

April 27, 1981

Dear V.I.D. Member:

My name is Tony Hoffmann. I am asking for your support at the V.I.D. general membership meeting on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, as your candidate for Male District Leader.

As a two term President, Vice President, Campaign Chair, Treasurer, Election Inspectors Captain, and current Membership Chair, I have demonstrated leadership and acquired an expertise of the club's many functions. During my two years as President the V.I.D. grew in size and scope. The club was lifted from steep debt and left in the black. Membership increased over 20%, from 507 to 617 members. This strengthened our N.D.C. delegation from six to seven representatives. V.I.D. sponsored voter drives were successful in registering thousands of Greenwich Village Democrats, also giving the club new support for its liberal, community oriented candidates.

It is important to remember that many of the functions I performed as President and Vice President of the V.I.D. are those of a District Leader. To give voice to good principles is a great thing. To act is better. I represented the club on an official basis within the Greenwich Village community. I testified before Community Board #2 and the City Council for V.I.D. endorsed positions. I have lobbied in Albany for Medicaid funding of abortions and marched in Washington for passage of a gay rights bill and the extension of the ratification time for the Equal Rights Amendment. My strong support of environmental issues includes opposition to Westway and nuclear power plants, and being an active proponent of mass transit. I organized the passage, by the Democratic County Committee, of a resolution reaffirming its support of the independent screening panels for judicial candidates. Screening panels were under attack at the time. For years I was an active member of the Middle West 13<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association. As President of the V.I.D. I initiated the extension of club services to all block associations. I have been a New York City public school teacher (elementary, junior high and high school levels) for the past eleven years and know the importance and shortcomings of the public education system. I moved the V.I.D. into a more active role concerning educational matters.

I know that a letter cannot answer all of your questions, so please remember there will be an Open House the evening of Tuesday, May 19. An invitation will be sent to you, but mark the date now.

The District Leadership offers a position whereby principle can be extended into action and accessibility. There is now the opportunity to elect someone who has the demonstrated commitment, leadership and experience necessary for this role. I am pledged to work as hard for the club and the community in the future as I have in the past.

Sincerely,

Tony Hoffmann

# THE JUDICIAL CONVENTION

VID and its candidates to the Judicial Convention maintain their strong commitment to the selection of the highest calibre Supreme Court judges. We support only those judicial candidates who have been found qualified by independent, impartial screening panels. If justice is to be available to every citizen on an equal basis and if the courts are to serve the consumer as well as the corporation, the tenant as well as the landlord and the indigent as well as the propertied class, the selection of judges must be taken out of the political back rooms and put into the hands of duly elected progressive delegates.

## DELEGATES

STEPHANIE ROGALL  
ANN MARIE MC CARTHY  
ROSALIND S. LICHTER  
JOHN E. H. STACKHOUSE  
KLAUS STUTTERHEIM  
JAMES LANG  
PHILLIP L. SCHWARTZ  
SUSAN MICHELE COHEN  
LEONA FREEDMAN  
ROBERT HARTMAN

## ALTERNATES

THOMAS WHITE  
RICHARD KELMANS  
JOHN M. GRIFFITH  
CAROLRUTH FEINMAN  
JOHN T. MARLIN  
EDWIN ORTIZ  
THOMAS K. DUANE  
JERRY H. GOLDFEDER  
WALTER C. MC NAMARA  
CHAD ELSON

# THE VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

The Village Independent Democrats is a group of your neighbors whose goals are:

- to provide an independent liberal voice for the Democratic party in our community.
- to join with others in our neighborhood to further the special needs of Greenwich Village.

Some of the issues V.I.D. has devoted much time and energy to are:

### • HOUSING AND TENANTS' RIGHTS

For almost 25 years V.I.D. has sponsored a free clinic on tenant-landlord problems, held every Monday evening at our headquarters. V.I.D. is a major force in the fight for stronger rent controls.

### • PUBLIC SAFETY

V.I.D. demands of the police the best quality protection for all citizens and works with the 6th precinct to help meet the special needs of our unique community.

### • ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

V.I.D. has always been against and will continue to vigorously oppose Westway and push for money for mass transit. V.I.D. has been responsible for instituting the volunteer clean-up program in Washington Square Park.

### • HUMAN RIGHTS

V.I.D. has marched in Washington for the E.R.A. and for Gay and Lesbian Rights, and will continue to fight for equal opportunity for women, minority groups, gay and lesbian people and the poor.

## VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

224 West 4th Street, New York, N. Y.  
243-6555

# VOTE THE V.I.D. TEAM

on PRIMARY DAY  
Thursday, September 10



# ELECT PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

**Carol Greitzer**

Member of the City Council

**Anthony S. Hoffmann**

District Leader

**Catherine Abate**

District Leader

**Ed Wallace**

Member of the City Council-at-Large



Photos by Peter Melillo

THESE CANDIDATES WILL CONTINUE TO  
FIGHT FOR YOUR CONCERNS IN THE REFORM  
MOVEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

# VOTE!

## Democratic Primary

Thursday, September 10 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

224 West 4th Street  
New York, N. Y.  
Tel. No.: CH 3-6555

President  
DAN ROSKOFF

1981



## CATHERINE ABATE

for  
DISTRICT LEADER



Catherine was elected Democratic Female District Leader by the County Committee upon the retirement of Miriam Bockman. A lawyer for the indigent and a long-time Village resident and mother, Catherine has built a record of dedicated public service and community activism. Catherine also has been an active reformer of the judicial selection procedure.

As district leader, she has fought to keep and maintain rent stabilization for all tenants; worked with the ad hoc committee against rezoning of the West Village; and has handled a plethora of individual problems ranging from health and sanitation to police protection.

## ANTHONY S. HOFFMANN

for  
DISTRICT LEADER



Tony is a long-time activist in the reform wing of the Democratic Party. A two-term V.I.D. President, Tony has led V.I.D. efforts for such candidates as Senator Kennedy and Elizabeth Holtzman.

Tony has a record to be proud of as a community organizer and active block association member. He helped organize the local storekeepers for his anti-crime program, which was successful in reducing crime. He has lobbied in Albany for tenants' rights and women's rights, and in Washington for ERA and gay rights.

Tony is a teacher in a special New York City public high school for potential drop-outs.

## CAROL GREITZER

for  
CITY COUNCIL



Carol Greitzer has been in the vanguard of many local and national fights, using her creative ideas and energy for better transit, tenants' rights, environmental and consumer issues, and women's rights. She speaks out for gay rights and is a leading advocate for parks and libraries.

Carol co-chaired the 18th Congressional District Kennedy campaign last year and was a delegate to the 1980 Democratic convention, serving as a floor "whip" for the pro-choice, pro-ERA votes.

## ED WALLACE

for  
CITY COUNCIL



Ed Wallace was a leading tenant lawyer in New York City before going to the City Council last February. Villagers should remember him as the lawyer who fought for the tenants of the Village Plaza Hotel.

In only six months in the City Council, Ed Wallace has put his experience to work for people who want affordable housing. He told the Rent Guidelines Board to "open landlords' books" before raising rents. He urged an end to "cost pass-alongs" which make tenants pay for inefficiency. He wrote the bill to plug a loophole in the rent stabilization law that exempted certain older buildings from regulation, and gave protection to 30,000 more tenants.

Ed Wallace is a strong advocate of laws to protect us all from discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, race, sexual preference, marital status, disability or national origin. He supports the right of women to choose abortion, which must be safe, funded and legal.

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## TONY and CATHERINE ARE:

- ★ Working to strengthen the community public school system and to ensure the safety of children travelling to and from school;
- ★ Working to improve community services including police protection, sanitation and bus and subway operations;
- ★ Fighting against Westway and advocating a trade-in of highway funds for mass transit aid;
- ★ Opposing the proposed rezoning of the West Village which would allow high-rise apartments and commercial buildings to force out small businesses and brownstone dwellers;
- ★ Aggressively supporting equal rights for women, minorities, gays and the elderly.

# THE VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

salute two leaders in the struggle for  
community progress and liberal Democratic  
Ideals.

## HERMAN GERSON

GREENWICH VILLAGE  
DISTRICT LEADER  
1977-1981



## MIRIAM BOCKMAN

GREENWICH VILLAGE  
DISTRICT LEADER  
1969-1981

### THE MARGE AND MONTE SHOW

IF YOU LISTEN CAREFULLY, YOU'LL  
HEAR MONTE SOUNDING WORRIED. LISTEN...

I'M WORRIED, MARGE,  
NOW THAT HERMAN  
AND MIRIAM HAVE  
STEPPED DOWN.



BUT CATHERINE  
AND TONY ARE  
HANDLING THE  
JOB NOW...



NO, NO, THAT'S NOT IT!  
I'M WORRIED ABOUT  
SOPHIE AND GENE.



SOPHIE  
AND  
GENE?



SURE. THEY HAVE  
TO COPE WITH HERMAN  
AND MIRIAM JUST  
HANGING AROUND.



GOSH, MONTE,  
I NEVER  
THOUGHT OF  
THAT!



