

HEALTH INSURANCE QUESTIONNAIRE - VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

Dear VID'er:

We have perceived that there is a need in the community for access to health insurance. The Village Independent Democrats is researching whether there is a true need for health insurance or other kinds of insurance, and whether such needs could be met by the Club.

On the other side of this letter is a questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and send it back to us. Before we can go further with various insurance people we are speaking to about the possibility of offering health insurance, we need more information from the community.

We would be grateful if you would fill out the questionnaire, so that The Village Independent Democrats may better service the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shoshanna Hyatt-Smith
Treasurer

Sherrri Donovan
District Leader

Mary Ellen Cronly
Jerry Meltzer
Consumer & Health Affairs Co-Chairs

Do you presently have health insurance? _____yes _____no

Who pays for this insurance? _____self _____employer _____both

If both, what percentage is paid by _____% self _____% employer

What is the deductible? \$ _____

Do you have a separate disability insurance program? _____yes _____no

What kind of coverage do you presently have?

Blue Cross/Blue Shield _____

Major Medical _____

Other Company Providing _____ Name of Company _____

If presently covered, would you be interested in better or additional coverage?

_____yes _____no

If not presently covered, would you be interested in coverage?

_____yes _____no

Would you be interested in life insurance as part of a medical insurance package?

_____yes _____no

What kind of coverage would you be interested in?

_____Hospitalization

_____Accidental Death & Dismemberment

_____Doctor bill coverage

_____Catastrophic Illness Coverage

_____Other

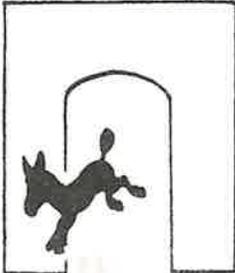
Do you know anyone (friends or family) that would be interested in obtaining medical insurance? _____yes _____no

If yes, how many _____

What is your Age _____ Occupation _____ Gross Annual Income\$ _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS TO: HEALTH INSURANCE/VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS
224 WEST FOURTH STREET/NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

INDEPENDENT
VILLAGE DEMOCRATS



Dear Friend:

The Village Independent Democrats is committed to seeking out qualified, liberal, progressive candidates for Civil Court judge from the gay and lesbian communities. We find it greatly upsetting that in 1986 there is still only one openly gay judge in New York City.

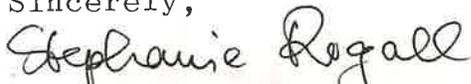
A candidate for Civil Court has to be a resident of New York City and has to have been admitted to the New York Bar for at least 10 years.

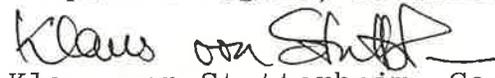
An independent panel is used by the New York County Democratic Committee and the Manhattan New Democratic Coalition to screen the Democratic candidates for Civil Court judge. The Democratic nomination has always been tantamount to election in Manhattan. The panel solicits applications through a notice in the New York Law Journal in early spring.

We urge especially women and minority candidates, and particularly lesbian and gay lawyers, who have a passion for justice and are interested in a career on the bench, to consider applying to the screening panel.

For more information, please call the undersigned at the Village Independent Democrats. If we're not there, please leave a message.

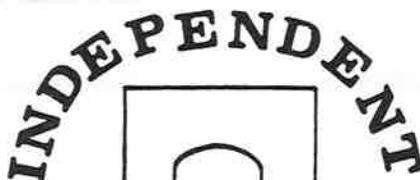
Sincerely,


Stephanie Rogall, Co-Chair


Klaus von Stutterheim, Co-Chair
Judicial Reform Committee

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VILLAGE

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Thursday, May 1, 1986 7:30 PM
Monday, May 19, 1986 7:30 PM

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1. President's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Endorsement of VID candidate for Female District Leader
4. Guest Speaker: Jennifer Brown, President, New York City National Organization for Women - "The Present Attack on the Right of Women to Control their own Bodies"
5. Endorsement of VID candidate for State Committeeman
6. Endorsement of VID candidate for State Committeewoman
7. Election of 12 VID delegates & 12 VID alternates to Manhattan Democratic County Committee Issues Convention
8. District Leaders, State Committee & Elected Official Reports
9. Committee Reports and Resolutions
10. Old Business
11. New Business

