Crawford Community Service Award.

This is the first time we're doing a virtual fundraising event. It promises to be an exciting program, and it's taken a lot of work on the part of many board members. Headed by Lois Safian, the fundraising committee comprises Steve Max, Lynn Max, Corinne Constantine, Irene Shrier, Merle McEldowney, Ellen Flax, Theresa Canter, Lynn Thomas, Bob Botfeld, Cynthia Doty, and myself. We have been meeting online, twice a week, for the past five or six weeks. At the fundraiser, there won't be any food or drink or schmoozing, but you will see and hear from many familiar faces—Jerry Nadler, Adriano Espaillat, Scott Stringer, Gale Brewer and others. And there will also be videos, testimonials, and entertainment.

The evites have gone out, and we are asking our dignitaries, club members and friends to support this year's event, as they have done so generously in the past. In this crucial election cycle, the more resources we have, the more support we can give to Democratic candidates.

One last note: If you have not already done so, please make sure to complete and return your census form, and apply for your absentee ballot for the June 23 primary.

With deep thanks and gratitude for all you do for Three Parks,

Lorraine Zamora