

WHAT IS A DISTRICT LEADER?

Officially, the two district leaders—always one man and one woman—are the elected heads of the Democratic Party in the area they serve. They sit on the executive committee of the N.Y. County Democratic Party, where they help set policy, endorse candidates, and decide where the party will stand on issues. Unofficially—at least in the case of Catherine and Tony—they serve as liaisons between the community and its elected officials. When we in the Village have a problem that needs a political or governmental solution, they're there to go to bat for us.

Did you know that one of the greatest political institutions in America is right here in the Village?

The Village Independent Democrats, one of the first reform clubs in the Democratic Party, was founded 28 years ago. The VID has brought ordinary people into the political process by reforming the system. What they've accomplished in the Village has altered the face of party politics in the city.

For over 25 years the VID has sponsored a free clinic on tenant-landlord problems. It has worked steadily to improve our parks and police protection. It has been a vigorous opponent of Westway and a leading advocate of mass transit. And since 1963, when Americans first marched on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the VID has been fighting for human rights—throwing its weight behind the ERA, Gay & Lesbian Rights, the struggles for the poor, the minorities, and the homeless.

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Assemblyman **Bill Passannante**



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In two terms as District Leader, Catherine Abate has quickly become a major force in city politics. An attorney for 13 years, and currently the Director of Training for the Legal Aid Society, Catherine is a respected voice on crime and public safety and has twice been appointed by Governor Cuomo to chair task forces on criminal justice.

"Human rights has always been my main motivation," says Catherine, who has long been a leader in the women's movement. "I became involved in politics because I wanted to fight for equality—equality for everyone." The endless lobbying and organizing she's done on behalf of the Village—seniors, tenants, gays and lesbians, the ethnic communities—has made her indispensable. In 1984 she organized within the Democratic Party for a female vice presidential candidate.

As District Leader, Abate (pronounced uh-BAH-tay) has devoted her life to the preservation of our community. "Today more and more middle and low income families are being forced to leave because they can't afford the high rents. I'd hate to see a skyline of highrise apartments replace this beautiful community—no air, no parks, no children, no artists, no small businesses, no diversity."

A working mother (she is married to attorney Ron Kliegerman and has a 6-year-old son, Kyle), Catherine has nevertheless managed to become a mover in the Democratic Party where her energy, humor and intelligence have been widely respected. She was the Manhattan women's coordinator for Cuomo's gubernatorial campaign in '82 and then for Mondale-Ferraro's campaign in '84. She holds key positions in the policy-making committees of the NY County Democratic Party.

"Working as District Leader is a major part of my life. I discovered through my work that I love being an advocate for people and their causes. Nowadays I do very little else!"

PARKS, POLICE, TENANTS

"Catherine and Tony listen hard and work hard. Their fights for a nuclear free harbor, the preservation of rent stabilization for 421A tenants, improved parks, better police protection, the survival of Westbeth as an artists' community, and their opposition to Burger King and the newsstand on University Place are typical of the job they've done. We need them."

Assemblyman **Bill Passannante**

LEADERSHIP

"Catherine and Tony are my kind of political leaders—strong, intelligent, compassionate, and always out there fighting for their communities."

Governor **Mario Cuomo**

SENIOR CITIZENS AND MINORITIES

"It's easy to understand why Abate and Hoffmann have worked so well with people, when you consider how passionately they've supported our causes. They've lobbied for increases in social security benefits and opposed any effort to balance the budget at the expense of the needs of the elderly. And they've consistently used their position as Village leaders to voice their opposition to the oppression of Soviet Jews and the Blacks of South Africa."

State Senator **Fred Ohrenstein**

YOUTH AND WOMEN

"Catherine and Tony have been great on women's issues. They've consistently fought for freedom of choice for all women and for medicaid funding for abortions."

"With all that they've done to stand up for the rights of youth and women, to improve education in their district, to fight Westway—all those hours of lobbying and testifying and pressuring for the survival and betterment of their community, it amazes me to remember that they are unpaid district leaders."

City Council President **Carol Bellamy**

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

"They play a very important role in the fight against gentrification. They are out there against upzoning and the destruction of buildings in Union Square, strong proponents for commercial rent protection, and vigorous opponents of the 'phony hotel' and NYU's oversized dormitory. Their leadership is vital."

City Council Member **Miriam Friedlander**

GAY & LESBIAN RIGHTS

"Abate and Hoffmann don't only show up where they're expected, they show up where they're not expected. They've lobbied for the passage of the gay rights bill and increased funding for AIDS. They've fought for a comprehensive plan for lesbian and gay health care and for the establishment of the 13th Street Lesbian and Gay Community Center. They've proved their dedication with their time and sweat and I'm very proud to support them."

City Council candidate **David Rothenberg**

A long-time activist in the reform wing of the Democratic party, Tony Hoffmann's political involvement began when he helped organize local storekeepers for his anti-crime program, an undertaking that both reduced robberies and enabled several blocks of stores on Seventh Avenue to stay open late. "That whetted my appetite for more community work," he says. Tony joined the Village Independent Democrats and eventually served as its president for two terms. He is now running for re-election for a third term as District Leader.

A powerful voice in the NY County Democratic Party organization, Tony chairs the Education Committee and is a member of the Policy Committee; he was instrumental in Mario Cuomo's tremendous '82 victory in Greenwich Village; and he organized locally for Mondale-Ferraro in '84. He has lobbied in Albany and Washington for tenant rights, the E.R.A., and the rights of gays and lesbians.

A public school teacher for 15 years in the poorer neighborhoods of New York—where he gained a reputation as a dedicated instructor and counsellor—Tony now works at a high school for students with special needs. "I was in business for a few years," he says, "but I found teaching more satisfying because I was directly helping others. Politics, especially community active politics is very similar — you're helping people to deal with the complex problems of city life."

Diplomatic, widely liked, always busy, Tony is passionate on the subject of the Village: "People are extraordinary here," he says. "They're so involved, dynamic, really unique. They take time away from their private lives and spend endless hours on issues that concern them." Tony should know!

HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE

"Abate and Hoffmann have been true leaders, out there in the forefront of the fight for peace, economic justice, equality, and participation of women."

Former Congresswoman **Bella Abzug**

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

"The city is indebted to dedicated citizens like Catherine and Tony who are willing to give so much of themselves to help improve the quality of life in New York."

NYC Comptroller **Harrison J. Goldin**