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CLUB MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2016

Topic: Beyond the November Election
Speaker: Hon. Jerry Nadler, Congressman, 10th District
Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Please note the following change in time and place:

Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Clinton/Kaine Campaign Center
2697 Broadway, SW corner of 103 Street

Club meeting will be followed by the 3rd Presidential Debate at 9:00 pm

AGENDA

Club meeting at the Campaign Center

6:45 pm Sign-in
7:00 pm Call to Order
Speaker: Congressman Jerry Nadler
District Leader Reports
Adjourn
9:00 pm Third Presidential Debate

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 7:00 pm

Three Parks Membership meeting,
Clinton/Kaine Campaign Center
2697 Broadway SW corner of 103 Street

Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 8:00 pm

Three Parks Board Meeting,
The Youth Hostel, 891 Amsterdam Avenue

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Election Day 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 8:00 pm

Three Parks Membership Meeting
The Youth Hostel, 891 Amsterdam Avenue

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 8:00 pm

Three Parks Board Meeting
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Sunday, December 6, 2016, 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Three Parks Holiday Party
The Youth Hostel, 891 Amsterdam Avenue

President's Report

Lauren Williams

Our September meeting featured Ruth Messinger, former Manhattan Borough President; Jim Dean, Executive Director of Democracy for America; Darius Gordon, Organizer for Citizen Action New York; and Jessica Frisco, Organizer for Grassroots Alliance on a panel on the Future for Progressives. Three Parks member Merle McEldowney moderated. They spoke about the development of the progressive movement within the Democratic Party locally and nationally and its impact upon candidates 2016 presidential campaigns and the outlook for the participation of millennials in future political activities. Panelists also addressed their participation on progressive issues and involvement in organizations championing progressive candidates and agendas.

Soon after our meeting, Three Parks and Broadway Democrats opened their Clinton/Kaine 2016 Campaign Center on Broadway and 103 Street. So far, hundreds of volunteers have tabled to register voters and sought donations for campaign buttons, made phone calls for Hillary to Pennsylvania voters, participated in campaign activities for NY State Senate candidate Todd Kaminsky and US Congress candidate Zephyr Teachout, ridden buses to Philly to register and talk with voters, and attended three debate watch gatherings at the center. With less than a month before the General Election on November 8, there's still lots of work to do for our endorsed candidates Bill Perkins, Danny O'Donnell, Jerry Nadler, and Chuck Schumer, as well as for Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine. We hope to see you soon and often at the Campaign Center.

Please note that our next club meeting will be at the Campaign Center on Wednesday, October 19 and begin at 7:00 pm. We will welcome Congressman Jerry Nadler as our speaker and also highlight campaign activities at the center and leading up to the General Election. Following our meeting, you are invited to stay for the third presidential debate watch gathering as we again welcome the community to view the debate with us.

Vote!

Election Day

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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Banking on the Dakota Access Pipeline

By Wendy Dannett

"When the Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit for the Dakota Access Pipeline in July, 2016, corporations behind the plan probably thought their path forward was clear," wrote Jo Miles and Hugh Macmillan, in a recent article entitled *Who's Banking on the Dakota Access Pipeline?*

But there is currently a standoff between oil companies in North Dakota and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and their supporters over building the pipeline that would carry crude oil. The DAP would pump about half a million barrels of oil per day along about 1,000 miles through the Dakotas and Iowa to Southern Illinois. Then the oil would be sent down the gulf coast through another pipeline. Together, these pipelines are called "The Bakken Crude Pipeline." Or, oil would be sent to the east coast by trains, sometimes called "bomb trains" by activists.

Oil pipelines are dangerous and threaten communities with spills and explosions. According to a report by Wikimedia, in 2015 there were more than 30 gas line ruptures in the U.S. alone. In 2016, we could surpass that record. The Dakota Pipeline would go under a river providing drinking water, to the Sioux and others, totaling a million people. It would also go through the Sioux tribe's sacred land.

The Standing Rock Sioux are fighting back with thousands of supporters. But Governor Dalrymple has declared a state of emergency, and removed water and sanitation resources from the reservation. The activists have been sprayed with pepper and attacked by guard dogs, which was caught on video by the news program, "Democracy Now."

The Sioux and their supporters are not only fighting oil and gas companies and the federal government, but also powerful financial interests on Wall Street who are financing the pipeline. Who are these financial institutions? According to Bloomberg terminal data and other sources, there are 38 banks giving loans and credits, including Citibank, Wells Fargo, HSBC, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America and Chase. Other banks include American and foreign investors.

The banks have formed alliances—Sunoco Logistics, Transfer Partners, Energy Transfer Equity and Dakota Access—with a total of \$10.25 billion in loans and credit directly supporting the pipeline. All these institutions expect to be paid back. By supporting the pipeline, they are locking in widespread drilling and fracking and dependence on fossil fuels, if successful.

Over 188 Canadian 1st Nations and American Indian Tribes have come together in North Dakota. We owe the

activists our support. Food and Water Watch is asking people to call President Obama to intervene. “We need to keep fossil fuels in the ground”, says Hugh MacMillan, author of the article on this subject. I agree.

