

President's Report

By Lorraine Zamora

Thanks to everyone who joined Three Parks' 47th annual celebration on Sunday, May 22, to honor the Honorable Jamie Raskin, US Representative of MD's 8th Congressional district, and the West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing (WSFSSH), for their extraordinary efforts to make our corner of the world a better place. Congressman Raskin received the Ted Weiss Public Service Award for leading the investigation of the January 6 attack on the US Capitol. WSFSSH was presented the Jesse Crawford Community Service Award for providing safe and affordable housing to eligible members on the Upper West Side.

Senator Chuck Schumer, Senate Majority Leader, and Congressman Jerry Nadler, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee were on hand to congratulate the honorees, as well as Robert Jackson, Brad Hoylman, Danny O'Donnell, Linda Rosenthal, Gale Brewer, Shaun Abreu, Helen Freedman, Mark Diller, and Scott Stringer. Also joining were Supreme Court candidates Suzanne Adams, Lyle Frank, Paul Goetz, Judy Kim, Sabrina Kraus, Phaedra Perry, Dakota Ramseur, Lisa Sokoloff and Leslie Stroth, and Surrogate Court candidate Hilary Gingold and Civil Court candidate E. Deronn Bowen. Then, too, in recognition of our Ukrainian community, Three Parks family member Julia Ryvkin, born in Kiev and now living in New York, prepared a special video before leaving to visit her family in Ukraine,

thanking the club for all their support to her community and native country. Thanks to all!!!

Equally important, I want to thank our generous contributors—friends, sponsors, patrons, benefactors and angels—who make it possible for Three Parks to continue to elect progressive Democrats and support progressive causes in our city.

In past years, our annual event in May and the Memorial Day weekend have signaled the end of another busy season and the start of a quiet summer. But not this year. This summer promises to be a very busy time, thanks to the recently redrawn Congressional and State Senate districts, which will require a second primary in August following the one in June.

The redrawing of these districts, and the consequent need for a second primary, has left us angry and dismayed. You can see why right in the title of the article in this newsletter “New Republican-Inspired District Lines Erase Voters’ Choices and Threaten the Loss of Progressive Democrats.” Read that article and the following one, “The New District Lines in Our Area,” to learn more about why we’re angry and what the redrawn districts mean for us.

The first primary, which will be for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Surrogate Court Judge, will still be on June 28. The second primary, for U. S. Congress members and State Senators, will be on August 23. Three Parks will hold a special online endorsement meeting and vote on June 29 for candidates

for those offices. See the articles later in this newsletter for details.

Three Parks will also be hosting sidewalk tables on Broadway to promote our endorsed progressive candidates, get out the vote, and help voters understand the issues -- for both the June and August primaries. Especially for the August primary, this will require *all hands on deck* later this summer, a challenging feat when so many of us will be away on vacation! See the information later in this newsletter, stay tuned for our eblasts and check our website threeparksdems.org to learn about volunteer opportunities at our tables along Broadway and other key locations.

See you there!