WHAT A STRAIN  
—TO SUDDENLY  
HAVE A HUSBAND  
OR WIFE SITTING  
THERE WATCHING TV.



DINNER ON TIME!  
WEEKENDS FREE!  
NO PHONES  
RINGING!



AWFUL! WHAT A  
SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM!



WHAT'S THE  
SOLUTION?



MIRIAM AND HERMAN  
JUST HAVE TO KEEP ON  
PLUGGING... IN THE  
V.I.D. IN THE VILLAGE!



FOR SOPHIE'S  
SAKE! FOR  
GENE'S SAKE!  
FOR OUR SAKE!



**1981: a big election year!**

Presidential election years get all the press attention nationwide. But this year is tremendously important to Villagers and all New York City residents.

Members of the VID will be playing a big role in contests for these important positions in 1981:

- \*Mayor of the City of New York.
- \*President of the City Council.
- \*Comptroller of the City of New York.
- \*Two City Council seats representing the Village area.
- \*Two at-large City Council seats.
- \*Manhattan Borough President.
- \*Democratic District Leaders in the 64th Assembly District (Part A).
- \*Members of the Democratic State Committee.

**Yes! I'm interested in the VID!**

To: Village Independent Democrats  
224 West 4th Street, New York 10014  
Phone (212) CH 3 6555

Yes! I'm interested in the VID!

Here's my one-year membership check.  
(\$15 regular; \$25 sustaining)

I have some questions; please phone me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Area of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR VILLAGE NEIGHBORS WHO HELP LEAD THE VID

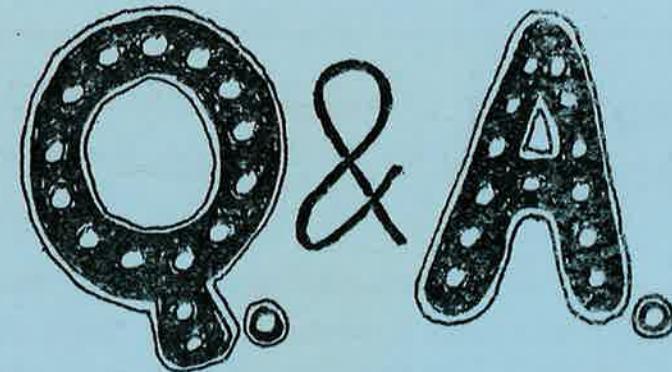
Officers & Executive Committee (1-26-81)

Miriam Bockman, District Leader, 14 5th Av.  
Herman Gerson, District Leader, 505 LaG. Pl.

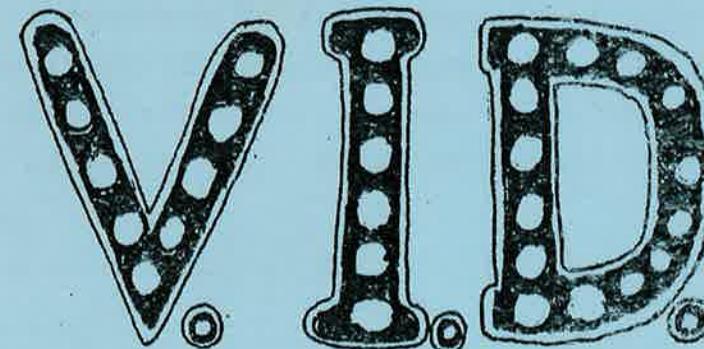
Dan Roskoff, President, 171 Sixth Avenue  
Keith Crandell, Vice President, 39 Bond Street  
Stephanie Rogall, Vice President, 70 E. 10th  
Phil Wood, Vice President, 77 West 15th Street  
Camille Abate, Treasurer, 106 West 13th Street  
Sheri Tierney, Rec. Secretary, 106 Thompson  
Jerry Goldfeder, Corr. Sec'y, 15 West 12th St.  
Arlene Lowell, Corr. Sec'y, 82 Washington Pl.  
Carol Feinman, Campaign Chair, 550(6) Grand  
Tony Hoffmann, Past President, 259 W. 10th St.

