

## **NEWS & NOTES**

*from the Chair*

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY** – The primary will take place on **Thursday, September 13**. If you live in the 35<sup>th</sup> Senate District, please be sure to vote for our friend **State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins**, who is being challenged by Virginia Perez, a “Democratic” turncoat County Legislator who was an Astorino ally while he was in office. We did not make endorsements in the statewide primaries. The State Democratic Committee endorsed Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul for re-election and NYC Public Advocate Leititia (“Tish” James) for Attorney General. Competing with them are: for Governor, actress/activist Cynthia Nixon; for Lt. Governor, NYC Council Member Jumaane Williams; and for Attorney General, Fordham Law School professor Zephyr Teachout, Member of Congress Sean Patrick Maloney and attorney Leecia Eve, formerly an aide to Senators Joe Biden and Hillary Clinton.

**SORRY ABOUT THE ODD MEETING DATE** – The rules of the Westchester County Democratic Committee (to which we are subject) require that we have our Organization Meeting (at which officers are elected for the next two years) within ten days after the primary. As a result of the fact that the primary is taking place on a Thursday this year (meaning that six of the following ten days are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays), and the Jewish holidays coming early this year, and the scheduling of the Judicial Nominating Convention on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, there were not really any good choices. Hence, the unusual Sunday meeting date on **September. 23**. I scheduled the meeting for 5:00 p.m. so everyone can still have a Sunday evening at home. Because the YWCA was not available at that time, County Chair Reggie Lafayette very kindly agreed to let us use **the new County Democratic Headquarters, at 200 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 301** (third floor) – which is fully accessible – for this meeting.

**HISPANIC DEMS’ FIRST ANNUAL SUMMIT: “EMPOWERING HISPANICS IN POLITICS”** – The conference will take place at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law, formerly known as Pace University Law School, at **78 North Broadway in White Plains, in the Tudor Room, on Saturday, September 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** *Admission is free.* To register, use their Google registration form, at <https://goo.gl/forms/rTSWmxv9mbTwiW153>. For more info, write to [hispanicdems@gmail.com](mailto:hispanicdems@gmail.com).

**LATIMER BBQ** – County Executive **George Latimer**, taking advantage of the waning days of summer, will host a barbecue fundraiser on **Sunday, September 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, at Crawford Park, 122 North Ridge Street, in Rye Brook. \$50 for individuals; \$100 for a family. Or you can be a Host for \$500 or a Sponsor for \$250. **RSVPs** by e-mail to [kditto@dittoconsulting.com](mailto:kditto@dittoconsulting.com) or by phone to Kim DiTomasso at **917-991-8276**. Make checks payable to **Latimer for Westchester** and mail them to **P.O. Box 255, White Plains, NY 10605**.

**SECOND ANNUAL FALL BRUNCH** – *Save the date:* The City Committee will host our Second Annual Fall Brunch on **Sunday, October 21, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., at The Brazen Fox, 175 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains.** *Vicki Presser is already hard at work on this, so don't let her down!*

**FAREWELL TO MARLENE PEREZ** – Our longtime Organization Chair died on August 30. Many City Committee members attended her wake on Thursday, September 6 and/or her funeral on Friday, September 7. At our meeting on September 23, I plan to set aside some time for a discussion about Marlene.