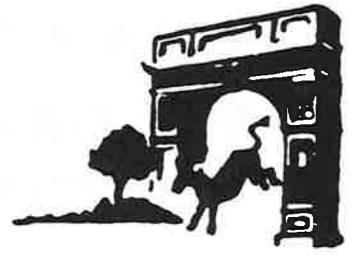
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3. Guest Speaker: Greg Muraskiewicz, Pres. of 504 Democratic Club, on present trends in the protection of persons with disabilities from discrimination
4. Endorsement of VID candidate for Governor
5. Endorsement of VID candidate for Lt. Governor
6. Endorsement of VID candidate for New York State Attorney General
7. Endorsements of VID candidates for Civil Court: (1st Municipal Court District [1], 3rd Municipal Court District [2], County-wide [2])
8. Endorsement of VID candidate for U. S. Senate
9. Endorsements of VID candidate for N. Y. State Comptroller
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/1	7:30 PM	VID GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - see agenda above, left
5/4	NOON	Save the Village Rally at Memphis Towers site, Charles & Washington Streets Protest hi-rise luxury development.
5/5, 5/12, 5/19	7:30 - 9:30 PM	VID Tenants Clinic and Legal Rights Clinic (consumer, government benefits, etc.) All welcome to come or call for free advice
5/5	7:00 PM	School Board Campaign Phonebank
5/6	6 AM - 9 PM	SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS Come to VID and help us win!
5/6	4:00 PM	Student/Youth Outreach Committee
5/7	7:00 PM	Education Committee
5/7, 5/10, 5/20		New Democratic Coalition endorsement meetings - call VID for details
5/8	7:00 PM	Campaign Committee
5/8	8:00 PM	Labor Committee
5/9	7:30 PM	Labor Committee Film Series presents double feature: (see enclosed flyer) "From Spikes to Spindles" (about Chinatown organizing as a community) and "China Commune"
5/10	2 - 5 PM	Peace & Foreign Affairs Committee Workshop: "Putting Peace on the Agenda" (see enclosed flyer)
5/11	NOON	March for Soviet Jewry - meet at VID at 11:00 AM
5/12	6:00 PM	Membership Committee
5/12	7:30 PM	Executive Committee - guest speaker: Norman Siegel of ACLU on closing of the gay bathhouses and other establishments - all welcome!
5/13	7:30 PM	Judicial Reform Committee
5/13	7:30 PM	Peace & Foreign Affairs Committee
5/13	8:00 PM	Community Affairs Committee
5/15	7:00 PM	Consumer & Health Affairs Committee
5/16	7:30 PM	Labor Committee Film Series presents double feature: "Social Security - How Secure" and "34 Years After Hitler"
5/17, 5/18	11:30 AM - 6:30 PM	Manhattan Democratic County Committee Issues Convention at Robert Wagner Jr. H.S., 220 East 76 Street
5/19	7:00 PM	Fundraising Committee - Street Fair Planning Meeting
5/19	7:30 PM	VID GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - see agenda above, right
5/19		DEADLINE FOR JUNE 1986 VID CALENDAR OF EVENTS and VID NEWSLETTER
5/20	7:30 PM	Environmental Committee
5/21	8:00 PM	Human Rights Committee presents: Pay Equity Forum (see enclosed flyer)
5/23	7:30 PM	Labor Committee Film Series presents: "What Harvest for the Reaper?"
5/25	11:00 AM	VID Women's Brunch - at home of Shosh Hyatt-Smith, 160 E. 27 St., Apt. 11B. Please bring food
5/26		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
5/27	7:30 PM	Executive Committee - guest speaker: Susan Radosh, Met Council on Housing Co-Chair, on tenants' issues - all welcome! (Note Tuesday, not Monday)
5/28	8:00 PM	Human Rights Committee presents: Affirmative Action Forum (see enclosed flyer)
5/31	NOON	VID Softball game & picnic - West side of Central Park, softball fields north of Delacorte Theatre at 85th Street. Bring food, drink, and equipment if you have.)

