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Club Meeting, November 9, 2016

Topic: Election Recap

Please note change in location

Speaker: Michael Kink, Executive Director, Strong Economy for All Coalition

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Clinton/Kaine Campaign Center
2697 Broadway at 103 Street

AGENDA

7:45 pm Sign-in

8:00 pm Call to Order

District Leader Reports

Speaker:

Michael Kink, Exec. Dir.,
Strong Economy for All Coalition

Plans for Annual Holiday Party

Adjourn

CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Election Day, 6:00 am-9:00 pm

Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 8:00 pm

Three Parks Membership Meeting

Clinton/Kaine Campaign Center

2609 Broadway at 103rd. Street

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 8:00 pm

Three Parks Board Meeting

The Youth Hostel, 891 Amsterdam Avenue

Sunday, December 4, 2016, 5:00-8:00 pm

Three Parks Holiday Party

The Youth Hostel, 891 Amsterdam Avenue

President's Report

Lauren Williams

At our October meeting we could truly relish how fortunate we are as residents of the Upper West Side. We met at the Clinton/Kaine Campaign Center and welcomed our Congressman Jerry Nadler, who gave us his outlook for probable election results and what's ahead after the General Election. He said Democrats have realistic hopes for having a majority in the U.S. Senate and possibly winning enough seats in House races to also have a majority there. He spoke optimistically about the presidential race and the likelihood of Hillary Clinton becoming our next president – a forecast warmly received by club members, center volunteers, and other community residents who stayed after our meeting to watch the last of the presidential debates.

During presidential election years, Three Parks Independent Democrats and our neighborhood truly stand out from others in the city as we open our campaign center with Broadway Democrats and welcome hundreds of volunteers in the months leading up to the General Election. Our activities support our local and national candidates and energize our neighbors and others through campaign activities that reach voters far beyond New York City. This year's volunteers have registered hundreds of voters, participated in phone banks and canvassing trips done in partnership with the Clinton campaign, supported the campaigns of our endorsed candidates as well as activities for NY Senate candidate Todd Kaminsky and US Congress candidate Zephyr Teachout, and reached out to others to get involved in the center's activities. We've welcomed international visitors as well as hundreds of New Yorkers and others from many U.S. states – many of whom who signed up to volunteer too.

Leading up to the General Election on November 8, we hope you will come to the Campaign Center for our final week of campaign activities and our club meeting on November 9 – the day after we celebrate our Democratic victories. There's still plenty of work to do before we cast our votes, and we've planned

several special events highlighted elsewhere in the newsletter. Our club meeting will feature a recap of election results and details for our annual holiday party planned for Sunday, December 4. I look forward to seeing you at the Campaign Center during our last week and to celebrating our victories with you.

Remember to vote on November 8 for our candidates – Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, Adriano Espaillat, Bill Perkins, Danny O'Donnell, Jerry Nadler, and Chuck Schumer – and to come to the Campaign Center that evening to watch the election returns.

District Leader Report

Bob Botfeld

Donald Trump vs. Three Parks Independent Democrats

If you feel the need to rid yourself of anxiety for our democracy and country in this awful Trump-driven election campaign, and you have not yet been to the Clinton/Kaine Campaign storefront on Broadway and 103 Street sponsored by Three Parks Independent Democrats and Broadway Democrats, you should kick yourself.

There, while Trump ridicules and denigrates anyone who is not Donald Trump, hundreds of volunteers, club members and neighbors are making thousands of phone calls to Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida. While Trump's sole purpose is to gain attention, power and wealth and surround himself by yes men hoping to profit from their alliance with him, the volunteers at the storefront are hopping on busses to canvass in Pennsylvania on behalf of Clinton/Kaine.

The storefront is managed by TPID's president Lauren Williams and corresponding secretary Lorraine Zamora. Since September 9, they've been at the storefront six days a week, 10-12 hours a day as volunteers – a truly non-Trumpian thought -- and have recruited another 500+ volunteers, including TPID board and club members, to join them in a common cause. As many of the volunteers have said, "if I don't do something to beat Trump, I'll never forgive myself."

For one more week, the storefront will be in operation. After November 8, Three Parks Independent Democrats will return to holding its monthly meeting at the American Youth Hostel where we gain knowledge about our neighborhood, our city, and the officials who represent us. We listen, learn, debate and weigh our choices together – yet another non-Trumpian approach. We will continue to work together on common public policy issues and support thoughtful candidates for elected office. We will spend our days vetting and then supporting candidates for office, saving the planet by advocating for carbon reducing regulations, and keeping our neighborhood human scale through commonsense zoning.

At this writing, you have one more week to help on this historic election. Please come and join your West Side neighbors at the storefront. You are likely to be surprised by who you'll meet, like the dozens of Austrian elected officials milling about last Saturday learning about our campaign process, or the expatriate novelist from France taking a few weeks to help the Clinton/Kaine campaign, or the daughter of a prominent cabinet officer appearing daily to do her own critical part.