Members at Large

Catherine Abate, 303 Mercer Street  
Meryl Berman, 36 Commerce Street  
Mary Bluzer, 171 Sixth Avenue  
Jim Briggs, 137 West 12th Street  
John Cataldo, 714 Broadway  
Sandra Davies, 96-41 69th Avenue (Flushing)  
John Peter Flynn, 33 West Eighth Street  
Elaine Goldstein, 70 East 10th Street  
Mel Goodstein, 1 Charles Street  
Priscilla Hiss, 22 East Eighth Street  
Joe Marro, 20 Fifth Avenue  
Gary F. Marton, 24 Fifth Avenue  
Vincent Meloni, 25 West 16th Street  
Harry Middendorf, 175 West 12th Street  
Marvin Moscovitz, 171 West 12th Street  
Betsy Naylor, 305 West 13th Street  
Bob O'Brien, 2 Charlton Street  
Carol Reichman, 31 West 12th Street  
Rafael Pi Roman, 17 East 17th Street  
Susan Sassouni, 10 Sheridan Square  
Phil Schwartz, 175 West 12th Street  
Ruth Sherlip, 70 East 10th Street  
Jeff Stonehill, 280 West 11th Street  
Klaus Von Stutterhem, 280 West 11th Street  
Joan Swan, 708 Washington Street  
Clarence Thompson, 160 Bleecker Street  
Alicia Wilder, 25 Minetta Lane  
Ilene Zucker, 3 Sheridan Square  
(one vacancy)



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# Everything you always wanted to know about the V.I.P. and were too busy to ask.

**WHO?** About 600 dues-paying members, making VID one of the largest community political clubs in New York City. **WHAT?** As the name implies, VID is a Village-based, Democratic club which is independent of traditional big-city machine politics. **WHERE?** VID has its own meeting place right off Sheridan Square at 224 West Fourth Street, second floor. **WHEN?** VID is a year-round club. We're not just interested in the processes of government at election time. We hold membership meetings monthly. Bi-weekly Executive Committee meetings are open to all members. The club is open Monday through Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 10. Visitors are welcome.

## The early days...

Q. When was the VID organized?

A. In 1957. It was started by a group of Villagers who thought that a closed political organization in which decisions were made from the top down was the antithesis of democracy. They set out to reform Village politics and the structure of government and the Democratic party.

Q. Did they succeed?

A. They made a real impact. One of the founders, Ed Koch, defeated the then Democratic boss, Carmine DeSapio, for district leader in the

Democratic primary, and the VID became the dominant political club in the Village.

## Member power...

Q. Does the VID still operate on the basis of rank-and-file power?

A. Certainly. The VID is almost unique in being both politically successful and member run. Issues at the VID are hotly debated. Most endorsements are anything but routine. Candidates covet VID endorsements because they reflect genuine rank-and-file sentiment. Often they are won by narrow margins after hard

campaigning by candidates or their club supporters.

Q. Can you give some examples?

A. Yes. In 1980, President Carter gained the necessary majority by just one ballot. Others were split between Anderson, Commoner, and "no endorsement." And during the 1977 mayoralty primary, Ed Koch and Bella Abzug went head to head in a debate which drew hundreds of members. Koch won the club's endorsement narrowly.

## Among our members...

Q. Are local elected public officials members of VID?

A. Yes. City Council members Carol Greitzer and Miriam Friedlander report regularly at VID meetings. Representative Ted Weiss; Bill Passannante, speaker pro tem of the State Assembly; Fred Ohrenstein, Democratic leader in the State Senate; Henry Stern, City Council member-at-large; and Mayor Koch are all VID members.

Q. What area does VID serve?

A. VID serves Part A of the 64th Assembly District, covering the Village west to the Hudson, the South Village, NoHo, and parts of the East Village and SoHo.

## Meeting local needs...

Q. Does the VID get involved in local problems?

A. Absolutely. For example, we were very active in the Caring Community campaign to save the Village Nursing Home. We work with local police precincts to improve public safety. We helped lead the Washington Square Park cleanup. For 20

years we've run a clinic on tenant-landlord problems. We have a program to help needy people fill out tax returns.

## Controversy...

Q. How about controversial local issues?

A. We don't duck them. We've taken positions on such issues as coterminality, the Segal sculptures, the Third Street Men's Shelter, and school board races. All these positions were taken after thorough debate by members.

Q. Are there any city-wide and national issues on which VID has been especially active?

A. Many. To name just a few, we've helped organize demonstrations in Washington for an end to the Vietnam War and for ERA and gay rights. Here in the city, we've fought for minority rights, strong rent control, judicial reform, and mass transit improvement through a trade-in of Westway funds.

## V.I.D. committees...

Q. How do you develop positions?

A. Our Constitution provides that positions on issues must be voted by the members. We have active issues committees which investigate and make recommendations. We also have committees which carry out the political work of the club -- campaigning, voter registration, and so on. Other committees deal with the club's finances.

Q. Are these committees open to all members?

A. Yes. Our committees represent an excellent way for all members, especially new members, to get involved in the activities of their choice.