- *** Please save Saturday, June 21 for the world famous VID Street Fair. Rain date is June 28.
- *** District Leader Sherri Donovan addressed a city-wide meeting of the Coalition for Fair Business Rents. District Leaders Sherri Donovan and Tony Hoffmann participated in Save the Village, Third Avenue Tenants, and School Board 2 campaign meetings; attended the Community Board 2 meeting on the westside highway proposals; addressed senior citizens at Our Lady of Pompeii and Washington Square Senior Citizen centers; and attended the town hall meeting of Assemblymember Passannante and State Senator Ohrenstein on banking, and Sherri raised the issue of community organizations' access to banking programs. Sherri and Rick Braun participated in the Met Council on Housing Annual Conference.
- *** VID State Committeeman-nominee David Rothenberg and Vice President Art Strickler were workshop speakers at "Conference on Lesbians and Gays in Jewish Community."
- *** Catherine Abate was a speaker on "AIDS in Workplace" at the Community Health Forum co-organized by VIDer Jeff Richardson. The Cuomo campaign has appointed Catherine as issues coordinator for Manhattan, and Tony Hoffmann as 61st Assembly District coordinator.
- *** VIDers Blas Padrino, Bill Van Felix and Emanuel Zap were among the honorees at Lincoln Center's 50th anniversary celebration of the Lincoln Brigade's fighting on the Republican side in the Spanish Civil War. VIDers Rick Braun, Sherri Donovan, Carol Feinman, Dan Greenberg and Dan Roskoff attended.
- *** Harper & Row recently published "Working Women - the Subterranean World of Street Prostitution," by former VID President Howard Moody and Arlene Carmen.
- *** Congratulations to VIDers Ed Ortiz on his appointment to Community Board 3, and VIDers Keith Crandell, Charlie Persell, Art Strickler, and Judy Wessler on their reappointment to Community Board 2, and to VIDers Jeff Drummond, Carol Feinman, Greg Muraskiewicz and Dan Roskoff on their new appointments to Community Board 2.
- *** Our very own MTA Neighborhood Map was given to us by VIDer Gina Shamus. She is a mechanical artist who works for the graphic design studio that designed and prepared the maps.

The VID Newsletter



Standing Room Only at Corruption Forum

April was another exciting month for VID. The Corruption in City Government Forum was standing room only; Jack Newfield and Ruth Messinger were terrific. Thanks to my co-moderator Jeff Stewart for using his organizing skills to make it such a success. I have appointed Jeff to replace Lilith Agredano as Membership Committee Co-Chair. As always, Lilith did a marvelous job in that post and I know that Jeff will, too. Tom Mansfield was just appointed by me to join Frieda Bradlow as Environmental Committee Co-Chair. Thanks to Bruce Feffer, Vicky Contino, Lilith and Lisa Briskman as Co-Chairs of the Campaign and Membership Committees for putting together our excellent Voter Education Forum.

The VID Dinner was a smashing success. Everyone who attended had a great time and we raised a lot of money for the expensive campaign to come. Special thanks for their hard work to Fundraising Co-Chairs Alan Fischler and Betsy Naylor and Dinner Co-Chairs Lilith Agredano and James Duff. --Rick Braun, President

School Board Elections

On Tuesday May 6 you can affect the future of our children by voting for VID's nine endorsed candidates for the School Board. A grass roots coalition of parents, community activists and outraged board members (three out of nine) have formed the P.A.C.T. slate. If elected they plan to direct the efforts of the School Board to benefit the children, which is not the case now. It is critical that you vote for candidates in the order listed here because order determines outcome in this kind of preference election: Cindy Fine, Shirley Yan, Lindy Linder, Dorothy Ryan, Phyllis Gonzalez, Stuart Davis, Paula Chu, Ellen Yu and Ken Linge.

--Tony Hoffmann, Sherri Donovan
District Leaders

Voting Patterns To be Analyzed

Election inspectors (\$65/day), pollwatchers, and leafletters are needed for the School Board elections and we also need people to put up hallcards, work the phone bank, distribute campaign literature, etc. We would particularly like to see more students involved in this year's elections. Those who are interested should contact one of the Committee Co-Chairs.

Co-Chair Vicky Contino is forming a subcommittee to analyze district voting patterns. Please leave a message for her at 505-7122 if you are interested in working on this project.

--Bruce Feffer, Chair, Campaign Committee
Vicky Contino, Deputy Chair

Newsletter for High School Students

We are working on a newsletter geared to City high school students interested in progressive politics. We would like to include help wanted listings for students seeking summer jobs. If you can hire someone at the minimum wage contact Gail (675-3716) or Gary (989-0981) ASAP; the first issue goes out May 1. Also, we are planning an election campaign workshop for the weekend of May 30. Next regular meeting is May 6 at 4 pm.