We look forward to seeing you.

Vote!
Election Day
Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Cuomo's Nuclear Bailout?

Daniele Gerard

Governor Cuomo plans to tax New Yorkers at least \$7.6 billion on our electric bills over the next twelve years to bail out old, unsafe and unprofitable nuclear plants located upstate—Entergy-owned FitzPatrick (to be sold to Exelon) and Exelon-owned Ginna and Nine Mile Point. The Public Service Commission announced in August that utility customers in

New York State will pay nearly \$500 million a year in subsidies for the next two years alone to keep the plants operating. <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/02/nyregion/new-york-state-aiding-nuclear-plants-with-millions-in-subsidies.html>

It has been reported that (1) Entergy spent \$1.7 million lobbying New York State in the past two years, (2) Exelon spent \$430,000, including pushing for subsidies, (3) regulators met with Exelon as the administration finalized the subsidy plan, and (4) the nuclear component of the administration's Clean Energy Standard guarantees that "more will be spent to keep nuclear facilities operating than will be spent on solar or wind." <http://www.politico.com/states/new-york/albany/story/2016/07/cuomo-administration-nuclear-proposal-will-cost-ratepayers-billions-103703#ixzz4NuWIh34G> and <http://www.lohud.com/story/opinion/contributors/2016/10/12/cuomo-nuclear-plant-bailout/91945160/>

In other words, this subsidy is just another corporate bailout that, if not stopped in its tracks, could also serve as a contemptible model for other states around the country. Yet the Cuomo administration touts it as creating jobs and clean energy.

If the governor's proposed bailout were really about jobs, then these billions could be better spent ramping up solar and wind power and conservation measures in New York. If the bailout were really about clean energy, then the state would not be encouraging reliance on an industry with a huge carbon footprint given the use of fossil fuels in uranium extraction and transport, not to mention increased rates of cancer and other diseases among Navajo and other indigenous populations on or near whose land much of uranium is mined.

It's not too late to make our voices heard!

Join our friends at New York Public Interest Group, Physicians for Social Responsibility, United for Action and Food & Water Watch: tell Governor Cuomo we want no part of his nuclear bailout. **Call the governor at 518-474-8390 and sign the petition at** <http://www.stopthecumotax.org/>.

Action at Three Parks Campaign Store Front



Volunteers at the Campaign Store Front Reception Desk.



Mark Levine organized Barak Obama Club members to make calls at the Store Front



Volunteers in front of campaign office as they leave to canvass for Zephyr Teachout in Hyde Park, NY

Volunteers in Dutchess County canvassing for Zephyr Teachout who is running for Congress.



Volunteers ready to board a bus provided by Assemblyman Danny O'Donnell (standing at left) to canvass in Bucks County, PA on Oct 29.

Clinton/Kaine Get Out The Vote March

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2:00 PM

Start at the Clinton/Kaine office 2697 Broadway (103rd St.)

We will march on Broadway in our neighborhood to get out the vote

Bring: Children + Friends + Musical Instruments + Noise Makers + Pets
+ Warm Clothing

Movie Night

Michael Moore in *Trumpland*

Saturday, Nov. 5, 8:00 PM

At the Clinton/Kaine Office
2697 Broadway (103rd St)

Donations appreciated

GET OUT THE VOTE WEEK

Call or come to the Clinton/Kaine Campaign Office to volunteer

2697 Broadway at 103 Street Phone: 212-865-1875

Tues-Fri 2:00-9:00 pm; Sat-Sun 12:00-9:00 pm

Buttons, T-Shirts, Hats, Signs

Phone Banking

Clinton/Kaine: Tues-Fri 5:30-9:00 pm; Sat-Sun 2:00-6:00 pm

Zephyr Teachout: Tues/Wed/Thurs, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 6:30-8:30 pm

Todd Kaminsky: Wed, Nov. 2, 6:00-8:30 pm

Canvassing

Todd Kaminsky, Saturday, Nov. 5, 11:00 am, Nassau County

Zephyr Teachout, Tues, Nov. 8, 9:30 am, Hudson Valley

Upcoming Events: Get Out the Vote March, Sat, Nov 5, 2:00 pm
Movie Night (Free) *Michael Moore in Trumpland* Sat, Nov 5, 8 pm
Election Returns Watch Tues, Nov. 8, starting at 8:00 PM

Three Parks 2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Membership Category—Check One

Individual (\$25) _____

Family—two adults in the same household (\$40) _____

Low Income (\$15) _____ Low Income Family (\$20) _____

Sponsor (\$50) _____ Patron (\$100) _____

Name _____ Date _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

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Next Meeting

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Join the phone bank volunteers for the final week effort.