Fracking Waste Outlawed in NYC

By Merle McEldowney

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Meade had it right.

A bit of background: We all know that fracking is bad. One of the first things we learned was that every frack of a well produces gallons of contaminated waste water that must be dealt with. Some of it was being shoved into the earth in containment wells causing earthquakes in Oklahoma and Ohio.

Some of it was dumped into rivers after being “treated.” Rivers in Pennsylvania had been poisoned and fish were dying. The salt was jamming up treatment plants. Despite the fact that this water is not treatable or cleanable, there were proposals in New York state to distribute the water to treatment plants, but there was no capacity in existing treatment plants and no way to clean the radioactive water anyway.

The tracking industry found something good for the water. The highly saline water worked to clean streets after snow storms. It could be sold really cheaply to municipalities that were struggling to find the money for more expensive salt to clean up snow. Rockland and Westchester counties and at least nine other counties in New York State passed laws to prevent this waste water from being used in its boundaries. It melted the snow, sure, but then it seeped into grasses and parks and underground water supplies.

A small group of people—Ling Tsou from United for Action, Mary Anne Sullivan from League of Women Voters, Misti Duvall from Riverkeeper, Ellen Weininger from Grassroots Environmental Education and other dedicated volunteers—wanted a similar law passed in New York City.

What did these people have in common? True commitment to environmental justice, a history of fighting fracking and pipelines in New York State, and organizations that make phone calls to city council people asking for the support.

This group worked tirelessly for more than two and half years meeting with council people, attending hearings, getting calls made, and in the end they were successful.

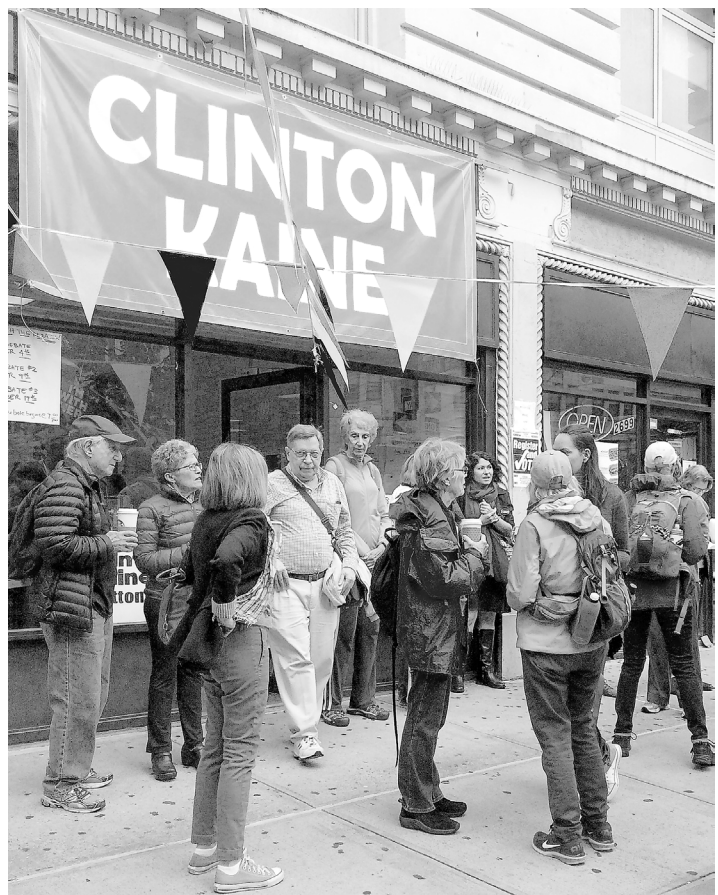
On August 16, 2016 the New York City Council voted in favor of bill number Int 446A that kept fracking waste out of New York City, and on August 31, 2016 Mayor de Blasio signed the bill into law.

Thank you to this group of committed activists.

Clinton/Kaine Campaign Center Opens on September 9, 2016



Lauren Williams and Lorraine Zamora, co-managers,
at the center opening



Volunteers gather for a canvassing trip to Philadelphia



Volunteers of all ages solicit donations for buttons and help register voters at the Center



T-shirts: \$12 adults & \$10 kids

Door-to-Door Canvassing for Zephyr Teachout and Todd Kaminsky

Help send Zephyr Teachout to Congress from
Dutchess and Ulster Counties

Saturday, October 29;
Sunday, October 16 and 23



Help send Todd Kaminsky to the
State Senate from Nassau County

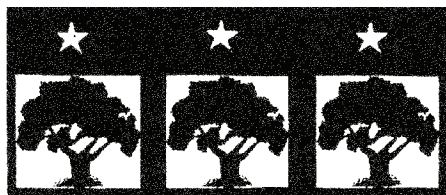
Saturday, October 15 and 29



Sign up by calling 212-865-1875 or
Come to the Campaign Center
103 Street & Broadway, SW corner



Volunteers on their way to canvass in Pennsylvania



2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Membership Category—Check One

Individual (\$25) _____

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

Name _____ Date _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (Cell) _____

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