--Gail Negbaur, Gary Gordon, Co-Chairs
Student Youth Outreach Committee

Incumbent Judges Favored by Appointment Procedure

The committee has launched an attack on the arbitrary, Kafkaesque method by which Acting Supreme Court justices are appointed, a procedure that has had a chilling effect on judicial independence. We hope to embarrass the court administration into reforming the process this year. At our next meeting on Tuesday May 13 the committee is initiating a sweeping review of a basic "article of faith:" the preferential treatment accorded incumbent judges running for re-election. This issue, on which the VID has not made a recent policy statement, will be hotly debated. --Klaus von Stutterheim, Chair

Judicial Reform Committee

Guest Night On May 19

The general meeting on Monday May 19 has been designated Guest Night. We ask each member bring at least one guest. Remember, VID grows through your efforts.--Lisa Briskman, Jeffrey Stewart
Co-Chairs, Membership Committee

I'M GOING TO VOLUNTEER AT V.I.D.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!



I WANT TO BE A V.I.D. VOLUNTEER, TOO

PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone _____

I AM AVAILABLE (circle all that apply) between the hours of _____ and _____
Weekdays M T W Th F _____
Weekends Sat Sun _____ and _____

I am a V.I.D. member

Yes No

Today's date _____

WHAT I LIKE DOING BEST IS (check all appropriate)

- Phone calling, mailings, office tasks
- Street tasks (leafletting, postering, petitioning, etc.)
- Voter Registration
- Poll watching/Election law aid
- Building Stuffing
- Special Skills (writing, graphics, photography, fundraising, etc.): _____
- _____
- Other: _____

RESOURCES I HAVE AVAILABLE

(coffee urn, slide projector, car or van, etc.): _____

Other organizations I am active in where I can make announcements about V.I.D. (optional): _____

COMMENTS _____

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING



A GREAT WAY TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!



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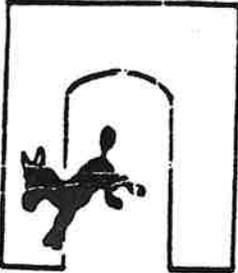
V.I.D. WORKS HARD FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Village Independent Democrats

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INDEPENDENT

VILLAGE  DEMOCRATS

October 1, 1986

Dear VID'er:

This year the VID faced the dirtiest, most expensive campaign in recent memory. In spite of the fact that VID was smeared in a manner that would even make old time Tammany bosses blush and in spite of the fact that we were obscenely outspent we held our own. Margaret Chin was elected Democratic Party State Committeewoman by a 2 to 1 margin. We elected 10 of our 11 Judicial Delegates and all of our 11 Alternate Delegates. We gave Ted Weiss, Mark Green and Lou York incredible margins that helped propel them on to their victories. Unfortunately, however, Sherri Donovan fell victim to a scurrilous campaign viciously waged against her. City Hall now controls one half of the Democratic Party Leadership in Greenwich Village and is gunning for the other half next year.

Even though we were able to use people power whenever possible our campaign cost us a small fortune. To make things even worse as of August 1st our rent was increased by \$600 a month. In other words we are deeply in debt. Our financial crisis is of such magnitude that it could very well cripple our efforts to elect Mark Green to the U.S. Senate (not to mention the rest of VID's endorsed slate) and hamper our effort next year to regain the female district leadership and hold on to the male district leadership.

We all believe strongly in the club's principles and what it means to our community. Now is the time, as never before, to stand up and be counted. In the past all of us have needed VID. Now, VID needs us! VID has fought for tenants, gays and lesbians, women, the poor, a nuclear free world, a strong community, our schools, good government, the arts, peace, judicial excellence, minority empowerment, and protection of our historic district. Our voice must not be stilled!

VID needs your help now! Please attend our fundraisers. If you can afford a sponsorship- please do it. If you can't attend or care to make a further donation- please be generous! If your dues has expired- don't neglect it any further. If you can afford to be a sponsor or patron- consider it! If you have any fundraising ideas- contact the club! If VID does not hear from you VID will have trouble speaking to you.

Sincerely,

Bruce Feffer- Campaign Chair
 Vicki Contino- Deputy Campaign
 Chair
 Margaret Chin- State Committee-
 woman

Tony Hoffmann- District
 Leader
 Rick Braun- President
 David Rothenberg- State